

**Director of Recreation Report
October 2016**

70th Annual Halloween Parade

The 70th Annual Parade was canceled this year due to heavy rain. It was a hard decision to make but the right one.

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. Friday night "Teen Night" is held each week for Middle and High School students. Total recreation room attendance since January 1st is 4,404 and the unduplicated number is 309.

Friday Night Teen Night has a total attendance of 674 since January 1st. The unduplicated number is 175.

Busy Body Program has been postponed until Spring 2017. We are hoping that with the warmer weather our Busy body Program will attract more participants.

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

Nov.8th – No School the Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

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

Nov. 21st – 23rd - 11am-3pm

Nov.24th - 25th - Closed

NY Jets Game Field Trip

30 people attended the Jets game on Sunday, October 23rd. Everyone that attended had a great time and is looking forward to next year's trip.

Will of Orange Trail Run at Elks-Brox Park

The 1st Annual Trail Run was held on a cold and rainy morning- October 22. Because of the bad weather turnout was low- 12 participants. However feedback from the participants was positive- they loved the course and of course the views. Participants ran either the 5K or 10K course. Most plan on returning next year for the race where we plan on adding a 20K and possibly a 50K run. . Thanks to Jimmy Hendry for all his dedication to the race and the Outdoor Club.

The Erie 80 Mountain Bike Race at The Watershed Park and Trails

The 1st Annual Mountain Bike race was a huge success! More than 140 registered for the race with more than 125 completing the either 20K, 40K or 80K race. The race kicked off at 9:00 am with the final participant crossing the finish line at 4:35 pm. Almost all of the participants were from out of town and feedback was incredibly positive. Bikers loved the courses and the challenges they posed, the views of the Watershed property and Tri-State area and to the City wide support and help. Thanks to Dejay Birtch for making this happen and to many volunteers that helped not only race day but the weeks- if not months leading up to the race. Looking forward to next year's race being even bigger and better!

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

We will begin this year's Youth Basketball program on December 17. Flyers will go out to the schools in late November with registration dates set for December 3rd and December 5-7 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 Sunday mornings starting November 13, 2016. 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 2017.

Parks/Playgrounds

Parks and Playgrounds are in the process of being winterized. The bathrooms at Church Street 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 Thanksgiving. Tennis nets at Church St. are being removed as well for the winter. The sleigh riding hill at West End Beach will, once again, be set up for the winter- once snow is forecasted.

2017 Recreation Budget-

The Director's proposed 2017 budget was submitted to the Mayor's office this past August. The Mayor has proposed his 2017 budget and budget hearings with the Common Council are scheduled for November. The Recreation budget hearing is scheduled for November 3 at 6:00 pm in the Council chambers in City hall.

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
7:00pm