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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.

2022 had a fantastic summer, filled with sports, swimming, and day trips. Campers enjoyed going to Canobie Lake Park, a color run, our 2022 Olympic week, and so much more. At the beginning of the school year, our three clubs started, Homeschool Club, Toddler Time, and our After School program. Each club worked throughout the school year learning about different projects such as team management, STEAM skills, and collaboration skills. 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 spring and fall.

We continued the year with Movie Magic Nights, working with the Sandown Library to bring outdoor movie nights to the community. In early October, in its 22nd 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 60 residents enjoyed the annual Senior Dinner held at Zorvino's Vineyard. At the end of the month, Sandown Recreation hosted our first ever Monster Mash Halloween party! 80 families enjoyed face painting, games, painting, a spooky story, and of course our Halloween egg hunt! During November we had our first ever Turkey Hunt, where families were able to drive around town to look for all the hidden turkeys.

In December, we had the honor of hosting Sandown's 10th annual tree lighting. Families from all over came to enjoy songs sung by the Sandown North Children's Chorus, crafts, snacks, and of course a special visit from Santa himself! Following the tree lighting, we had our first ever toy consignment sale, and phone calls from Santa himself.

The number of private group rentals at the facility increased in 2022 when compared to the number of reservations in 2021. Many programming opportunities for all ages were offered throughout the year and efforts will continue in 2023 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