

Director of Recreation Report June 2017

West End Beach- With the help of our maintenance staff and Tim Simmons from the Port Jervis Fire Department we were able to set-up the beach and open on Friday, June 16th. Attendance has been busy on weekends and steady on weekdays. Our weekend beach attendant has done a fantastic job stopping cars and collecting parking fees from non-residents. Life guards have kept beach clean and safe. The beach is open Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 12noon-6pm and weekends 11am-6pm. The beach is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays except for July 4th.

Playgrounds – The 3 summer supervised playgrounds opened on Monday June 26th. These supervised playgrounds are Church Street, Riverside Park, and Farnum Park. Playgrounds are supervised from 9:00am-3:30pm. Lunch is offered daily at each site at 12 noon starting July 5. The summer playground program will finish Friday, August 11th. Special events at the playgrounds include – Street Hockey at Church Street, Basketball Camp at Church Street, Softball at Riverside Park, Cooking Class at Farnum, and Beach Fridays at West End Beach. Participants are encouraged to speak to Playground Supervisors for more details.

Skateboard Park – The Rotary Skateboard Park is open daily and gets a huge turnout.

Summer Lunch – The summer lunch program will begin on Wednesday, July 5th and end on Thursday, August 10th. Lunches will be served at 12 noon at the Youth Center, Riverside Park, Church Street Park and Farnum Park. Lunches will be prepared by the Port Jervis School District. This is the 22nd summer we are participating in this program. Over the past twenty-one years we have served close to 21,000 lunches. Lunches are free of charge and for all children 18 years and younger.

Special Events – The Recreation Department will be sponsoring three field trips this summer. The first trip is on July 12th and we will be going on the Circle Line Cruise to see the iconic NYC landmarks. This trip is almost sold out. The 2nd trip will be to Citi Field to see the New York Mets take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, July 19th. A few tickets remain for this trip. Our final trip for the season will be on July 28th to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom. Tickets are still available for this trip.

Youth Center - The Youth Center is operating under its summer schedule. The Youth Center will be open Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:30pm- June 26th- August 11th (same as the Playground Program). Special Events at the Youth Center this summer are as follows: Tuesday- Walking Port Jervis Day- kids will walk with our supervisors on the Healthy Fit Loop, Wednesday – Yoga, Thursday- Nutrition Day- Dietician Kelly Pearson from Shoprite will run this weekly program.

Teen Night – The Teen Night Program has finished for the school year and will start again in the fall.

Summer Concert Series – Our Concerts in the Park at Riverside Park will start on Thursday July 13th. Concerts are free of charge. Concert schedule is as follows:
July 13th - The Carl Richards Band,
July 20th – Rich Wilson
August 2nd - The Parting Glass- Irish Folk Trio
August 17th – DJ G “80’s Night in the Park” These events all start at 7pm

Broome Street Wind Ensemble Concerts

These concerts will be held at Farnum Park at 7 pm on July 10 and July 24. FREE of charge for all to enjoy.

Evening Programs – Youth Track will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at Port Jervis High School track from 6pm-8pm. Track starts June 27th and will end on August 3rd. This program is free of charge and open to boys and girls ages 5 and up.

Dinner along the Delaware and Fireworks Show- Our 4th Annual event is scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2017. Dinner will be from 6 pm- 8:30 pm and fireworks at approximately 9:15 pm. Fireworks will be from Point Peter. Dinner will be held at Riverside Park. Tickets for the Dinner are \$15 adult and \$8 children. Tickets are selling fast and we are selling only 500. This is sure to be a great night in Port Jervis.

FYI

1. Once again, Taylor Hartey is running Youth Soccer Camp at the High School. “Soccer Star Camp” is being held, July 3rd-July 7th. There will be no camp on July 4th. The 2nd week of camp will be July 0th- July 14th. More than 60 kids have registered already!
2. Free outdoor movie nights are being held again this summer at Riverside Park. First Assembly of God Church is co-sponsoring. Movies will start at dusk and will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, Wednesday, July 12th, and Wednesday, July 26th, Wednesday, August 9th and 30th. Movie time is 7pm-10pm. Free hot dogs and popcorn!
3. New this summer is Tennis Camp at Church Street Park. Camp will be held July 17-21 from 9 am- 12:30 pm. This is a FREE camp for boys and girls ages 8-13.
4. For more information on summer activities, programs, special events or field trips please contact the Recreation office.

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
7:00pm**