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To: Board of Selectmen

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Moore Park

Happy Valentine's Day, everyone! Now that we've passed the mid-point of winter, the budget has passed at the deliberative session and awaits action by the voters, Spring planning is taking place for the activities that are enjoyed by young and old alike. Surface area of the park, equipment repairs, renew and refurbish what we can. Help wanted and solicited.

Skateboard Park

Discussions with the donors volunteering to have additional equipment installed in the park are continuing. They have received additional funds and are actively working to have some ramps available for installation next year.

Summer Recreation & Ski Program

The ski programs, one for the younger kids in Manchester and the Pats Peak program for the older kids, are wrapping up and, by all accounts, went smoothly and were enjoyed by all. Both programs featured bus transportation paid out of our operating budget, reimbursed by the participants. Plans are under way for fundraising events to help cover the costs. I'm continuing to work with the public and providers to implement summer recreation program suggestions for the 2011 season.

Pond Park Winter Ice Skating Program

The Candia Community Women's Club continues to make the ice on the pond usable for ice skating this winter, with special events having taken place and more scheduled with lots of activity taking place on the ice. It's a pleasure to finally see kids of all ages making use of the ice. We need to see how, next year, we can better clear the snow off the pond and flood the surface with a thin layer of water overnight, on a regular basis. I continue to believe that would make a fantastic winter sports area for the town.