

Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
6:15 PM

A meeting of the Port Jervis Recreation Department was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:15 PM. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM. The following were in attendance:

John Faggione, Director
Dawn Jones
Stan Buczek

Melissa Newhauser
Debbie Cunningham

Absent: Brandy Figueroa - Chairman, Cory Puopolo- Vice Chair, Sean Addy, Colin O'Connell, Liaison, Ivan Figueroa, Na'Shawn Campbell, Youth members

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Approval of Report and Minutes from April 2024:

A motion to approve the minutes and report from April was made Dawn and seconded by Stan. All those in favor:

Aye:4

Nay:0

Absent: 3

New Business:

John passed out the Summer Recreation booklet and went over its contents, stating that nothing is Definite and programs listed are subject to change. He stated that Church Street playground is going to have more of a camplike or gym class atmosphere.

Dawn mentioned that flag football is becoming more popular and asked if we could possibly get equipment for it and substitute the game for one of the weekly activities.

John is looking into the possibility of having a bus drop off summer school students and encouraging parents for speak up for it to happen.

Dawn mentioned that 8-10 years ago there was an Outdoor Academy that was established through grant money and she had spoken to principal, Brett Cancredi to reach out to John about the possibility of the Rec Department obtaining what is left.

John noted that the seasonal laborers had already been approved by the Council. Playground supervisors have been reduced from 6 to 5. Three are returning and there are two new hires. All lifeguards are returning. The Fire Department and the money from the Polar Plunge are helping with paying for lifeguard recertification. Rec Center specialists are all returning.

A motion was made by Stan and seconded by Debbie to approve all of John's recommendations for summer staff. All in favor:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: 3

John discussed using grant money to purchase AEDS for Church Street and the Youth Center. He is going to investigate training for all of the staff. He will keep everyone updated.

The Food Truck Festival has been capped at 28 trucks. Volunteers are needed throughout the night.

The Youth Center will be closed on 5/17, 5/24, 5/27, and 6/7.

The Council approved raising the parking fee at West End Beach to \$15.

Jon has discussed the possibility of a state grant to install a splash pad. He would like to visit Newburgh's splash pad to get ideas.

ACT will be using the Youth Center and Riverside Park for rehearsing and shows throughout the summer. They would also like to use the Youth Center for a small production in August.

The Port Jervis Middle School will be using Riverside Park for their field day on 6/6 and Candy Cane will be using it for their graduation on 6/7.

Forward UK Soccer will be holding a soccer camp at Riverside Park 7/15-7/19 9:30am-12:30pm.

Old Business:

237 participants finished the race on May 5th. It was a rainy, yet successful day. May 4, 2025, will be our 31st race.

The Midnight Madness Relay was a great event. Money was raised to donate to the Suicide Prevention Organization, Outdoor Club, and the PJ Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

The Clean up was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Requests for assistance with the Church Street resurfacing project have been sent to Senator Skoufis. The Chief of Police has included a camera for West End in a grant for the PD. John will keep everyone updated.

The Youth Center has had 2,213 participants since January 1st and 83 unduplicated participants.

Youth Report:

None

Public Comment:

None

Next meeting will be June 12, 2024, at 6:15pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 was made by Stan and seconded by Dawn. All those in favor:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: 3

**Director of Recreation Report
May 2024**

PJ Rec Summer Program 2024

Summer Program schedules are available at the Youth Center, on the City's website and as well as on our Facebook page- Port Jervis Recreation. Flyers were distributed to the two elementary schools as well. We will have plenty of activities and events this summer. If you need additional schedules, please feel free to contact the Recreation office. Summer schedules can also be found on the City's webpage: <https://www.portjervisny.gov/parksandrec>.

Playground and Youth Center Schedule

This summer's 6-week program will begin Monday, July 1st and end on Friday, August 9th. This summer we are opening only Church Street for our outdoor supervised programming. There will be staff will be at Riverside Park every morning to walk participants to Church Street to participate for the day and then walk them back in the afternoon. Regular operating hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm.

The Youth Center will begin its summer schedule July 1st as well. The Youth Center summer hours will also be Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm. The Youth Center summer schedule will run through Friday, August 9th.

Beginning Monday, July 8th- lunch will also be served daily at both Summer Program sites. This FREE lunch program will run through August 8th.

West End Beach

The beach is scheduled to open on Monday June 24th. The beach will be open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 12pm-6pm and weekends 11:00am-6:00pm. The beach is closed Tuesday and Wednesdays. The beach is scheduled to close on August 18, 2024.

FYI

1. The 30th Annual Delaware River Run was held on Sunday, May 5, 2024. 237 people completed the 3.1-mile race. Thanks to our Police Department, Fire Police, Recreation Maintenance Crew, DPW, Volunteer Ambulance Corp, and many volunteers who made this race happen.
2. I have attached the Summer Rec Program for you.
3. Dates to remember:
 - June 24 West End Beach opens
 - July 1- Playgrounds and Youth Center Summer Program starts.
 - July 3- Food Truck and Firework Festival
 - July 18- Circle Line Cruise field trip
 - August 16- MY Mets game field trip

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City of Port Jervis Recreation Department

Summer Recreation Schedule

2024



CAMP LOCATIONS AND HOURS

July 1- August 9 (No Camp July 4-5)

The Youth Center

134 Pike Street (next to Library)
9 AM- 4:00 PM

Church St. Playground

55 Church St.
9 AM- 3:00 PM

We will have staff at RIVERSIDE PARK every morning at 9 am to walk kids to Church St. Park for daily playground activities. Staff will walk the kids back to Riverside at 2:45 pm.

- Kids must be at least 7 years old to participate in the summer program.
- Permission forms must be filled out before participation.
- Permission forms can be picked up at the Recreation office, the Youth Center Rec. Room or they can be emailed.

Mayor

Dominic Cicalese

Council Liaison

Colin O'Connell

Recreation Commission

Brandy Figueiroa, Chairman

Cory Puopolo, Vice Chair

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Youth Members-Ivan Figueroa, Nashawn Campbell

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Recreation Secretary- Amy Ross **John V. Faggione-** Director of Recreation

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Church St. Playground Camp Schedule

July 1- August 9 (no camp July 4-5)

9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Children can participate in many activities during supervised playground hours. Activities include:

- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Kickball
- Street Hockey
- Tennis and Pickleball
- Wiffleball
- Weekly Special Events
- Board games and card games are also available.



All activities are FREE of charge unless otherwise indicated!

Monday

Street Hockey- mornings 9:30-11:00, Kickball/Dodgeball-
afternoons 1:15-2:45

Tuesday

Wiffleball/Pickleball- mornings 9:30-11:00, Basketball- afternoons
1:15-2:45

Wednesday

Street Hockey- mornings 9:30-11:00, Kickball/Dodgeball-
afternoons 1:15-2:45

Thursday

Wiffleball/Pickleball- mornings 9:30-11:00, Basketball- afternoons
1:15-2:45

Friday

Street Hockey- mornings 9:30-11:00, SPECIAL EVENTS 1:15-2:45

All programs and events are subject to change

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YOUTH CENTER SCHEDULE

July 1- August 9 (closed July 4-5)

9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Children can participate in a variety of activities at the Youth Center including:

- Arts and Crafts
- Foosball
- Ping Pong
- Pool Table
- Video games on our **Wii and PS4** systems
- Weekly Special Events
- Board games and card games are available.
- Kids can also watch TV or NETFLIX or YOUTUBE TV on our BIG screen TV. **Free Wi-Fi.**
- **BOWLING** in our basement bowling alley is also available.



Monday- Gameday, **Tuesday-** Special Events,
Wednesday- Arts and Crafts, **Thursday-** Challenge Day,
Friday- Bowling Day

All programs and events are subject to change

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Funded by the New York State Ed. Dept.
Monday-Friday from **July 8 to August 8.**
Lunches will be delivered to Church St. Park and the Youth Center each weekday at 12:00 pm.

This program is FREE to Port Jervis School District Students or Port Jervis youth ages of 18 and under!!



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WEST END BEACH and BOAT LAUNCH

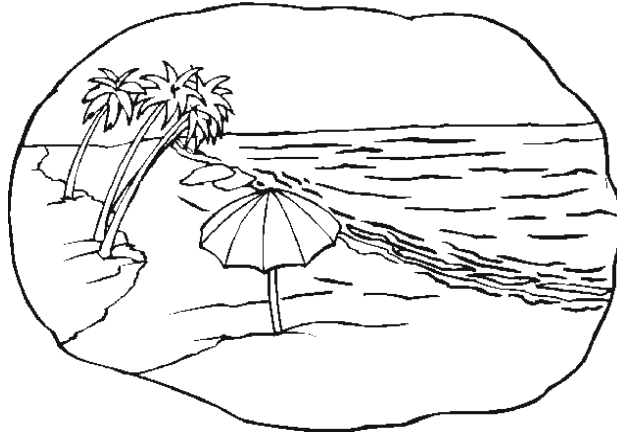
The Port Jervis Recreation Commission will open West End Beach (*weather and beach conditions permitting*), located on the beautiful Delaware River on Monday, June 24, 2024, and close on Sun August 18, 2024

West End Beach schedule:

Monday, Thursday, and
Friday 12:00 pm -6:00 pm

Weekends 11:00 am-6:00 pm

West End Beach is closed
Tuesday and
Wednesday.



Certified lifeguards are on duty during beach hours

West End Beach Guidelines

1. There is a \$15 parking fee for all non-City of Port Jervis residents Weekends beginning June29, and July 4-5. The parking fee includes all vehicles.
2. No Alcoholic beverages permitted.
3. No Smoking or Vaping
4. No Pets
5. No Glass bottles permitted.
6. Swimming is NOT permitted outside the designated swimming area or when there is thunder or lightning or when lifeguards are off duty.
7. No inner tubes or floatation devices. No charcoal grills.
8. Appropriate language and behavior are expected of all swimmers, MUSIC MUST be played at a low level.
9. Swimmers under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
10. **Beach schedule is subject to change.**



SPECIAL EVENTS

PJ REC FIELD DAY

Wednesday August 7, 2024 @ Church Street Park starting at 10:00 am (Rain date- Thursday, August 8, 2024). Enjoy a FULL day of games, contests, food, and drink!! FREE of Charge.

FREE Outdoor Movie Nights @ Riverside Park

Presented by: **River City Church and PJ REC**

Wednesday - July 31- movie TBA

Wednesday August 21- movie TBA

Arrive by 7:00 pm. Bring blankets, chairs, and snacks. Movies start at sunset.



Concerts in the Park @ Riverside Park

Please join us for great entertainment and fun in the park. Concerts are held at 7:00 pm and are FREE of charge and for all ages.

Tuesday July 16-**BRAEDEN ROSS**

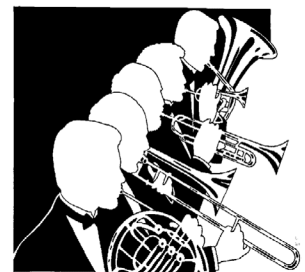
Tuesday July 30-**NICHOLAS SAUSCHUCK- country, pop, reggae, rock**

Tuesday August 6-**ALYSSA GOLDSTEIN- alternative, classic rock, country**



Farnum Park Concerts

Broome Street Wind Ensemble Band will perform 3 FREE concerts at Farnum Park **Mondays- June 24, July 8, and July 22**. Concerts will be held at 7:00 pm. In case of inclement weather concert will be held at Drew United Methodist Church. Concerts sponsored by: Port Jervis Recreation



Food Truck and Fireworks Festival @ Riverside Park

Wednesday July 3, 2024, 5:00pm- 10:00 pm at Riverside Park.

Fireworks at approximately 9:30 pm from PT. PETER

Come experience some of the Tri-States best food truck vendors. Taste everything from savory to sweet. While enjoying your food live bands will be playing on stage starting at 5 pm. At approximately 9:30 pm enjoy fantastic fireworks from the peak of Point Peter. There is a \$5 entrance fee to the Food Truck Festival.

For more info: pjfoodtruckfireworks.org.



FIELD TRIPS

Transportation for all trips on COACH buses with air conditioning, bathrooms, and a DVD player.

NEW York METS Baseball Game at Citi Field-

The New York Mets vs. The Miami Marlins **Friday August 16, 2024**. The game starts at 7:05 pm. **The Charter Bus** will leave Port (parking lot next to Walgreens) at 3:45 pm sharp! The bus will return approximately midnight. The cost is only \$105.00 per person. **This includes tickets and transportation.** **Seats are Section 140 Rows 1-4.** Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older. ***Limited Tickets available. Sorry NO REFUNDS.***



Circle Line Cruise of Manhattan- July 18, 2024

During this 2 hour and 30-minute cruise you'll cruise along all three NYC rivers, pass under 20 bridges, and see over 130 of the city's most iconic landmarks including the Manhattan skyline, Little Island, Hudson Yards, One World Trade Center, Brooklyn Bridge and downtown Brooklyn, Yankee Stadium, the George Washington Bridge and, of course, an up-close look at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island! World-famous tour guides tell the story of New York City as you journey around the full island and enjoy the best sightseeing experience NYC has to offer!



Bus will leave Port Jervis at 9:15 am-Cruise is at 12 pm and we will approximately 5:30 pm. Cost is only \$85 per person and includes transportation and your circle line ticket!

Don't forget about The Watershed Park Trails and Recreation Area!

Contact the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis
Phone- 845-288-3165 or email- info@ocopj.org
Facebook.com/outdoorclubofportjervis
Website- ocopj.org

**Additional Funding provided by: NYS Office of Children and Family Services
through the Orange County Youth Bureau.**

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