

# Winslow Park

*From The Winslow Park Commission*

## **Highlights:**

- Thank you to the park staff that helped make another great season!
- Park manager to retire in February 2012

## **Erosion Control – What You Can Do To Help:**

- Always use the stairs to get down to the water. Stay off the slopes
- Stay out of the vegetation buffer area along the edge of the slopes
- Do not pick or cut down any vegetation along the shoreline

**Remember, every little bit helps!**

## **Thank You for Another Great Season!**

Hello and thank you all for another great season at Winslow Park!

The summer of 2011 saw many successful park activities as well as strong attendance for camping and day use.

This year's activities included Freeport Family Fun Day, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Close to the Coast Race, which saw the largest crowd to attend the event to date, the Summer Concert Series, free camping weeks in June and September for

Freeport residents, the Lobsterman Triathlon in September with 800 triathletes participating and park maintenance activities performed by local Boy Scouts in May. Friends of Winslow Park donated \$100.00 for "doggie pick-up" bags. Other donations included a Dutch Elm tree and a number of Japanese maple saplings.

The Boy Scouts were back in October for a "Camporee" and completed additional season end work in the

park under the guidance of the park staff. This year's event had record attendance. Great job all!

Water test results for both the beach and potable water supplies completed under the Healthy Beaches Program each week continue to have satisfactory results.

Lastly, after 12+ years of service, Park Manager, Bart Carhart will be retiring in February 2012. Please join the Commission in thanking Bart for his service and wishing him well!

## **Erosion Control Project Updates**

The Erosion Control Project (ECP) that was completed in May has some clean up and reinforcement work planned for when the park closes. This will include adding additional fill in some areas as needed, trimming back the filter fabric that has become exposed and moving some of the large stones. Park staff will continue to replace the fence along the top of the slopes as a reminder to always use the stairs! Overall the first phase of the ECP was

deemed a success coming in under budget and standing up well to hurricane Irene.

The next phase of the ECP will address the beach erosion that occurred in late spring and by hurricane Irene and other August storms. An application has been submitted to the DEP and if approved, the work will begin in late fall or early winter to extend the rip-rap along the bank of the beach.

As a reminder, all work

associated with the ECP is paid for out of the Park's own operating resources. NO taxpayer dollars are used to support the park or any of the projects.

***A Note About  
Dogs in the  
Park:***

- Off-leash season begins Oct 17, 2011
- Please remember having our canine friends in the park is a privilege.
- Please be sure to follow the park and town rules when visiting the park with our 4 legged friends:
- Keep off the playground YEAR ROUND
- Keep off the beach YEAR ROUND
- Always pick-up after your dog & remind others to do the same
- Keep your dog under voice command & within 16 feet at all times.
- If your dog cannot obey voice command or is a bother to others, it must be leashed at all times

***The commission reviews the off-leash policy each year. Let's not have any reasons to change the policy.***

**Thank you!**

## **Looking Forward to the 2012 Season**

The 2012 season will continue to see improvements in the park. The playground will see the addition of a wooden ship complete with mast for climbing, playing pirate ship and other fun. A bandstand will be added for the benefit of the musicians performing at the summer concert

series so the show will go on rain or shine.

Improvements to the bathrooms to repair the walls and further upgrade the floors will also be done. Additionally, a basketball court is being considered for the early summer time frame.

That's it for now. Please enjoy this wonderful resource. We hope the work that has been done this year and your support of our efforts will keep the Park in great condition for our continued enjoyment for many years to come.

## **Consider a Gift to the Park**

Consider a living memorial to a loved one by donating a tree in their name to the park. Trees also make great Christmas gifts for that special "green" person in your life. What a great way to remember that special person and to help the park.

Please call 207-865-9052 if you would like to donate a tree or shrub.

### **Consider a Season Park Pass: It's a great Christmas gift!**

- Residents \$25
- Non-residents \$50
- Gift Certificates available in December at the farmhouse (Park Managers office) or call 207 865-9052

Campground reservations begin **May 7, 2012**. Please go to [www.freeportmaine.com](http://www.freeportmaine.com) and check out **Winslow Park and Campground** under "About Freeport" for complete park reservation information.

For information on shelter rentals for any event please call 207 865-9052

***See You in the Spring!!***