

Director of Recreation Report July 2013

Summer Program

Playgrounds and Youth Center

We have concluded our 6 week summer program. The 6-week program ended on Friday August 9, 2013. Attendance at the playgrounds and Youth Center has been terrific this summer. We re-opened Farnum Park this year and had a great turnout there. Below is a breakdown of the playgrounds and the Youth Center. Playgrounds and the Youth Center were open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Total attendance:

	Unduplicated	Duplicated	Daily Average
Church St.	247	1,042	42
Farnum Park	204	853	32
Riverside Park	138	518	20
Youth Center	108	1,272	41

As you can see we were very busy at all 4 locations. Thank you to the dedicated staff that worked directly with the kids all summer long. Their dedication to our program is the reason we are successful.

Youth Center

The Youth Center has been busy this summer. We have averaged close to 42 kids per day! Total attendance for the year is 3,244 kids and the unduplicated total is 392 kids. The center was open Monday-Friday from 9 am - 4 pm. We held special events each day which included Bowling Day, Arts and Crafts Day and Movie Day.

West End Beach

It has been quite an interesting summer for the beach. First we opened up a week late due to high river conditions and then we had to shut the beach down for multiple days on two separate occasions again due to high river conditions. Despite all that we have had decent attendance throughout the summer. The beach is scheduled to close on Sunday August 18.

This was also our first year charging \$5 a carload for non-residents on weekends. This policy was approved by the Recreation Commission and Common Council to help control over crowding issues with non-residents we have experienced on weekends the past few years. We formed a Beach Attendant position and this person was stationed at the entrance to the beach and checked every vehicle that wished to enter the beach area. To date we have collected over \$1000 in parking fees. This person also helped beach goers park their vehicles which helped us keep an organized and safe parking area. This new fee and position was a homerun and we had very minimal problems this season. Thank you to the Commission and Council for approving this much needed position!

Summer Lunch Program

The summer lunch program began on Monday, July 8 and ended on Friday, August 9. Lunches were served at Church Street Playground, Farnum Playground, Riverside Park and the Youth Center at 12 pm. This is the 18th summer we have participated in this program, and we have served approximately 17,000 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 65 lunches per day.

Rotary Skateboard Park

The skateboard park is open Monday-Friday 12 pm – 4 pm and weekends 12 pm – 6 pm.

Programs offered

Hockey – was held at Church Street Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings averaging 15-25 boys and girls. The program ended on August 7. Goal scoring Champion this year was Abner Padin with 87 goals! Congratulations! Instructors were Mike Cordisco and Dave Simmons.

Softball –was held every Friday afternoon at Riverside Park. The program averaged 18-25 boys and girls. The program ended on August 2. Instructor was Dave Simmons.

Tennis – held at Church Street Park every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Approximately 25-30 youth participated in this program. Instructors were Ashley Jackson and Theodore Wolf.

Basketball – held at Church St. Park Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons for boys and girls ages 8-16. The program ended on August 6. More than 80 boys and girls participated. Instructor was Mike Cordisco.

Soccer Camp – The 5th annual soccer stars camp was held this summer at the high school. Two one-week camps were held for boys and girls ages 5-18. Each camp week averaged 30 soccer players. This camp was very successful and we look to it returning, again, next year. Instructor was Taylor Hartey.

Cooking- was held at Farnum Playground every Tuesday afternoon. Participants, known as “The Little Chefs of Port Jervis Recreation” prepared the food, cooked the food and ate the food. We averaged 20 kids. The last class of program kids baked over 800 cookies which were then given out at National Night Out. Instructor was Kathy Shortell.

Track – held every Tuesday and Thursday evening (6-8 pm) at the Port Jervis High School Track. The program averages approximately 20 boys and girls. This program will end on August 15 when we host the PJ REC Track Finals. Events will include the 50M, 100M and 400 M runs, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put. Instructors are Sydnie and Mackenzie Leroy.

Special Events

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

On Wednesday August 7 we held our 1st Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at Church Street Playground. The 3 on 3 basketball tournament was sponsored by Port Jervis Recreation, Field of Dreams Pumpkin Patch, Shop-Rite, Save-A-Lot, Texas Lunch, Wal-Mart, Easy Way, Roadside Grill and Freihofer's Bread. Thank you also to the Recreation staff and volunteers that helped organize brackets, serve food and water and officiate the games! More than 35 teams participated and overall more than 200 kids and adults attended! The Tournament was broken down to 4 age divisions. The winners for each division were as follows: Age 9-11 Nicholas Rodriguez, Elijah Shearn and Preston Machado; Age 12-14 Rebelle Sheppard, Ameen Hawkins and Anthony Tucillo; Age 15-16 Justin Drew, Justin Rodriguez and Art Gray; Age 17-19 Greg Rhoades, Kyle Buczek and Stanley Buczek. Congratulations to all the winners and all the participants.

PJ REC Summer Olympics

On Thursday August 8 we held our 2nd Annual PJ REC Summer Olympics. We had seven (7) events (Basketball Hot Shot, Foul Shooting, 50 Meter Dash, Distance Run, Standing Long Jump, Softball Toss and Water Balloon Toss) broken down into three (3) age groups (7-9, 10-13 and 14-17). More than 100 kids participated and Recreation staff served lunch for all participants. Special thanks to Steve and his wife and their Italian Ice cart for serving for FREE Ices for all the kids!! Winners are as follows:

Basketball Hot Shot- Age 7-9 1st- Salissa Small, 2nd- Joel Howell and 3rd- Ryder Machado; Age 10-13 1st- Freddy Blue, 2nd- Preston Machado and 3rd- Brandon Roesch; Age 14-17 1st- Nick James, 2nd- Henry Bowers and 3rd- James Luckey

Foul Shooting- Age 7-9 1st- Ryder Machado, 2nd- Salissa Small and 3rd- Landon Machado; Age 10-13 1st- Freddy Blue, 2nd- Curtis Harris and 3rd- Preston Machado; Age 14-17 1st- Nick James, 2nd- Abner Padin and 3rd- Austin Wilson

50 Meter Dash- Age 7-9 1st- Landon Machado, 2nd- Ryder Machado and 3rd- Andrew Tomasi; Age 10-13 1st- Abner Padin, 2nd- Brandon Roesch and 3rd- Trey Wilkerson; Age 14-17 1st- Javier Rolon, 2nd- Henry Bowers and 3rd- Matt Wells

Standing Long Jump- Age 7-9 1st- Joel Howell, 2nd- Ryder Machado and 3rd- Landon Machado; Age 10-13 1st- Brandon Roesch, 2nd- Abner Padin and 3rd- Trey Wilkerson; Age 14-17 1st- Matt Wells, 2nd- Javier Rolon and 3rd- Donovan Boateng

Distance Run- Age 7-9 1st- Landon Machado, 2nd- Jaden DeMarco and 3rd- Andrew Tomasi; Age 10-13 1st- Brandon Roesch, 2nd- Curtis Harris and 3rd- Robert VanOrden; Age 14-17 1st- Henry Bowers, 2nd- Donovan Boateng and 3rd- Javier Rolon

Softball Toss- Age 7-9 1st- Jaden DeMarco, 2nd- Ryder Machado and 3rd- Landon Machado; Age 10-13 1st- Brandon Roesch, 2nd- Jordan Weaver and 3rd- Niko Rodriguez; Age 14-17 1st- Matt Wells, 2nd- Donovan Boateng and 3rd- Nick James

Water Balloon Toss- 1st- Matt Wells/Nick Machado, 2nd- Noah Brown/Trey Wilkerson and 3rd- Rey Torres/Steven Pantis

FREE Outdoor Movie Night

Co-sponsored by First AG Church we held 3 FREE Mvie nights at Riverside Park this summer. The 1st was July 10 when we showed The Lorax on July 31 we showed Batman-The Dark Knight Rises and on August 7 we showed Parental Guidance. All movies were well attended with over 100 people at each show! First AG Church gave out free popcorn and hot dogs as well. Stay tuned as we are looking at a Movie Night in September 2013....

Summer Concert Series

The Concert Series is held at Riverside Park every Thursday evening from 7-9 pm. So far we have held 4 concerts. All concerts have been well attended and The Creamery Ice Cream truck has also set up for snacks for the concert goers. Next up is Alyssa Startup on Thursday August 15.

Field Trips

1. NY Met game on July 24-. 25 people attended the game at Citi Field and had a great time.
2. Dorney Park on August 2-. 52 people attended and had a great time.
3. NY Yankee game is scheduled for August 14.

FYI

1. Broome St. Wind Ensemble Band performed 3 concerts at Farnum Park this past summer. Concerts were free of charge and held on July 1, 15 and 29. Attendance was great with an average of 60 people.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday August 27 at 6:00 pm