

Director of Recreation Report October 2015

Halloween Parade

The 69th Annual Halloween Parade was held on Sunday, October 25, 2015. More than 300 people participated in the parade on a cool and overcast fall day. Participants in the parade included the Port Jervis Police, the Mayor and Members of the Common Council, the Port Jervis High School Marching Band, Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and the VFW Color Guard. Fort Knox Storage participated with a haunted van and pictures with Scooby Doo. Once again, the Elks Lodge #645 was the parade co-sponsor and awarded prizes to the children at the end of the parade. The Recreation Commission served apple cider and donuts to all parade participants at Farnum Park at the conclusion of the parade.

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center is now operating on its fall/winter schedule. The recreation room is open Monday-Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, Friday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Friday night "Teen Night" is held each week for Middle and High School students.. Total recreation room attendance since January 1st is 4,833 and the unduplicated number is 561.

Friday Night Teen Night has a total attendance of 901 since January 1st. The unduplicated number is 200.

Busy Body Program started on Saturday, October 17th. Megan Smith is the instructor. This arts and crafts program will run every Saturday morning at the Youth Center from 9am-10:30am. This program will end Saturday, December 12th. Busy Bodies has been averaging 10 kids per class.

The following are changes made to the Youth Center Schedule and any upcoming Special Events:

Nov 11th- No School the Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Nov. 13th – Teen Concert from 7 pm-9 pm. The band CBX will be performing. Cost is \$3/teen.

Nov. 23rd and 24th - 11am-6pm

Nov. 25th - 11am-3pm

Nov 26th-Nov 28th – Thanksgiving Weekend the Youth Center closed

Fall Leaf Clean Up- FALL PORT PRIDE DAY

The Recreation Department is holding its annual Fall Leaf Clean Cup on Saturday, November 14th from 10am-12noon at city parks. Volunteers are needed for this event. This is a great community service project.

NY Jets Game Field Trip

35 people attended the Jets game on Sunday, October 18th. Despite the frigid temperatures, everyone had a great day as the Jets defeated the Washington Redskins.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

We will begin this year's Youth Basketball program in early December. Flyers will go out to the schools in late November with registration dates set for December 5th, 6th, and 9th at the Youth Center. Please see attached basketball flyer with all registration dates, times, and locations plus all program dates and times.

Adult Basketball- We will once again offer adult basketball at the A.S.K. gym on Monday nights starting November 23. This program is for ADULTS ONLY. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND PORT JERVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS. This is a co-ed program and will run through the end of March 2016.

Parks/Playgrounds

Parks and Playgrounds are in the process of being winterized. The bathrooms at Church Street, Riverside Park and West End have been closed and winterized. Due to the warmer weather the swings and picnic tables are still out and will be brought in by November 20th. Tennis nets at Church St. are being removed as well. The sleigh riding hill at West End Beach will, once again, be set up for the winter- once snow is forecasted.

2016 Recreation Budget-

The Director's proposed 2016 budget has been submitted to the Mayor's office.

FYI-

1. We plan to get to Point Peter Park in early December to start marking and creating our hiking/biking trails.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
7:00pm