

Director of Recreation Report January 2020

Youth/Community Center

Monday-Thursday 3 pm-7 pm, Friday 3 pm-6 pm

Teen Night- Fridays 6 pm- 10 pm

The Youth Center has had a steady turnout this year so far. The Recreation Room remains crowded as we head into the cold winter months. *Total attendance in the Rec Room since January 1st is 497 children. That is an average of 23 kids per day.*

The Teen Night program total attendance since January 1st stands at 165 teens. That is an average of 40 teens every Friday night.

Winter Programs

As you know we are sponsoring a handful of winter athletic programs this year. Below is a brief breakdown of these programs.

Youth Basketball Practice – held at the ASK gym on Saturday afternoons for boys and girls in grades K-6. More than 50 children participate. Grades K-2 participate between 11:00 am-12:30 pm and grades 3 -6 participate from 12:30-2:00 pm. This program will run until February 22.

*12th *Tom Chuckran Annual Cops vs. Kids Game* – will be scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 at **10:00 am** at the ASK gym. Cops from the Port Jervis Police Department, Deerpark Police Department and Eastern Pike Police Department along with the 6th grade boys and girls from our youth program will compete against each other. This year's game will feature a half time "hot shot" competition for all the boys and girls. In lieu of an admission fee we are asking for an item(s) to be donated to the Deerpark/Port Jervis Humane Society. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 at 10:00am.

Indoor Youth Soccer- is held at the PJMS gym on Thursday evenings. This program began January 9th and has had a steady attendance and will run through 5, 2020..

Sleigh Riding Hill

The sleigh riding hill is set up at West End Beach. Children and adults can use the hill daily during daylight hours. All we need is SNOW. Remember no skis or snowboards are allowed.

Field Trips

We have two trips scheduled this winter.

- The first is a trip to see the NJ Devils take on the LA Kings on Saturday, February 8th. This trip is sold out with 35 people excited to go!

- The second trip is to Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes-Barre PA on Saturday March 14, 2020. A COACH bus will leave Port Jervis at 11:30 am and return approximately 7:30 pm. The cost is only \$35! At the casino you will receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher. All participants must be 21 years old or older to attend. Join us for a great day at the casino!

Maintenance update:

1. We are clearing out all of the brush over the dyke along the walkway on River Road between West End Beach and the Kiosk at the end of the walk way. This clearing will give walkers, runners and vehicles driving by beautiful views of the Delaware River.
2. Repairing the chain link fence around our city parks/playgrounds.
3. Ordered replacement slides for our multi-units at the playgrounds.
4. Clearing out overgrown brush at Tri-State Rock.

FYI

1. Reminder that the Youth Center is open 11:00-3:00 on days when school is closed due to weather or holiday.
2. **Spring Calendar of Events:**
Saturday, April 4, 2020- Spring Clean Up at City Parks – 9:30 am-11:30 am
Saturday, April 5, 2020– Easter Egg Relay Races at Church St. Park at 12:30am
Sunday, May 3, 2020 – 27th Annual Delaware River Run at 9:00am at the Erie Depot and Riverside Park. Registration is already open on-line at www.delawareriver5krun.com.

Congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Debbie Cunningham for being elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Recreation Commission for 2020.

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
7:00 PM**