



# 2016 Winter Newsletter

## Happy Holidays from Concord Parks & Recreation!

**It's time for basketball!** Our Recreation staff are counting down the days until basketball practices and games begin! Teams will be formed no later than...., and participants should hear from coaches shortly afterwards.

*Those still interested in signing up for basketball may still do so after the registration deadline. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis if space allows.*



**Clear your calendars! Check out these upcoming winter events that you won't want to miss!**

### WINTER CARNIVAL AT WHITE PARK

*Saturday, January 21st, 1—4PM*

This is a fun event that the whole family will enjoy! Plan ahead and make a sign or banner that represents your family to carry while you march in the inter-generational parade as part of the opening ceremonies. Try competing in speed skating and sledding contests, warm up by the bonfire while eating a tasty treat, or join in on the [Ugly Sweater 5K!](#)

**Inclement weather date:** February 4th

*This event is sponsored by the Concord Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of White Park.*

### BLACK ICE POND HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

The City of Concord and the Black Ice Pond Hockey Committee invite you to join us for the 7th Annual Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament on January 27, 28, & 29 at White Park. All proceeds will be used to support and expand skating opportunities in Concord.

**Inclement weather dates:** February 10, 11, 12

The committee is actively looking for adult volunteers and local businesses to help support this community event. For more information, please visit [www.blackicepondhockey.com](http://www.blackicepondhockey.com)!

## LETTERS TO SANTA

The Concord Parks & Recreation Department will be partnering with Santa and collecting letters for the jolly ole Saint. Once Santa receives a letter, his reply (along with a packet of reindeer landing dust **AND** a recipe for Mrs.

Claus's famous sugar cookies) will find its way back to your child with the help of our friendly elves. We even have helpful fill-in-the-blank letters to help your child along should they feel stuck!



Due to the volume of holiday mail, the final date to send your letter to Santa is Friday, December 9th as Santa wants to be sure all letters are delivered before Christmas! You and your child(ren) can drop their letter(s) into the special holiday mailbox located in the front office of the Heights Community Center, located at 14 Canterbury Rd.

## Winter Activities in Concord

Looking to do something this winter other than sip hot chocolate inside the house?

If you want to learn to skate or brush up on your swizzles and cross overs, we offer skating lessons for ages 4 — Adult at the Everett Arena. The last session takes place January 7th — February 11th. Make sure that when registering, you do so online or in our office and NOT at the Everett Arena.

For kiddos in Kindergarten — 5th grade, we have the Concord Nordic BKL which is well-known for teaching children how to cross country ski. This league also offers the more experienced skier excellent training as well as opportunities to learn about Nordic racing. All participants must have their own equipment. Come meet Joe Ayotte and his amazing Nordic coaches!

### FREE WINTER ACTIVITIES

#### **GROOMED XC TRAILS**

- \* Beaver Meadow
- \* White Farm
- \* Carter Hill Apple Orchard
- \* Memorial Field

**\*\*Rental equipment available at Carter Hill on weekends.**

#### **OUTDOOR SKATING AREAS**

- \* White Park
- \* Rollins Park
- \* Beaver Meadow Golf Course

**\*\*White & Rollins skating areas are lit until 10PM**



## *Blossom Hill Cemetery*

### *Adopt-A-Grave Program*

The Common Ground at Blossom Hill appears to have been a burial ground for those without family or funds for funeral costs. There are 686 burials in this section alone: 208 adults and 476 infants. The first burial took place in 1886 through the 1950's.



The City of Concord, along with Star Granite Company, is offering the public an opportunity to be a part of a collaborative community project. For a \$100 donation a grave marker will be crafted with a person's name and dates of life.

This is your opportunity to participate in memorializing lives lived and lost in Concord so many years ago.



**Please contact Cemetery Administrator, Jill McDaniel, with any questions at (603)225-3911.**

## *Beaver Meadow Golf Course*

Our golf course is falling into winter! We've wound down to our last few mows, as well as finished all of our leaf clean up. In addition, our staff has also blown out the irrigation system, and started to fertilize, as well as treated for snow mold control, and have finished the sand application that is applied to the greens.

But don't let the winter weather and darker days get you down! Look into our winter indoor simulators. With an hourly rental of \$40 with over 40 courses to play, as well as an indoor driving range and mini golf for the kids (and adults, too!), you just can't go wrong! This fun opportunity takes around 2 hours for 4 people to play 9 holes and is open to members and non-members alike.

### **SIMULATOR RENTAL INFORMATION**

- ❄ One hour minimum for reservations.
- ❄ Time reserved is time paid.
- ❄ Advanced reservations are always accepted (minimum of one hour session).
- ❄ Pending simulator availability, additional time can be added at the end of your session.

***\*\*Walk-ins are welcome, pending simulator availability. It's always a good idea to call first to be sure we are open and have a simulator available for you.\*\****



Beaver Meadow also has a WINTER simulator league, too! This league begins the week of January 2nd with a \$50 league team entry fee. With the league varying formats each week and a 9-hole handicap, player's rental fees per week are \$20. Player's points will be logged all season long, with weekly winners being showcased.

### **LEAGUE RULES**

- ❄ League rounds can be made up during a different time slot if necessary. All league rounds must be made up in the current week of play, no exceptions.
- ❄ Handicap will be based on your USGA Index to begin with. After week 2, the handicap will be adjusted weekly to reflect league play.
- ❄ All golf balls will be provided and golf clubs should be cleaned prior to each round. Any dirt will transfer to the screen.
- ❄ No cleats may be worn while using the simulator (sneakers or tennis shoes, please).
- ❄ No food or drink in the hitting area.
- ❄ Only hit from the designated hitting area.
- ❄ Must be at least 18 years of age to play in league.

***Call the Pro Shop for more information at (603)228-8954. And don't forget to grab a snack and cool beverage after all of your hard work at the 19th Hole Bar and Grill!***

## LET IT SNOW!

### *Grounds Division Winter Reminders*

**Safety Notice:** With the onset of cold weather, please keep any iced over bodies of water until there is at least 4" of ice. Skating at White Park, Rollins, and Beaver Meadow Golf Course usually starts around the first of the year. Sledding at White Park is just around the corner, too! Look for announcements on our social media sites regarding when skating areas have opened.

### *Parks & Fields Notice*

- ❄ All athletic fields are closed for the season.
- ❄ Lights have been turned off and nets taken down at the city's tennis courts.
- ❄ Terrill Park is open a half hour before sunrise and a half hour after sunset. The parking lots will be closed once the snow flies.