

**Director of Recreation Report
April 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Recreation Department has greatly been affected this April. By order of Governor Cuomo- NY on Pause was put in effect March 18 and we have been closed down since then. Below is a list of what is closed in Port Jervis:

The Youth Center
City Basketball Courts
City Tennis Courts
Playground Equipment
Pump Track

In addition picnic tables are still in storage and the majority of our garbage cans are also still in storage.

We will continue to follow Governor Cuomo and the City Council on when we can begin to re-open the recreational facilities.

The following Special Events were also canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Spring Clean-up on April 4, 2020
Easter Egg Races on April 5, 2020
27th Annual Delaware River Run on May 3, 2020

The Youth Center staff has done a remarkable job during this period. Led by our Youth Center Senior Leader Jill Mason, the staff- Megan Nason and Kassandra Weatherly have completely cleaned, disinfected, painted and fixed most if not all areas of the Recreation room, bowling alley, kitchen and lobby. Next we are heading over to the Franklin St. storage building to clean, disinfect and organize all the outdoor recreation equipment and supplies. When we get the OK to re-open the Youth Center and parks the Recreation Department will be ready!

27th Annual Delaware River Run

Unfortunately this year's race scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020 was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. **I will be walking the DRR course on Sunday May 3 at 9:00 am (the time the race was to start) to "symbolically" complete the race. A few**

Recreation Commission members will be joining me. This is not an event and we will maintain social distancing guidelines and have masks. I will post pictures of the “race “ when I complete it.

Looking forward to being able to celebrate the 27th Annual Delaware River Run Sunday, May 2, 2021

Park Maintenance

Two of our 2020 seasonal staff has begun to work- Brock Richards on April 20 and Stephen Fuchylo Jr. on April 27. . We have a lot of work ahead of us this summer and I feel we have a great staff assembled. We will need to address with the City Common Council the hiring of the last 2 seasonal laborers at some point in May. Please keep me informed if you see that work needs to be done at any of the parks.

Summer Program 2020- we are planning as if we will have a regular program- I am planning for the best and preparing for the worst case scenarios

This summer we plan on opening 3 playgrounds again and the Youth Center. Park and Youth Center hours this summer, will be 9:00 am- 3:30 pm. Each location will have two supervisors and a variety programs will be offered. We will also serve lunch at each location at 12:00pm. The seven-week summer program will tentatively start Monday, June 29th and end Friday, August 14th. I am working on the Summer Program Flyer and it should be completed by the end of May!

West End Beach we are planning as if we will have a regular program- I am planning for the best and preparing for the worst case scenarios

We plan to open West End Beach for the season on Friday June 19th. The beach will be open for 9 weeks and close on Sunday August 23rd. The schedule this season will be the same as it was in 2019. The beach will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday 12 pm-6 pm, Saturday and Sunday 11 am-6 pm and closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Casino Trip to Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre PA

This trip originally scheduled for Saturday March 14, 2020 was postponed until Saturday May 9, 2020. It has once again been postponed and is now scheduled for Saturday September 12, 2020. Hopefully by then we will have the opportunity to go. We have over 45 people signed up!

Important Dates to remember...

1. West End Beach scheduled to open Friday June 14th
2. Summer Program scheduled to start Monday, June 29th
3. Dinner Along The Delaware and Fireworks Monday, July 2nd - 6 pm

**NEXT MEETING:
Tentatively
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

