

Director of Recreation Report August 2013

Playgrounds

The Playgrounds and Youth Center final report were included in the JULY 2013 report.

West End Beach

The nine (9) week beach season ended on Sunday, August 18. The final report for West End Beach was included in the JULY 2013 report.

Youth Center

Starting on Monday August 12 through Wednesday September 4 the Youth Center was opened from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. During these last few weeks we averaged 33 kids per day! Our YTD duplicated total is 5093 kids!! IN JULY 2013 REPORT WE REPORTED WRONG NUMBERS. Our YTD UNDUPLICATED number is 552 kids! We also concluded the summer with a bubble gum bubble contest, a minute-to-win-it contest and a dance contest using the Wii. Beginning on Thursday September 5 we will shift back to our Fall/Winter/Spring schedule which is Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm and Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm and Teen Night 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm. Please note this year our Teen Night is 6-10 pm (in the past it was 7-11 pm)

Rotary Skateboard Park

The skate board park closed for the season on Tuesday August 27. This is a couple of weeks earlier than in the past but our two (2) supervisors returned to college and we had opened up a little early in April this past spring.

Special Events

National Night Out – The 7th Annual National Night Out event was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 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 National Night Out Committee for putting this event together!

New York Yankees Game – On August 14th 28 people attended the New York Yankees vs. the LA Angels.

The Summer Concert Series at Riverside Park ended on August 29. We hosted The Carl Richards Band on August 8, Alissa Startup on August 15, and Larry and some old hippie on August 22nd. Will Hoppey was rescheduled for August 29 (was rained out on August 1). The concerts have been receiving positive feedback from the public and our attendance has grown each year since we started back in 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors (Bon Secours Hospital, A1A Tri-State Taxi, Erie Restaurant and Hotel, Hawks Nest Realty, Port Jervis Teachers Association, Port Jervis Youth Football League, Quality Bus Service, Tri-State Auto Body, Court Madonna #114 Catholic Daughters of America, Port Jervis Little League, and Phil's Ford). Their support makes the Summer Concert Series possible.

R/C World Park

Now up and running at Riverside Park. Each weekend racers from all over come to PORT to use the track. Most weekends are testing weekends (Racers test their cars) or OPEN weekends (no official races) but on September 27-29 we are hosting the Northeast Regionals!! This is sure to be a HUGE event! Close to 100 racers will be attending and competing vs. each other. Spectators can watch as long as they wish all FREE of charge!! Food vendors will be set up as well. Don't miss it!

The ACME Extreme Downhill Race

The race took place on Sky Line Drive August 31-September 1. More than 80 Long boarders and Luge racers arrived in PORT and enjoyed a fantastic two (2) days of racing. Racers traveled to PORT from Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Canada!! Close to 20 racers were from Canada alone!! There were no MAJOR problems and we received tremendous compliments from all involved on how well maintained our course was, how safe our course was and how the City was so receptive!! Some racers even went as far as to say we have the BEST hill in the ENTIRE NORTHEAST UNITED STATES!! Pictures and video are available on our Face Book page- Port Jervis Recreation. This is the first year we have hosted such an event and we plan on hosting again next year! Next year we hope to have a bigger and better event. Stay posted....

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. I have attached a copy for you to review. 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. The Recreation Department's 67th Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Lineup will be at 3:00pm in front of City Hall on Hammond Street. Kick off will be at 3:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
6:00pm
@ West End Beach**