

## **Director of Recreation Report October 2019**

### **71<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Parade**

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Parade was celebrated on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful and allowed for close to 300 participants, dressed festively, to march in the parade. Participants enjoyed donuts and cider at the conclusion. The Elks Lodge #645 awarded prizes and candy to those that participated. Thank you to The Elks, Fort Knox Storage- for handing out treats, PJ Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PJHS Marching Band, PJ 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 1<sup>st</sup> is 4,350.

Friday Night Teen Night total attendance is 390 since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Note- Teen Night did not meet in June-July-August.

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

Election Day- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Veteran's Day Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Youth Center is open 11am-3pm

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>- 11am- 3 pm

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> - Closed

### **Little Chefs @ PJ Rec**

Our new cooking program started Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The class is full with 13 excited kids. This program will be held at the Youth Center every Saturday morning from 9:45 am- 12:15 pm. The program will run for 5 weeks. Kathy Potter is once again leading this wonderful program

**Winter Adult Basketball**- Have not scheduled this program yet. More information to follow in the November report.

### **Co-Ed Youth Basketball- NEW FOMAT THIS YEAR**

PJ Rec will be partnering with GYMRTZ basketball training to conduct the Co-Ed Youth Basketball program. By working together we will be able to offer better instruction and offer instruction to boys and girls in grades K-6, This new format will be an 8-week program on Saturday mornings starting December 14 and ending February 15. We will still hold the cops vs. kids basketball game with 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls in late February/early March. More information to come as we get all the necessary requests taken care of and all the approvals.

## **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.

## **2020 Recreation Budget-**

The Director's proposed 2020 budget was submitted to the Mayor's office this past August. *Recreation budget hearing with the Common Council has been scheduled for November 20 at 6:30 pm in the Council chambers. If any Recreation Commission members have questions or concerns about the proposed budget please contact the Recreation office and/or attend the hearing on November 20.*

NOTE- I HAVE REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL \$6600 TO THE BUDGET TO REPLACE BROKEN SLIDES IN OUR 3 PLAYGROUNDS. These slides need to be replaced as they can injure a child. They are currently being closed down until either replaced or removed.

Dates and programs to remember....

1. Fall Clean-Up on November 9, 2019. 10 am at Farnum Park
2. Port Jervis Stone Challenge is scheduled for Saturday November 23, 2019 in Elks Brox Park. This challenge is sponsored by The Outdoor Club of Port Jervis and The Shop Tattoo along with PJ Recreation.
3. New sign at entrance to Elks Brox, Park on Route 42/97 is up. This was an Eagle Scout project along with the help from the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis. It looks great. We will move the old sign up the hill and place at entrance of the old Kolmar property to direct people into the park.
4. Working to update the City Code in regards to parks and playgrounds. We will discuss more at the November meeting. Will email ideas for Commission members to look over before our November meeting.
5. Our Fall Youth Soccer program ended on October 20th. The turnout was good.
6. Lacrosse clinic was rained out on October 20 and also on October 27. Looking to reschedule in the spring 2020.
7. **Recreation Commission elections to be held at the November meeting on November 21.**
8. 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 21, 2019- 7:00pm**

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

