

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**March 10, 2017**

*Background notes for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Community Preservation Committee has completed their review of all proposals and will deliberate and vote their recommendations at their Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

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**MOBILE FOOD VENDORS**

The Town Manager will be reviewing some concepts with the Board of Selectmen at their Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the re-drafting of regulations related to mobile food vendors. Selectman Dan Matthews and Town Manager Kate Fitzpatrick will meet with the Commission at the meeting, to review some of the draft concepts and get the input of the Commission.

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**TENNIS BADGES**

Annual tennis badges went on sale on March 1<sup>st</sup> for use of the courts at Mills, Newman and the High School. The work done behind the tennis courts at the High School was completed last month without any damage to the courts.

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**OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN**

Members of the Advisory Group submitted ideas for updating the action plan, and began reviewing them at their March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, and will continue at their March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The updated draft will be presented to a meeting of boards on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM during the Selectmen's meeting. Boards invited to participate, in addition to the Park and Recreation Commission, are the Conservation Commission, School Committee, Trustees of Memorial Park, Board of Health, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals. The following week, on Wednesday, April 5, a public forum to get additional input from residents will be held in Powers Hall at Town Hall at 7 PM.

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**APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Commission traditionally meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Passover begins at sundown on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The League of Women Voters holds its Warrant Meeting night on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**TREE REMOVALS**

Recently, the DPW Parks and Forestry Division removed three trees at Riverside Park. Several weeks prior to the removals, the neighbors were contacted, and a number were upset that the trees would be removed. The photos of the trees taken at the time of removal show the hazardous conditions and the need for having them removed.