

21 are in that account as well as funds for anticipated maintenance and a furniture order that vendors postponed into the new budget year. Unspent wages are due to a resignation and unfilled position.

As we look into the new year we recognize our needs, which include space, major building maintenance, training, hardware and extra staffing to make the jump into the electronic age, improved programming for grade school children, teens and adults, and communication that will reach all five villages in Weare. We're proud of our personalized service, and grateful to our patrons for their loyalty and support. We recognize that we're at a turning point where much vision, effort and financial support is necessary to keep abreast of the kaleidoscopic changes in our culture, and we're ready to roll up our sleeves. Only with an engaged and informed community will this result in effective library services for all ages.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christine Hague, Library Director*

*Trustees: Raymond J. Kelly*

*Susan Morin*

*Paul Marsh*

*Alternates: Diane Padilla*

*June Purington*

### **Parks and Recreation Report**

Who We Are:

The members of the Weare Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) are dedicated to the mission of maintaining, improving, and protecting the town's recreational facilities and to offering recreational opportunities for all Weare residents to enjoy. Residents interested in supporting the PARC mission are encouraged to join the commission as a

member, or as a volunteer on various PARC projects and activities.

PARC Activities:

The warm winter limited the use of the ice rink this year, but that did not prevent participants of the second annual Snowflake Festival from enjoying the festivities. PARC members are looking forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. A farmer's market was not held at the gazebo area this summer, but is expected to return in 2013.

The Committee continues to work with the various sport organizations in town to coordinate usage of the ball fields. In recent years, there has been a marked increase in field usage, which has led to a significant wearing of the fields. To minimize this impact, PARC limited the use of certain fields to allow them to recover. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of all the sport organizations that supported our efforts. In an effort to address the problems of field shortages and overuse, PARC has been actively researching and pursuing prospects for creating more fields

Chase Park enjoyed another great season! We are thankful that Elisa Mattson was able to return as our swim instructor. The kids really seem to love her! We are also grateful to our boating visitors who allowed their boats to be inspected prior to launch, thereby preventing an infestation of invasive weeds in Lake Horace. In July, the park got a new and improved well. In mid-August, the beach was closed after fragments of broken glass were discovered. It is believed that the glass came from a contaminated load of sand delivered shortly before the discovery. We fully expect clean-up to be

completed and the beach reopened next season.

Budget constraints continue to limit PARC's ability to offer events and activities. For the first time in several years, PARC was not able to host its annual summer concert series, but did provide the band for this year's Patriotic Celebration. Thanks to the help of the Kids and Parent Connection, a local parent group, PARC was able to host its annual Halloween party again this year!  
From the Committee:

We encourage all Weare residents to utilize the town's recreational facilities, and to do all they can to protect and preserve these valuable resources for future generations.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Jim Blouin, Chairperson*  
*Mike Housman, Coordinator*  
*Randy Magoon, Vice Chairman*  
*Valerie King, Secretary*  
*Melissa Drury*  
*Chuck Metcalf*  
*Gene Propper*  
*Tom Desrosiers*

### Police Department Report

We have closed the books on another year. It's hard to believe that I am finishing my eighth year as Chief. It has been an honor working with the fine men and women who comprise our police department and you, the citizens of our community.

We remain concerned with your safety and the safety of the officers as we struggle to stay within the confines of the budget. Our biggest budget issue remains overtime. With a small department we continue to struggle with this issue as we maintain the highest

level of professionalism and responding to the needs of the community.

The police department welcomed Robert Bifsha to our ranks in October. He is currently receiving his fourteen week academy training in Concord. We also had Sergeant Robert Peterson resign to enter the private sector in December. The town will miss his dedication and professionalism in the following years. With Bob's departure, I was proud to promote Ken Cox to the position of Sergeant.

Unfortunately, as our population grows, so does the seriousness of the crimes we investigate. Serious crimes against persons show a 21% increase over 2011 and all other crime has also seen an increase.

Chief Begin, Sergeant Cox and Detective Hebert received state recognition when they received awards for "looking beyond the traffic ticket" in December.

Thank you for your continued support through 2012 and I look forward to a productive positive 2013. We need your help in keeping our community a safe place to live, work and raise our children.

Remember, our department motto, "Maintaining Unity in the Community" can only be accomplished with your help. We are your police department and we thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

*Sincerely,*  
*Gregory C. Begin*  
*Chief of Police*