SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Parks Commission update – February, 2021

What are the top issues on your mind?

- FY22 Budget
- Realignment project (Maple to College)

Department accomplishments and notable staffing developments since the last report?

- Grounds Manager, Paul Morris, had a baby girl!
- Multiple agreements connected to the rail/bike path realignment were approved at BOF/CC on 1/25/21
- Schmanska Barn is back in action and available for public use.
- Emerald Ash Borer video created by Dan Cahill and featuring City Arborist VJ Comai
- Learn about snowshoe and ski rentals at North Beach from Diana Wood, marketing guru
- We received a LWCF grant for the Oakledge project! The funding includes Phase 2 of the playground, accessible beach access, renovated bathrooms, rain garden, additional accessible parking and improved pathway connections.
- Watch Parks Commission Andrea Todd in her 2nd debut of Tour de Glace
- Holiday Tree Pick-up Successfully Completed in January!

COVID-19

- Recreational Sports are allowed including incidental contact and scrimmages between participants in the same program but no league play.
- Other recreational programs are allowed as long as households do not mix
- Champlain Senior Center remains virtual.

Major upcoming events: http://enjoyburlington.com/events/

Stay tuned for upcoming events!
Recreation Division Update

- Our Youth Basketball Program started on January 9th and will continue meeting on Saturdays through the month of February. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are doing age-specific clinics as opposed to creating teams of 8 to 10 players. We have three groups grades 1-6 with a maximum of 20 participants at the Miller Center and four groups grades 1-8 with a maximum of 15 participants at the Burlington Boys & Girls Club.
- Small group indoor soccer clinics are beginning in early February with three age groups set to start at both the CORE and the Miller Center.
- The Leddy Park Arena Learn to Skate Program kicked off in late January with three full sessions for pre-K and school age skaters.
- Champlain Senior Center staff continue to work with Age Well VT and Meals on Wheels to arrange for meal deliveries. Additionally, staff make weekly wellness phone calls to seniors and have created a computer tablet loaner program to make it easier for seniors to participate in our many online senior adult program offerings. A sampling of these offerings include: book club, bingo, museum tours, trivia, tax assistance and coffee chat time.
- Our Recreation Team will be participating in the Virtual KidsVT Summer Camp Fair on Saturday, February 6th. Summer camp offerings set for this fair include: Champ Camp, Cool Camp, Kinder Camp, Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp, Skateboard Camp, Disc Golf Camp, Wicked Cool Science Camp and LetGo Your Mind Lego Camp.
- Athletics is planning for an E-Sports (video gaming) League to be offered later this winter.
- Recreation Team members continue to deliver Meal Kits for the Burlington School District. Each kit contains 7 meals and our team has been delivering an average of 60 Meal Kits every Wednesday since early December to families living in Northgate Apartments and CHT and BHA apartment complexes throughout Burlington.

Recreation Facilities Division Update

- Learn to Skate lessons started back up in January – two classes quickly expanded to three, each of which are full or have a wait list. Emma Allen continues to provide oversight of Arena programming until our Recreation Specialist position (vacated by Sarah Jennings last May) is filled.
- High school and youth hockey are underway with practices and intra-squad scrimmages permitted, per State guidelines. High school games are tentatively scheduled for February and March, pending updated State guidelines.
- Champlain Valley Figure Skating Club returns to Leddy in January, offering pre-registered figure skating sessions for area skaters.
- Rink staff is analyzing spring ice demand to determine appropriate time frame for a spring shutdown. If the usual five-week shutdown is extended, Arena staff will be redeployed to other divisions within the Department.
- Josh Cushing, Arena Maintenance Worker, has returned to work at the Arena after a 9-month stint with the Grounds crew – welcome back, Josh!
- Devin Jones, Arena Customer Service Associate, has taken the lead on providing department-wide data to Department consultants for BPRW’s Cost of Service/Cost Recovery project.
- Melissa Cate, Superintendent of Recreation Facilities, continues to provide support to the State Department of Health with the City’s Contact Tracing team.
• Pickleball returns to the Miller Center on February 1! We will be offering four 45-minute sessions a day, four days a week for singles and doubles (from same household only) play.

• February programming at Miller includes All-Girls Technical Soccer Skills Clinics, BPRW Youth Basketball Clinics and February Vacation Week Day Camp in addition to private team and family gym rentals and childcare programs through Burlington School Department, Sara Holbrook Teen Center and Frog & Toad Childcare Center.

• The CORE continues to provide space for BHS City Lake Semester, BSD Expanded Learning, and Very Merry Theatre programming, in addition to Sunday Soccer Sparks in February.

Park Division Update

Park Administration

  o Participated in the CSWD discussion about the discontinuation of compostable food ware at CSWD’s Green Mountain Compost
  o Elevator Maintenance vendor was changed due to buy out. Initiated vendor updates and purchase orders, invoices for all existing buildings with elevators.
  o In process of 5 bench donations for Oakledge, City Hall Park and Waterfront Park
  o Participated in a number of planning division projects

Conservation Program

  o Developed draft management plan for 311
  o Initiated updates with vendor(s) and Conservation Board for Open Space Plan
  o Working on collective management of invasive species plan with regional stakeholders

Facilities Program

  o Worked with Safety Manager to supply custodial services to buildings due to COVID staff implications
  o Completed building blue print storage racks at 645 Pine.
  o Completed lighting project at outside bulk storage bays at Pine St.
  o HVAC repairs required at 200 Church, Memorial Auditorium and Pine Street.
  o Working through new decorative light issues at Appletree Park with the vendor.

Trees and Greenways Program

  o Initiated BED line trimming contract
  o Organizing tree and plant orders for the spring
  o Assist with seasonal light display install at Schmanska Barn
Grounds Maintenance Program

This is a new format we’ve been working on to update monthly. Let us know what you think. The time period of this detail is Dec. 15 – January 15.

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Planning Division Update

- Projects completed
  - Leddy Park Tennis Court Lighting
- Project progressing
  - 311 North Avenue trail coordination
  - Arms Forest Trail Improvements
  - Bike Path Realignment: Maple to College Street – including improvements to the College Street Intersection
  - Bike Path Design for the rest of Oakledge
  - North Beach Pump Out and Turnaround
  - Oakledge for all – Construction Documents and application submitted to grant
Leddy Park Softball Field Scoring Installation: Scoreboard was delivered damaged in Oct. We received the new one and will install in the spring

Perkins Pier Siting Study

Projects starting soon
- Calahan Park Master Plan
- Leddy Park Stair Replacement
- North Beach Maintenance Building Demolition – Asbestos Window removal – early February
- North Beach Pull-Through Design

Waterfront Division Update
- The Waterfront staff has moved into winter operations and will focus on the following projects over the winter:
  - In partnership with the Planning Division, continue to improve North Beach Campground, according to the Master Plan. We are anticipating the removal of the Maintenance Barn shortly.
  - Events: Preparations are underway for the first, modified, mostly virtual event at the Waterfront for 2021 – the Penguin Plunge. We are expecting events to occur in Summer 2021, although in modified forms.
  - The North Beach Concessionaire RFP was posted publicly earlier this month and we are currently receiving proposals. These will be evaluated and scored in order to select the concessionaire.
  - The Information Center Building RFP was publicly posted in early January after receiving legal approval. This RFP solicits a vendor to provide Information Services in the small building located within the Pease parking lot. The application period is still open for this RFP.
  - The Skatepark Vendor RFP is awaiting attorney approval to post. The North Beach manager has assumed responsibility of this contract, and will be the main point of reference for the RFP/selection process.
  - The North Beach boardwalk improvement contract has been completed with Youth Build to provide repair and replacement of a section of the ailing boardwalk at our beach.
  - Our Marina Manager is one of the City Employees who is assisting the State of Vermont, Department of Health with contact tracing. This was extended into February by the State’s request.

Before and after pictures of a section of the Barge Canal