



Sandown Recreation Commission
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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; basketball court; 2 playgrounds and a year-round recreation building that sits on approximately 8 acres and includes a 3-acre multi-purpose playing field and playground."

The Recreation Commission overseeing the Recreation Dept. had a busy 2017. Many activities, programs, and events as well as co-sponsored offerings took place throughout the year. Classes that focus on physical wellness included Yoga; Senior Exercise; and Ballroom Dance lessons. Seasonal craft offerings such as a Fall Flower Arranging and a Holiday Boxwood Tree were well attended. A babysitting course for teens was well attended as were school vacation week programs and a 7-week summer program for participants in Grades 1-8. All remaining popular and in demand.

Join ventures and co-sponsored activities continue to grow and are proving to work out quite well for all involved. Teaming up with the recreation departments from Atkinson and Plaistow have allowed all three towns to expand their offerings. Some of those co-events included a celebration of Chinese New Year in February complete with traditional Chinese dance and costumes; a Senior Spring Fling and Sing-Along in May with live musical entertainment; a stunt bicycle performance; a holiday social with live entertainment; and a "Ring-Out-The-Old" social with comedic music and trivia provided by WBZ Radio personality Mel Simons. Finishing out the co-sponsored events with a New Year's Eve afternoon event for families and others held at the Performing Arts Center at Timberlane Regional High School with dynamic entertainment by magician Norman Ng. A 2018 New Year's Eve show is in the works already!

The Recreation Dept. also worked together with the Sandown Public Library to offer Odd Bodkins and "Thanksgiving: Tales of Harvest" consisting of entertaining storytelling and music and in March worked with Timberlane Community Outreach to provide a "Spring Fling" for senior citizens. New playground equipment was installed in the spring and the demand for the use of all facilities has continued to increase with 2017 seeing more use of all facilities then ever before. Revenue turned back to the Town from program fees and rentals exceeded \$50,000.00. Please visit the town website at: www.sandown.us and navigate to the Parks & Recreation page for all program information.

Respectfully submitted,

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