

SENIORS GROUP FITNESS/SOCIAL GROUP DILEMMA

A gentlemen (Don Hayden) stopped by Town Hall right before Thanksgiving to ask if I could help him find a new location for fitness classes that he and maybe about a dozen or two dozen seniors have been participating in. The group works out Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for about 45 minutes at Anytime Fitness in the plaza east of Walmart. Apparently Anytime is closing at the end of the year so they can't go there anymore. The trainer they use is John Schwartz.

I also reached out to Sandy Ciaccia, the leader of the Seniors Group that meets the first Monday of each month in the Community Room. She participates in this fitness/social group as well and confirmed the details.

I was able to speak the trainer (John) today and he advised that he has an interview Monday at the Perinton Recreation Center about continuing his work there. If that works out then the issue may be resolved.

If not, I discussed with John about coming to the Community Room. If this happens we will need someone (likely me) to open the Community room prior to the library's usual 10am opening. We will also need to figure out a payment process because I believe most of this groups members pay John through insurance via a Silver Sneakers program or something similar.

WINTER PREP

Winterized Recreation Equipment and supplies at Bullis Park. Removed the two pickleball nets and tennis net from the court area and moved them inside the building. Parks crew locked the courts so no one can go in and damage the court surface during the winter. Removed all surplus paint supplies (5 gallon paint buckets) to the closet in Town Hall behind the board room. Cleaned out some older/broken equipment left in building from before my time. Removed remaining items left from Summer Camp (they use Bullis for final week in mid-August) and moved them to the closet at the bottom of the old Village Hall basement stairs. (Not the secure records room, the side closet).

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

Barring any last minute registrations we have 7 registrants for this Saturday's final Defensive Driving Defensive Driving/Point Insurance Reduction Program class of 2025.

Final attendance numbers for 2025 is 65 participants in 9 classes (No classes held in July, August or November) averaging just over 7 per class. This is up from the 38 participants in 6 total classes in 2024.

We have been drawing in more and more folks from outside of Macedon to classes. In December we have one from Sodus, one from Newark, and four from Lyons. Word of mouth must be strong because more often than not when people come in to town hall to register they have told me that they heard that Officer Murray is a great teacher and makes it entertaining.

Officer Murray and I have set the dates for the first half of next year (1/10, 2/14, 3/21, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13) and we are finalizing the second half. The board room has been booked for all of these classes. Registration for the first half dates are open online.

FALL SOCCER RECAP

Fall soccer ended successfully on 10/15. We ended up with 159 kids playing, up from 106 in 2024 and the 131 we had in 2023. Reopening the concession stand for the first time in my tenure was successful with a big assist from soccer parent/volunteers Melinda Smyth and Jen Goodwin as well as a few teenagers. We plan on resuming this for Spring soccer in May while hoping to add someone who can work the grill so we can sell hotdogs and burgers.

WINTER INDOOR TRAVEL SOCCER

Winter Indoor soccer practices are underway with all coaching vacancies filled. We have coaches for each team. Recent grads/sisters Haleigh & Abie LaRocca have taken over the Girls 3rd-5th team that has been coached by Dave Maul. I'm coaching my daughter on the girls 6th-7th grade team. Sami Dentel (girls school modified coach this year) moved up to the 8th-9th grade team and her older sister Hannah Dentel-Colf (girls school JV coach this year) moved up to the 10th grade plus team. On the boys side we have Shad Johnson & Corey Smyth coaching the 3rd-5th graders, Juan Reyes-Gonzalez with the 6th-7th graders, David Cialini & Connor Doll return for the 8th-9th graders and Isaac Wheeler is back for the 10th grade plus team.

I've taken a bigger role in helping to schedule teams for tournaments with so many new coaches. This includes Boys 3rd-5th, 6th-7th, 8th-9th and girls 3rd-5th and my own 6th-7th squad. Lots of back and forth with parents as we need to get availability schedules from about 12 different families for each of those teams.

PEE WEE SOCCER

Registration for this program opens on Monday. It is indoor soccer practices/games for toddlers to 2nd graders (three different age groups in that range) on Fridays in January in one of the school gyms. I've reached to a few varsity soccer players to see if they can assist

with coaching. We had three join us last year and it helped quite a bit. The last two year's we've averaged 55 kids in this program.

NEW/RETURNING PROGRAM UPDATES

Cooking class (registration fees fully cover costs)- had to pause on this due to schedule conflicts with chef. Per suggestion at the budget meeting, I've reached out to Macedon Center FD to see if their kitchen/dining area can accommodate classes. If all goes well, I'm aiming for March for the first class.

Financial Literacy Classes from Reliant FCU (free classes)- Reliant offers free classes in financial literacy, ID theft. I've reached out about scheduling a visit for the Seniors Group monthly meetings, and for other potential times (weeknights, weekends) for those in the community who can't attend a meeting at noon on a Monday

Macedon Messenger- I've completed the basic layout for a digital or limited print version of the Macedon Messenger to be published in March. I will be contacting department heads and others next week to get conversation started on what content they would like to include for their sections.

CARD/BOARD GAME NIGHT(s)- I've reached out to some other parents to see about what games would interest their kids for a monthly meet up. Thus far suggestions include Chess, Euchre, Settlers of Catan (Bills players love this but I'm not sure how popular it actually is), Nintendo Switch games (portable video game device for those unfamiliar), Monopoly, Uno. I'm planning on picking the most popular four games and scheduling them monthly on the same day (EX: Every Tuesday from 4:30-5:30p, First Tuesday each month is Chess Club, second Tuesday is Uno, etc.)

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