

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

April 13, 2021

Marble Filming Schedule

The filming in the Village is into its 2nd full week. The crew and the cast have been, in my opinion, great to work with. The first day of filming, last Tuesday, we had a few complaints about traffic but by now residents have either figured out their detours or given up and have come down to watch instead. I have one email from a resident on State Street that describes how accommodating the crew has been. See attached. They will finish up on either Friday, April 16 or Saturday, April 17 depending upon how much film time they are able to get in with the forecasted rain later this week.

American Rescue Plan Act

I have registered for an April 21st training / info session with the Mass Municipal Association to learn more about ARPA and how the funds can be accessed and used. I will share what I find out at the next Select Board meeting.

Buckland Rec & Camp Programs

Field Clean up – Little League started practice yesterday. There are 90 families participating. Their Board completed clean up at Cricket and the field at the Rec and their work has passed Cindy's muster.

Girls on the Run – This is a new program and has been really well received. There are eleven girls and four volunteer coaches participating in the program and we hope it becomes part of the regular Buckland Rec calendar

Basketball Courts – The footings were poured for the hoops last week and plans for the final coat and line painting late this month.

Security System – using money from a grant awarded to the police department this winter we are installing several security cameras and a monitoring system this week.

Spring Clean Up - Next week the FC Sheriff's Department will be in town to clean up the Rec grounds and do some general maintenance projects. Word is they don't mind the long list of chores because they are rewarded with home baked snacks from Cindy at the end of each day.

Camp – After reviewing state's guidance for summer camps it is clear it is still very strict. And after some discussion it has become clear that running Camp during the pandemic is not feasible under the current revolving account metric. But we know the need is there and we want to make it happen. The idea that Camp can support itself on tuitions isn't going to work this year because of the increased number of staff needed to supervise the decreased number of children that will be able to participate – both numbers dictated by the Covid-19 guidelines. At my request Cindy put together what they feel is the shortfall that can not be raised by tuition. See attached for detail. It would be my recommendation to use CARES money to offset the \$7,675 cost of the program and give them the opportunity to open this summer. If space and CDC guidance allowed I would give them ALL the money but sadly 25-30 kids will be the maximum that will benefit from Camp this year.