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**RE:** Monthly Updates/Information

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### **Pickleball**

Pickleball memberships continue to sell well at a prorated cost for the end of the season. The members appear to be happy with their new courts.

The Pickleball fundraising committee is working to solicit more donations. The naming rights have been purchased for \$25,000 and a new addition to the sign depicting their new location will be erected next week, with an unveiling to take place in the very near future.

### **User Groups**

Monday night men's hockey, Skate Kingsville and Erie North Shore Hockey have all returned to play. We continue to monitor safety, and staff are working to insure adherence to the Town's safety plan. Continual conversation between staff and groups is taking place to ensure that everyone's concerns are being heard and that constructive ways are being worked out to deal with any issues that arise.

### **Migration Fest**

The Migration Fest committee is continuing to work to ensure that the 51<sup>st</sup> festival takes place given the current COVID restrictions. To date the following activities are taking place;

- Great Migration Paint out and meet the painters BBQ
- Opening Ceremonies Saturday morning at Carnegie
- Welcome video prepared by Eric Hansen
- Porch Parade
- Wild Goose chase
- Entertainment via buskers downtown
- Marketplace-Carnegie

- Walk With your Flock activities throughout town
- Pajamas and Pancakes with stories by local heroes
- Jack Miner Activities at Unico

## **Communities in Bloom**

We have applied for 3 achievement awards this year, Winter Life, Youth Involvement and Community Blooms. I will be attending a number of Virtual functions this year as part of their annual symposium

## **Facility Bookings**

Bookings for various facilities continue to slowly come in, along with rebooking of 2020 dates. With the new booking, software individuals will have more opportunity to visually see the facilities on line and review their amenities. Once the financial package is fully functional relative to this software, we will have the opportunity to highlight these facilities on line.

## **Programs**

We are looking to begin our community programing after thanksgiving which includes are public skating programs. Our Kindergym and kids in the Kitchen programs will not be able to be restarted until our full complement of staff is back, Amanda is currently at town hall filling in. We are also reaching out to create new program opportunities in the adult fitness and culture sector for our Florida snowbirds that will not be able to return to the south this winter.