

**Town of Auburn
Parks and Recreation Commission
October 3, 2023
6:00 pm
Severance School Community Center**

Commissioners Present: Margie McEvoy, Vice Chairman; Mary Royer; Dave Oliveira; Jen Strabone

Others Present: Amy Lachance, P&R Coordinator

Helen Hiltz Community Service Award- There was one nomination submitted for the award. The Commission also added a few worthy receipts to the discussion. Although many people deserve the award, it was agreed that each year there would only be 2 recipients. After much discussion, 2 people were selected. Amy will order the awards and notify the recipients. If possible, the award will be given at the next Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 5.

Trunk or Treat- The date is set for Tuesday, October 31, 6:00-8:00 pm. Trunks or tables are welcome. This year we are offering more awards to include Best Trunk, Best Trunk-Community Organization, Kid Friendly, Scariest, Judges' Choice. Jen will ask school teams/clubs to participate. Mary and Margie will be there to help with the voting and hot chocolate.

Tree Lighting- The event will be held on Sunday, November 26 at AVS. DJ Laura will play holiday music throughout the event. Jen will ask Sarah from AVS if she can make cookies for the event. (We will have cookies individually wrapped) Amy will get candy canes to handout. Margie and Mary will make the hot chocolate. Santa & Grinch will both be there as well.

Polar Express Movie Night- Like we did in 2019, we'll show the movie Polar Express at AVS on Friday, December 8. Movie will be in the gym but refreshments will be in the cafeteria. There's a possibility of a sponsor for the event. If that happens, the event will be free. If not, the cost will be \$5 per person.

Resident Letter about Senior Trips- Auburn resident, William Calder wrote a letter to the Commission expressing his dissatisfaction about how the trips fill up so quickly and that many people end up on the waiting list. We have requested funding for 4 trips (2 in the spring and 2 in the fall) to accommodate double the number of people. If it passes, this should hopefully fix the issue. If it doesn't, we'll revisit the issue in the spring.

Senior Dinner- Mary called New Horizons to cater the 2024 Senior Dinner. They are short staffed right now and may not be able to help. Mary will get a solid answer shortly. The date of the Senior Dinner is Saturday, January 27.

Auburn Night and Duck Race Day- Thank you to all Commission that helped out at both events. It was a crazy weekend but was made easier with so much help. Thanks!

Facilities Update- Steve is back to work with the bus company so his schedule is currently all over the place. Hopefully as the school year moves on then he will have more time in the middle of the day for parks and rec work. But he's very dedicated to the department and the job. He consistently takes care of the day to day projects. It's the other project that has been tough to get to.

Review of Minutes- *Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of July 11, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Strabone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Royer motioned to accept the minutes of August 23, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. McEvoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Next Meeting- The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 7**, at 6:00 pm at the Severance School Community Center.

Mr. Oliveira motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Strabone seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.