

Director of Recreation Report April 2013

20th Annual Delaware River Run

This year's race is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2013. Registration is scheduled to begin at 7:15am with the race to start at 9am. Close to 250 participants have already registered and it's our hope that we will have close to 500 participants on race day. See everyone on the 5th.

Maintenance

In addition to Jerry Stellato, Ricky Crown, Terry Schafer, Joe Piscatelli and Joe Dicarlo are on board. We have a lot of work ahead of us this summer and I feel we have a great staff. Please keep me informed if you see that work needs to be done at any of the parks.

Rotary Skateboard Park

Skate Park is open for the season. It opened up in early April and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3-7pm and weekends 12pm-6pm. We will open it 7 days a week in late May or early June. We were not rewarded the anticipated money from the Youth Bureau this year to help fund the park. However, the two positions were budgeted in the 2013 Recreation Budget.

Summer Program 2013

This summer we are opening 3 playgrounds and the Youth Center. We will be re-opening Farnum Park this year! New park hours this summer will be 9am-4pm. Each location will have two supervisors and more programs will be offered. We will also serve lunch at each location at 12:00pm. This summer we will be taking several field trips. There will be a trip to see the Mets on July 24th. On August 14th we are offering a trip to see the Yankees. The Recreation Department will be taking a trip to Dorney Park on August 2nd. The six-week summer program will start Monday, July 1st and end Friday, August 9th. Please see attached summer flyer for all details.

Easter Candy Dash

This year's dash was held Saturday, March 30. Close to 200 people attended the event and made a "dash" for the candy. Prize baskets were awarded to a winner in each category. The local Italian ice vendor handed out free Italian ice to participants helping to make this event a success.

Spring Clean-Up

This year's Clean Up was held on Sunday, April 7th. More than 30 individuals came out to help the department get a head start on preparing the city's parks and playgrounds for the season. Adults and children helped clean up Cahoonzie St. Park, Farnum Park, and West End Beach.

Youth Center

Recreation Room – Total since January 1st is 2,400. The unduplicated total is 312.

Teen Night – Total since January 1st is 568. The unduplicated total is 189.

FYI

1. Arbor Day was held at Farnum Park on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00am. One new tree was planted along the fence line on Canal St.

NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013
7:30pm**