

## **Director of Recreation Report July 2016**

### **Summer Program**

#### **Playgrounds**

The summer playground program has completed 4 weeks out of the 7 week program. Supervised playgrounds are Church St., Farnum Park and Riverside Park. Playground hours are Monday-Friday 9 am- 3 pm. Plenty of events and activities for the kids at the playgrounds. You all should have received our summer program with the June report. I will have a breakdown of attendance numbers for the playgrounds in the August report.

#### **West End Beach**

The beach re-opened this summer after being closed in 2015. After a long struggle to find lifeguards the beach opened in early July. We were only able to find 3 certified lifeguards which forced us to adjust the beach schedule. The beach is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and weekends from 12 pm-6 pm. The beach is closed on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Again, due to lifeguard issues we had to close the beach 2 days a week. I picked Tuesday and Wednesday as they are typically the quietest days of the week. Attendance to date has been low on weekdays with a moderate crowd on weekends. Due to lifeguard staffing issues the beach will close for the season on August 18. As I mentioned with the playgrounds I'll have numbers for you in the August report.

#### **Summer Lunch Program**

The summer lunch program began on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and will end on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Lunches are served at Church St., Riverside Park, Youth Center and Farnum Park at 12 pm. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> summer we have participated in this program, and we have served approximately 20, 000 lunches to the kids over the years. We serve 50 lunches per day this summer total between the 4 locations. Lunches are prepared by the Port Jervis School District, and the program is funded by the New York State Education Department.

#### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center has been steady this summer. We have averaged close to 20 kids per day. Total attendance for the year is 3,585 kids. The center is open Monday-Friday from 9 am - 3:00 pm. We hold special events each day which include Creative, Athletic, and Activity Days. This schedule will remain in effect until August 26. The Youth Center hours will change to 11 am – 3 pm after August 26.

#### **Day Programs**

**Street Hockey** – is held at Church Street every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning averaging 15-25 boys and girls. This program will end Friday, August 19th.

**Softball** –is held every Friday at Riverside Park. The program averaged 10-20 boys and girls. This program will end on Friday, August 12th.

**Tennis Camp** – is held at Church Street Park every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Approximately 5-10 youth participate in this program. Instructors are Theresa Zingaro and Sydney Sauschuck. We will re-evaluate this program in the off season. We need higher attendance in order to continue with it.

**Basketball Camp** – is held at Church St. Park Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons for boys and girls ages 8-16. This program will end on August 16<sup>th</sup>. More than 80 boys and girls participate.

**Soccer Camp** – The 7th annual soccer stars camp was held this summer at the high school. Two one-week camps were held for boys and girls ages 5-18. Each camp week averaged 45 soccer players. This camp was very successful and we look forward to it returning, again, next year.

**Volleyball Camp**- Camp is scheduled for the week of August 8-12 at the Port Jervis Middle School. This camp is for girls entering grades 5-8.

## **Evening Programs**

**Youth Track** – held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Port Jervis High School Track. The program averages approximately 20 boys and girls. Mackenzie Leroy and Troy Zanger were the instructors. On Tuesday, August 9, 2016 an end of the summer Track Meet will be held. The boys and girls that attend will compete in the 55M, 100 M, 400M, 800M long jump and high jump. Ribbons will be awarded to winners and ice pops will be served at the conclusion of the meet.

## **Special Events**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner Along the Delaware and Fireworks Show**

This year's event was held on Friday July 1, 2016 at Riverside Park. Despite an intense storm that blew through Port Jervis in the late afternoon, the event was held as scheduled as storm clouds dissipated and clear skies appeared. We had more than 20 local vendors- the most we have ever had and a full house in the park. The food was outstanding and The Fox and Hare Brewery participated with samples of their brews that will soon be served from their very own brewery here in Port Jervis!

The fireworks were once again set off from Point Peter and as usual they were fantastic. The show last more than 30 minutes and they could be viewed from as far-away the 84 lookout! Next year we are already scheduled for Monday July 3, 2017!

### **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

This year's tournament was held on Saturday July 30, 2016. Unfortunately we were only able to finish the 12 and under age category due to thunder, lightning and rain that came blowing through Port forcing us to cancel the event. We had over 50 teams registered. There was no rain date as we could not come up with a compatible date for all. Thank you to Cory Poupolo for organizing this event and making it a special day for the kids and community.

### **Outdoor Movie Night**

Co-sponsored by the First Assembly of God Church in July we showed movie #2 out of 3 for the summer. Movie #2 was Zootopia and it was played on July 13 in front of more than 75 adults and children. Free hot dogs and popcorn were served to all. The next movie night is scheduled for August 17 at 8 pm. The movie "In and Out" will be shown.

### **Concert Series**

The Farnum Park Concert Series- featuring The Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band held concerts on July 11 and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Riverside Park Concert Series- on July 14 Mike Pacer performed and on July 28 the Rich Wilson concert was cancelled due to rain. It has been re-scheduled for August 24 at 7 pm. All these concerts are free of charge!

### **Field Trips**

New York Met Game- On July 27 33 children and adults traveled to Citi Park in Queens to watch the Mets take on the St. Louis Cardinals. The game was a nail bitter with the Mets blowing a one run lead in the 9<sup>th</sup> to lose 4-3. Despite the loss everyone had a great time.

Still to come...

Dorney Park- August 5

Scranton Railriders- August 18

Dates to Remember...

PJ Rec Summer Olympics at Riverside Park- August 11

West End Beach closes- August 18

Summer Program ends- August 19

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

**\*\*6:00pm\*\***