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Dear Town Councilors:

The Durham Parks & Recreation Department continues to grow and provide positive recreation opportunities for the community. During 2011, Parks & Recreation provided 33 different recreation programs. In addition 2 new programs were created and implemented to meet the needs of a senior population and 3 new programs were added for children. Programs have attracted a total of 365 paying participants. These programs have generated over \$23,980 in revenue for the Town. In addition, the Department has hosted 10 free community events with an estimated attendance of over 2000 residents. Although the Parks & Recreation Department is still fairly new to Durham, it is clear that residents enjoy the many programs and special events that the Department provides.

In the proposed 2012 Parks & Recreation budget it should be noted that the Adult Fitness Instructor's position is completely sustainable with registration fees from classes paying for the entirety of the wages. The same can be said for the funds from Contracted Services. All funds out of that account are used to pay program instructors who also teach self-sustaining programs.

Two items of significance in the budget are the ORYA Program and UNH Pool Rebate Program. Both of these programs (and their Town subsidy) have been in place for some time now and are just recently being included in the Parks & Recreation budget.

The line items for Marketing and for Events should be moved from the Recreation Committees budget to the Parks & Recreation Departments Budget so funds may be used during the summer months while the Recreation Committee takes a recess.

I am sure that in 2012 the Parks & Recreation Department will continue to grow and provide positive recreation opportunities for residents of all ages. I hope that the Town Council will continue to support Parks & Recreation as done so in the past. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding the proposed 2012 budget.

Sincerely,

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Parks & Recreation Director