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*PARKS RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION  
Director's Report September 2023*

*Please note this update for your review.*

1. **Commission Meeting:**  
The regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Ledyard Senior Center. Please contact the office immediately if you will not be able to attend.
2. **Youth Leagues:**  
Little League, Soccer and Football/ Cheerleading have started their fall seasons.
3. **Summer Camp:**  
We had a very successful summer camp season with record participation. We saw about a 30% increase at all camps.
4. **Middle School Field Lights:**  
The middle school field light project has been completed.
5. **Judge Crandall Upgrades:**  
Prep work was planned for last week but was delayed due to rain. The speaker is scheduled to be taken down by the electrician and Public Works agreed to install the necessary window jams to save money. The roof bid is almost ready to be publicized.
6. **Judge Crandall Scoreboard:**  
Ledyard Youth Football has completed the installation of a new scoreboard. Scoreboard is now fully operational.
7. **Pfizer Field Scoreboard:**  
Ledyard Little League has brought in electric at Pfizer and installed a scoreboard. Everything is fully operational, and the electrical service is in Little Leagues name.
8. **Colonel Ledyard Park Trail:**  
The Scouts did a service project and cleared the trail of debris and fallen limbs.

9. **Ericson Park Walking Path:**  
The path at Ericson has been sprayed and we are hoping to have fresh stone dust delivered by the end of the week.
10. **Highlands Lake Aeration System:**  
We received the new aeration system for Highlands Lake. I went with an all-diffuser system without any fountains. The air diffusers will do a much better job than the fountains at adding oxygen to the water. In addition, the new system will be much easier to maintain as all electrical components are located on shore.
11. **Food Pantry Deliveries:**  
The Social Services Coordinator and I have developed a plan to deliver food from the food pantry to home bound seniors in town. We proposed the idea to the mayor, and it was approved. In October we will be working with the food pantry to start delivering meals. We will be utilizing volunteers from the Rotary Club to assist with the deliveries.
12. **Senior Center Car:**  
The senior Centers car broke down on the way to pick someone up from a medical appointment. Unfortunately, the vehicle would need a new transmission and would cost significantly more than the car is worth. The car is now determined to be totaled.
13. **Pickleball:**  
Pickleball has taken off and in just a few months the court reservation app has 144 members. To meet the demand, we have ordered 2 additional nets, and 100 balls. A storage box has been brought from another location to store the nets in. The box just needs some TLC before it can be used but Russell is working on fixing a broken hinge and is going to paint box.
14. **Staff:**  
The Assistant Director is out for the next 8 weeks. We have brought in a summer camp staff to help the next 8 weeks.
15. **Tri Town Trail:**  
Eversource has started installing the 2 parking lots that are the Towns match for the DEEP grant. Grant is moving along, and the next step is to approach property owners along the proposed routes.
16. **Rain Gardens:**  
We planned to start installing the rain gardens this week but had to delay a week due to the heavy rain on Monday. The Ledyard Transition Academy is going to help us prep the gardens for planting by excavating the sites to 9 inches.