

Director of Recreation Report October 2013

Halloween Parade

The 67th Annual Halloween Parade was held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. More than 250 adults and children participated in the parade on a cool fall day. Participants in the parade included the Port Jervis Police, the Mayor and Members of the Common Council, the Port Jervis High School Marching Band, the PJ Volunteer Ambulance Corp and the VFW Color Guard. At the conclusion of the parade at Farnum Park Fort Knox storage facility set up with a decorated moving truck and pictures with Scooby Doo. Affinity Health Plan also participated and had a table and passed out free hot chocolate and candy. Once again, the Elks Lodge #645 was the parade co-sponsor and awarded prizes to the children at the end of the parade. The Recreation Commission served apple cider and donuts to all parade participants as well. Photos from the parade can be found on our FaceBook page.

Halloween Skate Jam

On Saturday, October 26 Original Skateboards along with the Recreation Department sponsored the 1st Annual Halloween Skate Jam on Sky Line Drive. This skate event originated after the successful ACME Extreme Downhill skateboard races over Labor Day weekend. This event featured jumps, obstacles and ramps for the participants to use. Close to 100 people participated! Participants also dressed in costume to celebrate Halloween. It was a great event that also had more than 100 spectators. Proceeds raised will be donated to PJ REC for our skate board park. Thanks to Original Skateboards for organizing the event. Photos from this event can be found on our FaceBook page.

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center is now operating on its fall/winter schedule. The recreation room is open Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm and Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm and then for teens from 6-10pm. The Rec Room attendance has been steady. Kids are using the room for the many activities that we offer and are getting homework help as well from the high school tutors.

Friday Night Teen Night We held our 1st dance of the new school year on Friday October 4, 2013. More than 65 Middle School students attended. DJ G provided the entertainment. All of the kids had a great time and are looking forward to December's dance.

Our Busy Body Program started on Saturday, October 12th. Nicole Stellato is the instructor. This arts and crafts program will run every Saturday morning at the Youth Center from 9am-10:30am. This program will end Saturday, December 14th. Busy Bodies has been averaging close to 15 kids per class.

The following are changes made to the Youth Center Schedule and any upcoming Special Events:

Nov 11th- No School Youth Center open 11:00am-3:00pm.

Nov 25th -½ day Elementary School Youth Center open 11:30am-5:30pm.

Nov 26th - ½ day Elementary School Youth Center open 11:30am-5:30pm.

Nov 27th-Nov 29th – Thanksgiving Weekend Youth Center closed.

Fall Leaf Clean Up- Fall Park Pride Day

The Recreation Department is holding a Fall Leaf Clean up called- Fall Park Pride Day on Saturday, November 16th from 10am-12noon at city parks. We will focus on Church St., Farnum Park, and Orange Square Park. Volunteers are needed for this event. This is a great community service project.

NY Jets Game Field Trip

We have 20 people attending the NY Jet Game field trip on Sunday, December 1 vs. the Miami Dolphins. This is a 1:00 pm game. Cost is only \$100. Cost will include ticket to game and transportation!! We have ordered only 30 tickets so if you are interested or know someone who is, have them contact the Recreation office ASAP.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

We will begin this year's Youth Basketball program in early December. Flyers will go out to the schools in late November with registration dates set for early December at the Youth Center. Please see attached basketball flyer with all registration dates, times, and locations plus all program dates and times.

Parks/Playgrounds

Parks and Playgrounds are in the process of being winterized. All swings and picnic tables are being brought in. Tennis nets at Church St. are being removed as well. The sleigh riding hill at West End Beach will, once again, be set up for the winter.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 20, 2013
7:00pm