



Community Services Director's Report - October 2010

Dear Cape Elizabeth Community Services Advisory Commission;

The Fall programs have been going well. The staff is preparing all of the details for the next brochure which is due to the printer before Thanksgiving.

Our goal is to kickoff the new automated membership check-in system for the Pool and Fitness Center in January. The ground work is being laid for as smooth a transition as possible.

To follow you will find reports from various departments highlighting recent and upcoming events.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at the meeting on November 3rd.

Janet Hoskin

ADULT PROGRAMS REPORT

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The trips have been the hot items this month. Wine Tasting at Pineland Farms, Historical Bus Tours of Cape Elizabeth, and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at North Shore Music Theater have been highly subscribed to.

Many of our fitness classes are entering their second session. As the weather turns colder and more windy, the registrations increase. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful variety of fitness offerings with top notch instructors leading them.

The "Fit To Live" program instructed by Patty Medina, is gaining in popularity with 14 of our "Seniors" participating in this wellness and health program. Tailored for the 60+ crowd, emphasis is on staying in shape as part of an overall wellness lifestyle.

Attributed to an extra advertising punch in the schools' newsletters, the College Funding Boot Camp packed the C.C. Living Room with 32 enrollees. Previous year's college financial workshops have had only 3-4 participants.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The group continues to enjoy the best deal in town as they participate the Wellness Lunches at the High School Cafeteria. November 2nd features Cape Elizabeth Farmers and Fisherman serving Lobster Alfredo and a fresh salad bar.

The Seniors are scheduled to attend the Portland Players performance "Steel Magnolias" on Thursday, 11/4; The Portland Symphony Youth Concert "The Planets" on Tuesday, 11/9; and "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Lyric Theater Preview Night on 11/18.

The day trip to the White Mountain Hotel & Resort for "Nashville in the Mountains" is still open for more participants. The trip will include shopping at Zeb's Country Store and an historic five and dime store, lunch, and a country music show with Flamin' Raymin' & Sizzlin' Suzzin'!

Extended School Care:

We are slowly transitioning to online payment for care options. This is the most challenging of all the ActiveNet modules and is very detail oriented.

General attendance numbers are holding steady for this year. They are about the same as last year's. Average attendance numbers for September, 2010:

AM Care	9
AM K Care	7
PM K Care	12
PM Care	50
clubhouse	14
Gr 1-3	35

Total # of participants = 103

Transportation Corner Update

We are pleased to announce a new arrival! A new **Bus 7** was delivered in September... the driver and the passengers are excited with their new ride!

We've had a good start to the school year with the full cast of bus drivers. Last year was a huge challenge with so many of them out on medical leave.

After much collaboration, the Middle School, High School, and Pond Cove School afternoon bus dismissal procedures were adjusted. Dismissal is now smooth and efficient!

The bugs have been worked out of some of the bus routes. The changes seem to have worked out and bus runs are going smoothly.

The Fall sports season is coming to an end, so transportation requests are fewer. During September and October, Pat has scheduled 64 bus trips and 7 van trips in addition to the daily bus routes. The billing is being prepared for distribution to the various departments and booster groups.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

USE OF FACILITY:

With the change of the sports season, the school gyms will become very busy with MS Basketball, Travel Basketball, Saturday Basketball, HS Basketball and HS Indoor Track.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

Registration for Girls Basketball ended October 22 with the highest numbers in a very long time. The school is working on options for a Girls Expansion Team. Boys Basketball registration will begin November 8. This will be the first MS Athletics program to begin accepting registrations online!

ACTIVENET:

In November, ActiveNet will demonstrate the "Enhancement" to the Use of Facility Reservation module that we currently have. After this demonstration, we will determine whether it will meet our needs.

FORT WILLIAMS RESERVATIONS:

The Picnic Shelter had 105 rentals in 2010 with the last reservation made for Sunday, October 24. In 2009, there were 107 Shelter Reservations.

Changing the reservation process to hourly for the Bandstand, more than doubled the numbers. In 2010, we had 15 reservations to only 6 in 2009.

Thirty-two Cape Elizabeth Residents were among those who rented one of the locations at the Fort.

The Fort Williams Advisory Commission is proposing to the Town Council an increase in the Ceremony Fee (from \$75 to \$100) and Cape Elizabeth Resident Picnic Shelter reservation fees (from \$50 to \$75 & from \$75 to \$100). If approved, these fee increases would be effective December 1, 2010. C.E. Residents may begin making 2011 reservations for personal use only, as of December 1, 2010. We hope to have this process ready for online access.

FALL REPORT FROM THE YOUTH PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT