

Director of Recreation Report March 2017

2nd Annual Snowball's Chance Fat Bike Race

On Saturday, March 11th the 2nd Annual Fat Bike race was held in the Watershed Park and Trail System. The race held on a bitter cold morning (about 16 degrees) and organized by Dejay Birtch and TC Crawford was a 10 mile loop for beginners and a 20 mile double loop for the advanced bikers. More than 50 bikers participated in this year's event. Bikers were led to the trails by police escort from the Erie Tiki Bar on Front St- where registration was held. Feedback from participants and volunteers was awesome! As for the trails, please remember no motorized vehicles are permitted. Also, **"Pack In and Pack Out- Leave Only Tire Treads and Footprints"**

Spring Port Pride Day

This year's clean- up is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact the Recreation office if interested.

Easter Candy Dash

This year's dash is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11am at the upper level of Church Street Park.

Parks and Playgrounds

The Recreation Maintenance Staff is working hard to prepare the parks and playgrounds for the spring and summer months. We plan on having all the parks up and running by the school spring break on April 7. The major winter storm on March 14 has put us behind schedule on projects that were scheduled for this spring, If we can't get to them this spring we will hit them in the fall. Please if you see something in the parks that needs immediate attention contact the Recreation office. Thank you.

By spring break on April 7 the following will be completed: Swings up, tennis nets up at Church Street, and picnic tables and garbage cans will be out as well. Church Street Park and Point Peter (vehicle traffic) will be open late March or early April. You can currently access Point Peter by foot or bike.

Youth Community Center

Attendance since January 1, 2017 is as follows:

Recreation Room – 945 total attendance (88 unduplicated)

Teen Night –153 total attendance (58 unduplicated)

Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball game

On Saturday March 4, 2017 we held our annual basketball game between the 6th grade boys and girls from our winter basketball program and Police from Port Jervis, Deerpark and Pike County Police Departments. The game also served as a fundraiser for the Port Jervis/Deerpark Humane Society. This year's game was a classic with the kids winning in Overtime by the score of 72-71. The kids, volunteer coaches and Police men and women all did a great job.

FYI

1. The 24th Annual Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Race time is 9am. We need volunteers on this day so please leave your calendar open. Remember you can register online at www.delawariver5krun.com.
2. The 3rd Annual Tri-State Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday August 6, 2017. Race time will be at 7:00 am.
3. Summer Recreation Program for 2017 is being worked on. I hope to complete the program booklet by end of April and distributed to the schools in May.
4. Remember to visit our Facebook Page for all of your Recreation news. Search “Port Jervis Recreation” on the Facebook homepage

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017
7:00 pm**