

## **Director of Recreation Report November 2013**

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center remains very busy as we head into the holiday season. Several organizations continue to use the building for their weekly, monthly, bi-monthly meetings. Our recreation room attendance remains constant with a total attendance of 6,260 since January 1<sup>st</sup> and an unduplicated number of 615. Teen Night attendance is at 1,186 since the beginning of the year and an unduplicated number of 272.

### **Santa's Toy Box**

The Recreation Department will once again be participating in the annual Holiday Toy Drive. New toys may be dropped off at the Youth Center Monday-Friday 3:00-8:00pm. The Holiday Toy Drive begins on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and will end on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This Toy Drive is run by the Orange County Departments of Parks and Recreation. The Youth Center is one of more than ten locations throughout the county that is accepting toys. Collected toys will be distributed to children throughout Orange County. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year that we are participating in this program.

### **Co-Ed Youth Basketball**

Registration for this years program will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm, and Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm. All registrations will be held at the Youth Center. Cost is \$35/child. This program is for boys and girls in grades 3-6 and will be held at the ASK Gym every Saturday afternoon beginning December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Winter Recreation Programs**

This season we will be offering/sponsoring a variety of recreational programs. These programs include youth bowling at the Port Jervis Bowl with Sandy Hammond, JUDO at the PJ Middle School and co-ed youth basketball with Warren Ponds, Red Hossann, Scott Robertson and our own Dawn Jones (volunteer).

### **FYI**

1. Annual elections were held at our November meeting and congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Luanne McCarthy for being re-elected as chairman and vice-chairperson for 2014.
2. Busy Body Program will continue through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Instructor Nicole Stellato has done a great job with the kids and has created wonderful arts and crafts projects with the kids. This program averages 10 kids per week.
3. All swings are down and picnic tables are stored away. Point Peter and the Rotary Skateboard Park at Riverside Park are closed and locked down for the season. The lights at Church St. have been shut off as well. This park will now close at sundown. All will open in the spring of 2014. Church Street basketball courts will remain open until the first snow fall.

4. The Recreation Department is looking into scheduling a winter field trip this winter. Some ideas are Snow Tubing, Ice Hockey, Broadway Show, or Disney on Ice. More info to follow.
5. On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the Port Jervis Recreation held “Fall Park Pride Day” in our City parks. This was our annual fall clean-up. More than 30 bags of leaves were collected at Farnum and Church St. Park with the help of more than 30 students and adults. Special thanks to all of the groups for participating with us.
6. 30 adults and children attended the NY Jets football game on December 1, 2013 at Metlife Stadium. The Jets lost 23-3 but everyone that attended had a great time. Our own Mayor Potter attended.
7. There will be no Recreation Commission meeting in the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14, 2014** at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.
8. As always for more information in any Rec. Program or if you have a question email us at [pjrec@frontiernet.net](mailto:pjrec@frontiernet.net) or check our Facebook page at Port Jervis Recreation.

**The Recreation Department would like to wish everyone a  
Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!**