

**Director of Recreation Report
October 2017**

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. Next year we will be scheduling the parade for the Saturday before Thanksgiving with a raindate the following day.

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.

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

Nov. 7th - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Nov. 10th - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Nov. 20th-Nov 21st - 11am-6pm

Nov 22- 11am- 3 pm

Nov. 23rd and Nov. 24th - Closed

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

The 2nd Annual Mountain Bike race was a huge success! More than 300 registered for the race with more than 250 completing the either 20K, 40K or 80K race. The race kicked off at 10:00 am with the final participant crossing the finish line at 6:00 pm. Many 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 Birch and TC Crawford from Starcroft for making this happen and to the many volunteers that helped on race day. A special thanks to Wayne Addy and Mark Thorton, from DPW, for putting in many hours to help set up and clean up for this event. 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 16th. Flyers will go out to the schools in late November with registration dates set for December 2nd and December 4-6 at the Youth Center. Please see attached basketball flyer with all registration dates, times, and locations plus all program dates and times.

Adult Basketball- This program is on hold right now. I am looking for a responsible supervisor for this program. This is a non-paid position. If you know someone that might be interested please let me know. Thank you.

Parks/Playgrounds

Parks and Playgrounds are in the process of being winterized. The bathrooms at Church Street, Riverside Park 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.

2018 Recreation Budget-

The Director's proposed 2018 budget was submitted to the Mayor's office this past month. The Mayor has proposed his 2018 budget and budget hearings with the Common Council will be scheduled for November and December.

Dates and programs to remember...

1. Fall Clean-Up on November 4, 2017.
2. Santa's Toy Box will start up November 27, 2017. Please help us collect new toys for children of the Tri-State area.

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