

2021 Accomplishments:

Please find the list of accomplishments you requested.

The Recreation Department team has always worked very hard to continue offering new, fun, and safe activities for all residents. Yes, the past year has been more challenging; we are proud of the programs and events we offer. Listed below are many of the activities however, I am sure we may have missed some. Along with the programs we offer, we also support different departments and organizations throughout the Village.

Special Events:

- **MLK:** Virtual MLK Breakfast was held, and awards given out unfortunately we needed to go virtual for this event and will need to go virtual again this year 2022.
- **Eggstravaganza:** We hosted a new version of the eggstravaganza this year. We spread eggs out at the VFW, library and Village Hall had the kids pick an egg out then find 4 more of that color eggs at each location. It was such a success that we are planning on doing the same format again this year. It proved to be more of an egg hunt!
- **Arbor Day:** The five trees we purchased locally from Mossy Fern were decorated for the holidays were proudly planted on Arbor Day 2021.
- **Bike Rodeo** in conjunction with PBA at the Commuter Lot! Both fun and educational for the youth on bike safety huge success we will host another one this year.
- **Downtown Dine Outs:** Throughout the late spring and summer months the Village offered dining in the streets. It gave the restaurants an opportunity to use the closed streets for outdoor dining, music was played at the VFW. A few of the events happened on southside to include those restaurants as well.
- **Summer Concert Series:** We were so happy to bring back some fun outdoor music at the Waterfront. We hosted three amazing bands that about 100 residents all enjoyed. Mother nature was on our side and each show went on as scheduled.
- **9/11 Ceremony:** We honored the 20th remembrance of September 11th with a beautiful and heartfelt display of 3,000 forget-me-knots along with a moving ceremony organized by the Fire Department.
- **Village wide Tag Sale:** The Village wide tag sale returned this year. We had over 60 households participate
- **Revolutionary Hastings:** We were so happy to help with the amazing project and fun events which supported along with showcasing the beautiful transformation of Wagner Park. Years in the making but the final work and dedication were worth the wait.
- **Faith & Blue Outdoor Movie Night w/Police:** This was a family friendly event where we showed Toy Story 4 and enjoyed popcorn under the stars.

- **Halloween:** We hosted our annual window painting and with the help of our residents, we had a Trunk or Treat in the Commuter Lot. Local organizations and residents decorated their cars. We had a DJ play music throughout the event, popcorn, and lots of candy!!!!
- **Terry Ryan Memorial Run:** On Sunday, November 14th we hosted the Annual Terry Ryan Memorial Run. Can't believe it will be the 20th in his honor! This year looked a little different. We are only had a 5K and no awards ceremony. This is all due to spacing and logistics we hope after Covid we will be back better and stronger next year.
- **Toy Drive:** Like every year we support the Toys for Tots Toy Drive!
- **Holiday Celebration:** Along with amazing decorations we provide the village every year, We are happy to announce we had the tree lighting with Santa again this year. Along with 26 singers from The Westchester Chordsmen we are calling it a "HOLIDAY STROLL" we hope our residents enjoyed the decorations, singing and most of all shop local. **12/10/21 snow date 12/17/21**

Programs & Activities:

- **Chess classes, Minecraft City Builders** (remotely) We along with many other recreation departments tried going remotely with some of the programing not as fun as in person.
- **Hillside Nature Walks:** Hillside Nature Walks and actives in conjunction with the Conservation Commission: We are happy to have partnered with them to offer over 50 different Hillside activities and walks.
- **Girls Field Hockey:** This was also a **new** program very successful we will offer it again in the Spring
- **Lacrosse Programs:** This is a program we did a few years ago and brought it back along with a great enrollment it was a lot of fun.
- **Yoga in the Park:** With Covid hitting the local business so hard we partnered up with Hastings Yoga To offer yoga in the park very successful so we continue to date.
- **Little Kickers /Multi Sports:** Programs for children ages 2-4 play multiple sports throughout the program we have a Spring & Fall session.
- **Tennis:** Permits and memberships were sold during the summer months a tennis attendant monitored the courts
- **Tennis Lessons:** Both the Spring & Fall tennis programs always do very well.
- **Village wide clean up:** Clean out your medicine cabinets Drug Take back was very successful **61 Pounds** of prescription drugs safely deposited of.
- **Summer kids' fun programs:** This year as we all know, we could not offer our traditional summer camp. However, we still wanted the children to get out and socialize. So, we offered fourteen different programs, all outdoor and of other interests. We are so happy they were well received; over one hundred and fifty kids participated

- **Afterschool Programs:** Back up and running like so many of our programs we needed to rethink a safe but still fun way of offering classes. So, we needed to limit class sizes and we cut the weeks from 6/8 weeks till only 4 (in case we needed to cancel classes). We are finding this is working out very well.
- **Girls Flag Football Program:** Girls Flag Football Program this was a **new** program we hope it will grow in the future.
- **Ski/Snowboarding:** We have once again partnered with Thunder Ridge we accepted applications and will receive a small % of what we taken in.

Chemka Pool:

- **Early morning swim:** From 6am – 8am for residents that enjoy an early morning workout. Always a huge hit with the residents they all enjoy the peacefulness of a morning swim.
- **Swimming lessons:** Offered for children of all ages. Families always love this program we offer group, parent & me, and private swim lessons.
- **Water exercise fitness classes:** Aqua tone and Water Achi
- **Hosted School Graduation/Moving up parties:** 4th and 8th grade as well as the 5th and 9th grade as they weren't able to last year because of Covid
- **Swim team:** 118 swimmers brought new life to the team. The swim team experience was enjoyed by all.
- **Red Cross Certifications:** Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor classes were held.
- **Splashers/ Water Explorers:** eight weeks of the pool program is always a fun program; we combine arts crafts, swim lessons, and free play for participants. We offer ½ day and full-day sessions. In the past, it was offered three weeks; however, we opened it up due to the traditional summer camp not being offered this past summer.

Seniors:

- **Outside parties at American Legion:** As we all know, the seniors love their luncheons & parties. Anne was able to work her magic and arranged to use the beautiful space at the American Legion. This proved to be the perfect area for the seniors to spread out to feel safe while enjoying coming together.
- **Current Events:** Led by Steve Pucillo, ten to fifteen seniors would meet weekly at the community center to discuss world/local topics. They quickly moved remote during the pandemic and continue to do so.
- **Virtual Workshops:** Partnering with the Library Anne hosted a few workshops ex: Art, 50s trivia.

- **Exercise Recordings for WHOH-TV:** Anne arranged for Gina to come to the Recreation Department to film some exercise classes that are still a fan favorite on HOH today.
- **Walks at various location in the Rivertown's:** Wanting the seniors to get out and move, Anne started a fun weekly walk that grew into a trip for seniors. Examples of some of the walks Tarrytown Lakes, Irvington Aqueduct even a walk over the Mario Cuomo Bridge.
- **Drive by Treats for Holidays:** Anne makes fun-themed treat packages /bags. The seniors can pick up in front of the Community Center, and she plays music and decorates a little outside, so they still enjoy the celebration—for example St. Patrick's Corned beef & potatoes and soda bread, Mother's Day Cookies, and Halloween Cupcakes.
- **Transportation for Seniors:** With Covid-19 precautions in place we are resumed offering shopping transportation for seniors.
- **RUOK----**Check on the welfare of Seniors call were made from the RUOK list during the closure and when an emergency arises to check on the Seniors.
- **Senior Exercise:** Thinking outside the box, using the tennis courts at Hillside Anne offered a safe flat place for exercise classes four days a week.

JHCC:

- **Covid Vaccine Clinic:** Covid Vaccine Clinic: Partnering with Greenleaf pharmacy the Community Center organized and hosted eight Covid Vaccine clinics for Seniors and Kids. Over a thousand vaccines were administered.
- **Covid Vaccine Clinic for 5–11-year-old children:** The JHCC will once again partner with Greenleaf pharmacy and host vaccine clinics for children 5-11.
- **Blood Drives:** In conjunction with the American Red Cross, we held three Blood Drives with Covid-19 safety measures in place.
- **Safe Election Polling Place:** We continue to be a safe place for voting.
- **Support the Youth Advocate:** We continue to support the YAP program in any we can.

Facilities:

- **Sugar Pond: The shed was taken down.** The area was seeded with grass.
- **Draper Park:** New post and rail fence and pergola were installed.
- **Riverview Park:** A Bocce court was installed.
- **Quarry Park trail:** Contech has rebuilt the trail after the damages it sustained from tropical storm Ida.

Parks:

- **Uniontown Park:** The sports netting to protect the parking lot has been extended to protect the playground from projectiles from the field.
- **Vest Pocket Park:** A new retaining wall was built; tree and shrub maintenance were done, and park was pressure washed. New trees and shrubs were planted.
- Trees planted at **Uniontown Park** and **Thompkins/Broadway Island**

Fields:

- **Zinsser and Uniontown:** Worked with Hastings Little League to offer spring, summer and fall leagues
- **Zinsser:** Provided field space for softball lite (recreation program)

Hillside Woods Restoration Project:

- Administered DEC tree maintenance grant which addressed high priority hazardous trees in Hillside Park and Woods
- Reviewed and updated high priority hazardous tree list
- Worked with tree company on the removal and pruning of all high priority hazardous trees on the list
- Met with DEC regional forester, George Profous to review and approve tree work
- Prepared RFP for perimeter deer fencing
- Evaluated all submitted RFP's made recommendation and checked references for awarding project to the low bidder.
- Coordinated tree work for demo area removed Norway Maples and Ailanthus trees
- Marked area for perimeter deer fencing
- Obtained quote for temporary deer fencing
- Prepared and submitted quarterly progress reports
- Tracking expenses for reimbursement

MacEachron Waterfront Park:

- Prepared RFP for Marine Engineer Consultant
- Attended a meeting with the DEC Estuary grant administrators
- Attended a kickoff meeting with Marine Engineer consultant
- Attended a site visit with Marine engineer consultant
- Prepared and submitted quarterly progress report
- Completed at this time Hydrographic survey, Land survey, and Boundary survey
- Site assessment and environmental assessment