

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2009

The Town of Fremont's Parks and Recreation Commission oversees recreational programs and activities for the Fremont community and the maintenance and management of Fremont Memorial Parks.

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that Playgroup is still going strong after 11 years. Playgroup is for preschool aged children. Playgroup sessions are held bi-weekly (most months) at the Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons/Action Kids Athletics in Brentwood. We have every 2nd and 4th Friday from 10:15 to 11 am with Open Gym exclusively for Fremont Playgroup as well as follow up story, snack and Parent to Parent chat. There is no pre-registration required. Children of all ages are welcome; we do have space and toys for infants as well as older children. The cost is \$3 per child and children who are not yet walking are free! A special thanks to Nicole Cloutier for coordinating playgroup. For any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Nicole via email at nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com or check us out on Facebook! Just look for Fremont Playgroup for upcoming events and details! We have a lot of newcomers this year so don't hesitate to join the fun. We hope to see you there!

The Easter Egg Hunt at the Fremont Memorial Park continues to grow every year. In 2009 the weather cooperated and the Egg Hunt went off with out a hitch. Hundreds of kids had a wonderful time scooping up eggs laid out at the soccer field at Memorial Park. Prizes of pickets, teddy bears and special treats delighted the children.

The Recreation Department also hosts Camp Fremont. The main objective of camp is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment where school-aged children can develop mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically at an affordable cost to parents. Our Camp Director is Jen Jaquith, an 11-year veteran Physical Education teacher who also has 11 years of experience in various recreational leadership positions. Our counseling staff is mature, CPR certified, and well-trained.

The summer of 2009 saw the biggest attendance yet for camp. Weekly averages were between 40-55 kids. With a low camper-to-counselor ratio, your child receives individual attention and is actively monitored. Campers participate in a structured day which is filled with a variety of enrichment, physical, and arts & crafts activities that are largely based upon the theme of the week. Campers are often entertained by educational presenters and typically go on two field trips per week. These experiences and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition costs. Enrollment is open so you are never too late. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be! The pricing structure this year was extremely enticing and many families took advantage of the additional discounted weeks. The before care program starting at 7:30am was a huge hit as it allowed many parents time to get to work.

As we progress though the years we try to come up with new activities for a wide range of residents. This year ski dates at Pats Peak have been reserved through the month of February. We welcome any suggestions and would love to have more members on the Commission, and are currently short one member position. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the main floor at the Town Hall. Please feel free to stop by and check us out.

The Memorial Fields certainly see many activities each year. The fields are not only maintained by the recreation department but from the many volunteers that pitch in every year. Fremont children played and enjoyed many games, tournaments and other activities at the park during baseball, softball and soccer season. The Ellis School Field Day had great weather and fun was had by all.

We rounded out the year with our annual holiday tree lighting. We welcomed many children in making crafts and singing holiday carols. Santa was able take time from his busy schedule and to pop by for a visit. We would like to thank the Peoples United Methodist Church for leading the caroling.

We are dedicated to continuing these successful programs and we are always seeking new ideas to build the community through recreational activities and programs. Without the many volunteers from the community these activities and programs would not be possible. We would like to recognize the time and efforts of organizations such as the Fremont Athletic Association, PTA, Ellis school employees, the Board of Selectman, Town Office Staff and everyone who supported us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia and Tiffany with Santa
Tree Lighting ~ December 2009

Egg Hunt at Memorial Fields



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