

Dover Pool Advisory Committee updates

October 12, 2011

Jenny Thompson outdoor pool is closed for the season. Transition went smoothly and the indoor pool programs are going strong.

The Outdoor Pool bathhouse renovation is underway and the contractor expects to finish the project by January 2012. The Committee wishes to thank the City Council for approving the appropriation for this much needed renovation.

Apple Harvest Day- This was the second Apple Harvest Day event for the Dover Pools with raffles and donations bringing in \$266.00. Once again, the focus was on raising awareness of the pools by handing out literature and free passes and the activity was excellent.

Fundraising and Marketing efforts continue with refining the scheduled events, many of which were successful this past year. The Pool-a-thon is scheduled to start December 1st this year with the Dover Swims week to be January 8th through January 14th, 2012. The Swim Clinic with Jenny Thompson (who volunteered for a second year) is scheduled in late Spring/early Summer 2012 with the date TBD. The 5k run was cancelled this year as they needed more time and volunteers. It is planned for this Spring, 2012 with the exact date TBD.

The Recreation Dept is working on creating a 501(c)3 status so as to more easily receive donations/grants. The process has been approved by the state and they are awaiting final approval at the federal level.

They have t-shirts, swim caps, hooded sweatshirts coming available for sale throughout the year and at specific events with profits going into the pool accounts.

A Halloween pool party is scheduled for October 29th at the Indoor Pool.

Closeout of the books for FY11 shows that the pools ended \$5k above budget. This is extraordinary and DPAC should be congratulated for their fundraising efforts along with Director Bannon and pool staff for improving efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Bill Garrison