

The purpose of the Recreation and Parks Department in the year 1965 is to provide a variety of opportunities for the wholesome use of leisure time on a year-round basis for the citizens of Concord of all ages and both sexes. To this end the Department provides facilities, leadership, and programs.

Specifically, besides the Director there are two full-time Recreation Supervisors, 25 summer playground and pool instructors, and over 20 part-time and volunteer leaders employed during the winter, fall and spring seasons. The Maintenance Division includes eleven employees on its staff. This, then, constitutes the personnel of the Department in the year 1965.

The facilities include the Beaver Meadow Golf Course, Memorial Athletic Field, Rolfe, Rollins, and White Parks; Doyen, Fletcher-Murphy, Garrison, Hall Street, Heights, Kimball, Thompson, and West Street Playgrounds; White Park Administration Building and garage, West Street Ward House, East Concord Community Center, the Community Center, seven swimming and two wading pools, the White Park skating pond, eight other neighborhood rinks, and over fifteen other small park, monuments, and roadside areas.

Over 450 organized groups, both adult and youth, use the Department's indoor and outdoor facilities. This represents over 35 groups each month. The total attendance at programs, both indoor and outdoor in facilities maintained and operated by the Department, was estimated in 1965 at 302,148. This did not include non-scheduled walk-on use of parks or attendance of organized groups using our facilities for their programs.

Programs were offered from pre-school children to senior citizens.

During the summer of 1965 we used the greatest amount of chemicals for the sanitation of our pools. We used 5700 gallons of chlorine and 2½ tons of diatomaceous earth.

The Department and its personnel were deeply involved in the successful conclusion of the Bicentennial Year Celebration during 1965. Its Director was the General Chairman of the Bicentennial Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,



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