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Moore Park

Old Home Day was enjoyed by young and old alike last Saturday. The park was ready, the weather cooperated and the crowds came. A car show, parade, music and vendors kept the visitors entertained all day. The Renegade Skateboard event was particularly well attended, with “kids” lined up two deep for over four hours trying out the new ramps. Volunteers did yeoman work helping get ready for the event and making sure that it came off well. Special thanks from me to Glen Baker and Mark Siemonsma for the use of their equipment and to Glen and Pam Baker for cleaning up around the edges of the playground. The soccer field was limed with a fast-acting lime and the park grounds mowed the weekend before the event. The telephone poles lining the road by the skateboard park have been fastened down with ¾” rebar several feet into the ground. Landscape material was used to fill in around the poles and by the skateboard park. Sunday morning, bright and early, I toured the areas in the park where the event had been held and was pleased to see it looking remarkably clean. Waste Management had donated several 8-yard dumpsters for the event and John, from our recycling center, spent his Saturday hours in the park, keeping trash picked up and in the containers. A couple hours of moving barrels around and putting in new garbage bags Sunday and the park was looking pristine again. The scouts and Matt Hawes showed up soon after the sun came up, working on Matt’s Eagle Scout park sign project. You can see the granite posts and the framework there now. Dennis Lewis managed to save the pine tree from the triangle and replant it in the side lawn between the two big pines that appear to be dying. Hopefully it will survive (along with the two big ones!) and help us to remember Ricky McGregor and his family.

Skateboard Park

The new structures installed in the skateboard park have had some equipment failures and I’m working with the vendor and the donors to expedite the repairs. The latest word that I heard was that they would be here today, the 12th, to do the repairs.

Budget Update

We’re in the budget process now and are reviewing what needs to be done, what should be done and what we’d like to do. Starting with the ski programs in January this year, as in past years, we’ve managed to accomplish some good things with the help of the CYAA and other volunteers and small amounts of seed money. We don’t anticipate any major additional expenses, but the playground equipment and other park assets are getting older and need maintenance to keep them from falling into disrepair. Candia’s recreational facilities are an important part of the reason that people want to live in Candia. We, as a town, need to continue to support the young people and their parents and grandparents with these facilities and programs.