

RichfieldSprings Community Center

Fall 2022 Newsletter

The Zone

During the summer months students in grades 7-12 transitioned their school-established friendships to The Center on Friday nights—and also had the opportunity to make new friends! Nutritious (and sometimes not so nutritious) light meals/snacks were enjoyed by all—thanks to the culinary skills of Zone Mentor Tonya Toner. “These, and the multitude of gaming equipment we offer, continue to be funded by grants from foundations who realize the importance of such programs for our teens,” comments Zone Director Rick Frable.



T-Zone

New to The Center this past Spring, this Tuesday and Thursday after-school program fills a void for 12-15 years of age students. Teens can distill stress from the day in a safe environment and be confident that they will see a familiar face who they can talk to via our Zone Director--a Teacher Assistant at the local school. We value the assistance of Teen Zone Mentors Lyla Galbreth and Zach Stetson who also play a major part as role models.

SOUPer Seniors

Getting its name from this program's beginnings in 2019 when only soup based light meals were served to this “older” segment of the population, this Wednesday lunch time program has manifested into one of our most popular programs where a varied catered menu is now served. Fred Eckler, Board President and liaison to this program comments, “We as a Board of Directors could not be more pleased with this ever-growing program. It's so rewarding for us to witness the fun and camaraderie each week where puzzles and books are exchanged and even an occasional homemade confection is brought in by a participant for all to enjoy. After lunch, cards games and Mahjong are routinely enjoyed for those who wish to do so.”



Stories Come Alive

On the other end of the age spectrum, pre-schoolers continue to look forward to Miss Jackie's popular virtual Friday book readings via our Facebook page. Our long-time collaboration continues with the local Public Library. “Each month a themed take-home craft is available for pickup at the Library,” reminds Librarian Mindy Baker. Look us up on the Center's Facebook page at *Richfield Springs Community Center*--and don't forget to stop in at the library to see what Mindy has planned for all ages.

Senior Meals

Celebrating its first anniversary here at The Center, we are pleased to continue to host hearty nutritious meals sponsored by the Otsego County Office for the Aging. Meals are prepared by Trinity Services and are served each Thursday at 11:30 A.M. Additional info can be obtained by calling Office for the Aging's Director, Tamie Reed, at 607-547-4232.

Community Fun Night

Another program celebrating its first anniversary is this much needed family oriented event. Organizers Rick Frable and Tonya Toner report: “Plans are underway for a combined *Community Fun Day/Halloween Party* scheduled for Sunday, October 30. Fun for the entire family.” Watch the media for details!

Movies in Spring Park

For 3 consecutive summers the Community Center has partnered with the local Public Library to show a variety of children as well as adult movies during July and August - all while snacking on good ole popcorn! This summer the movies were shown in Spring Park, but in previous years they have been held at the Community Center. Mindy Baker, Librarian, comments: “Our partnership with the Community Center is a perfect fit! We look forward to going back to The Center's spacious facility.”

Fundraisers

This past summer was a busy and a successful one for the Community Center's fundraisers:

7/16: Bass Tournament

7/17: 10k/5k Run & 2 Mile Walk

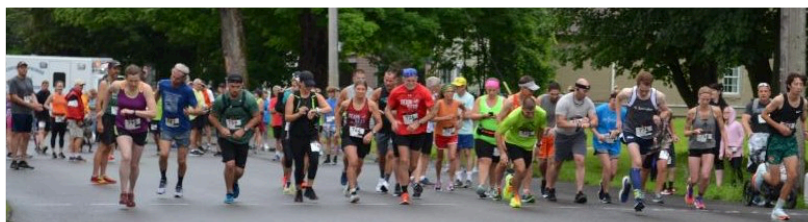
8/13: Brooks' Chicken BBQ

8/27: Falling Footsteps Road Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 30: Community Fun Day/Halloween Party

December 3: Holiday Auction and Dinner



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Community Foundation for South Central NY, Scriven Foundation, NY Council of Nonprofits, Inc., Otsego County Youth Bureau, Otis Thompson Foundation (NBT Bank), Anna Mabey Foundation (NBT Bank), Stewart's Holiday Match, Golub Foundation, CSX Transportation, Costco, Richfield Springs Rotary Club and the Richfield Springs Lioness Club.

OUR DEDICATED ZONE CLUB MEMBERS:

Our 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.

Do you shop on Amazon? Please consider going to smile.amazon.com and selecting us (Richfield Springs Youth Ministries) as your charity to donate to. There is no cost to you and they make donations to us when you make purchases.

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.