# **Goal:**

# **Enhance recreational and social** opportunities

# **Annual Events for All Ages**

\*Spring Celebration was a fun morning of activities, egg hunt, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. (And April Fool's guests Santa & The Grinch)

\*Halloween 2023 traditional dinner of soup, Mac n Cheese, and corn dogs. We brought back the Chili Cook-Off and Trunk or **Treating** to Halloween night. Fire pits made a cozy addition for people to gather around and chat as the trick or treaters made their way around the village. The night was definitely a treat for all who attended!

\*We had a **Santa and Grinch Pasta Dinner** with a basketball game and the 8th graders led craft activities for attendees; also, the 8th grade class held a silent auction to raise funds for their class trip.

\* The Town Picnic was held at Hammond Beach. It was a great night of fun to welcome summer while residents enjoyed hamburgers, potluck side dishes, and ice cream floats from the Ag Commission. The brave few enjoyed swimming, while others enjoyed chatting with neighbors.



#### **Pictures: top Spring Celebration** bottom Town Picnic



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## **Annual Events for All Ages (con't)**

\*July and August had music events on the Town Green in Cornwall Village. (These events also supports the goal: Promote our natural resources to attract visitors and create new business opportunities.)

- July Fest was a fun family night of country/rock, 2 food trucks, an ice cream truck, and games.
- August was the 2nd Annual Taste of Cornwall and Music Festival. An amazing buffet filled the plates of those who joined us. It was primarily made by the Park and Rec Commission using produce and meats that were mostly all from Cornwall farms, with desserts made by our local Cornwall bakers. Henhouse Prowlers played bluegrass music and had people dancing and enjoying the summer night. This year the event expanded to highlight the businesses in the town. The energy from that event was so amazing that we can't wait to do it again.

#### \*Movie nights have become an annual event

• In Nov we held one at CCS after Friendsgiving. The Commission hosted a Friendsgiving potluck. It was a great event for people to gather before the busy holiday season began.

\*A community service event for people began with our **first annual Clean up Cornwall**. Earth Day found Park and Rec **partnered with C & M Carting** for a litter clean up weekend. All ages came out and pitched in to Clean up Cornwall.









Pictures: Top Clean up Cornwall, bottom left Taste of Cornwall (Photo credit to Lazlo Gyorsok), bottom right July Fest

## Goal: Promote our natural resources to attract visitors and create new business opportunities.

# **Foote Field**

- Partnering with The Little Guild to provide temporary housing while they build a new facility.
- Partners with CCT for a trail that includes Foote Field
- Installed a informational kiosk to help promote events in Cornwall and Region One towns.
- Planning to add recreational equipment and transform the upper soccer field into all ages recreational field.



Little Guild's temporary trailers along side the pickleball and basketball court.

## Summary:

At all our our events we see residents from infant to well let's just say, the older end of the spectrum and they are all enjoying time with family, friends, and neighbors. It has been a successful year building community and bringing Cornwallians together.

See <u>cornwallparkrec.org</u> for more info on the use of the courts, Foote Field and to get the latest information on events.

Respectfully Submitted by Michelle Shipp, Chair, on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission January 23,2024



