



Richfield Springs Community Center

Spring 2022 Newsletter

The Zone

Looking back a few months with the onset of cold weather, teens on Friday nights have been drawn inside The Center. Adult staff mentors Tonya, Lexi and Jon report, “thrown in amongst healthy options, some good old-fashioned comfort food is being prepared and enjoyed by all! Popular from all accounts have been mac and cheese followed closely by pizza—no surprise there.”

Included in the new gaming equipment is an inside basketball toss challenge-based experience. Rick Frable, Zone Director comments: “It gets the teens physically active while engaging in some light-hearted competition. With warmer weather around the corner, the teens are anxious to get outside to enjoy a multitude of games and activities.”



New Program: T-Zone

The T-Zone began a short couple of months ago on Tuesdays from 3:15-5:15 PM. It is an after-school program for students ages 12-15 that allows them to partake in activities to destress from their day and hang out with peers in a safe environment. “Being a full-time Teacher Assistant at the local school, I totally recognize and understand the needs of students who may want an occasional familiar face to talk to. They know I am here for them if and when the need arises,” says Rick Frable.

Movie Night

Yet another program for families to come together and also another opportunity to collaborate with the local Public Library! Premiering last summer at The Center, this coming summer the collaboration will move to Spring Park on Main Street. Mindy Baker, Librarian, explains: “Coming back this June, the Community Center and the RS Public Library will be collaborating on Summer Movies in the Park. This program is part of the Summer Reading Program, which is a fun reading challenge lasting through the summer; children through adults can win prizes for their reading efforts throughout the summer. Twice a month, ending in September, we will show a family movie in the park for free. Popcorn will be available. This summer’s reading program theme is “Oceans of Possibilities” starting Monday, June 1st. Stop in the library to sign up and pick up the list of movies. A list of the movies being shown will also be shared on both Facebook pages.”

Stories Come Alive

Miss Jackie continues to captivate the young minds of preschoolers weekly with her book readings via The Center’s Facebook page. Librarian Mindy Baker comments: “Richfield Springs Community Center, in collaboration with the Richfield Springs Public Library, is happy to bring you Stories Come Alive, a weekly virtual story time read by Miss Jackie. Each month a themed Take Home Craft Kit is available, as well, and can be picked up at the library.”

SOUPer Seniors

Our Wednesday program for area “seniors” continues to grow in popularity filling a much needed void for socialization and downright fun! A catered light, hearty lunch is served starting at 11:30 a.m. with card games and Mahjong played afterwards. Come join the fun—and the laughter!



Senior Meals

Sponsored by the Otsego County Office for the Aging on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. since last fall, The Center hosts nutritious meals prepared by Trinity Services. This program is for seniors 60+ living in Otsego County. “We are grateful to the Richfield Springs Community Center for hosting us and providing another opportunity for adults to engage in the community. As participation grows, we hope to increase the number of days the service is available,” says Director Tamie Reed. More information can be obtained by calling Otsego County Office for the Aging at 607-547-4232.

Community Fun Night

Calling all families! New to the lineup and premiering last fall, this night is a chance to enjoy games, free food and camaraderie. Organizer Rick Frable, gives us a preview of the spring event by saying: “Plans are well underway for a fun-filled evening in May with games, food, entertainment and vendors offering a variety of products and services. Be watching the media for details.”

Fundraisers

Due to the climate of uncertainty earlier in 2021, The Center forged ahead cautiously in the summer with very successful fundraisers: The Bass tournament and Run/Walk in July, a drive through Brooks' chicken BBQ in August as well as our Falling Footsteps Road Edition. Due to a surge in the virus in December, the popular Holiday Auction and Dinner took on a new "twist." Adhering to suggested CDC guidelines, in an effort to safely limit the number of people in The Center, we chose to honor our ever-so- important and much appreciated Zone Club members with a dinner and shortened version of the auction. We look forward to the end of this year when we can, once again, open up the event to the general public.

Upcoming Summer Events:

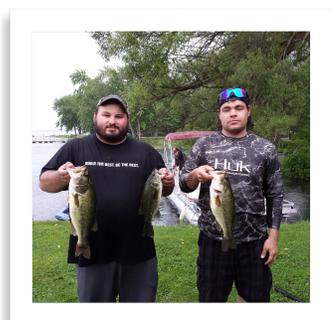
Spaghetti Take Out Dinner - 4/29/22

Bass Tournament - 7/16/22

RSCC 10k/5k Run & 2 Mile Walk - 7/17/22

Brooks' BBQ - 8/13/22

Falling Footsteps Road Edition - 8/27/22



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Our dedicated Zone Club members help us to keep our mission moving forward—a source of revenue that we rely on each year for general operating expenses that the above do not cover. To learn more about becoming a Zone Club member, head on over to our website at www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org

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During these times we look to the future, searching out inspiration to find ways to continue our mission while embracing our past traditions and programs! We will reach out through Facebook, the website, and press releases to ensure the community knows what's happening here at The Center!