



Snowball's Chance

Inauguration event for city hiking and biking trails



On March 19th and 20th the City of Port Jervis will be holding its first bike race in the newly developed trails at Elks-Brox Park and Watershed area. The bike race called “Snowball’s Chance” Fat Bike Race will allow participants to get the first opportunity to explore the developing trails that will be open to hikers and bikers later this year. The trails that will be marked and plotted out will be nearly 26 miles in length, when completed. This will allow participants to see

something majestic that only a few have seen before. There are many peaks with unbelievable sites to see and valley’s with natural beauty. The trails are only for human powered enthusiast as there will be no powered vehicles allowed. Additionally, rouge trails (creating new) will also be prohibited and littering will be dealt with swiftly with high fines set for any violations.

During the early spring the city will begin marking the trails for use as well as putting in signage at intersections. This will be an opportunity for residents and city guests to become active, get healthy, experience the outdoors, and fulfill excellent family time.

Volunteers to Help

Make where you live a better place

This most certainly cannot be said enough...“We Need Your Help!” It doesn’t have to be a

lot of time but whatever you can give. The one thing that

Mayor's Corner



I delivered my 3rd State of the City Address and I began with some dismay. Our city needs help. It doesn’t need red tape and it doesn’t need any type of bureaucratic stops. There are simple things like promoting our city or creating a comprehensive sales and excise tax package that doesn’t hurt our neighbors in other states but puts our New York border municipalities at a fair advantage so that commerce can happen here too. I spoke about the good that will be happening in 2016 and the struggles we endured in 2015. There is a sense of optimism in the people here that I have not seen in our little city for a longtime. There will always be naysayers but we can start something new today. Teamwork, collaboration, and most of all understanding will get things done.

this city needs more of is those within the community to serve as volunteers. If you live here you are vested here. You certainly can make our community shine. Whether you decide you want to help with a project, sit on a committee, or even come up with a fresh new idea, please contact the mayor's office and say you want to help. Take that first step to feeling better about Port Jervis and call (845) 858-4017, email portjervismayor@gmail.com, or write to the Mayor's Office; 20 Hammond Street; Port Jervis, NY 12771.

D&H Canal Linear Rebirth



There has been work to revitalize the D&H Canal that is located here in the city and runs parallel to State Route 42/97. Community Service Saturday volunteers has cleared much of the overgrowth on the tow path with the help of the BOCES Summer Youth Work Program. This past summer the Department of Public Works, when not tasked in other projects or events, began cutting the trees out of the canal bed. Fortunately with the mild winter they have begun removing the stumps and 180 years of foliage that has settled there. In the end the city will

have the opportunity to relive 19th Century transportation in America with a linear canal that can provide outdoor activities such a soft water kayaking or canoeing, leisurely walking or an invigorating run, and perhaps ice skating in the winter. It will work in conjunction with the revitalization of the railroad turntable and museum to be located nearby.

Home Workshop City Property

The city will hold its first workshop on **Thursday, February 25th at 6:00pm** in the Common Council Chambers to discuss plans on developing a homeowner occupancy purchase program of city owned properties. All are welcome to attend.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1 DPW 6:00pm Fire B. of O. 7pm CDA 7pm	2 Zoning 7pm	3 Plumbing 6:30pm Electrical 6:45pm Code 7pm	4 ADA 6pm	5 Emergency Warning Siren 1pm	6		
7	8 Common Council 7pm	9 Civil Svc 1pm Tourism 6:30pm	10 Dem Com 7pm	11	12	13		
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day Fire & Emerg Mngmt 7pm	16 Planning Board 7pm Police Com 7pm	17 IDA 6pm Finance 6:45pm 4th Ward NW 7pm	18 Drug Task Force 7pm Rep Com 7:30pm	19	20		
21	22 Common Council 7pm	23 PJ Housing 7pm Rec 7pm	24 3rd Ward NW CDA 7pm	25	26	27		
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