

Director of Recreation Report March 2020

Spring Port Pride Day

This year's Spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020 starting at 9:30 am. We are meeting at Farnum Park and will clean-up until 11:30 am. Volunteers are still needed for this important event! The more volunteers we get the more parks we can clean-up. Please contact the Recreation office if interested.

Easter Egg Races

The 3rd annual Easter Egg Races will be held Sunday, April 5th at 12:30am at Church Street Park. Youth ages 9 and younger can compete in different Easter related events. This event replaces the Easter Candy Dash from the past. Winners will bring home prizes. Each participant will leave with an Easter goody bag. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.

**THE SPRING CLEAN-UP AND EASTER EGG RACES EVENTS
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELATION DUE TO THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC THAT IS CURRENTLY EFFECTING
COUNTY, STATE AND COUNTRY. WE WILL HAVE UPDATES ON
THESE EVENTS BY THE END OF MARCH.**

Parks and Playgrounds- ARE OPEN DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Recreation Maintenance Staff is working hard to prepare the parks and playgrounds for the spring and summer months. With the pandemic closing schools, restaurants and many other businesses we expect the parks to be busy. Our staff is working hard every day to keep the park/playgrounds clean and safe! Remember to be smart and safe during these trying times. Please if you see anything in the parks that needs immediate attention contact the Recreation office. Thank you.

Swings are up, tennis nets at Church Street are up, and picnic tables are beginning to be placed in the parks/playgrounds. We will also be placing more garbage cans in the parks as we head into the spring season.

Elks Brox-Park gate is now open and vehicles can drive to Point Peter. Watershed Trails are open to hikers and bikers. Please remember to pack in and pack out!

Youth Community Center-CLOSED MARCH 16- 29 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC. THIS MAY BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY.

Recreation Staff has done a fantastic job during this COVID-19 pandemic. They have cleaned and disinfected the entire Recreation Room from ceiling to floor- cleaning pipes, walls, chairs, stools, tables, TV's, video games, shelves, storage closets, etc. We have even cleaned every single board game/card game that we have in the room. We will move down to the bowling alley when finished with the Recreation room. THANK YOU TO THE WONDERFUL STAFF FOR THEIR HELP TO MAKING THE YOUTH CENTER CLEAN!

Attendance since January 1, 2020 is as follows:

Recreation Room – 1,242 total attendance, unduplicated 85

Teen Night –240 total attendance, unduplicated 119

Annual Tom Chuckran Cops and Kids Basketball game

On Saturday, March 7, 2020 we held our annual basketball game between the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls from our winter basketball program and Police from Port Jervis, Deerpark and Eastern Pike County Police Departments. The game also served as a fundraiser for the Port Jervis/Deerpark Humane Society. This year's game was a classic with the kids winning once again 71-68. The police missed a 3-point shot as time expired that would have tied the game! The kids, volunteer coaches and Police men and women all did a great job. Photos can be found on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation

Mohegan Sun Casino Trip

The Casino trip scheduled for March 14, 2020 has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 9th- *due to the COVID-19 pandemic*. All those scheduled to attend have been contacted and given the option to go on the trip in May.

FYI

1. *The March 18, 2020 Recreation Commission meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
2. The 27th Annual Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Race time is 9am. We need volunteers on this day so please leave your calendar open. Remember you can register online at www.delawareriver5krun.com.
3. Summer Recreation Program for 2020 is being worked on. I hope to complete the program booklet by end of April and distributed to the schools in May. Field trips this summer include a NY Met game on August 13th and another trip to NYC- TBA
4. Remember to visit our Facebook Page for all of your Recreation news. Search "Port Jervis Recreation" and like us. We are also on Instagram and can be found at- pjrecreation.

**Next Recreation Commission meeting
is scheduled for:**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020
7:00 pm**

