

## Sandown Recreation Commission & Parks and Recreation Department 25 Pheasant Run Drive Sandown, NH 03873 603-887-1872

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The Recreation Commission, in accordance with 'RSA Chapter 35-B: Public Recreation and Parks', oversees the Parks and Recreation Department which maintains town owned recreational facilities and offers recreational activities for all ages. Maintained facilities encompass approximately 20 acres including baseball and softball fields; a public beach; outdoor basketball court; 2 playgrounds and a year-round recreation building that is located on approximately 8 acres and includes a 3-acre multi- purpose playing field and playground.

2021 showed signs of getting back to 'normal' as we had another successful summer program filled with swimming at Seeley beach, arts & crafts, sports, and day trips. The Sandown Baseball/Softball Association returned in the Spring to practice, and to play games at the Roy L. Miller fields over the Summer. Timberlane Youth Soccer League also maintained a full schedule of games on the fields of the Edward C Garvey recreation facility nearly every Saturday this fall.

Momentum continued into the fall with the 60+ Club, Senior Coffee Hour and Senior fitness classes held weekly at the recreation facility. In early October, in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, the annual town wide yard sale took place, with proceeds from registrations benefiting the Rockingham Meals-On-Wheels holiday program that provides items such as warm clothing; blankets; hats; gloves and more to elderly Sandown residents in need. Also in October, over 70 residents enjoyed the annual Senior Dinner held at Zorvino's Vineyard. At the end of the month, some of our youngest residents had a Spooktacular time 'haunting' out candy filled eggs with the beams of their flashlights on the playground and fields at the Edward C. Garvey recreation facility.

The number of private group rentals at the facility increased in 2021 when compared to the number of reservations in 2020. Many programming opportunities for all ages were offered throughout the year and efforts will continue in 2022 to meet the needs of the community. Please visit the Recreation calendar on our website for all upcoming events.

In closing, we hope that all residents have noticed the replacement of the sign on Main St, at the junction of Griffin Hill Rd, for the Roy L Miller Fields.

Respectfully submitted, Sandown Recreation Commission