

water consumption. A photovoltaic control system was installed to maximize use of natural lighting and to conserve energy. With financial support from the Sawyer Trust, the Beede Center has been able to implement two projects that will greatly reduce its energy consumption. Variable speed drives were installed on each of the 4 pools the Center maintains, and more efficient lighting was installed in the natatorium, lobby and stairwells. Significant reduction in energy consumption with considerable saving will be realized from both of these projects. Pam Higgins, Assistant Recreation Director served as project manager. We are grateful for the support of the Sustainable Energy Committee, and especially to Charles Parker for his continued efforts and tenacity that brought these important projects to fruition. This year's capital projects included: replacement of all the bikes in the cardio room.

Recreation Department Services

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 in March, the Minuteman Classic Road Race on July 4th, the 6th grade Halloween Dance in October and the Concord Open Golf tournament in August. All of these activities are designed to support the summer camp scholarships.

For fiscal year 2012, the Department's program revenues were \$1,588,415. In 2012, the Recreation Department provided over \$191,000 in school year, summer program and Beede Center scholarships to Concord families.

Capital Improvements

The Hunt Center's state of the art, energy efficient, new HVAC system was successfully installed with the project being completed in April. Assistant Recreation Director Laura Lunig served as project manager.

The Department was the beneficiary of a Community Preservation Act Committee project funding in the amount of \$30,000 for a recreation facility study that is just getting underway.

Friends and Partners

The Recreation Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the Lamont Family for their continued support of the Concord Open Golf Tournament. This year's event raised \$22,000 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 ensured that all Concord families who requested participation in the summer camps were included.

Maureen Taggart Award

The 2012 award recipient was Marianne Staknis. 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. Marianne's charity was the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

PICNIC IN THE PARK -- JULY 4TH

Frank Okurowski, Chair
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Michael Rudd, Sound system, Posters, Donor Letters
Tim & Nina Rose, Hot Air Balloon

With the rain pouring down at 8AM, the 2012 Fourth of July Picnic in the Park looked to be in trouble with the weather. But the sun came out by 9AM, and the Picnic setup progressed rapidly. With the light wind conditions, the REMAX Hot Air Balloon was able to fly for the second year in a row. It was aloft at 10 AM and flew for two hours offering rides for donations to the Concord Recreation Department. The Jolly Rogues Band, Southern Rail Bluegrass Band, the Boston Hoop Troop, and the finale performance by the Concord Band provided entertainment during the course of the afternoon.



Many people enjoy the annual July 4 celebration, Picnic in the Park. Pictured above is the Concord Band playing at this summer's festivities.

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



The Concord Fire Department provided the popular "Burning House" with water hoses

The Concord Police Department provided security services and the radar baseball toss. Rebecca Purcell and Stephen Bader organized the Field Games, and Bruce Barker was the Master of Ceremonies for the entertainment and raffle. The US Army National Guard made the Armory available for additional rest rooms and a venue for the entertainment in case of rain. A number

of volunteers provided the assistance on the 4th that is essential in running the event. These tasks include selling tickets, supervising the Moon Walk, conducting the raffle, and holding the Hot Air Balloon tether ropes.

These corporate sponsors and private donors provided funds for the entertainment: Cambridge Trust Company, McWalter Volunteer Insurance, Concord Lumber, Reasons to be Cheerful, Nichols Insurance, Acton Toyota, Dunkin Donuts Concord, and Gloria and Chuck Clough.

We again had a fund-raising raffle with 15 wonderful prizes provided by local merchants. The following businesses also provided various forms of support: the Concord Bookshop, the Concord Funeral Home, Crosby's Marketplace, Emerson Umbrella for the Arts, and RE/MAX Walden Country. In general, private citizen donor contributions, and additional financial contributions from corporate sponsors, go to supporting the event and funding the entertainment. After all expenses had been paid, a donation was made to the Concord Recreation Department Summer Scholarship Fund. The Picnic Committee encourages the citizens of Concord to support Picnic-in-the-Park in terms of financial contributions and volunteer effort on the committee or during the day of the event.

PUBLIC CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

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This Committee has the responsibility of organizing, coordinating and managing the celebrations sponsored by the Town of Concord. Celebrations for 2012 included: Honored Citizen Ceremony, March 18; Meriam's Corner Exercise, April 7; Patriots' Day Parade, April 16; Dawn Salute, April 19; Memorial Day Ceremonies, May 28; Veteran's Day Flag Retirement, November 11. The observances are recorded in the photographs in this Annual Report.