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Ally Saccone kisses Brady the potbellied pig. Photo by: Nadya Korytnikova

Volunteers kick off Lopes Park renovations

Spring finish planned for playground, fields

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Five years after a campaign to renovate Lopes Field and , volunteers got to work on Saturday sanding, sweeping, and shoveling for the first phase of the renovation of Lopes Park.

The group leading the renovations, Wareham CORE (Community Outdoor Recreation), hopes to complete improvements by Spring 2020.

In just one day, the team completed a long list of tasks: cleaning up the area, preparing and resurfacing the existing baseball diamond, sanding and staining the pavilion, and sanding and repainting the posts of the basketball hoops.

The group is working on the playground with the approval of town officials, as it is on town-owned land.

"This is the first phase of our renovations. There will be more meetings like this in the future," said Wareham CORE President DaLiza Fernandes. "More phases include improving the existing structure, taking down the old pickets and putting up the new engraved pickets that we have been selling."

While Fernandes said that most of

Lopes Playground *Page 10*

Police pick up pet pig perp

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Wareham police apprehended an unusual perp on Wednesday night: A potbellied pig who had absconded from the backyard of the Saccone family and was on the run.

The pig was identified as Brady, a 300 pound heavyweight who was exploring the town. With the help of some dog food and a hastily-made rope harness, officers

apprehended the suspect and called in back-up from the Department of Natural Resources, who muscled the sneaky swine into the back of a truck.

The officers of the law weren't the only ones on the lookout for the hog on the hoof: Brady's family, the Saccones, had been searching the neighborhood.

"Sometimes Brady plays in the woods behind us or in the cranberry bog next door,

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Brady, photographed after his capture. Photo courtesy: Wareham Department of Natural Resources

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but he never goes away for that long," said Kristin Saccone. "Once my husband started calling him and couldn't find him, my daughter took the car and she was driving around the neighborhood, looking for him for hours."

Brady is no ordinary pig: He was given to Saccone as a Christmas present from her children about a decade ago, and has become a part of the family.

"I have always wanted a pig. They hid him in the basement, in the cage, until they were ready to give him to me," Saccone recalled. "It was a pleasant surprise."

Owning Brady has been especially sweet for Saccone as she grew up in a home without pets.

"It was so sad living without animals," she said.

The Saccones are no stranger to unusual pets: Aside from a dog, chicken and ducks, they also have a pet peacock and had an emu in the past.

"When we first got him, he was a tiny piglet," Saccone said.

When he first arrived at the family

home, Brady only weighed about ten pounds. He was supposed to grow to be about 45 pounds, but he has far surpassed their expectations.

Brady grew up to be a prime physical specimen, much like his namesake: Tom Brady. His diet, however, is a little less specialized than that of the notoriously picky Patriot.

"He actually eats a regular pig diet. His diet consists mostly of grains, salads, fruits and vegetables," Saccone said. "Everybody at my work loves Brady and gives him leftover salads. So when I get back home I give him treats from his work family."

He also indulges in apples, which he eats directly off the trees in the Saccones' yard.

"He is so sweet — he has a personality that everyone loves," Saccone said. "He actually sits for you and does some tricks."

Needless to say, the Saccones were grateful to the police for locating the precious potbelly.

"We were so happy and thankful to the police for finding him," Saccone said.

Some pig, indeed.

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