

**ANNUAL REPORT
BERLIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT
JULY, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

Contemplating this year's report, I have to think in terms of BC and AC (Before COVID-19 & After COVID-19).



Summer, 2019 began as always for Berlin Recreation with a full slate of activities.

Five playgrounds opened serving 986 lunches and 558 snacks during the seven weeks of operation. We also coordinated the procurement of meals for the Project Youth Afterschool Program insuring they had nutritious meals to give to their program participants.



Mornings saw the Farm League Baseball players on the mound while early evening had Babe Ruth Baseball action.



In 2019 the 1st Annual Pat Forestall Babe Ruth Baseball tournament was held with the Berlin/Gorham team proudly taking the Championship trophy (and Runner-Up Medal in 2020).



Summer Soccer was again our most popular program with 130 children from Grades K - 8th participating.

Indoor activities were also well received as 19 children enjoyed a Tumbling program and 12 participated in Dance giving a performance for the parents at the end of the season.



Friendship Park had two stylish signs installed in 2019 giving proper recognition to the City, AHEAD volunteers, HEAL & HUD Grant funding, and recognition to a visionary youth, Isaiah Waninger, for coming up with the park name.



3rd - 6th Grade Ski & Snowboard program was up and running with the generosity, once again, of the Berlin School Dept. providing transportation. Also, continual donations from the Wildcat/Attitash Corp. enabled Berlin Recreation the ability to offer full scholarships to 12 students with a total of 60 students participating. 5th & 6th Grade were able to complete their six weeks of lessons but due to weather and COVID-19, 3RD & 4TH Grade missed out on two weeks of lessons. Fingers crossed for 2021!



Yvonne Jenkins and Bishop Rob Hirschfeld of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church join in on a group picture with some of the Hockey Development players.

"Our Kids Commission" grant from the Episcopal Church awarded Recreation Hockey \$3,500 to offer scholarships and assist with equipment purchase for anyone in need.

Another show of generosity, Berlin City Chevrolet's Chad Crane and Jake Drouin donated \$250.00 to cover food and prizes for our Christmas party.



Recreation Hockey was enjoying their season ending celebration just when shut downs were announced. Fortunately our 38 hockey players were able to complete their full season.

Spring, 2020 was the season of everyone's discontent! COVID-19 brought on the cancellation and hopeful rescheduling of spring sports, the Easter "Eggstravaganza," Annual Giant Yard Sale, British Soccer, Gym Rentals and outside organizations' Rabies Clinic and Kiwanis Bike Rodeo. We are following the Governor's protocols as we slowly reopen with limited programming while keeping in mind Berlin Recreation's main concern is to have everyone return to recreation safely and healthy. Wear a mask, maintain social distance, wash hands often and we will see you once again participating in Berlin Recreation activities!

Sincerely,

Terry Letarte, Berlin Recreation Program Director

