Summer Youth Program
Our seven week Summer Youth Program ended on Friday, August 11th. Below is a breakdown of our attendance. Children were able to participate in many activities this summer at our 4 locations. Activities included- street hockey, basketball, softball, kickball, wiffleball, cornhole, kan jam, yoga, cooking classes, nutritional classes, walking tour of Port Jervis and beach Fridays. We also offered Volleyball Camp, Soccer Camp, Tennis Camp and The PJ Rec. Summer Olympics. If you were more of an indoor child the Youth Center had TV, movies, video games, pool table, ping pong, board games and arts and crafts.

WE also offered FREE lunch at all 4 locations throughout our Summer Youth Program. Lunches were delivered to each site by Rec. staff after being prepared by the school district. An average of 50 lunches were served each day this summer.

Church St.- Unduplicated 134, Total for the summer- 601 kids for a daily average of 21 kids.
Farnum Park- Unduplicated 196, Total for the summer- 439 kids for a daily average of 16 kids.
Riverside- Unduplicated 252, Total for the summer- 895 kids for a daily average of 31 kids.
Youth Center- we record numbers every quarter for the Youth Center.

Youth Center
The Youth Center was steady this summer. We have averaged close to 20-25 kids per day. I will have specific numbers in the September report (at end of 3rd quarter of the year). The Center was open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:30pm. When school begins on September 5th, the Youth Center will be open for the after school hours and programs. These hours are Monday – Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm, Friday 3pm-6pm and 6pm-10pm for middle and high school students. The Youth Center will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

West End Beach
The beach closed for the season on Sunday August 20 after a 9 week summer season. Weekday attendance was once again fairly low- daily average of 20 bathers. Weekend attendance picked up with an average of 70-80 bathers. The beach was open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm-6 pm and weekends from 11 am-6 pm. The beach was closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On weekends we charged non-residents a $5 parking fee and at the end of the summer we generated $1280 (most of the money came from people who parked then floated down the river).

Youth Track- Due to a few rainouts we extended our Youth Track program a week. We ended on August 10 (originally scheduled to end on August 3). The last night of the program we held a track meet where the kids participated in the high jump, long jump, 100 meter dash, 400 meter run. Awards were given to winners and ice pops for all the kids at the end of the night. We averaged 15 kids per night.

Special Events
National Night Out – The 11th Annual National Night Out event was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Riverside Park. National Night Out is a national event that is held the 1st Tuesday in August across the country. National Night Out is an event that brings the community and law enforcement agencies together to combat crime. The event was a huge success with close to 4,500 people attending. Thank you to the Port Jervis Police Department and the National Night Out Committee for putting this event together!

5th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament- The event was held on Saturday August 5 at Church St. Park and was a great success. Close to 100 kids participated in 3 different age groups (32 teams). Special thanks to Cory Puopolo for organizing and running the event. Thank you also to PJ Police, Shoprite, Chuck Magos and the PJ High School Boys Basketball coaches.
3rd Annual Tri-State Triathlon - This event was held on Sunday August 6 at West End Park and Beach. 50 athletes registered with 39 completing the 400 meter swim, 10 mile bike and 5K run. We are working hard to improve the race and bring in more participants. Our goal is to get at least 100 participants next year. Special thanks to Neal Wilkinson for help coordinating this event.

Concerts in the Park at Riverside Park - After many rain dates, the concerts in the park did very well. Rich Wilson (July 28), The Carl Richards Band (August 10), The Parting Glass (August 15), and an 80’s Night hosted by DJ G (August 17) were offered free of charge to the public. Attendance was good and everyone that attended had a good time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors (A1A Tri-State Taxi, Port Jervis Teachers Association, Legato Lawn Care, Quality Bus Service, Tri-State Auto Body, and Myrtle Beach Vacation Townhouse Rental). Their support makes the Summer Concert Series possible.

Outdoor Movie Night at Riverside Park - Thank you to First Assembly of God Church for sponsoring these nights out. We had good turnouts for the movies and the kids enjoyed themselves. August 9 we played The Secret Life of Pets and August 30 we showed Moana.

FYI

1. The Recreation Department will be putting out a fall flyer for the kids in school and for the community. This flyer contains all information about the Recreation Department, Youth Center, and special events. In addition to passing them out for the kids in school, Recreation staff will be attending open houses to get information out to parents as well.

2. Rocking the City to Fight Hunger IV Concert - On Saturday September 16, 2017 along with The Carl Richards Band we will be hosting a Canned Food Drive concert at Riverside Park. The various bands will begin playing at 12noon. Please drop off some canned food items and stay for some great music! All donated food will go to a food pantry here in Port Jervis.

3. Sunday September 24, 2017 we travel to the Meadowlands and watch the New York Jets take on the Miami Dolphins in NFL action. Cost per person is $100 and includes game ticket and transportation. If you want to join us for a pre-game and post-game tailgate cost will be $140 per person. The bus will leave the Rite-Aid parking lot at 8:15 am and return approximately 7:00 pm. Kickoff is 1:00 pm. Limited tickets are available so sign-up early! COACH BUS with a/c and bathroom.

4. The Recreation Department’s 71st Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Lineup will be at 3:00pm in front of City Hall on Hammond Street. Kick off will be at 3:30pm.

5. Next meeting- September 21 at 7 pm. I added some photos from this summer for your enjoyment.
Little Chefs of PJ Rec program.

National Night Out- August 1.

Outdoor Movie Night.
PJ Rec Summer Olympics

Yoga at the Youth Center

Circle Line Cruise trip
NY Mets Baseball Game

Tennis Camp

Street Hockey
Preserving Port- volunteer clean-up crew

Walking Port Jervis
Volleyball Camp

Nutritional program at the Youth Center

Slip and Slide at Riverside Park
Beach Friday fun at West End Beach

Kids vs. Counselors kickball game