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An Update from Camp Sewataro

Now that we have settled into the camp “off season” we are able to focus our attention back to how Sewataro can best welcome and accommodate Sudbury residents. We are working with the facilities and building departments on a few projects including a handicap accessible ramp and parking spaces for the Liberty Lodge (formerly the Long House). We have contracted with C.P.P. Porta Potty services, and there is now a handicapped accessible porta potty located near Liberty Lodge, and a standard unit near the Haynes Road entrance for public use. Fencing work has also begun at the property’s back gate.

We are thrilled to share that we have hosted 22 unique local groups at Sewataro since we opened the pavilions for resident use on September 1. This list includes 10 local Scouting Groups, a range of fitness and dance classes, groups from 3 local schools, The Sudbury Villagers Club, and SMILE Mass. In an average week, there are between 20 and 30 hours of programming scheduled on the property. We also have countless residents (of all ages) who visit the property to walk, jog, bike, play basketball or tennis, and fish each and every day.



We are proud to have partnered with the Sudbury Community Food Pantry to fill the gap left by COVID-related guidelines prohibiting parent volunteers in schools this year. In a typical year, the schools’ monthly food drives account for approximately 30% of the Food Pantry’s donations. This year the monthly drives look a bit different. Food is collected at each of the four elementary schools on the last Wednesday (for remote learners), Thursday (for Cohort A), and Friday (for students in Cohort B) of each month. Parent volunteers then collect all donations from the school entryways and bring them to Sewataro, where the upper garage serves as the new sorting location. We have also provided access to residence #4 for storage of empty banana boxes, overflow if the pantry is full, and potentially sorting in severe weather.

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On Thursday, October 22nd, we held our first fall event - The Sewataro Scarecrow Spectacular! Sudbury residents created 23 wonderful scarecrows, which served as the focal point of a drive through the property. The experience also featured costumed staff, lights, inflatable pumpkins, and even a smoke-breathing dragon! We are very grateful to all of the members of the Select Board who judged the scarecrow contest. We had 390 vehicles registered to drive through during the 2-hour event, and were very happy to provide a bright spot in an abnormal Halloween season.



We are looking forward to the many events that we already have on our winter and spring calendar, including hosting a local group's holiday fundraiser, music and dance recitals, a fairy walk, and much much more. We are thrilled to continue our partnerships with current users, and excited to build relationships with new local groups. Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,
The Sewataro Team