

Director of Recreation Report March 2021

Easter Candy Dash

Due to COVID restrictions we will be returning to an event from the past and will offer the community the “Easter Candy Dash” on April 3rd at 11am at the upper level of Church St. This free event is open to children ages 9 and under.

Spring Port Pride Day

This year’s Spring clean- up is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10am. We are meeting at Farnum Park and will clean-up Farnum Park, Veteran’s Park and maybe even Church St. Park. 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.

Parks and Playgrounds-

The Recreation Maintenance Staff is working hard to prepare the parks and playgrounds for the spring and summer months. With the pandemic still impacting local businesses and restaurants we expect the parks to be busy. Our staff is working hard every day to keep the park/playgrounds clean and safe! Remember to continue to be smart and safe during these 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, pickle ball courts are ready to go 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-

The Youth Center, with its new look, is slowly making its comeback as more children are returning. Daily attendance has seen a slight rise as the school’s schedule has changed to add more days to the students’ in person learning. I feel comfortable that our numbers will continue to recover as restrictions lift, parents become more comfortable, and warmer weather arrives.

Attendance since January 1, 2021 is as follows:

Recreation Room –199total attendance, unduplicated 28

Teen Night –this program has not returned yet.

FYI

1. The 27th Annual Delaware River Run will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Race time is 9am. We need volunteers on this day so please leave your calendar open. Remember you can register online at www.delawariver5krun.com. I have offered 10 FREE registrations to each elementary school this year. I am working with the gym teachers on this project.
2. Summer Recreation Program for 2021 is being worked on. We have set the following dates for this summer's program:
West End Beach- June 25-August 15
Playgrounds and Youth Center- July 5-August 13
I hope to complete a program booklet by end of May and distributed to the schools in June. Field trips this summer include a NY Met game on July 29th and another trip to NYC- TBA
3. Our Busy Body Class will finish up on April 3, 2021. We had 10 participants that made great arts and craft projects each week! The kids had a great time and were asking when the next classes will be held.
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:

**Thursday, April 15, 2021
6:00 pm**