

**Director of Recreation Report
November 2017**

Youth Center

The Youth Center is getting busier as we head into the holiday season. Our recreation room attendance remains constant with a total attendance of 3,321 since January 1st and an unduplicated number of 214. Recreation room hours are Monday-Thursday from 3 pm- 7pm and Friday from 3 pm-6 pm. Friday night "Teen Night" attendance is at 773 since the beginning of the year and an unduplicated number of 213. Teen Night is every Friday night from 6 pm-10 pm and for Middle and High School students only. We do not have Teen Night during the summer. If school is closed due to weather or Holiday the Recreation room is open from 11 am- 3 pm. **The Youth Center schedule over Winter break will be as follows: December 22 3-6 pm only- NO TEEN NIGHT. December 26-29 11am-3 pm. We will be closed December 25 and January 1.**

Santa's Toy Box

The Recreation Department will once again be participating in the annual Holiday Toy Drive. New toys only may be dropped off at the Youth Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am-6:00pm. The Holiday Toy Drive begins on Monday, November 27, 2017 and will end on Thursday, December 21st. This Toy Drive is run by the Orange County Departments of Parks and Recreation. The Youth Center is one of more than ten locations throughout the county that is accepting toys. Collected toys will be distributed to children throughout Orange County. This is the 23rd year that we are participating in this program.

NOTE: All of the toys we collect go DIRECTLY to the children of the tri-state area. WE deliver them to the Elks Club for their annual Christmas Eve party. Also, if you can't drop off toys during the week you can contact the Recreation office and we can arrange a drop off time.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

Registration for this year's program will be Saturday, December 2nd 9am-12pm, December 4th, 5th, and 6th 6pm-8pm. All registrations will be held at the Youth Center. Cost is \$35/child. Family discounts are available. This program is for boys and girls in grades 3-6 and will be held at the ASK Gym every Saturday afternoon beginning December 16th.

Adult Basketball- As of now adult basketball at the A.S.K. gym this winter is on hold. I am looking for a new supervisor this year. Our supervisor the past few years- Rosey Foebes has moved out of the area and no longer available. This program is for ADULTS ONLY. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND PORT JERVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS. This is a co-ed program.

Elks-Brox Park and Watershed Park Trails- Trails remain open for hiking and biking. Even though hunting and fishing are prohibited in the City Parks and Trails- we are still encouraging all trail goers to wear bright clothing. We have also posted signs at the trailhead locations at Reservoir #1, Elks-Brox Park and off of Boxbaum Road to remind

trail goers to wear bright clothing and be aware of surrounding. To all trail goers remember- pack in and pack out leave only footprints and tire treads. Help us keep the trails safe and clean!

FYI

1. Annual Recreation Commission Chair and Vice-Chair elections were held at our November meeting and congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Dawn Jones for being elected as chairman and vice-chairperson for 2018.
2. Winterization of the parks has been completed. The lights at Church St. are off. Church Street basketball courts will remain open until the first snow fall.
3. Working on putting together field trips in February 2018- Snow Tuning and Mohegan Sun Casino.
4. I am working on the 2018 Calendar of Events. I will have it ready for review in January 2018.
5. As always for more information about any Rec. Program or if you have a question email us at pjrec@frontiernet.net or check our Facebook page at Port Jervis Recreation.
6. There will be no Recreation Commission meeting in the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16, 2018** at 7:00pm at the Youth Center.

**The Recreation Department would like to wish everyone a
Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!**