

Director of Recreation Report January 2017

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center has been very busy this year.

Total attendance in the Rec Room since January 1st is 327 children.

The Teen Night program total attendance since January 1st stands at 88 teens.

Winter Programs

As you know we are sponsoring a handful of winter athletic programs this year. Below is a brief breakdown of these programs.

Youth Karate – held at Espie’s Tang Soo Do Academy on Front Street Monday through Thursday. This program is for boys and girls ages 3-15. Program began January 18th. This program will run twice a week for 6 weeks. Registration fee includes uniform.

Youth Basketball Practice – held at the ASK gym on Saturday afternoons for boys and girls in grades 3-6. More than 80 children participate. Grades 3-4 participate from 12:00 pm-1:15 pm and grades 5 -6 participate from 1:30-3:00 pm. This program will run until February 25th. An award ceremony and pizza party will be held on February 25th for all participants.

Youth Basketball League – held at the ASK gym on Wednesday evenings for boys and girls grades 5 and 6. 40 children participate. The league has 4 teams and the 6 game schedule will end on March 1, 2017.

*9th *Annual Tom Chuckran Cops vs. Kids Game* - will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at **10:00 am** at the ASK gym. Cops from the Port Jarvis Police Department, Deerpark Police Department and Eastern Pike Police Department and 6th grade boys and girls from our youth program will compete against each other. This year’s game will feature a half time “hot shot” competition for all the boys and girl. In lieu of an admission fee we are asking for donations for the Humane Society. Items we are accepting are old blankets or sheets or towels, pet food, pet treats and pet toys. Thank you! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4th at 10:00am.

Adult Basketball – is held at the ASK gym on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am-11:30 am. Participants must be at least 18 years old, out of high school, and PJSD residents. This program will run through end of March 2017. Attendance has been steady since we started in mid- December. This program averages 20-25 adults per week.

Sleigh Riding Hill

The sleigh riding hill is set up at West End Beach. Children and adults can use the hill daily during daylight hours. No skis or snowboards are allowed. We are just waiting for some snow!

Field Trips

Snow Tubing- On Thursday January 19, 2017 close to 40 adults and children attended our annual snow tubing trip to Fernwood Resort in Bushkill, PA. Even though we didn't have any "real" snow the machine made snow was perfect. The tubing lanes were fast and everyone that attended had a great time!

Mohegan Sun Pocono- We will be sponsoring our first ever trip to the casino in Wilkes Barre PA on Saturday February 11, 2017. If all goes well and people enjoy it we may look to go again in April. Stay tuned.

FYI

1. Reminder that the Youth Center is open 11:00-3:00 on days when school is closed due to weather and holiday. President's weekend schedule is as follows: February 16-17-20-21- 11:00 am-3:00 pm
2. Please notice how we are clearing out all the small brush along River Road and the walking trail. We are clearing the brush to open up the views of the river. Take a moment and drive or walk by to see our progress. Once completed we will have fantastic views of the river year round!
3. **Spring Calendar of Events:**
 - Saturday, April 8, 2017– Spring Port Pride Day at City Parks – 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 - Saturday, April 15, 2017- Easter Candy Dash at Church St. Park at 11:00 am
 - Sunday, May 7, 2017 – 24th Annual Delaware River Run at 9:00am at the Erie Depot and Riverside Park

Congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Dawn Jones for being elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Recreation Commission for 2017 .

**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 16th
7:00 PM**