

**Director of Recreation Report
August 2019**

Summer Youth Program (July 1- August 16)

Our seven week Summer Youth Program ended on Friday, August 16th. Below is a breakdown of our attendance. Children were able to participate in many activities this summer at our 4 locations. Activities included- street hockey, basketball, softball, dodgeball, kickball, pickle ball, wiffle ball, cornhole, kan jam, bowling, cooking classes, nutritional classes. Special Event Fridays included a Fencing demonstration, National Park Service Presentation, Beach Party, First Responder Day and a hike in our Watershed Trails. . We also offered Volleyball Camp, Soccer Camp, Mini Football Camp and The PJ Rec. Summer Olympics (Field Day). If you were more of an indoor child the Youth Center had TV, movies, video games, pool table, ping pong, board games and arts and crafts.

Our Summer Olympics (Field Day) had a great turnout with close to 70 kids. Kids competed against each other in basketball events, sidewalk chalk competitions, bat spin relays, water relays and watermelon eating contests. The kids were served hot dogs, chips and water at lunch time and they all enjoyed ice pops, slip and slide and water balloon tosses in the afternoon. The highlight of the day was our 2nd annual Watermelon Eating Contest.

WE also offered FREE lunch at all 4 of our locations throughout our Summer Youth Program. Lunches were delivered to each site by Rec. staff after being prepared by the school district. An average of 55 lunches was served each day this summer. This program is funded by NYSED. Over the last 23 years we have served over 23,000 lunches!

Summer Breakdown....

Church St - Unduplicated 192, Total for the summer- 808 kids for a daily average of 31 kids.

Farnum Park- Unduplicated 254, Total for the summer- 554 kids for a daily average of 21 kids.

Riverside- Unduplicated 143, Total for the summer- 355 kids for a daily average of 14 kids.

Youth Center- Unduplicated 87, Total for summer- 956 kids for a daily average of 35 kids.

Youth Center (July 1- August 16)

The Youth Center was steady this summer. We have averaged close to 35 kids per day. I will have specific numbers in the September report (at end of 3rd quarter of the year). The Center was open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:30pm. The last two weeks of summer (August 19-August 30)- after the playgrounds and beach closed the Youth Center was open between 11 am- 3 pm. When school begins on September 4th, the Youth Center will be open for the after school hours and programs. These hours are Monday – Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm, Friday 3pm-6pm and Friday Night Teen Night 6pm-10pm for middle and high school students.

West End Beach

We had a rough start to the summer at the beach this year due to all the rain and high river conditions. We had to delay our opening 4 days and then had to re-set the ropes after rain and high water conditions receded. However, after the slow start the rest of the summer ran pretty smoothly. The beach closed for the season on Sunday August 18 after an 8-week summer season. Weekday attendance was fairly low- daily average of 15-20 bathers. Weekend attendance picked up with an average of 85-100 bathers. The beach was open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm-6 pm and weekends from 11 am-6 pm. The beach was closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Weekend parking was very crowded this summer- many people floating down the river. On weekends we charged non-residents a \$5 parking fee and at the end of the summer we generated a little **over \$3100** (most of the money came from people who parked then floated down the river).

Youth Track- The track program had a steady turnout of 20-25 kids each week. The program ended on August 15th. The last night of the program we scheduled a track meet where the kids could participate in the long jump, 100 meter dash, 400 meter run.

Special Events

Concerts in the Park at Riverside Park - Weather forced cancelations or postponed a few of our scheduled shows.

The Parting Glass performed on July 10th

Ryan Wilson performed on July 25th.

Rich Wilson was rescheduled for July 30th.

DJ G performed an 80's night on August 1st.

DJ Howie, put on a 50's and 60's night on August 15th.

Farnum Park Concerts

Al Gessner and the Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band performed 3 concerts this past summer at Farnum Park. Concerts were held Monday evenings at 7 pm. Dates were- July 1, 15 and 29. We had a good turnout for each concert with an average of 40-50 people.

Outdoor Movie Night at Riverside Park- Thanks to First Assembly of God Church for sponsoring these movies. Movies were scheduled for July 17th, July 31st, and August 21st. However, due to rain all three movie nights were canceled this summer.

NY Met Game Field Trip

A group of 25 headed to Citi Field on July 25th to watch the Mets take on the San Diego Padres in a 12 pm day game. All that attended had a great time with a 4-0 Met victory!

9/11 Memorial and Museum Field Trip

25 people attended the field trip to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum on August 13th. I highly recommend visiting the Memorial and Museum that preserves such a poignant piece of our history.

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INSTAGRAM PAGE- pjrecreation” FOR PHOTOS FROM ALL PROGRAMS
AND SPECIAL EVENTS.**

FYI

1. The Recreation Department will be putting out a fall flyer for the kids in school and for the community. This flyer contains all information about the Recreation Department, Youth Center, and special events. In addition to passing them out for the kids in school, Recreation staff will hope to be attending open houses to get information out to parents as well. **Fall Flyer is attached.**
2. This fall we are also bringing back two programs from 2018. The 1st is a Youth Soccer program for kids ages 3-12 beginning September 15. We are working with Forward UK Soccer on this program. We will also offer a Cooking Class for kids ages 9-12 at the Youth Center beginning October 26. Both of these programs are in the attached fall flyer.
3. The Recreation Department’s 71st Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Rain date will be October 27th. Lineup will be at 3:00pm in front of City Hall on Hammond Street. Kick off will be at 3:30pm.
4. Next meeting- September 18, 2019 at 7 pm.