

June 8, 2020

To: Board of Selectman

Cc: Parks & Rec. Commission, Public Works, Finance, Resident Trooper

Fm: Park Ranger

Re: Parks Report

### **Patrolling of Parks & Checking for Compliance**

Twice a week I patrol Matthies Park, Riverbend and Toby's Pond and verify possession of State of CT fishing license and appropriate stamps (Trout/Salmon), for those fishing at our town ponds and river and checking for compliance to park rules. I've noticed that a number of these items are not posted at the various parks. As an awareness to all, I would like to post this information on our town website and other social media and look into posting signage at a later date. I'm requesting permission from the BOS and P&R to proceed accordingly. Examples of what should be posted but not inclusive:

### **Matthies Park**

Residents Only (This is on our new sign that will be posted at the park entrance at a future date)

NOT ALLOWED---Inflatables of any type, Tubes, Rafts, etc. or motorized watercraft.

Allowed---(Boats, Kayaks, Canoes) Wearing of PFD's (lifejackets) is mandatory

NO swimming or wading

You must have a CT fishing license to fish and comply with CT fishing regulations.

### **Tobys Pond**

Open to the Public

NOT ALLOWED---Inflatables of any type, Tubes, Rafts, etc. or motorized watercraft.

Allowed---(Boats, Kayaks, Canoes) Wearing of PFD's (lifejackets) is mandatory

NO swimming or wading

You must have a CT fishing license to fish and comply with CT fishing regulations.

### **Riverbend**

Open to the Public

NOT ALLOWED---Inflatables of any type, Tubes, Rafts, etc. or motorized watercraft.

Allowed---(Boats, Kayaks, Canoes) Wearing of PFD's (lifejackets) is mandatory

NO swimming or wading

You must have a CT fishing license to fish and comply with CT fishing regulations.

### **Katharine Matthies Grant – Matthies Park Signage Project**

Installation of the six message centers continues to be on hold until the virus situation stabilizes.

### **Social Distancing & Trail Etiquette Notices**

Laminated fourteen notices and posted in strategic locations at Matthies, Riverbend, Toby's and Lantern Ridge. Kerry had the same notices enlarged and printed (double sided), as 24" x 18" lawn signs which I will install at the parks once the wire frames arrive.

### **Park Maintenance Program**

Waiting on Conservation Commission to populate Lantern Ridge PM schedule .

Submitted by:

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