

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

Fremont Parks and Recreation sponsors a weekly playgroup for preschoolers. "Playgroup" is now in its tenth year. With holiday parties, play dates, and fieldtrips many lasting friendships have been formed, not only with the children but parents as well.



The Easter Egg Hunt at the Fremont Memorial Park continues to grow every year. With over 2000 eggs in 2007 it's amazing to watch how quickly they get scooped up.

Camp Fremont, the summer recreational program, was again very successful with over 60 children participating. The program is a six-week structured; educational program for children in grades one through eight. The program was based at Ellis School and the children enjoyed many fun field trips, theme weeks, arts and crafts, and games as well as educational activities. The program is directed by Jen Jaquith. Jen's enthusiasm and leadership skills make this program a great success.

Fremont children played and enjoyed many games, tournaments and other activities at Fremont Memorial Park during baseball, softball and soccer season. The new playground has been a big hit with attracting many age groups. The finished basketball court is also getting plenty of play time. Ellis Schools Field day saw all sorts of water games, rock climbing, sack races and a great cook-out.



A spooky thrill was had by all that attended the Fremont Rescues Haunted Hayride. The Parks and Recreation department was able to provide goodie bags, haunted candies and glow sticks to all the little goblins that participated.

We rounded out the year with our annual holiday tree lighting where we saw record numbers making crafts and singing holiday carols. The town tree located

at the Safety Complex is growing more and more each year, requiring us to enlist the help of Keith Burleigh with his bucket truck to hang the many strands of lights.

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 Selectmen, Town Office Staff and everyone who supported us during the year.

A huge thank you also goes out to Jeff Rowell. His many years on the Parks and Recreation Commission were instrumental in the development of Memorial Fields. He spent countless hours from the planning stages to construction and finally to the opening of the gates. He also spent many hours at pancake breakfasts, egg hunts, Halloween parties and the tree lightings. We wish him every success.

We also offer a special thank you to Angelo Amengual for his time on the Recreation Commission. Angelo worked tirelessly on the playground, from planning to building he was always there. It was a pleasure volunteering with you.

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