

Parks & Recreation Department

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Indoor Farmers' Market is planned for November 15 & 22 and December 13 & 20 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Due to the rising cases we are cancelling the 11/15/20 market and will decide on the other market dates as we move forward. Information on Covid-19 requirements for the indoor markets will be posted as soon as we know we are able to proceed. Please visit our new Farmers' Market webpage: <https://www.gorhamnh.org/parks-recreation-department/pages/gorham-farmers-market>

Festival of Trees is planned for November 30 to December 4. We have come up with a plan to have in person viewing and raffle sales as we want to ensure we are able to move people in and out of the building safely within Covid-19 requirements. We are also working on a virtual plan with more information coming soon.

Basketball – Due to the schools going virtual, our plans have been delayed. We are waiting on word from the schools on how and when we may proceed with basketball season.

A softball tournament was held at Libby Field. This is the second year this group has held this tournament with proceeds (\$500.00) being donated to the new Limitless Playground. We want to thank all involved for their donation and continued support of this project.

Ethan Taillon built and donated four new picnic tables as his senior project. The tables are all pressure treated and built very well. We are very happy to help Ethan with his project and have the use the tables for years to come.

I was asked to speak (virtually) with the second and third graders at Edward Fenn Elementary School who are studying communities. As part of their unit, they are learning about community helpers. I discussed how and who I work with in the community and answer any questions the students had.

The CARE Committee used the Parks & Rec Dept building to distribute pizzas from their fundraiser. The building is also being used by a chess club, sewing club and Northern Human Services.

We will be decorating the Common for the Holiday Season this week.

Libby Pool – pool / beach area, playgrounds, basketball court and tennis courts remain open. There is no guaranteed sanitation of the area, so use is at your own risk. Please adhere to current recommendations.

RERC Grant – The Steering Committee worked on changes to the Action Plan with some great input from the everyone. We held our last conference call to discuss the Action Plan and hope to have something for the community soon. One of the goals recognized is wayfinding signage. We are working with someone local on a plan / quote and the Town Manager is submitting a grant proposal for this project. We are in the process of working on finding grants for our new inclusive playground on the Common.

We are working on two new exciting everts for 2021 and looking forward to making an announcing in the near future.

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