

Director of Recreation Report July 2017

Summer Program

Playgrounds and Youth Center

We have completed 5 weeks of our 7 week summer program. Attendance at the playgrounds and Youth Center has been good this summer. I will have total numbers for you in the August report. We have special events each week in addition to playground time. Events include street hockey, basketball, softball and beach Friday. Our summer supervised hours are: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:30 pm

The seven week program ends on Friday, August 11, 2017. Our Annual Field Day/ Summer Olympics will be held on August 8, 2017 at Riverside Park at 10:00am.

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 2,134 kids. We hold special events each day which include Creative Day, Yoga, Nutritional day and Exploring Port Jervis (supervised walk around the city). This schedule will remain in effect until August

West End Beach

The beach schedule is as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-6:00 pm. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Note- the beach was open on Tuesday July 4. The beach has been busy on weekends this summer- averaging more than 100 bathers each day. Weekdays we continue to draw smaller crowds. In an effort to introduce the river to the kids- this summer we held Beach Day every Friday afternoon. Kids from the playgrounds and the Youth Center went to the beach along with supervisors and had the opportunity to swim and play games. We averaged over 20 kids attending each week.

We charged a \$5 fee to park on weekends (for non-residents) and we have generated a little revenue this summer. I will have total \$ figure for you in the August report but as of end of July we have collected \$1105. The parking fee was for bathers or anyone wishing to park (those that park and then float down river). The beach closes for the season on August 20.

Summer Lunch Program

The summer lunch program began on Wednesday, July 5th and will end on Thursday, August 10th. Lunches are served at Church St., Riverside Park, Youth Center and Farnum Park at 12 pm. This is the 22nd summer we have participated in this program, and we have served approximately 21, 000 to the kids over the years. Lunches are prepared by the Port Jervis School District, and the program is funded by the New York State Education Department. We served an average of 50 lunches per day.

Camps

We sponsored 3 sports camps this summer- volleyball camp, soccer camp and tennis camp.

Volleyball Camp- was held at the ASK gym June 26-30. Camp was for girls entering grades 5-8. 15 girls attended.

Soccer Camp – soccer stars camp was held this summer at the high school. Two one-week camps were held (July 3-7 and July 10-14)for boys and girls ages 5-18. Each camp week averaged 45 soccer players.

Tennis –this year the Rec Department tried something new and offered free tennis lessons during a week-long camp. The change was made in hopes of gaining tennis participants because the numbers had declined over the past few summers. We averaged 10-12 participants. We will evaluate over the winter whether or not this camp continues.

Evening Programs

Youth Track – held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Port Jervis High School Track. The program averages approximately 20 boys and girls. Troy Zanger and Grace Schock are the instructors. On

Thursday, August 10, 2017 the end of summer Track Meet will be held. The boys and girls that attend will compete in the 55M, 100 M, 400M, and 800M. Ice pops will be served at the conclusion of the meet.

Field Trips

1. Circle Line Cruise on July 12 was a hit! 38 people enjoyed the 2.5 hour cruise around Manhattan Island.
2. NY Met Game on July 19 had 30 people attend. The Mets beat the Cardinals 7-3 and everyone had a wonderful time.
3. Dorney Park on July 28 was canceled due to lack of interest. We have tickets available for sale for \$40 per person. These tickets are valid for this season only.

Special Events

Concerts in the Park- This summer we held FREE concerts in Farnum Park and Riverside Park. At Farnum Park, The Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band played Monday evenings on June 26, July 10 and July 24. At Riverside Park Rich Wilson performed on July 27. The Carl Richards Band scheduled for July 13 was rained out and rescheduled for August 10. The Parting Glass scheduled for August 2 was also rained out and was rescheduled for August 15.

Outside Movies- Co-sponsored by First Assembly of God Church movies were shown on June 28 (Finding Dory) and July 26 (The Secret Life of Pets). The July 12 movie night was canceled. Remaining movie nights are August 9- The Jungle Book and August 30- Sing.

Dinner Along The Delaware- This year's event was held on July 3 and was a tremendous success. 500 people attended and were able to sample from more than 20 local food and beverage establishments. Restaurants from Port Jervis, Deerpark, Westtown, Matamoras, and Montague participated. The night was capped off by a fantastic fireworks show from the top of Point Peter! Thanks to Phantom Fireworks for donating a large portion of fireworks.

Watershed Trails

Plenty of work has been done in the Watershed Park this summer. Thanks to Mike Ward, Orange-Ulster Boces SYEP- Summer Youth Employment Program and the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis- new trails have been built and old trails have been maintained. New trail posts have been put in at beginning and end of the trails. New maps have been printed (available at the Youth Center). The campground has all new tables and refurbished grills- We will still have some additional tables to place in Point Peter Park and we will be receiving benches to place along scenic portions of the trails. Take advantage of this wonderful trail system right here in our backyard.

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
****7:00pm****