

Jamestown Parks & Recreation
End of Year Report - 2008
William Piva, Director

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department to provide residents and visitors of Jamestown with safe and accessible recreational opportunities. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in Jamestown by offering active and passive recreation programs in a clean, safe and appealing environment. This is accomplished through cooperation between the Parks & Recreation Department and various local community groups and individual volunteers.

The Jamestown Parks & Recreation Department recognizes the vital role of its employees in the delivery of recreational services. To that end, a team approach has been implemented that encourages employee involvement in problem solving, program and project planning, and training opportunities.

Recreation Center

The Recreation Center is home to many activities such as youth and high school basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, dance classes, adult exercise classes, theater productions, band concerts, arts and crafts shows, public meetings and of course the popular Open Recreation for Youth Program. The Recreation Center continues to be the busiest and most diversely used public building in Jamestown.

Teen Center and Youth Activities

The Teen Center has just completed its first full year of activities and continues to be a huge success. Thanks go out to Debbie Tungett, Teen Coordinator, for making the center a safe, fun and active place for teens. I look forward to the Teen Center becoming a permanent part of the Parks & Recreation Department. For a full review of the Teen

Center activities, I asked Debbie to submit a Teen Center report that you will find attached to this document.

Recreation Programs

Jack O'Lantern Jog
Summer Concert Series
Jamestown Summer Playground
Youth Basketball Camp
Youth Flag Football
Youth Lacrosse Camp
Travel Basketball League
High School Open Basketball
Adult Recreational Volleyball
Over-35 Basketball
Adult Recreational Soccer
Senior Bowling
Youth Dance Classes

- Off the Curb
- Creative Dance

Adult Exercise Classes

- Pilates
- Mellow Vinyasa
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Zumba Latin Workout

Performing Arts Camp
Jamestown Community Theater productions
Pre-Ballet (4 year olds)
Ballet I (5 & 6 year olds)
Ballet II (7 -9 year olds)

Ft. Getty

Attached you will find Fort Getty revenue numbers provided by recreation clerk Andrea Masterson. As part of the Ft. Getty master plan, the Parks & Recreation Department added 5 new tent sites to the park. At a reduced price, we offered sites at a cheaper rate in exchange for an evaluation of the campers time spent at the new sites. Most campers gave a positive response to these new sites and we will continue to reserve these sites for the 2009 season.

Mackerel Cove

The Town beach continues to be a popular spot for residents and visitors. A total of 1347 resident beach stickers were sold and 576 daily parking passes were issued throughout the beach season.

Supporting Role

Jamestown Baseball and Jamestown Soccer Association- The Recreation Department continues to support youth baseball and soccer by preparing and maintaining playing fields during each respective sports season. We also continue to organize and run the girls softball league and presently we are working on an adult softball league that was very popular years ago. We also prepare fields for Jamestown School baseball and soccer teams and maintain a safe and adequate location at Ft. Getty field for the school cross country team.

The Parks & Recreation Department continues to assist in special events sponsored by Town and non-Town organizations. These events require Parks & Recreation manpower, equipment, facilities and/or supplies. Some of these groups and/or events are listed below;

Jamestown Police Dept. Rape Aggression Training
Earth Day Shoreline Clean-up
Jamestown Community Chorus Spring Concert
Memorial Day Parade
Ali's Run
Jamestown Community Theater
Roger Chase Tennis Tournament
Historical Society event at the Battery
Fireworks at Mackerel Cove
Conanicut Island Art Association Art Show
Conanicut Island Art Association Craft Show
Jamestown Community Chorus Talent Show
Fools Rules Regatta
Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
Rotary Club Columbus Day Bike Race
Village Tree Lighting
Jamestown Community Chorus Holiday Concerts
Shoreby Hill Pageant
Tall Ships
Filming of television show Brotherhood
Recreation Center as polling location
Save the Bay Summer Camp
Planning Department Charette

Island Treasures
Holiday Dog Parade

Maintenance Staff Responsibilities

Fort Getty: 35-plus acre waterfront park and campground. RV campground with 105 sites, water and electric hook-ups, 20 tent sites, two restroom buildings with showers, and the Lt. Col. John C. Rembijas Pavilion for large gatherings. Responsible for all mowing and trimming, trash removal, rest room cleaning and stocking, minor plumbing repairs and other types of general maintenance.

Lawn Avenue and Melrose Avenue Recreation Complex: Multi-use recreation area that also serves as Jamestown School athletic facility and physical education classes. Two soccer fields, three baseball diamonds, six tennis courts, one basketball court and skate park. All maintenance is currently performed by Parks and Recreation staff. We are responsible for pre-season preparation of ball fields. During each sports season, maintenance staff performs mowing and trash removal.

John Eldred Recreation Area: 4-acre soccer field consisting of one full-size and two smaller youth fields. Recreation staff aerates, top dress, seed and performs mowing, trimming and trash removal.

Mackerel Cove Beach: Daily beach raking, trash removal and any repairs and painting to life guard chairs, beach shed and fences.

Jamestown Shores (Head's) Beach: Mowing and trimming, maintenance of picnic tables and fencing.

Community Playground: Mowing and trimming, repairs in accordance with annual inspection reports.

Recreation Center: Mowing and trimming, snow removal, indoor maintenance includes gym floor, trash removal, lobby floor and windows and minor repairs.

Country Club: Maintenance of exercise classroom and restrooms, trimming around building and snow removal.

Taylor Point, Park Dock, Hull Cove: Mowing, trimming, path maintenance, trash removal and fence repairs. Perform trimming at several smaller public right-of-ways to the shore.

Other Town Properties: The department also performs mowing and trimming of the following town properties;

- East Ferry Memorial Square, traffic island, and north to boat ramp
- Veteran's Cemetery
- Pemberton Avenue mini-park

- Police Station
- Town Hall
- Water Towers
- Water Treatment Plant

Conclusion

The Jamestown Recreation Department continues to offer its residents and visitor's clean, safe beaches, parks and recreational opportunities. We strive to improve our services and work cooperatively with other Town Departments and Schools. We feel that recreation is a fundamental human need essential to the well being of all people and we will continue to provide adequate opportunities in leadership, facilities and activities in accordance with the interests and abilities of recreational participants.

In general, our vision is to continue to provide for all people wholesome recreational activities that will offer opportunities for socialization, enjoyment and relaxation. We also believe that other important objectives are to implant desirable habits and attitudes leading to high ideas and good moral conduct; to encourage development of special talents, aptitudes and interests; to promote physical vigor, mental health and emotional balance; and finally build better citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

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