

**Director of Recreation Report
November 2016**

Youth Center

The Youth Center remains very busy as we head into the holiday season. Our recreation room attendance remains constant with a total attendance of 5,138 since January 1st and an unduplicated number of 304. Recreation room hours are Monday-Thursday from 3 pm- 7pm, Friday from 3 pm-6 pm. Friday night "Teen Night" attendance is at 770 since the beginning of the year and an unduplicated number of 177. Teen Night is every Friday night from 6 pm-10 pm and for Middle and High School students only. We do not have Teen Night during the summer. If school is closed due to weather or Holiday the Recreation room is open from 11 am- 3 pm. **The Youth Center schedule over Winter break will be as follows: December 23 CLOSED; December 26-30 11am-3 pm.**

Thank you to the Henry Levy family for donating their family pool table to the Youth Center. Our old table had multiple tears in the felt and the pockets were held on with duct tape. This new/used table is in great shape and will provide many hours of fun for the kids.

Santa's Toy Box

The Recreation Department will once again be participating in the annual Holiday Toy Drive. New toys only may be dropped off at the Youth Center Monday-Friday 11:00 am-7:00pm. The Holiday Toy Drive begins on Monday, November 28, 2016 and will end on Monday, December 22nd. 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 22nd year that we are participating in this program.

NOTE: All of the toys we collect go DIRECTLY to the children of the tri-state area. WE deliver them to the Elks organization for their annual Christmas Eve party. Also, if you can't drop off toys during the week you can contact the Recreation office and we can arrange a drop off time.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

Registration for this year's program will be Saturday, December 3rd 9am-12pm, December 5th, 6th, and 7th 6pm-8pm. All registrations will be held at the Youth Center. Cost is \$35/child. Family discounts are available. This program is for boys and girls in grades 3-6 and will be held at the ASK Gym every Saturday afternoon beginning December 17th.

Adult Basketball- We are again offering adult basketball at the A.S.K. gym this winter. Adult Basketball is held Sunday mornings from 9:30 am-11:30 am. This program is for ADULTS ONLY. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND PORT JERVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS. This is a co-ed program and will run through the end of March 2017.

Elks-Brox Park and Watershed Park Trails- Trails remain open for hiking and biking. Even though hunting and fishing are prohibited in the City Parks and Trails we are still encouraging all trail goers to wear bright clothing. We have also posted signs at the trailhead locations at Reservoir #1, Elks-Brox Park and off of Boxbaum Road. To all trail goers remember- pack in and pack out leave only footprints and tire treads. Help us keep the trails safe and clean!

FYI

1. Annual elections were held at our November meeting and congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Dawn Jones for being elected as chairman and vice-chairperson for 2017.
2. Winterization of the parks continues. All parks will be winterized by mid-December. The lights at Church St. are on and set to turn off at 8:15 pm. Church Street basketball courts will remain open until the first snow fall.
3. There will be no Recreation Commission meeting in the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 19, 2017** at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.
4. As always for more information about any Rec. Program or if you have a question email us at 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!**