

## **Parks & Recreation Department**

### **Bi-Weekly Report ~ February 24, 2020**

We held our 22nd Annual Paul A. Lacroix Basketball Tournament on February 15th and 16th with teams from Berlin, 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 and boys division was Littleton with the Groveton girls and Berlin 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 Boys Varsity and JV Basketball team and to all the fantastic referees; Matt Buteau, Jared Lauze, Ray Baillargeon, Don Mercier, Mike Smith, PJ Cyr and Craig Langlois.

Our 2nd Annual Winter Classic Pond Hockey Tournament which will be held February 29. Thank you from J's Corner Restaurant, Mountain Tire Corporation, Go Time Restrooms, Gorham Hardware & Sports Center and Moat Mountain for their sponsorship / donations. If interested in donating or helping out with the tournament, please let us know. We also have baseball hats, knit hats and long sleeve t-shirts for sale if interested, please contact the Rec Dept. Special thanks to Tony Demers and Joey Pizzuto for all their hard work getting the ice ready.

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.

We have our monthly First Impressions Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm (all are welcome to attend). We are still have calendars for sale, now at discount pricing (1 for \$10 and 2 for \$15). 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.

Plans have begun for our upcoming spring sport season and registration forms will be issued through the schools and available online on March 6, 2020. We have also started working on some of our summer plans (concerts, Moose Tours, events, etc).