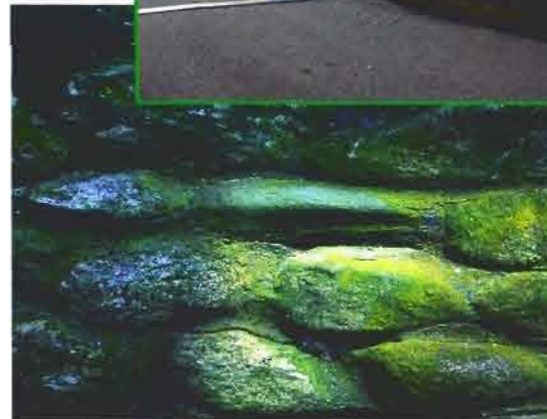


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**Glen Park Working Committee
 2007 Season Wrap-up**

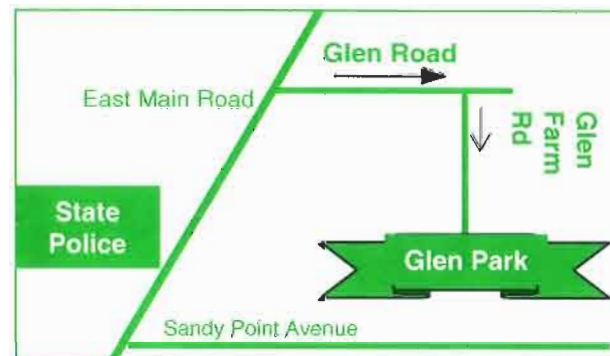
Glen Park officially closes for events on November 1, 2007 and re-opens for events April 1, 2008. In 2007, there were 38 applications, for a total of 6,340 people, based on application forms.

The total number of children, coaches, parents:

Soccer	18,250
Softball	5,470
Cross Country	300

Also estimated are the daily horse and rider visiting the park and the walk-in count which includes people who come to walk dogs, run, eat lunch, read or relax and enjoy the beauty of the park.

Including the walk-ins and horse riders visiting the Park from November 1, 2006 to April 1, 2007, the estimate is 8,125, a 15% increase over the previous year. There were probably a total estimated 38,553 park users in 2007.



The daily operation of the Park is under the direction of the Glen Park Working Committee made up of Portsmouth residents. We strive to maintain a committee representative of all Portsmouth areas. Goals of the Glen Park Committee include keeping the park pastoral (green and clean), as quiet as possible while still enabling those enjoying their events, and of keen importance, is to keep the park in good repair.

Members of the committee are asked to help with committee business as needed and to help in the park as needed as well as attending scheduled meetings.

We depend on the RESPONSIBLE PERSON noted on the application to share with their group the information gathered at the meeting they attend for event approval, and also to review and share with their group the packet of information given to them at the time of registration at the Town Clerk's office for the well being of the park during their event. Paperwork generated from applications and events has to be coordinated with the Town Clerk's Office, Finance Department and DPW Department, as well as the Police Department.

While time consuming, the records enable us to better manage the park and benefits all. There is a constant flow of daily park-related questions to answer, maintenance to be facilitated, events to coordinate, and supervision of events.

There is no staff, as such, for the park; we receive assistance from Public Works when needed, but depend heavily on the *responsible person* of each event to see that the facility is ready for the next event; many times they are back-to-back. It is not unusual to have three large events in a row. This makes pre- and post-facility checks and maintenance a challenge, but it is accomplished with your help.

It is no exaggeration to say that every person using the park becomes a caretaker of the park while at their event or enjoying a solitary visit. We need to have the park left like you would like to have it when you arrive for your event or individual visit.

Event users are required to supply their own paper products for the kitchen and restrooms. Added paper product donations are both needed and appreciated. There is a pre-event and post-event inspection of park grounds and facilities close to the beginning and end of each event. If damage occurs, clean-up needed, or signs needing removal are left behind, there will be a fair deduction in the Damage/Cleaning deposit.

This 2007 Season Wrap-up sends a hearty "thank you" to you or your group if you donated paper supplies, picked up litter that was not yours, honored the NO PARKING signs, or reported something that needed attention.

We, on the committee, hope that after reading our "Park Wrap-Up" you will see how well used the park is and understand how very important it is to have your continued understanding and commitment to take care of this beautiful park.

Results of Glen Park 2007 Wish List

We sought knowledgeable volunteers as well as committee members to evaluate the condition of all the structures in the park. We then prioritized the repair list; the kitchen exterior was clearly the top priority. It was the 2007 goal of the Committee to be able to start the rehab of the kitchen exterior. Successfully, the exterior of the kitchen was completed; however, there is still much to do in the park.



We returned to our committee tasks in 2008 with the vigor that a new year can bring and have made encouraging progress.

2007 Donations received:

Rotary Club
Aquidneck Island Horsemen's Association
Newport Radio Club
URI Eastern Rhode Island Cooperative
Extension
Potter League for Animals
PYSa and Portsmouth Pirates
Portsmouth Little League
Portsmouth Lions
Friends of Glen Park
Others' numerous pledges

The Committee is extremely appreciative of all the generous donations. But our accolades wouldn't be complete without thanking the Portsmouth Public Works Department. With all the material purchased, Portsmouth Public Works stepped in. Our own, Portsmouth DPW crew did a superlative job on the exterior of the kitchen.

The Committee sincerely thanks the Portsmouth Department of Public Works for their expertise, man-hours, and effort to get this project completed on time and within budget.

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