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Dear City Council Members,

Challenges to our community, such as the current Covid19 pandemic, often work to reveal our most basic values and core principles - in this case, teamwork, cooperation, persistence, effort, reliance on solid leadership, effective communication, etc. It just so happens that these values are the same ones that are promoted in young people as they play on their courts and fields, and participate in the various recreational programs offered by our Recreation Department.

These year-round, extensive program offerings also constitute a message to our young people: you matter, you are valued, we believe it can be fun to do the hard work of growing your skills and competence. These turn out to be building blocks that contribute to the development of productive, engaged citizens.

I hope and urge that you are generous in funding the Recreation Department in the current budget cycle. The dollars you devote to Dover Rec (it does so much for seniors, as well) are really an investment in the quality of life for all of us. Priceless.

Respectfully submitted,

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