

## **Director of Recreation Report July 2019**

### **Playgrounds and Youth Center**

We have completed 5 weeks of our 7 week summer program. Attendance at the playgrounds and Youth Center has been steady this summer. I will have final total numbers for you in the August report. We hold special events each Friday afternoon. Events included the following to date: Fencing demonstration and participation on July 12, National Park Service river safety presentation on July 19, Beach Party at West End Beach on July 26. Still to come- 1<sup>st</sup> responder day on August 2 and Outdoor Club hike on August 9. Weekly events include street hockey, basketball, softball, bowling, arts and crafts and cooking class. Our summer supervised hours are: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:30 pm

The seven week program ends on Friday, August 16, 2019. Our Annual Field Day/ Summer Olympics will be held on August 14, 2019 at Riverside Park at 10:00am.

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center has very been busy this summer. We have averaged close to 33 kids per day! Total attendance for the year is 2,646 kids. We hold special events each day which include Make It and Take it Arts and Crafts, Little Chefs of PJ Rec, Nutritional day, Bowling and Special Activity Day. This schedule will remain in effect until August 16<sup>th</sup>. *Visit our facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation to see pictures and highlights from the summer.*

### **West End Beach**

The beach schedule is as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm and weekends 11:00 am-6:00 pm. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Note- the beach was open on Wednesday July 3. The beach has been busy on weekends this summer- averaging more than 100 bathers each day. Weekdays we continue to draw smaller crowds.

We charge a \$5 fee to park on weekends (for non-residents) and we have generated over \$2000 this summer. I will have total \$ figure for you in the August report. The parking fee is for bathers or anyone wishing to park (those that park and then float down river). The beach closes for the season on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Lunch Program**

The summer lunch program began on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and will end on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunches are served at Church St., Riverside Park, Youth Center and Farnum Park at 12 pm. We serve 55 lunches per day. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> summer we have participated in this program, and we have served approximately 23, 000 lunches to the kids over the years. Lunches are prepared by the Port Jervis School District, and the program is funded by the New York State Education Department.

### **Camps**

We sponsored 3 sports camps this summer- volleyball camp, soccer camp, and football mini-camp.

Football mini-camp- was held at Church St. Park June 24-27. Camp was for boys and girls entering grades 1-8. More than 60 kids participated in this non-contact camp. Thanks to PJYFL for partnering with us to provide this camp.

Soccer Camp – was held on Glenette field at the Port Jervis Middle School this year. Camp was held July 1-5. . Camp was for boys and girls ages 5-18. Camp week had over 25 kids attend.

Volleyball Camp- was held at the High School gym the week of July 15-18. Camp was for girls entering grades 5-8. 12 girls attended.

### **Evening Programs**

Youth Track – held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Port Jervis High School Track. The program averages approximately 20 boys and girls. Harry Tomasi and Victoria Langham are the instructors. On Tuesday, August 13, 2019 an end of summer Track Meet will be held. The boys and girls that attend will compete in the 55M, 100 M, 400M, and 800M. Ice pops will be served at the conclusion of the meet.

Youth Soccer- is held Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday at the PJ High School. Tuesday nights is for ages 10-14, Wednesday nights is for ages 4-6 and 7-9 and Thursday nights is for ages 15-18. More than 40 kids are participating this summer.

### **Field Trips**

Mets Trip was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> and was a hit! 30 people had a great time and enjoyed seeing the Mets beat the San Diego Padres 4-0.

911 Memorial and Museum trip is scheduled for Tuesday August 13. Tickets still remain for this fantastic trip.

### **Special Events**

Concerts in the Park- This summer we held FREE concerts in Farnum Park and Riverside Park.

At Farnum Park, The Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band played Monday evenings on July 1, July 15 and July 29. These concerts were well attended and Al Gessner and the Broome Street Band put on 3 great shows.

At Riverside Park, The Parting Glass performed to a great audience on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Rich Wilson was rained out on July 18<sup>th</sup> but we rescheduled the show for July 30<sup>th</sup>. More than 200 people attended the concert and had a great time.

Ryan Wilson performed on July 25<sup>th</sup> to a crowded park.

August 1<sup>st</sup> brings us DG G and an 80's Night in the Park and DJ Howie finishes the summer on August 8<sup>th</sup> with a night filled with 50's and 60's music.

Outside Movies- Co-sponsored by First Assembly of God Church movies were scheduled on July 17<sup>th</sup> (rained out) and two more are scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Dinner Along The Delaware-**

This year's event was held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and was a success. More than 350 people attended and were able to sample food from more than 20 local food and beverage establishments

Restaurants from Port Jervis, Deerpark, Westtown, Matamoras, and Montague participated. The night was capped off by a fantastic fireworks show from the top of Point Peter! Thanks to Phantom Fireworks for donating a large portion of fireworks.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**  
**\*\*6:00pm\*\***