

Director of Recreation Report
September 2017

Halloween Parade

The 70th Annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2017. Line-up is 3:00pm on Hammond Street in front of City Hall. The parade kicks off at 3:30 pm. Invitations have been sent out and the Port Jervis Police Department and DPW have been notified as well. At the conclusion of the parade at Farnum Park, the Recreation Commission will serve apple cider and donuts while the Elks award prizes to the children. Leave your calendars open on the 29th!

Youth Center

The Youth/Community Center is now operating under its school schedule. The center is open Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00pm, Friday 3:00- 6:00 pm for elementary students and 6:00-10:00 pm for middle and high school students only (Teen Night). We have continued to be busy at the Center. The unduplicated total since January 1st is 203 and the total is 2,783. Teen Night returned on Friday, September 8th after taking the summer off. We have averaged close to 25 teens every Friday night since we re-opened. Teen Night numbers are 77 unduplicated and the total is 313. We held our first teen dance of the school year on September 22nd. The dance was held from 6:30 –9:00 pm. More than 80 teens attended. Entertainment was provided by DJ G.

Rocking the City to Fight Hunger

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 we hosted the 4th Annual Food Drive Music Festival at Riverside Park. We asked all concert goers to bring canned food items with them as they came to the concert. All donated food was given to the First Assembly of God Church, St. Mary's Church and Grace Episcopal Church. Bands performing on the 16th included- The Carl Richards Band, Side F/X, and more!! Coffee and donuts were served as well! We received a great amount of food this year and we look forward to continuing this event for many years! Thank you to everyone that donated!

NY Jet Football Game

On Sunday September 24- 38 people attended the NY Jets vs. Miami Dolphins football game in the Meadowlands. Even though the temperature was over 90 degrees everyone enjoyed the tailgate and game. The Jets won 20-6.

Parks

Parks remain open for the season and we will continue to rent out Riverside Park as long as the weather permits. Elks-Brox Park is open daily and will remain open year round- now that we have developed the hiking and biking trails. We have also installed new picnic tables and barbeque grills in the campground of Elk- Brox Park. Thanks to Mike Ward of the Out Door Club for helping assemble the tables. Swings, tennis nets and picnic tables will remain in the parks until the end of October or early November as well. Lights are no longer on at Church St. Park- they were turned off due to the fact that very little to nobody was using the facility past sunset.

Watershed Trails

This is the best time of the year to explore the Watershed Trails either on foot or on bike. Cooler temperatures and color in the trees make for ideal hiking or biking conditions. There are trails for beginners all the way up to advanced. Remember to pack in and pack out- leave only footprints and tire treads. Help us keep our parks clean.

2018 Parks and Recreation Budget

The Recreation Department is working on the 2018 budget. I anticipate Common Council budget hearings in late October or November. I will keep the Commission updated on these hearings.

FYI

1. Upcoming events
October 21- Erie 80 Mountain Bike Race- at Watershed Trails
October 29- 70th Annual Halloween Parade- City Hall
Fall Clean-Up- Saturday November 4- Farnum Park
2. The Port Jervis Recreation Fall Flyer is now available at the Youth Center or can be emailed as well. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook @ Port Jervis Recreation.
3. The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center.