

## **Director of Recreation Report March 2013**

### **Easter Candy Dash**

This year's dash was held on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 12noon at Church Street Park. Approximately 200 adults and children attended on a beautiful spring day. All children left happy with candy and 3 lucky kids won Easter Baskets. Thank you to the Recreation Commission and the Port Jervis School District students for helping set up and breakdown of the event. Thanks also to Angelina's and Adrianna's Italian Ice for the kids!

### **Spring Clean-Up**

This year's clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2013. The cleanup will begin at 12noon and end at 2pm. Volunteers are needed. If you know anyone who is in need of community service or would like to volunteer, please have them contact the Recreation Office. Thank you and we will see you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parks and Playgrounds**

The Recreation Maintenance Staff is trying to get out to the grounds and get them ready for the spring and summer. Seasonal employee Ricky Crown is set to return April 8<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the crew will start up each following Monday with full staff on board by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Swings are up, tennis nets at Church Street are up, and garbage cans are out as well. Picnic tables will be out in early to mid-April. Church Street Park opened in mid-March and Pt. Peter Park opened on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Community Center**

Attendance since January 1, 2013 is as follows:  
Recreation Room – 1,947 unduplicated – 283 total  
Teen Night –492 unduplicated – 155 total

On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we invited Wade Young from "Right Choices" to come to speak to the kids. His message was for kids to make the right choices in life. Wade runs a not-for-profit organization in which he speaks to youth groups throughout the Hudson Valley.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the Roadside Grill and the Youth Center teamed up to serve dinner to our kids during "Teen Night". Close to 70 teens attended and were treated to free hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, and drinks. Thanks Roadside Grill!

### **Rotary Skateboard Park**

We are opening the Skateboard Park on Wednesday, March 27th. The park will be opened Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-7pm and weekends from 12pm-6pm. Beginning in May we will open daily.

**FYI**

1. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Race time is 9am. We need volunteers on this day so please leave your calendar open.
2. Lots of great events happening in Port Jervis this Spring with help from the Recreation Department
  - Dedication of the “Port Jervis Fitness Loop” on Saturday, May 11, 2013. Ceremony will take place at 10:00am at Bon Secour Hospital. The Fitness Loop is a 2.25 mile loop that runs along East Main Street, Jersey Ave, and Pike Street. This event is being made possible by Orange County Department of Health, Healthy Orange, Bon Secour Hospital, and the City of Port Jervis.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hershey Track and Field Games on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12noon at the Port Jervis High School
  - Development of a R/C (radio controlled cars) track at Riverside Park
  - Possible Long Boarding event on Skyline Drive in August.
3. Summer Recreation Program for 2013 is almost complete. I anticipate programs to be completed by end of April and distributed to the schools in May.
4. Remember to visit our Facebook Page for all of your Recreation news. Search “Port Jervis Recreation” on the Facebook homepage

**NEXT MEETING:**

**April 17, 2013**

**7:00pm**

**At the Youth Center**