

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION – CALENDAR YEAR 2008

2008 was a successful year for the Town of Upton's Recreation Commission. We were able to continue some of our programs and we started up a few new programs. We also got an irrigation system installed and running at the West River Street Soccer Field using CPA funds. The Glen Echo (North Street) full athletic field project did not progress as the Planning Board and Developer have not yet finalized the specifics of the developer's construction of the field. We also re-energized a Fields sub-committee to help us in addressing the town's fields needs based upon the Recreation Master Plan data that was finalized in 2006.

The Upton Town Beach and Athletic Facility had a very successful beach program in the summer of 2008. This would not have been possible without all of the good work done by the Swim Instructor, Swim Aides, Lifeguards, Gatekeepers, and the Groundskeepers. The beach program's success also would not have been possible without the assistance and support from Parks Supervisor John Johnson, Jr. and DPW Administrative Assistant Carol Peterson. Gary Harper also has been doing some really good work on the playing fields in town. We would like to thank them all for their efforts in 2008. A special thanks is in order for our Recreation Director, Christine Horn whose efforts have really improved and increased the Recreation Commission's offerings.

The summer of 2008 marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Kids@Play Summer Program at the Upton Town Beach and Athletic Facility. Approximately 215 different children (grades K-7) spent part of their summer at this fun program. Without the hard work of all of the Program Directors and Counselors, this successful program would not have been possible, so we thank them for their important contributions. Big changes to the program this year were a few field trips to fun destinations and an increase in the entertainment programming that we brought on site for the kids.

As usual, the Town Beach Softball field saw plenty of use from the Upton Youth Club's various softball teams and the Upton Men's and Women's Softball Leagues in 2007. The Town Beach Soccer field was extensively utilized by both the Mendon Upton Youth Soccer Association and the Mendon Upton Youth Lacrosse Association who held practices and a full slate of games on this field.

The West River Street Soccer field was off-line all year awaiting the irrigation system permitting, installation and then allowing for a undisturbed grass growing season. We expect full usage for the 2009 seasons.

The Howard Leland Memorial Field behind the Memorial Elementary School was open to baseball play in the Spring, and soccer practices and games in the Fall. The field conditions for soccer were usable, but the infields of both fields are in poor condition and this really limited the usage for baseball. Additionally, the fields are laid out improperly as it relates to sun orientation, making the times that these fields can be utilized to be limited. The initial overhaul of the fields researched by the fields sub-committee was too

ambitious and as a result was too costly to move forward on. The sub-committee is now looking at a reduced rehabilitation which will be much more reasonable in cost.

The outdoor ice rink at Memorial School that was such a big hit in the winter of 2006-07 was an equally big flop this past winter. Due to some leaking liner problems and weather that did not cooperate, the ice rink never opened last winter. This year a new liner was ordered and as of this writing the rink has been open for a week and a half, so we are back on track with some cooperating winter weather. We would like to thank the group of townspeople who assisted in assembling and filling this rink with water and opening/closing/maintaining this rink, your efforts are greatly appreciated – a big thanks especially to the Fire Department to helping fill the rink.

In 2008 , the Upton Recreation Commission offered the following new and existing recreation opportunities to Upton:

- Adult Basketball - pickup
- Adult Martial Arts instruction
- Adult Yoga classes
- Children's Martial Arts instruction

Existing programs:

- Swim Lessons at Upton Town Beach
- Life Guard coverage at Upton Town Beach
- Kids@Play Summer Program for grades K-7
- Outdoor Ice Rink at Memorial School Tennis Court
- Kayak rentals offered at the Town Beach
- Recyclable Boat Race at Town Beach
- Children's Youth Theater
- Adult Volleyball – pickup

The present Recreation Commission is very interested in offering additional recreation opportunities to the citizens of Upton. We are also open to suggestions on future programs, you can drop us a note at: Rec-Com, PO Box 808, Upton or via e-mail at [reccom@upton.ma.us](mailto:reccom@upton.ma.us) – we would like to hear from you.

We look forward to working with and for the citizens of Upton to drive more recreation opportunities in town.

Dave Adams, Chairman  
Tim Alibozek  
Paul Pirozzi

Calendar Year 2008 Upton Recreation Commission Financial Results

Town Beach program:

\$ 8000.00	Lifeguard/Gatekeeper salary account starting balance
- \$ 8000.00	Partial salary to Summer Beach employees
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\$ 0.00	Ending balance *

\* remainder of above salaries are paid out of gate/swim lesson receipts which are deposited into the Parks Dept. Revolving Account. The Parks Dept. has been processing the payroll for the lifeguards/gatekeepers/swim instructors/swim aides over the past number of years.

Ice Rink Maintenance:

\$ 1000.00	Ice Rink Maintenance beginning account
- \$ 1000.00	Expenditure in 2008 (for a snow blower)
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\$ 0.00	Ice Rink Maintenance ending balance

Kids@Play 2008 Summer Program:

\$ 78,069.50	Kids@Play Revenue
- \$ 35,512.88	Kids@Play Payroll
- \$ 3881.32	Kids@Play Equipment and Supplies
- \$ 1089.30	Kids@Play Advertising
- \$ 9072.17	Kids@Play Fields Trips and on-site entertainment
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\$ 28,513.83	Kids@Play Balance

Youth Theater Programs:

\$ 2830.00	Class revenues
-\$ 3654.65	Instruction fee and expenses
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\$ ( 824.65)	Youth Theater Loss

Adult pickup Volleyball program:

\$ 1215.00	at-door collections
- \$ 1600.00	Volleyball payroll
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\$ (385.00)	Volleyball Loss

Adult pickup Basketball program:

\$ 795.00	at-door collections
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- \$ 380.00	Basketball payroll
- \$ 291.87	Basketballs and pinnies equipment
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\$ 123.13	Basketball Balance

Martial Arts program:

\$ 1860.00	Martial Arts revenues
- \$ 1080.00	Instructor Fee
- \$ 898.57	Start-up equipment(mats and kicking posts)
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\$ (118.57)	Martial Arts Loss

Adult Yoga programs:

\$ 1630.00	Yoga revenues
- \$ 860.00	Instructor Fee
- \$ 66.00	Advertising
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\$ 704.00	Yoga programs balance

Other expenditures from revolving account in 2008:

- \$ 856.00	Miscellaneous Rec programs advertising
- \$ 262.00	Summer jobs advertising
- \$ 299.00	Snowblower balance (see ice rink maintenance above)
- \$ 2550.00	Shed at Memorial School
- \$ 223.89	Ice Rink equipment
- \$ 2008.29	3 PCs and SW for Sr. Center
- \$ 152.00	Police detail at beach
- \$ 2070.00	Outdoor storage shed at Town Beach

Recreation Director Payroll Account:

\$ 6490.00	Director payroll account balance on 1/1/2008
-\$ 1860.00	Rec. Director pay through 6/30/08
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\$ 4630.00	Balance (returned to General Fund on 7/1/08)
\$ 12,000.00	Fiscal Year 2009 beginning balance
-\$ 4,920.00	Calendar Year 2008 Rec. Director payroll
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\$ 7,080.00	Rec. Director payroll account balance on 1/1/2009