

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Newton Recreation Commission is made up of volunteers appointed by the Town Selectmen. The Commission is responsible for providing Recreation programs for the town as well as maintaining the Town's Recreation Areas. The Commission includes 7 members including one Selectmen Ex-Officio Representative, Bob Donovan, Jr. The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the back of Town Hall; meetings start at 7:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public. We welcome Theresa Gridley, new to the Recreation Commission this year.

The summer swim program and town beach management was again directed by Newton resident Jon Holden. Jon managed the Newton swim program as well as the town beach. In 2006 we changed the schedule of the swim program. We eliminated the 2nd swim session and extended the 1st session. We made this change due to the history of the water condition at Country Pond in August. Jon is scheduled to return in 2007.

The tennis program added instructor Roxanne Grover to run the daytime tennis program. Roxanne did a great job running the junior program at Greenie Park. Under the guidance of our Tennis Director, Rick Bailey, we again entered two junior tennis teams in the New Hampshire USA Jr. Tennis League. The recreation commission agreed to separate the tennis program from town run programs in 2007. The tennis program will continue in 2007 outside the control of Newton Recreation.

We wish to thank the Newton Girl Scouts and leaders Lisa Babcock and Yvette Nicol who organized and ran the 2nd annual Town Easter Egg Hunt. We would like to thank the Newton Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster Paul Taylor for running the Town Halloween Party. This year's event was a huge success. Newton Boy Scout troop 91 has run this event for 15 years. This year our Newton Family Fall Fair was a great success. Newton Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts helped run events. Recreation members Nancy Slombo, Theresa Gridley and Deb Stewart coordinated all the events for this year's Fair. A special thanks goes to Newton Selectman Bob Donovan for working to include the Newton Fire and Police Departments in this year's event.

The Recreation Commission will continue to focus on upgrading Greenie Park in 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bailey, Chairman