



May 15, 2021

Town Manager Hayes and the Sudbury Select Board,

We continue to have many users on property as our camp off-season winds down. Noteworthy Experiences and Sudbury Resident Renee Bordner hosted a recital early in the month with 225 performers spread throughout the day in our two large pavilions and under a small tent. The Performing Arts Connection and Sudbury Resident Samantha Bower hosted six recitals with 40 performers in each on a stage they put up on the lower part of the property. Finally, the Sudbury Thursday Garden Club hosted a Fairy Garden Tour this past weekend with over 600 attendees enjoying an impressive display of handcrafted fairy houses around the property.

All three groups worked closely with town officials and the board of health and were able to pull off wonderful events with full COVID compliance that were enjoyed by many Sudbury families.

There are a few more events happening on property this month, including a string recital and the Sudbury Savoyards Annual meeting. Scout and fitness groups, the Sudbury Villagers, SMILE Mass, and Lincoln Sudbury Adult and Community Education classes continue to meet regularly. We will host the last Sudbury Food Pantry sort at the end of the month. This has been a wonderful partnership, and we look forward to finding ways to continue working with the Sudbury Food Pantry, even after school food drives have returned to their pre-COVID norm.

We are working on planning our first annual summer resident event. We presented our proposal to Town Manager Hayes and the Select Board next week, and are very excited for the opportunity to provide some safe fun for residents during the Fourth of July weekend!

Many groups, including current and new users such as the Goodnow Library Foundation, are requesting information about holding events on property in the fall. We are looking forward to learning what the Select Board decides regarding user group policies for the upcoming year.

Spring property clean up, lawn treatment and reseeding are winding down and we will soon turn our focus to setting up activity areas for our summer season. Our yearly inspection of our Challenge Course, tree maintenance and tick prevention treatment were all completed successfully this past month. We have secured a contractor for the public access fence project, however, due to lumber shortages, the fence work has been delayed until September.

Camp preparations are well underway! A few of our summer office team members have begun working part-time this week, to help with processing the large volume of camper and staff paperwork, planning bus routes, answering phone calls, and setting up for the camp season.

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SUMMER AS IT SHOULD BE...

We are getting excited to see our full staff again during Staff Development (training), which will occur over three weekends in June. And we've just confirmed that High 5 Adventure will be on-site to offer a challenge course training in June for our Adventure Challenge staff. High 5 is a premiere Adventure Learning Development organization, and we're thrilled to be able to offer this training "in house," on Sewataro's equipment. (Due to Covid we were unable to offer our full Adventure program in 2020, and we're very excited to have figured out a path forward for 2021!)

In other staffing news, most of our Specialists and Group Leader positions have been filled, which is ahead of schedule for this time of year. Due to increased staffing needs, (as a result of Covid guidelines), we have several Group Assistant positions open at this time, and have been working closely with both Shelly Hinds (METCO Director) and Laura Moynagh (Career Services Coordinator) at L-S, in hopes of hiring as many L-S students as possible. So far there are several on board!

Our Health Team meeting is scheduled for May 21st, and we're looking forward to meeting with Sudbury's new Board of Health Nurse, Patty Moran, and to discussing our 2021 public health safety strategies, including Covid-19 risk mitigation.

Thank you all, as always, for your partnership.
With Gratitude,
The Camp Sewataro Team