

CAP Director's Report 8-20-2014

Youth Center

The Youth Center continues to be open on Tuesdays throughout the summer from 12-4:30 pm. On average, eight children have been attending.

Seniors

Twenty-eight seniors attended the July luncheon and enjoyed music by a piano player. Recently, we have gained a few new seniors at our luncheons who have not previously attended. Additionally, we have a good group of ten seniors who come to the exercise class.

Park

Jody continues to work with the Cambridge Foundation on planning for the fall construction project to include the bath house, concession stand, and north shelter. She is also working on new sponsorships for the Holiday Lights Show. Our numbers for the summer season are very comparable to last year.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2104</u>
Adults	7559	7653
Kids	4102	3932
Passes	216	245

Aquatics

The pool hosted a Water Safety Instructor certification course with six successful participants. Additionally, Lesli recently taught a Lifeguard certification course in which she certified 13 new lifeguards. The goal is to hire some of these guards for the pool, as we are currently hiring lifeguards, Water Safety Instructors, and a Blue Fins coach.

We had 98 swimmers for the last session of summer swim lessons.

Lesli wrote for the Adapt-a-quatics grant again from the Alliant Energy Foundation, and we recently found out it was awarded. This \$500 grant provides six weeks of private swim lessons for up to eight developmentally disabled children.

CAP CARE

Day Camp Numbers are up slightly from last year.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Week 8	21	30
Week 9	25	27
Week 10	30	32

The CAP CARE open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 from 4-6 pm in conjunction with the Cambridge Elementary School's open house. Additionally, CAP CARE will be conducting interviews on Monday, August 18 for 2 assistant teachers.

Youth Athletics

Fall numbers are slightly low for Rec Soccer (61) and NFL Flag Football (64). The low numbers may be attributed to families transitioning from summer to fall and beginning to plan for school year activities.

A new offering this summer, we are partnering with the CHS track team to offer a track camp. We currently have 26 registered for the Blue Jay Youth Track Camp on 8/14 & 8/15. We are excited to be able to work with the coaches to offer this to the community. Additionally, we have hired Johan Kaashagen to coach a youth running club this fall for both boys and girls in grades 3-5.

Baseball and softball have finished with another successful season in the books. Baseball had 148 total participants (Legion through T-ball), while softball had 59 total participants (U16 through U10 machine pitch). Numbers were down for softball as many girls played on a competitive traveling team out of Fort Atkinson. Both sports have had their end of the season meetings as well. Chad and Bridgette are working with the Home Plate Club to offer an end of the year celebration party at Ripley Park for all baseball and softball families on Sunday, August 24.

Adult Athletic

Registration for fall fitness classes and summer session 3 is currently ongoing. Additionally, fall season registration for teams interested in the basketball or volleyball leagues is open.

The Community Fitness Center currently has sixteen active memberships, with 80 total individual uses since we opened on July 7. The feedback from users has been overwhelmingly positive and we anticipate memberships to grow once the weather changes. Additionally, we held a small ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on August 6 with the district registration. We were very happy with the turnout and think it will generate some interest. The Cambridge Hoops Club presented the Fitness Center with a \$500 donation at the ribbon cutting.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Garden is doing well. We have had some exceptional volunteers who are taking good care of the garden. In July, 300 pounds of vegetables were harvested and given away from our garden!

Nancy has been very busy this summer, as both June and July numbers have been up from 2013. June and July 2014 averaged 32 households per week compared to 29 households in June and July of 2013. Nancy has done a great job of purchasing extra food to keep up with demand. She utilizes the Second Harvest website almost daily to keep current on what's available and maximize her shopping dollars!

On Monday, August 25 clients are invited to the Nikolay School commons area between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to pick up free school supplies and clothing. The Cambridge

Area Resource Team, the School District, and the Food Pantry are working together for this effort.

The Food Pantry will be closed on September 1, in observance of Labor Day, but will be open Tuesday, September 2 instead. Nancy will enjoy a much deserved vacation in September and Bridgette will cover open nights at the Pantry.

Other Items

Our team has been very busy gearing up for the Try Cambridge Tri on Sunday, August 24. We are actively recruiting volunteers – please contact Bridgette if you are interested in helping out.

SilverWater Productions was out on July 23 for interviews and footage of CAP programs. We hope to have an updated video for release in September.

The Cambridge Wellness Collaborative recently met and reviewed our goals for the 2014-15 school year. We will be hosting a fall Bike to School event, scheduled for Tuesday, September 23. We will promote the event at the Wellness Expo on September 20.