



## Message from Executive Director

I had to use a zoom picture for the picture above as I think that is how most of us have been meeting with each other for the past 6 months. I would like to say thank you to all of you our professional and commercial members for what you do each and every day. Those of you who are working hard to find ways to make new innovative programs in your communities keep up the good work. I would also like to say we are thinking of those of you who are truly struggling to keep your departments moving forward. We are all together in this and as an association we will continue to do the best we can to bring you innovative opportunities to meet via zoom through our coffee talks and our meetings and upcoming virtual conference. I would like to thank the Executive Board for their work to help keep us moving forward and special thanks to Andy Bohannon in Keene who has been such a help to me and to our association by hosting our zoom meetings and for bringing us so many wonderful guest speakers. Let's all do our best to keep moving forward and hope that 2021 brings a more peaceful country that is on our way to ending COVID. One final thought—stay connected with each other and reach out to someone if you feel like you need help. These are hard times and no one needs to feel alone because someone is always there to listen. Be well!

Kerry Horne  
Executive Director, NHRPA

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*"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."*

*- Franklin D. Roosevelt*

# NHRPA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings NHRPA,

I hope this finds all of you healthy and happy. This Pandemic has been a great time to see what an important role Parks and Recreation Play in the lives of our residents. Seeing the impact of closing facilities and canceling programs to re-opening areas that were safe to do so was eye opening. It really instilled the fact that residents find our facilities and programs a part of their day to day life.

It was really great connecting with many professionals to discuss how we all were going to open back up or run camp. "Borrowing" ideas from one another is what made all of this a success. There really aren't many organizations where "borrowing" ideas is so common and totally okay. This summer was all about "borrowing" and it made all of us stand out in the field of Recreation. I know in the community I work in, plans were changing on a day to day basis. The staff rolled with it and were able to run two successful camps and operate our town beach in a way that was safe to do so. We could not have done this if we hadn't attended NHRPA's Coffee Talk sessions (thanks Andy Bohannon) or called a colleague to "borrow" some ideas. It was also really nice to get a text or call from another community so we could share what we were doing.

This year, NHRPA has worked to keep our budget down but still have the ability to offer some great programming and resources to our members. We hope that all of you take the time to participate in as many sessions as you possibly can. A date that you shouldn't miss is October 2<sup>nd</sup> with National Speaker Neelay Bhatt. Neelay is always one who is on the forefront of national trends in Parks and Recreation. I promise you will take some new ideas and a feeling of being energized for what lies ahead. I had the fortune of attending some of Neelay's sessions at Nationals last year and came away with the idea of E-gaming and virtual programming. I felt that Neelay's session put me a step ahead in dealing with the virtual life for the last 7 months.

One of my highlights of this summer was visiting Colebrook Recreation's summer camp. The best part was I didn't even have to drive up to Colebrook. Melissa Shaw had asked if I would be a guest on a Zoom meeting with her campers. It was such a fun visit and the campers had some great questions. It was really fun to see how Melissa had adapted her program to allow campers to be distant but also together. Great job Melissa.

I hope to see many of you soon at one of our Coffee talks or read about a great program you are running soon.

Craig Fraley NHRPA President

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Good old "pre"

COVID-19 Days!

## NHMA Webinar

It's the Great Pumpkin Question: What Will Halloween Look Like this Year?

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm



With summer quickly drawing to a close, and with little but a month to go until the ghosts and goblins start hitting doorsteps looking for tricks or treats, there are many who are now wondering how COVID-19 will impact Halloween. Trick or treating may be seen as a medium-risk activity since it largely takes place outdoors but wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing will still play a key role to an enjoyable Halloween.

Join Sophia Johnson, Health Officer Specialist, and Matthew Cahillane, Program Manager, with the Bureau of Public Health Protection, Division of Public Health Services, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, who will review additional safety measures following public health guidance for "Fairs and Festivals" and "Fall Road Races" as well as Halloween-specific recommendations and considerations. NHMA's Legal Services Counsel, Natch Greyes, will offer some legal guidance and practical advice for cities and towns looking to develop their own trick or treating procedures.

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# NHRPA Virtual Conference with Neelay Bhatt

10/02/2020, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**Title:** Positioning yourself for the Future

Session 1: As the Covid-19 pandemic has shown us, the only thing we can predict is change. As agencies in New Hampshire and around New England plan for the next decade, this session will help them look at trends, plan for future shifts and build an agency culture that can innovate and thrive in increasingly unpredictable times.

Session 2: It will share insights for how to build an agency culture and mindset that can innovate and thrive in a changing landscape as parks and recreation agencies look to changes to their communities, policies, park and facility designs, financial sustainability, marketing and communications, partnerships, program delivery and innovation in general.

## Learning Outcomes

- List key trends that may occur in the coming decade
- Identify ways in which this can be applied to their agency and to parks and recreation overall
- Build an agency culture and a personal mindset that welcomes innovation and grows amidst change

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Join us for a Coffee Talk with special Guest Mike Berry with MUSCO Sports Lighting on October 22, 2020 at 10:00am

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**Click on the Coffee Talk Session below and Register today.**

**[November 5, 2020 @ 10:00am Guest Speaker Chris Nunez](#)** followed by NHRPA Business Meeting

Chris is the Director of Parks and Recreation - The Woodlands Township (TX) and he will join us to share his thoughts on Hacking your way to additional revenue. We all love to create new programs that meet the social, physical and wellness goals of the community and individuals. By reviewing markets conditions and needs of users, revenue may be increased! Several "hacks" will be identified that can be implemented in your operation

**[November 19, 2020 @ 10:00am—Guest Speaker Art Luptowski](#)**

Guest speaker: Art Luptowski. Art has served as a Division two men's college basketball coach for FPU and American International College, and more recently an NBA Scout. With basketball season and winter activities right around the corner Art will be a great guest speaker to discuss youth sports and winter activities.

# Rec Goddess Retires After 41 Years!

Submitted by: Dan Sturgeon

Donna initially was hired as a part time seasonal director in 1979, she was then offered and accepted the challenge of creating a full time, year-round Recreation Department. She has often noted that she started with no office, phone, job description, budget, and very little in the way of equipment or supplies. She has facilitated the growth in the department, taking it from that part time, seasonal department, to a full service, year round program reaching residents and visitors of all ages and notes that seeing the growth has been nothing less than great joy and pride.

Donna credits a lot of her professional growth from when she joined the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association. She held many official positions in NHRPA, one of them being president. Donna sat on just about every committee NHRPA had to offer, most recently, she served on Wink Tapply Playground Leaders Workshop, Awards, Legislative, F.I.S.H, and the Granite State Track and Field committee. She was instrumental in the growth of the Association and provided mentorship for numerous young professionals throughout her years.

Donna has accomplished so much in her 41 years of service in the Recreation field, that a small newsletter article will not do it justice. She built a department from the ground up, successfully implemented various programs for all ages in the community of Moultonborough, worked with the State of NH to get funding from LWCF and complete three different projects, and mentored and molded the youth in Moultonborough by giving them important first job experiences to name a few of her accomplishments. Again, this merely scratches the service of how much Donna Kuethe has not only meant to Moultonborough or NHRPA, but the Recreation profession.

For those of you who know Donna or have not met her, please send her a Thank you. If you need guidance, she is a wealth of knowledge and always ready to talk.



# Thank You Donna!



# Professional Spotlight

## **Michael Lane, Assistant Director Conway Recreation**

**Number of years you have been with the department?** 16

**Why do you work in Recreation?** Honestly, I am very grateful John Eastman gave me the opportunity to work for the Town of Conway 16 years ago as a summer counselor. From there, with the support of John and the administration for the Town I was promoted through the ranks to Parks, then to the Teen Center Coordinator and finally to my current position as Assistant Director. I learned very quickly that this is the only profession I want to work in. I get paid to run activities, plan trips and make a difference in people's lives from newborns who attend our Easter Egg Hunt to senior citizens who take our monthly trips. Every day is a new day, something different, I am truly blessed to work in recreation for the Town of Conway

**What is one challenge you face as a professional?** I live and work in an incredible community. That has never been more apparent then this year. While many communities have faced major cuts, furloughs and lay-offs, our administration for the town and selectmen have supported our department. The biggest challenge we have faced is 14 month ago we moved into a new building which has over double the space of our old building. Its been a challenge, but a fun challenge, finding and creating new programs for not just children, but adults and anyone who visits our community.

**What is one program or event that you run that you would like to share with the membership?**

I think most recently, we as a department ran a mobile Easter Egg Hunt. When Covid originally hit, we thought we'd have to cancel our annual Easter Egg Hunt. But we as a staff got together and decided the kids needed it, they needed normalcy in their lives and we were going to help bring that to them in a safe way. So we as a department planned for weeks and on the day before Easter got in five different vehicles and brought the Easter Bunny and his cousin Ernest to them. We visited over 250 houses that day, playing Easter Bunny Music, throwing Eggs on front lawns and letting families take socially distanced photos with the Easter Bunny. It was a long eight hours trying not to miss any houses in the town, but it was incredibly rewarding. Best of all, we had the full support of our town administration and selectmen. It was a day I won't forget.



**Favorite place to take groups on a trip?** I have two. Every August we take a senior group to Cabbage Island Clam Bakes in Boothbay Harbor Maine. Its always a blast and I love having the opportunity to spend time with the seniors. They always start calling to reserve their spot in March! For kids, I love taking our bi-yearly trip to the Boston Bruins. We have partnered with TD Bank for the past 6 years and every other year have been lucky enough to take 15 or so kids from our pond hockey program to the Garden to see the Bruins. Hockey is my passion so to be able to take kids to a game who may never have the opportunity to is very cool.

# Professional Spotlight

## ***Michael Lane, Assistant Director Conway Recreation***

Where did you go to school? Kennett High School followed by New England College

What is your degree? Communications and History

Where were you born? Conway NH

Where have you lived? Conway NH my whole life other than my four years in college.

Favorite Recreational Activity? Hockey without a doubt. The pictures below show just how much Mike likes hockey! Did I say hockey was my passion?



*Along with coaching both my children's team and the Kennett High School Hockey team, I still love to play. Picture far left is me and my younger brother Mark after playing the annual Thanksgiving Eve Game at the Ham Arena in 2019.*



*This is myself with my wife Kristen and children Aiden and Kendall at a game in 2019 right after the Bruins beat Tampa 4-2. We were celebrating my sons 11th birthday.*

What is your favorite food? Lobster

What is your favorite movie? Beverly Hills Cop

What is your favorite vacation spot? Disney World

What is your favorite type of music? Country, especially anything by Eric Church

What is your pet peeve? Money not in order and facing the same way

What is your proudest accomplishment? My family, my wife Kristen and two children Aiden and Kendall

Finish this sentence. My dream... To watch my kids have successful lives.

## Conway Parks & Recreation Department Has Successful Summer

CONWAY: The Conway Parks & Recreation Department completed a highly successful Summer Program last month. When Governor Sununu gave the all clear for day camps to open in early June the administration at the Conway Parks & Recreation Department was thrilled to have the opportunity to get back to in person programming. After 95 days of virtual rec including over 60 online videos the full-time staff at the Conway Rec welcomed the summer staff into the building for two weeks of training in mid-June. Training included normal policies and procedures and in addition focused heavily on the new Covid-19 dynamic that was bringing changes to camp from years past.

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the doors at 176 Main Street in Conway opened to campers. Each day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. campers were screened through a process which included parents answering questions and temperature checks taken on all campers & staff. The Conway Rec hired screeners Kelsey MacMillan along with Marissa Voelbel who had the assistance of Teen Center Coordinator Todd Gallagher each day to run the daily health checks. Once campers completed their screening, they proceeded to the drop off spot where John Eastman (Director) and Michael Lane (Assistant Director) greeted them for the day. Once they exited their car, they entered the building where Robby Moddy (programmer) met them each day with a full bottle of hand sanitizer. Campers were separated into color pods of approximately 10 children. Campers received a bracelet matching their color pod color that they were required to wear each day. Each pod had their own room to start the day. Once 9:15 a.m. hit campers began to move to different locations in and around the Conway Rec site which is on the campus of Kennett Middle School and Conway Elementary School.

Daily activities included sports games, created games, arts and crafts and nature activities. Administrative Assistant Lynore Wagner worked with the Conway School District to provide online schooling each day in the conference room for children who needed extra help. In addition to normal activities, each color pod had opportunities to hike, fish, kayak and swim using the numerous onsite trail systems, ponds and the river that the site in Conway has to offer. One staff member in addition to administrative staff was assigned to sanitation each week. After each group finished an activity and or event, the room and all equipment was fully cleaned and sanitized before the next pod arrived. Todd Gallagher also worked hand in hand with the school lunch program to provide lunches for campers in need each day during the summer.

Staff at the Conway Rec worked hard to think outside the box and not let traditional events fall by the wayside due to Covid-19. In early July, in a partnership with the local Fire Department and Police Department, the Conway Rec hosted "Don't Touch a Truck." Campers ran through a fire safety program and saw from a distance how a police car works. In late July, the Family Festival took on a new look. The festival which typically involves parents going through camp activities and a cookout was turned into a drive thru event. Parents and campers drove through five onsite stations from the comfort of their car, competing as a family. They then took a beautiful photo with the Moat Mountains in the back ground before proceeding to receive dinner to go, cookout style. You can see the highlight video from this event on the Conway Rec Facebook page – Link <https://www.facebook.com/1445515652416709/videos/290291658735830>



*(Above Left) The Arron's Family at the Family Festival with the Moat Mountains in the backdrop. (Above Right) Kendall Ross running the hose during the fire challenge during Don't Touch a Truck.*

In August campers took part in a socially distanced tie dye day, camp cookout and talent show. On August 14<sup>th</sup> the camp welcomed Max Labbe. It was a special arrival as Max was the 3,000 visit for the summer at camp. In total, over 140 kids were registered for the seven-week camp which saw a total of 3,086 visits and most importantly a 100% health screening record. Summer counselor and communications major at Syracuse University Mackenzie Murphy, highlighted the summer with the end of year highlight video which can be seen on the Conway Rec YouTube Page – Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvF1KeB6778>

It was an incredibly rewarding and successful summer at the Conway Rec, one that none of the 22 members of the staff will soon forget. The administrative staff would like to thank all of the counselors and health screeners for their tireless work and dedication to the safety of our campers. In addition, the staff would like to thank all the wonderful campers and families who made this summer a success. Their total compliance with all rules and regulations made for a perfect summer!



# Remich Park Littleton NH Community Build

Written by: Dyana Martin

Ultiplay Parks and Playgrounds has been busy generating excitement this summer. We have taken safety precautions to ensure health and safety is the priority all while bringing communities together to have some fun while working towards offering new playground equipment and recreation for all in their communities, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. One example of this is the Community Build at Remich Park in Littleton, NH. This build was special because the community came together with us and volunteered their time and energy to install a large play structure, accessible whirl, spin cup and multiple swings to provide a fully accessible and inclusive playground for ALL children.

The playground provides many different types of play equipment at varying levels of challenges for children of all abilities. The structure also provides numerous wheelchair ramps to transition onto the structure and from deck to deck so the fun includes everyone!

Thank you SO much to all the community members that came out to have some fun with us and to help make this project such a huge success! We also want to give a shout out and big thank you for all the hard work and time that Recreation and Parks Director, Chris Wilkins, put into this project! You did an amazing job for your community! The transformation is amazing!



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- 3) Gunstock has always been about family friendly fun and this year is no different. Skiing is fun and joyous – so let's do this!

We are in the midst of planning winter operations which include following CDC and State of NH guidelines relating to COVID. As soon as we have solidified our procedures we will notify you and give you all the resources to help you understand how everything will work this year. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.

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# Nottingham Parks & Recreation Shares Summer Memories

Nottingham Parks and Recreation was excited at the opportunity to staff and execute a 7 week summer camp, even with all of the challenges that COVID-19 gave us. We typically host an 8 week summer day camp that averages about 130 kids per week with field trips, swimming at our Town Beach and packed full of outdoor activities, nature activities and art projects for grades k-6<sup>th</sup>.

This year, we chose to run “Enrichment Camps” which were limited to 8 kids per group with two staff members. The kids participated in outdoor fitness and games, art and nature. We had small numbers but it didn’t break our budget by much. We finally had the opportunity to go through some of our supplies and the staff was able to get creative and come up with activities that were meaningful and super fun. The Camp spirit was alive and we couldn’t be more proud of the staff that worked so hard to make this summer memorable. Check out some of our favorite moments from this summer.

Alongside summer camp, we were able to continue our “Senior Lunches.” For over 15 years, our Seniors (55+) have attended a potluck luncheon every month at our community center. We typically had about 15 people attend these. When COVID happened, we were faced with a dilemma, so we decided it was time to rebrand and keep the community spirit alive! Our new senior group is called “Legacy Leaders- Guiding us through the trails of Nottingham since 1965.” We have successfully (with the help of many volunteers) packed up about 30 meals per month and delivered them on the third Wednesday of every month. We want to make sure that we remain in contact with our Legacy Leaders and provide them with a home cooked meal whether they need it, want it or just want to stay connected. The best part is that we were able to connect with new folks that had never attended a luncheon before. After our 5<sup>th</sup> months, I think we can say that they are now hooked!



# The Fall Foliage Foot Races

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## DES Public Bathing Facilities Public Hearing via WebEx

**Thursday, October 7, 2020 @ 10:00am**

DES is proposing to readopt with amendment the rules identified as Env-Wq 1100, Public Bathing Facilities. The Initial Proposal and Rulemaking Notice (including the Fiscal Impact Statement) for the rules are available at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm#pwaterq>.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at 10:00 AM** via WebEx. Please contact me to obtain the information needed to join the hearing. You also may call in to the meeting: Call in Number: +1-415-655-0001; Access Code: 277-137-565. The deadline for submission of written comments is 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 23, 2020**.

Comments or questions should be directed to me at the phone or fax number or e-mail address noted below.

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# Bicycle Access Expanded on Amtrak *Downeaster* Trains

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Newly installed luggage racks that convert to bike racks make it possible to roll bikes on board from any Downeaster station, then secure and store them on the train. Previously, bikes had to be stored in a special car, restricting access to only a few stations. Now, standard full-size bicycles may be carried on at any Downeaster station and stored in the designated racks, as long as the front wheel is removed. Bicycle space is limited to four per train, and a specific bike reservation is required in advance of travel. A nominal bicycle fee applies.

“NNEPRA and Amtrak have been working to improve bike access on Downeaster trains for a long time. We are very excited that passengers from all Downeaster stations now have the ability to bring their bikes on board,” said Natalie Bogart, Marketing Director. “This project could not have been accomplished without the continued support of the bicycle community and the partnership with Amtrak to modify the current train equipment”.

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- Passengers traveling with bikes are encouraged to arrive at the station at least 15 minutes prior to departure.
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## NHRPA Awards Postponed until 2021



The Awards Committee and the Executive Board together have decided to postpone the 2020 Awards Reception and plan to roll out this new event in 2021!

You now have until September of 2021 to nominate a professional that goes above and beyond to their community, profession and our Association that may be deserving of the Don Heyliger Young

Professional or “Wink” Tapply Award? We all do so many great things and this is the opportunity to be recognized by your Association & Community!! The 2021 NRHPA Award nomination process is now open!

Please visit [www.nhrpa.com](http://www.nhrpa.com) to find information on all NHRPA awards and to find the online nomination forms. All forms must be submitted electronically by Friday, September 3, 2021! Take a moment to recognize one of your peers for the great work they do! If you have any questions please contact Krystal Alpers at [kalpers@franklinnh.org](mailto:kalpers@franklinnh.org).

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## Summer Concert in the Park in Windham

Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Haas reports that they had a successful Concert in the Park, with everyone social distancing, feature Windham's Local Band PopRoks It was a beautiful night and everyone enjoyed being outside!



## Summer Drive-In Movies & Concert in Exeter

David Tovey from Exeter Parks & Recreation shares the pictures below from their first drive-in movie night and the other from one of our drive-in concerts, both held at the Exeter High School. Normally, these events would be held at Swasey parkway, but because of guidelines for social distancing they were moved to a more appropriate location. We wouldn't have been able to offer these without assistance from Exeter TV, a newly formed collaboration with the SAU and our sponsor, xaleR (home brewing store in Brentwood, NH). Greg, Melissa and I spent almost every Thursday and Friday night working these events this summer. Although we had some very long work weeks, everyone was so grateful and it demonstrated the creativity and perseverance of the people working in Parks & Rec to bring our communities together.



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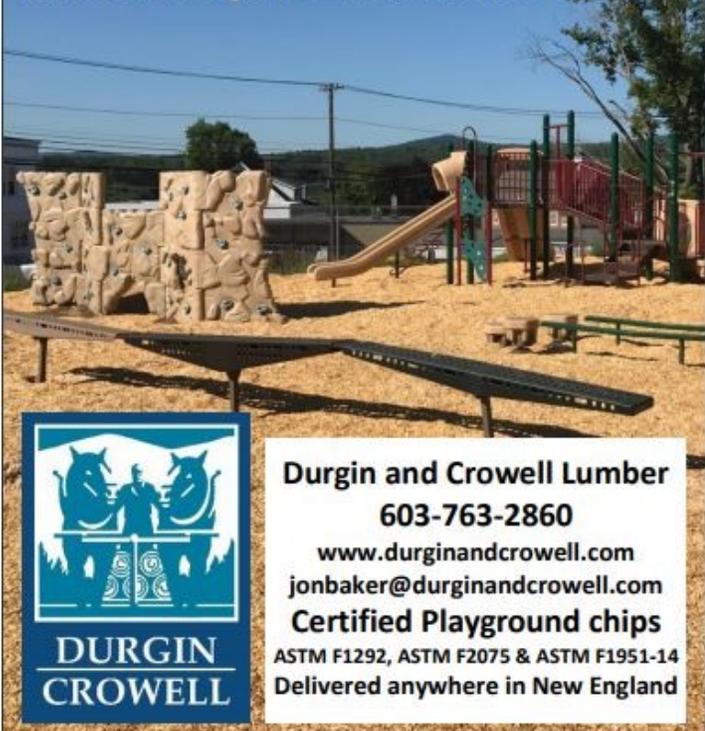
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their participating recreation department by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Each registered address will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificates to a local business. Homes on the tour are encouraged to keep their lights shining from Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Southern New Hampshire Tour of Lights address list will be available to the public, through participating recreation departments beginning on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> so all may know where the best lights can be found this season. We encourage other NHRPA districts to borrow our idea and bring some light to the end of the 2020. Tentative participants include Amherst Recreation Department, Antrim Recreation Department, Fitzwilliam Recreation, Jaffrey Parks and Recreation Department, Merrimack Parks and Recreation Department, Milford Recreation Department, Peterborough Recreation Department, and Rindge Recreation Department.

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## Milford Recreation Introduces Andrew MacEachern



Milford Recreation was excited to welcome Andrew MacEachern as the new Program Coordinator this past May!

Andy is a 2020 graduate from Plymouth State University, where he graduated with a degree in Sport Management. In the past, he has completed internships with Nashua Parks and Recreation and the Boston Celtics.

Andy grew up in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and as you would guess, many of his interests and hobbies are sports related! He enjoys basketball, tennis, snowboarding, and traveling!

Andy can't wait to meet the NHRPA community in person. Hopefully, we will be able to be together soon!



# NRPA News.....



## Addressing Equity

Learn how the Douglasville Parks and Recreation department staff are developing services with an emphasis on equity to expand access for all.

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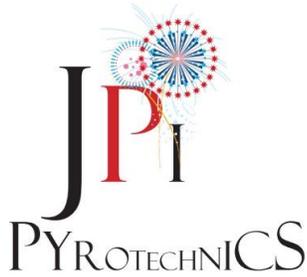
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