

fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The 2011-2012 grant applications were considered according to MCC and CCC guidelines, which were discussed and voted upon. The Council chose to fund the 13 proposals listed on the previous page.

Individuals and organizations may apply to the CCC for funding for programs, projects and presentations in music, dance, visual arts, poetry, literature, drama, the humanities and scientific interpretation for all age groups. Preference is given to applicants who live or work in Concord or who offer programs, projects or presentations that benefit the Concord community.

There will be a Community Input meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Town House to discuss the process and answer questions on the process. Additional information is available at <https://www.mass-culture.org/Concord>.

## RECREATION COMMISSION

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### *Beede Swim & Fitness Center*

The Center celebrated its 5th year of operation this past April. Operating as an Enterprise, the Center does not receive tax-funding and relies solely on membership and programing fees to achieve the status of self-support. The Center is open 100 hours per week, 50 weeks per year and is staffed with approximately 60 full and part time employees. The Center is fully handicapped accessible.

Membership is comprised of approximately 3,000 Concord residents and 1,090 users from surrounding communities. There are 1,800 memberships supporting approximately 4,000 total members. Member retention has been well above the industry average.

This year, the Beede Center experienced 181,583 people from Concord and surrounding communities using the facilities at the Center -- an average of 15,128 visits per month or 517 users per day.

The Beede Center continued to operate "in the black" in FY11, adding to the fund balance for the 5th year. For fiscal year 2011, revenues were \$2,423,992 with

expenses of \$2,271,160 resulting in a net income of \$152,832. The economic recession for the past 4 years has impacted the Beede Center's membership, with a slight decline in the total membership from 2010.

The Beede Center remains true to its mission to provide the community with an affordable option for health and fitness. The fee structure was increased only \$10. The staff works hard to contain costs and provide a high level of service. Swim and fitness programs are open to all members of the community. Beede members receive a 40% discount on fitness and swim programs.

The Center offers programing for all ages from infant swim lessons to adult water fitness; diving and use of the warm water therapy pool; the Department's youth swim team -- the Concord Otters managed by the aquatics staff; and the Beede Center hosts the Concord-Carlisle High School swim and dive team for both practices and home meets.

The Fitness Center offers both cardio and strength equipment with highly skilled and fully certified trainers. The equipment is well maintained, and replaced every three to four years as needed. There are always trainers on duty to assist members. The trainers also offer personal training for those members who prefer a one-on-one training session.

The Beede Center is committed to conserving energy and going "green" whenever the opportunity arises -- a few examples are: cleaning products used at the Center are certified "green" products; there is a vending station to refill water bottles with chilled and filtered water in an effort to eliminate the use of plastic non-recyclable containers; the lap pool is heated at no cost from the heat generated by the dehumidification system; waterless urinals were installed to reduce water consumption; and a photovoltaic control system was installed to maximize use of natural lighting and to conserve energy. In the next few years the Beede Center will be looking at ways to reduce energy consumption by replacing the current pumps and motors for the pools and the boilers with variable speed pumps/motors and upgrades to the lighting.

2011 capital projects included: replacement of all the arc trainers in the cardio room; and the installation of a new front doors with a security system.

### *Recreation Department Activities*

The Recreation Department provides programs for a wide range of ages from toddlers to adult. Major programs include school-age childcare, Carousel PreSchool, a variety of summer camps and clinics as well as youth basketball and skiing.

The Department produces community special events such as the Shamrock Ball/Parent Daughter Dance, the July 4th Minuteman Classic Road Race, the 6th grade Halloween Dance and the Concord Open Golf tournament. All of these activities are designed to support the summer camp scholarships.

For fiscal year 2011, the Department's program revenues were \$1,548,000. In 2011, the Recreation Department provided over \$135,000 in school year and summer program scholarships to Concord families.

### *Capital Improvements*

The construction for the new Rideout playground began in September to replace an outdated existing structure. The new, fully integrated playground was completed with a dedication on November 15. The handicapped accessible Poured-In-Place surface and the varied activity panels enables access for children of all abilities.

The Recreation Commission would like to acknowledge the Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee for their support in financing the engineering design study and construction of the HVAC project at the Hunt Recreation Center using Sawyer Trust funds. The energy efficient system will allow a savings of at least 35% in heating costs. In addition the multi-purpose room will now be air conditioned.

### *Friends and Partners*

The Recreation Commission again expresses its sincere appreciation to the Lamont Family for their continued support of the Concord Open Golf Tournament. This year's event raised \$20,000 for camp scholarships.

The Commission would also like to thank the following organizations for their financial support: Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, the Silent Fund, The Concord Lion's Club, Concord Women's Club and the Picnic in the Park, whose donations make a substantial difference in the quality of life for many of the children in Concord.



*The Taggart Award recipient was Patrick Cannon. This award honors young adults who have given exemplary service to their community. The recipient receives a monetary award as well as designating a charity to receive a monetary contribution. Patrick selected Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, MA.*

## **PICNIC IN THE PARK -- JULY 4TH 2011**

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The annual Picnic-in-the-Park enjoyed superb weather this year, a sunny day with little wind. Allen Brandt folksinger, Southern Rail bluegrass band, the Tanglewood Marionettes, and the finale by the Concord Band provided entertainment.

The Picnic Committee organizes and obtains donations for the event, but it would not be possible to hold the event without the invaluable assistance of the Town of Concord. Peter Flynn, Mick Hone and Marc Reardon from the Concord Public Works Department provided valuable assistance for the booths setup and cleanup. The Concord Recreation Department provided walkie talkies; Concord Light set up the electric power; Concord Fire provided standby safety services and the popular