

SEWATARO



SUMMER AS IT SHOULD BE...

October 14, 2021

Town Manager Hayes and the Sudbury Select Board,

Off season programming is well underway at Sewataro. Since the pavilions on the back half of the property re-opened for resident use on September 1, we have hosted 17 unique user groups. The first Sudbury Community Food Pantry sorting of the 2021-2022 school year was incredibly successful, and we are excited for the opportunity to work with them again this year.

Our second fall event - the Sewataro Scarecrow Spectacular - will take place next Thursday, October 21. We have over 100 families signed up to participate in the festive drive-thru, and based on last year's trends, anticipate that number will rise exponentially over the course of the coming week. We are looking forward to seeing the Scarecrows our local community comes up with, and are excited that this year's attendees will be voting on the winning entries.

We have received a quote from Terra Cast Products for three ADA compliant benches to be installed in the year round public access portion of the property. Once we have approval from the Town Manager and the Select Board, we will place the order. Once the order has been placed, production lead time is estimated to be 16 weeks. We anticipate that the benches will be installed by spring, at the latest. These benches meet ADA recommendations for height off the ground, seat depth, back support height, gapping, and armrests. They will be arranged so that visitors who use mobility assistance devices and do not wish to transfer can gather with friends or family in a communal seating area. (See link and photo/mock up for further details.) <https://www.terracastproducts.com/product/traditional-ada-bench/>



Installation of the public access fence is scheduled to begin next week. Reseeding of fields and mulching of key areas is complete. The pond was drained and swept and beach repair is currently underway. Staining projects are also in progress. Delivery of two new pool liners was delayed; we are hoping the installation can move forward as we are told the materials should arrive next week.

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2022 Summer Camp Enrollment opened on September 22, and we've been humbled by the overwhelming number of applications received. Our enrollment team is hard at work, and the process will take quite a few weeks. We give priority to past camper families, and are always looking to add new families.

The team met with Town Social Worker Bethany Hadvab last month, to review the scholarship program, which is now going into its third summer. On the whole, this program has been a big success, and Bethany shared some very heartfelt sentiments she received from parents of scholarship recipients. We know that our community has certainly been enriched by these children. Our continued goal for 2022 is to fill all 50 scholarship spots, and we will continue to partner with Bethany and her intern Abby.

Last week our directors met with Stephanie Juriansz, Director of Student Services at SPS, and Jeff Lappin, Assistant Director of Student Services, to continue the conversation we'd started last March. Our goal is to provide 6 two-week scholarships to middle school aged students in the Extended School Year program. (Camp Sewataro would provide the scholarships, and SPS would provide the aides needed to support these campers.) At this point, Ms. Juriansz and Mr. Lappin are working to identify those students, and we have a follow-up meeting scheduled to continue the conversation.

We are once again delighted to participate as sponsors of the 2021 HOPE Sudbury Telethon, and hope this will help make a difference for some of the Sudbury families in need.

Looking ahead, we are hard at work on a proposal for increased resident access in the summer of 2022. We also anticipate updating the Town Manager and Select Board on our audited financials within the next month.

With gratitude,
The Sewataro Team