

Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing

2008 Annual Report

The Town of Durham assumed management of the Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing in April, 2007. Since that time, the rink has operated under the very able hands of DPW employees, including rink manager Andy Buckman.

In 2008, the first full year of the town's operation, there were facility improvements, and an emphasis on making the rink as accessible as possible to all residents while remaining financially solvent. Following is information regarding three main areas of the rink: facility, financial status, and programming.

Facility improvements:

- energy-saving initiatives to the lighting, heating, water, and ice making systems
- painting of locker rooms and beams
- a new parking lot constructed as part of the Jackson's Landing grant project
- ongoing or future projects include the construction of a new, modest entrance, continued painting of beams, and necessary maintenance and upkeep
- two Eagle Scout projects are currently in the works: a handicapped viewing area and landscaping to be completed in spring, 2009

Financial status:

- At the end of the 2007-08 skating season, the rink operated in the black, despite opening six weeks late due to an unanticipated need to replace the aged chiller tubes. \$22,500 was put aside for capital improvements, and \$21,485 has been placed into a contingency fund
- The 2009 rink budget does not include contingency account funding, although the goal is to continue funding the capital improvement account in order to move ahead with facility improvements without affecting the taxpayer
- Also in 2009, the rink fund will begin paying the interest on the 10-year bond for the chiller tube replacement
- The rink opened on Oct. 20 for the 2008-09 season, with all previous rink user groups returning, while increased advertising resulted in garnering additional user groups
- Fundraising efforts include the sale of advertising banners, board glass, and zamboni advertisement

Programming:

- The rink advisory committee is committed to providing opportunities for all members of the community to utilize the rink. In that regard, events were increased for the 2008-09 season: monthly adult only skate nights, monthly teen skate nights, increased ice time over the school breaks, and additional themed skate nights.
- The rink hosts public skating every day, and pick up hockey, and stick and puck times six days a week.
- ORYA offers numerous programs, including travel and recreational youth hockey, and learn to skate and learn to play. We appreciate ORYA's patronage of Churchill Rink, and are grateful that our town has the rink as a recreational resource.
- The rink committee encourages residents to visit and use the rink! For specific information, visit the rink website (www.churchillrink.com); call the rink at 868-3907; contact DPW; or contact a member of the rink advisory committee.