

Director of Recreation Report October 2018

70th Annual Halloween Parade

After 2 consecutive years the parade was canceled due to weather conditions, the 70th Annual Parade was finally celebrated on October 28th. Close to 300 participants dressed festively to march in the parade. Participants enjoyed donuts and cider at the conclusion. The Elks awarded prizes and candy to those that participated. Thank you to The Elks, Fort Knox Storage, PJ Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PJFD and Fire Police, PJPD and all that participated!

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 and, 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 3,888.

Friday Night Teen Night has a total attendance of 390 since January 1st.

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

Election Day- Nov. 6th - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Veteran's Day observed Nov. 12th - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Nov 21st- 11am- 3 pm

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 22nd and Nov. 23rd - Closed

Little Chefs @ PJ Rec

Our new cooking program is set to start on Saturday November 10, 2019. The class is full with 12 excited kids. This program will be held at the Youth Center every Saturday morning from 10 am- 12 pm. It will run through December 22.

Adult Basketball- This program will begin on Sunday December 2nd and will run Sunday mornings 10 am- 12 noon in the ASK Gym. The program is offered to Port Jervis School District residents only and will run through March 31, 2019.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball

We will begin this year's Youth Basketball program on Saturday January 5, 2019. This program will run through March 2, 2019 and will be held in the ASK Gym. The program is for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Hours will be 11 am- 2 pm. Flyers will go out to the schools in late November/early December with registration dates and times.

Co-Ed Youth Indoor Soccer

New this year we will be offering a co-ed youth indoor soccer program at the PJ Middle School. This program will be held Thursday evenings between 6 pm- 8 pm. The program is set to start December 6 and end on January 17. We will continue working with Forward Soccer and instructor Kristian Richardson.

Co-Ed Youth Volleyball

New this winter, we will be offering a youth volleyball program at the PJ High School Gym on Sunday mornings between 8:30 am-11:30 am. This program is scheduled to start Sunday December 2 and run through February 3. We will be working with Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kasey Stankunas.

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. Swings and picnic tables are being stored away for the winter. Tennis nets at Church St. have been 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.

2019 Recreation Budget-

The Director's proposed 2019 budget was submitted to the Mayor's office this past August. The Mayor has proposed his 2019 budget and a Recreation budget hearing with the Common Council has been scheduled for November 15 at 6 pm in the Council chambers. If any Recreation Commission members have questions or concerns about the proposed budgets (my proposed and the Mayor's proposed) please contact the Recreation office and/or attend the hearing on November 15.

Dates and programs to remember....

1. Fall Clean-Up on November 3, 2018. 10 am at Farnum Park. I've added a rain date of November 10- if necessary.
2. Our Fall Youth Soccer program scheduled to end on November 3rd has been extended to November 17 due to a few cancelations due to poor weather conditions.
3. Recreation Commission elections to be held at the November meeting on November 28.
4. Santa's Toy Box- our annual holiday toy drive will start up late November/early December. Please help us collect new toys for children of the Tri-State area.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

7:00pm

We will also celebrate Tom's and Dawn's Birthdays