

**Director of Recreation Report  
May 2025**

PJ Rec Summer Program 2025

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/Camp and Youth Center Schedule

This summer's 6-week program will begin on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and end on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. This summer we are opening Church Street for our outdoor supervised programming. Regular operating hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm.

The Youth Center will begin its summer schedule June 30<sup>th</sup> as well. The Youth Center summer hours will be Monday-Friday 9am-4:00pm. The Youth Center summer schedule will run through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>- lunch will also be served daily at both Summer Program sites. This FREE lunch program will run through August 7<sup>th</sup>.

West End Beach

The beach is scheduled to open on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The beach will be open Monday, Thursday, and Friday 12pm-6pm and weekends 11:00am-6:00pm. The beach is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The beach is scheduled to close on August 21, 2025.

West End Beach Bathhouse update

Our DPW staff has done a tremendous job renovating the bathhouse. Work is almost complete, and it will be ready for the beach season which starts on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Splash Pad update

Work continues with our new Splash Pad at Church St. Park. Once again, our DPW team has done a fantastic job preparing the site for the splash pad. Most of the underground plumbing is complete and we hope to start installing the actual splash pad very soon. We are still shooting for a July 1 opening.

Public Listening Session for new Recreation Center

We will be holding a public listening session for a new Recreation Center on June 11, 2025, at 6 pm at the Youth Center. This will follow our Recreation Commission meeting at 5:30 pm. This session is designed for students. Earlier in the day the Recreation Director will attend the Senior Club meeting to get input from Seniors as to what they would like to see in a new Recreation Center.

Note: WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT YET. WE ARE GATHERING IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT WE

CAN PUT TOGETHER IN A PLAN WHEN AND IF MONEY BECOMES AVAILABLE.

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- Port Jervis Youth Center

On June 30, 2025, the Youth Center will celebrate 30 years! We are planning a small ceremony with kids from our summer program on Thursday July 10 at 1:15 pm at the Youth Center.

Youth Center June schedule

Due to elementary half days in June the following days we will adjust our schedule:

12 pm- 4 pm on June 6, 20, 23, 24

11 am- 3 pm on June 25 (last day of school)

CLOSED June 26-27.

New Recreation Commission member

We are pleased to add Mr. Austin Wilson as our new Recreation Commission member. Austin will fill the seat of Stan Buczek, who had to resign. Austin is no stranger to us at Recreation. He worked for us as a Recreation Leader for many years. Austin is currently a French teacher at PJ Middle School.

FYI

1. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Delaware River Run was held on Sunday, May 4, 2025. 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. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jim Faggione Jr. Midnight Madness Endurance Relay was held at Elks-Brox Park on May 31 into June 1. This 12-hour, overnight event helps raise money towards the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, PJVAC, PJ heritage Center and ACT through Music. We had a tremendous turnout with more than 170 participants and many volunteers and supporters.
3. Dates to remember:
  - June 26- West End Beach opens
  - June 30- Playgrounds and Youth Center Summer Program starts.
  - July 3- Food Truck and Firework Festival
  - Jul 10- Youth Center 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
  - July 18- Liberty Science Center field trip
  - August 1- MY Mets game field trip

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**5:30pm followed by public listening session at 6 pm**