Parks & Recreation Department

Bi-Weekly Report ~ January 27, 2020

We're about half way through out 1st Grade Instructional, 3/4 Grade and 3/4 and 5/6 Grade Travel Team seasons. We are working on our grade 3/4 basketball tournament, which will be held on February 15 & 16.

We held our 47th Annual Harry Corrigan Basketball Tournament on January 18th and 19th with teams from Berlin, Colebrook, Gorham, Groveton, Lancaster, Littleton, Milan & Pittsburg/Canaan attending. There was plenty of action and excitement during the entire weekend. The championship winner in the girls division was Groveton with Pittsburg/Canaan girls taking the runners-up trophy and in boys division it was Gorham taking home the championship with the Littleton boys taking the runners-up trophy. Congratulation to all who participated as team sportsmanship was excellent. A special thanks to everyone involved in making sure the tournament is successful and fun; Gorham Booster Club and their many volunteers, Gorham Girls Varsity and JV Basketball team and to all the fantastic referees; Matt Buteau, Jared Lauze, Brandon Steady, Don Mercier, Mike Smith, PJ Cyr and Dan Enman.

We met with the Budget Committee and everyone seemed to be happy with our proposed budget, the revenue we brought in and our programming.

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Winter Classic Pond Hockey Tournament which will be held February 29. If interested in donating or helping out with the tournament, please let us know.

We are still raising money for the new Limitless Playground and so far have received \$15,084.00 in donations and with the funds from the Festival of Trees, we have \$22,509.00. We will be meeting with a grant writer this week to hopefully move forward finding some additional funds.

The First Impressions Committee is still selling calendars (1 for \$13 and 2 for \$20). This is a fundraiser for the group to further their goal of improving Gorham. Work has also begun on the mosaic that will be on the back wall of the Common gazebo. If anyone has old ceramic tiles they would like to donate, please contact the Rec Dept.

The dates for the Gorham Steering Committee workshop and planning calls for the Recreation Economy for Rural grant have been set up. Planning calls will be March 26, April 16 and April 30 from 2:30-4:00pm and the Workshop will be May 20-21.