

## **ALFRED RESIDENTS** **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**In the past month or so mindless vandalism has taken place at the Town Park across from the Fire Station and we hope you can help stop it.**

**One basketball rim has been bent beyond repair and taken down. It makes no sense to replace it until the vandalism stops. Wooden benches have been smashed and thrown into the woods. One of the steel picnic table benches attached in the ground has been bent so it can't be used. The porta potty had a potted plant thrown into the toilet. Graffiti has been spray painted on buildings and someone has been riding a small motorcycle on the tennis courts.**

**We have alerted the State Police, but understandably they have other responsibilities that are more of a priority. They can't sit there and wait for hours and if the vandals spot them they avoid the place.**

**We would like to avoid spending your tax dollars on sophisticated night time cameras, but if it persists we will. If and when these vandals are caught the Town will prosecute, regardless of their ages. In addition to the cost the court imposes we will bill them for the cost to you, the taxpayer. If they are too young we will bill their parents.**

**It is a nice park enjoyed by many and we hope it stays that way. However, if none of the above efforts work we may be forced to extend the fence and pay someone, with your tax dollars, to lock and unlock the gate at dawn and dusk.**

**If you know who it is or you see something please call the Town Hall. If you know their parents tell them and maybe that will work.**

**Thank you**

**Alfred Board of Selectmen**