

CAP Director's Report 6-18-2014

Youth Center

The Youth Center averaged 27 kids in May, which is down from April, but still up from last year which was 15 in May. We have served 170 different youth since January 1. The Youth Center is open on Tuesdays this summer from 12-4:30 pm.

Seniors

The May luncheon had 29 seniors in attendance with the High School Jazz Band performing. June luncheon had 22 seniors in attendance with an author who performed a "booksing."

Park

Ripley Park opened for the season on May 24. We are nearly doubled at the point in the year compared to last year:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2104</u>
Adults	575	1063
Kids	203	488
Passes	61	100

Food Pantry

The Garden is looking good. We have some high school students volunteering and Emily Klingbeil also has a student intern helping out. We also have a few new volunteers as well as returning volunteers. Raquel Parish is also bringing students out from school to help in garden.

Volunteers have been plentiful on Monday mornings for stocking! It's been great and the stocking is done in no time! Monday volunteers also put together an extra bag of food to help clients with children home for the summer (peanut butter, raisins, potatoes, green beans, a box of cereal, spaghetti sauce and noodles, ravioli, tuna).

The last 3 weeks we had just over 30 families per week come to food pantry to get food, which is up slightly as we had been averaging around 27 families per week.

The June community meal was well attended at the Cambridge State Bank with perfect weather and music. Approximately 350 community members were served!

Aquatics

Summer school swim lessons began 6.16.14. We have 97 students registered between the two summer school sessions. The first session of CAP swim lessons for the summer has 91 participants.

The pool will be hiring guards, WSI and a blue fins coach in the fall. The hiring process will begin in July.

CAP CARE

Day Camp began the second week of June and we are averaging roughly 30 – 35 kids each week. Amanda Hollis has begun as lead teacher, and we have a great mix of returning and new summer staff.

Our Youngstar evaluation date has been moved to the end of September or early October. This is to give the evaluator a better understanding of how we operate during the school year.

Youth Athletics

The Little League tournament is scheduled for this weekend – June 20-21 with a rain day of Sunday. Baseball and softball are in full swing. Brett Wikowski has been hired to help prep ball diamonds. The softball tournament is scheduled for July 12.

Other Items

All staff training was held on May 31; we had an exceptional day! We met at Ripley Park and began with an ice breaker and a “city-wide” scavenger hunt. Afterwards, we participated in diversity and communication training, followed by policies and procedures. The day ended with a trip to Second Harvest where we volunteered a total of 105 hours and packaged 18,089 lbs of food!

Lesli and Bridgette participated in the Cambridge High School Exit Interviews for graduating seniors on June 2.

We are already working on programs for the fall CAP brochure. Some new marketing ideas will highlight the brochure! We are also working with SilverWater Productions to update the CAP video. Additionally, we have begun working on some YouTube marketing videos.

Planning is in full swing for both the Lake Ripley Ride and the Try Cambridge Tri. We have secured additional sponsors for both events and anticipate increased participation as well.

Chad and Bridgette have been busy gearing up for the Fitness Center to open on July 7. All the equipment has arrived and the facility is nearly ready for opening. Three new staff members have been hired and staff training is being planned for July 1.

The Fort HealthCare Healthy Communities summit is Thursday, June 19. Bridgette and Stephanie Nischik will be presenting on behalf of the Cambridge Wellness Collaborative.

Respectfully submitted,

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