

## **Director of Recreation Report April 2017**

### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River Run**

This year's race is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017. Registration is scheduled to begin at 7:15am with the race to start at 9am. Close to 200 participants have already registered and it's our hope that we will have close to 400 participants on race day. See everyone on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Maintenance**

Joe Dicarlo, Mackenzie Decker, Kobie Lane, and Matt Somorelli complete our maintenance staff this year. 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.

### **Summer Program 2017**

This summer we are opening 3 playgrounds again and the Youth Center. Park and Youth Center hours this summer, will be 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. Each location will have two supervisors and a variety programs will be offered. We will also serve lunch at each location at 12:00pm. The seven-week summer program will start Monday June 26 and end Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Summer Flyers are finished and will be distributed in the elementary schools in May.

### **West End Beach**

We plan to open West End Beach for the season on Friday June 16. The beach will be open for 9 weeks and close on Sunday August 20. The schedule this season will be the same as it was in 2016 with one slight adjustment. We will open the beach at 11 am on weekends. . The beach will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday 12 pm-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am-6 pm and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Port Pride Day- Spring**

This year's Port Pride Day was held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Farnum Park, Church St. Park and the "walking trail" between the Middle and High Schools. Volunteers collected more than 50 bags of leaves and collected garbage to help beautify our parks and help out our maintenance staff. Thank you to the PJPD, Operation PJ Pride, 4H, Outdoor Club of PJ and the Port Jervis Softball team for helping us out!

### **Easter Candy Dash**

The Easter Candy Dash was held on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Church Street Park. More than 100 children participated and made a dash for candy and the chance to win a basket. Dr. Doyle, from Port Jervis, donated 12 festive baskets for this event. The event ended with a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

### **Mohegan Sun Pocono Field Trip**

On Saturday April 22 we sponsored a trip to Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino. Unfortunately our turnout was lower than we expected. However all that went had a great time!

### **Arbor Day**

On Saturday April 29, 2017 Arbor Day was held along the walking trail on River Road (across from the little league fields). We planted 3 Bradford Pear trees. These new trees replaced 3 trees we had to take down earlier in the season. Thank you to the Recreation Commission members that represented the Recreation Department- I was unable to attend.

### **Youth Center**

Recreation Room – Total since January 1<sup>st</sup> is 1,407. The unduplicated total is 106.

Teen Night – Total since January 1<sup>st</sup> is 240. The unduplicated total is 74.

Important Dates to remember...

1. Outdoor Expo at Riverside Park- Saturday May 20, 2017. 10 am-5 pm. Sponsored by the Tourism Board
2. West End Beach opens Friday June 16- 9 weeks long
3. Summer Program begins Monday June 26- 7 weeks long
4. Dinner Along The Delaware and Fireworks Monday July 3- 6 pm

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**7:15pm**