

Director of Recreation Report
February 2017

Youth/Community Center

Rec Room

We are in the process of removing all of our winter decorations and preparing the Rec Room for the spring. 347 children attended the Youth Center Rec Room in February with a total of 674 for the year.

Teen Night

65 teens attended in February with a total of 153 for the year

Winter Recreation Programs

Most of our Winter Recreation Programs are finishing up for this season. Below is a brief breakdown of these programs.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball – Close to 80 boys and girls in grades 3-6 participated this year. This program is divided into two groups, 3rd and 4th grades and 5th and 6th grades. For 8 weeks the kids were taught basketball fundamentals through drills. In the last session, on February 25th, all the kids participated in a skills competition and then attended an awards ceremony and pizza party. Special thanks to our instructors Dawn Jones, Daniel Keunjte, Steven Smalls, Warren Ponds, and Sarah Beirne.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League – This season 40 boys and girls in grades 5 and 6 competed on 4 different teams. This 8 game/8week season ends on Wednesday, March 1st. North Carolina takes on St. John's in the Championship game at 6:15 pm and UCONN takes on Bridgeport in the Consolation game at 5:30 pm.

On Saturday, March 4th we will hold our 9th Tom Chuckran Annual Cops vs Kids Basketball Game. The Port Jervis Police, Deerpark Police and Pike Regional Police will take on our 6th graders. Game time is 10:00am at ASK. This game is open to the public and free of charge. We are asking spectators to bring donated items for the Port Jervis/Deerpark Humane Society. This year all the 6th graders will be able to complete in the half time hot-shot competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Youth Karate – Held at Espie's Tang Soo Do Academy on Front Street Monday and Wednesdays. The program is offered to boys and girls ages 3-15. Program instructor is, once again, Dalen Espie. Dalen does a fantastic job with the kids and many participants continue to work with Dalen after our program ends.

Special Events (Field Trips)

Snow Tubing

On January 19th 35 adults and children attended the Snow Tubing Field Trip to Fernwood Resort in Bushkill, PA. Everyone that attended had a great time and is looking forward to next year's trip.

Mohegan Sun Pocono

35 people attended the Mohegan Sun Casino Trip on February 11th and had an excellent time. The trip was so well received that a return trip has been scheduled for April 22nd.

2017 Field Trips

Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino- Saturday April 22, 2017- \$30 person- 21 and older- Must have ID- Bus leaves PORT at 8:30 am returns at 6:00 pm

Circle Line Cruise- 2.5 hour cruise around Manhattan- Wednesday July 12, 2017- \$60 adult, \$55 child- Bus leaves PORT at 8:45 am returns at 5:00 pm

New York Mets baseball game- Wednesday July 19, 2017- \$60 person- Bus leaves PORT at 3:45 pm returns 12:00 midnight- Game time is 7:05 pm

Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom- Friday July 28, 2017- \$70 person- Bus leaves PORT at 7:30 am returns at 7:00 pm

All trips will be on a COACH BUS. All prices include transportation and ticket price. Limited tickets are available. 50% non-refundable deposit required to hold seat. Full payment two (2) weeks before scheduled trip. Tickets are available for purchase now.

Parks

Church St. Park and Pt. Peter Park are still closed for the season. We will look to open these parks the week of March 20, 2017. People are still able to hike or bike in Pt. Peter- the road is closed to vehicular traffic.

Veteran's Park (Orange Square) will be getting a major facelift this spring. We will be removing old benches and replacing with new, removing old bushes and trees, cleaning and repainting the pavilion over the cannon and bringing in topsoil and grass seed. This work is long overdue- thank you to the Mayor and the DPW for their lead in this project. River Road Walking Trail is also getting some long overdue work. We are clearing out as much of the small brush (over the bank) that we can that obstructs the view of the river. To date we have cleared out in front of all the benches and picnic tables that are set throughout the walking trail. We have some cleaning up to do still then next year we will tackle the rest. It is my goal to have all of that brush cleared and then maintained every year. As a River City we must have views of the river.

Church St. Park (Seward Ave. side) is getting new sidewalks. The sidewalks will go from Orchard St. all the way up to our property line. These will be new sidewalks- there were no sidewalks prior. The addition of sidewalks will greatly enhance the appearance of the park.

Sleigh Riding Hill at West End will be taken down in the next few weeks of March. Long range forecast doesn't have much if any snow.

Important Dates to Remember!

- Snowball's Chance Fat Bike Race- March 11, 2017 on the new trails in the watershed property
- Spring Port Pride Day (clean up) – Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10am-12pm at city playgrounds and parks
- Easter Candy Dash – Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11:00am at Church St. Park-
- 23rd Annual Delaware River Run – Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 9am.

- Dinner Along the Delaware and Fireworks Show – Monday, July 3, 2017 at 6pm at Riverside Park.

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
7:00pm