

### *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The construction for the new Rideout playground began in September to replace an outdated existing structure.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**

Frank Okurowski, Chair  
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Ann Lang, Parade  
Lois Rudd, Booths  
Michael Rudd, PA system; posters  
Joan Wesolowski, Raffle  
Tim & Nina Rose, Hot Air Balloon

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

Fire House, and Concord Police provided security services, the radar baseball toss and the K-9 police dog demonstration. Rebecca Purcell, Aileen Kussin and Melissa Saalfeld organized the Field Games, and Fritz Kussin was the Master of Ceremonies for the entertainment and raffle.

Several 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 Balloon tether ropes. Tina Brown, Bob Abraham and Carol Harney were among the group of volunteers.



*The RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon was able to fly after two years of unsuitable weather. Many of this year's Picnic attendees were able to get a ride in the Balloon.*

The following corporate donors and private sponsors provide funds for the entertainment: Cambridge Trust Company, Middlesex Savings Bank, Dunkin Donuts of Concord, Gloria and Chuck Clough and Elmer and Rebecca Purcell.

We again had a fund-raising raffle with 20 wonderful prizes provided by local merchants. The following businesses also provided in-kind 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 to the event were reduced this year. Additional financial contributions to make up the difference in expenses came from the corporate donors. These contributions went 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 this event in terms of financial contributions and volunteer effort.



*Concord CAN Water station at July 4 Picnic*

## PUBLIC CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE



*Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee from left: Michael Benn, Joel Bohy, Chair; Staci Bowen, Mary Fasano, Claudia Curran, Keith Nelms, and Kevin Paulsen*

This Committee has the responsibility of organizing, coordinating and managing the celebrations