

**CITY OF GARDINER DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER GARDINER
Director's Report
March 31, 2005**

1. Board of Trade Dinner

The Boys & Girls Club received a Special Recognition Award on Thursday, March 17 at the Board of Trade's Annual Dinner. We are all very grateful for the recognition of many year of hard work by a large group of dedicated people.

2. United Way Applications

We have submitted three United Way applications, one in each tier of funding. The applications, if funded, would support \$30,000 in scholarships, \$18,000 for a part-time Youth and Family Support Worker, \$10,000 for a part-time van driver.

We have had visits from United Way Allocation Committee Members over the last month and met with the full committees for review of the applications.

We would be very fortunate to get all of the funding requested. We should know by the end of April what level of funding we will receive.

3. Town Meetings

Pittston Town meeting was Saturday, March 19 at 9:45 AM.
This year's request for Pittston is \$11,570.
Pittston residents voted to approve our request.

West Gardiner meeting was Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 PM.
This year's request for West Gardiner is \$12,780.
West Gardiner residents voted to approve our request.

4. Drug Free Community Support Program

I have spoken with our representative for the DFCSP from Washington, DC. We reviewed how the funding is allocated now and what we will need to do for the reapplication. We need to shift our thinking from direct services to how can we make a greater community impact and help others support youth as well.

Community mobilization around drug prevention is our goal, using the 5 Fundamental Resources of America's Promise; safe place, caring adults, meaningful activities, healthy start and community service.

Our reapplication will be sent in this week.

5. Grant Writing Workshop by the Grant Institute

Rebecca Malinowski attended a 3 day grant writing workshop in Portland. She is very excited to put this knowledge to work for the kids of the community.

6. MSAD #11 School Board Meeting April 7

The District will continue to discuss the future of Pray Street School at there next meeting April 7 at 7:00.

They will also be discussing the Helen Thompson Day Care Program in West Gardiner's School. With the possibility of all day kindergarten next year, the day care may not be able to operate during the day. The BGCGG has all day child care programs and will make sure that parents from West Gardiner are aware of that in the event they need services. We already have several children from West Gardiner that participate in our child care and summer programs.

7. Fitness Room

We are very close to opening our new fitness room. Our goal is to all the equipment operating and ready for community use by mid-April. This is a wonderful asset to the community. All of the equipment was purchased through the Carol White Physical Fitness Grant we got last year. Buddy Doyle has volunteered his services to create marketing materials for the fitness room. The draft looks wonderful! A grand opening date will be announced as soon as all the equipment is operational.

8. Jefferson Child Care

We are assisting the Jefferson YMCA Child Care becoming a unit of the Waterville Area Boys & Girls Club. They have been in existence for five years as a program of the Boothbay YMCA. The YMCA decided they were redefining there service area. In doing that four outlying child care programs would be closed. A parent that uses this child care program is a teacher in MSAD #11 and had first hand knowledge of the quality of our child care program. She called Dawna Gregoire and asked it would be possible for the BGC to assist them becoming a Boys & Girls Club. Ken Walsh, CPO of the Waterville Club agreed to assist them.

9. VIP Fundraiser for BCGGG

The week of April 24-30 is National Tire Safety Week. The Farmingdale VIP has chosen the BCGGG as the recipient of a fundraiser tied into this week. On Saturday, April 23rd VIP will be offering a tire safety check at the store. They will donate \$5.00 for every car checked. Jim McCormick, Store Manager, estimates 150-250 cars will be checked that day. Spread the word and help support this fundraiser. Great Cause Related Marketing! Leading businesses and the BCGGG raising awareness and money for the kids of our community!

10. Upcoming Meetings and Events

a. BCGGG Full Board Meeting – Monday, April 4th

b. MSAD #11 School Board Meeting – Thursday, April 7th

c. Community Spaghetti Dinner – Thursday, April 14th

Instead of an awards dinner this year we are going to do a community spaghetti dinner. The teen program will offering an open house in conjunction with the dinner. They are very proud of the programs they offer; Community Learning Center, Project Learn, and much more.

d. Spring Yard Sale

Dawna Gregoire will be organizing a spring yard sale to benefit the child care programs. Start cleaning those closets and save your stuff! We will let you know the date, time and when items could be dropped off here at the Club.