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## “City of Norfolk Skate Park”

A half dozen youth spin and jump with bikes or skateboards at the Miracle Skate Park even on the hottest of days. The skate park, like every park in the City of Norfolk, is regularly checked by park staff and undergoes regular maintenance each year.



Some of the equipment at the park is showing deterioration from rain and snow and from regular use. City of Norfolk Recreation Director Pat Mrsny said that plans are to dismantle and rebuild some of the units after the summer season is over.

“The individual units need constant work because they are subject to the outside elements year around. Last winter we rebuilt some of the deteriorating individual structures and this spring we made some additional repairs before the park opened,” Mrsny said.

Fourteen-year-old Liam Dickie and his friends are some of the regulars at the park. Even in 90 plus degree weather they can be found practicing bike ramp maneuvers like the “Feeble” – the term given when the back peg of the bike sits on the ledge and the front tire rides on the ledge- and the “360”- when the bikers go airborne and rotate in the air landing facing the same direction they came from.

Liam’s mom, Diane, was at the park Monday watching four boys ride full speed from one ramp to the other, trying to match each other’s skills on the rails and platforms.

“This is great exercise for kids and young boys who need an outlet. It’s worth it to the city to keep it going,” Dickie said.

Mrsny said that \$7500 of repairs were done at the skate park this past winter and spring. Plans are to dismantle parts that need repairs and rebuild them when the season is over- traditionally in October. He estimated the repair cost to be relatively high after this year’s season.

Dickie said the boys are anxious for those repairs to be made. They can see that some boards underneath are rotting and that some ramp planks need to be replaced.

“We would encourage the city to make it (the skate park) a priority and do it right so it lasts for years,” Dickie said.

The skate park is located at the southeast corner of Veteran’s Memorial Park on 700 Blaine Street and is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.