

## **Director of Recreation Report April 2019**

### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River Run**

This year's race is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2019. Registration is scheduled to begin at 7:15am with the race to start at 9am. Close to 200 participants have already registered and it's our hope that we will have close to 300 participants on race day. See everyone on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Maintenance**

Our 2019 seasonal staff will start working in mid-May. All of the employees are returning from last year. We have a lot of work ahead of us this summer and I feel we have a great new staff. Please keep me informed if you see that work needs to be done at any of the parks.

### **Summer Program 2019**

This summer we are opening 3 playgrounds again and the Youth Center. Park and Youth Center hours this summer, will be 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. Each location will have two supervisors and a variety programs will be offered. We will also serve lunch at each location at 12:00pm. The seven-week summer program will start Monday July 1 and end Friday, August 16. Summer Flyers are finished and will be distributed in the elementary schools in May.

### **West End Beach**

We plan to open West End Beach for the season on Friday June 14. The beach will be open for 9 weeks and close on Sunday August 18. The schedule this season will be the same as it was in 2018. We will open the beach at 11 am on weekends. . The beach will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday 12 pm-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am-6 pm and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Port Pride Day- Spring**

This year's Port Pride Day was held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Farnum Park and Orange Square. Volunteers collected more than 50 bags of leaves and collected garbage to help beautify our parks and help out our maintenance staff. Thank you to Operation PJ Pride for co-sponsoring the event and all the volunteers that helped us get a jump start on preparing our parks for the spring and summer.

**Easter Egg Races** – Mother Nature did not want to cooperate so this years' event, held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> was forced to relocate from Church Street Park to the Youth Center. Although our turnout of participants was not as high as expected those that attended did not let the rain dampen their fun. The children that participated played hot potato, musical chairs, and raced each other in an egg relay. The small group of participants each picked a prize, received a goody bag, and posed for a picture with the Easter Bunny.

### **Little Chefs and Junior Picasso's classes**

Our youth cooking and art classes started on Saturday April 25. We have 6 kids registered for the Little Chefs class and 9 kids for the Junior Picasso's class. Both classes will run for 6 weeks and end in early June.

### **Youth Center**

Recreation Room – Total since January 1<sup>st</sup> is 1,600. The unduplicated total is 111.

Teen Night – Total since January 1<sup>st</sup> is 340. The unduplicated total is 102.

### **FYI**

1. PJ Rec is working once again with Forward UK Soccer and is offering a Spring Youth Soccer program. Program is set to start May 5.
2. PJ Rec will also team up this summer with Forward UK Soccer to offer a 6 week summer soccer program.

### **Important Dates to remember...**

1. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware River Run – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9am
2. West End Beach opens Friday June 14- weeks long
3. Summer Program begins Monday, July 1- 7 weeks long
4. Dinner Along The Delaware and Fireworks Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6 pm

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

**7:30pm**