



Richfield Springs Community Center

Spring 2023 Newsletter

The Zone

The Zone, The Center's premier program for teens in grades 7-12, began in 1999—the onset of this organization. It continues to thrive on Friday nights from 7-10 PM. Teens enjoy healthy snacks, partake in various gaming equipment and, most importantly, socialize in a safe, mentoring environment under the direction of our Zone Director, Assistant Director and Teen Mentors.

T-Zone

Celebrating our first anniversary, The "T" for this program represents the day of the week it is held—Tuesdays. This program fills a void for the 12-15 year olds from 4-6 PM with plans to expand to Thursdays as well. Much like *The Zone*, teens distress from their rigors of the school day in a mentored, activity-filled setting.

Summertime Movies

Another collaboration with the local library returns to the Community Center on select Saturday nights this summer. Be watching for details on these movies for the entire family complete with freshly popped popcorn!

Dungeons and Dragons

Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy table-top role-playing game that has gained popularity in recent years, is held in the afternoon the second Saturday of the month. Tactics and arithmetic are put to the test!

Career Night Series

The Career Night Series during select Friday nights this past February, March and April focused on career path topics. Presentations were made by area professionals in their field. We plan to offer these series during the winter months.

SOUPer Seniors

In an effort to fill a void at The Center for the "older" segment of our area's population, this Wednesday lunch/activity oriented program has grown into an extremely popular avenue for camaraderie and much needed socialization for this age group. Do you like playing cards? Possibly marjohm, chess or other board games? For a suggested donation of \$3.00 come join us for a catered lunch and enjoy your time with others afterwards.

Senior Meals

An Otsego County Office for the Aging sponsored program, The Center is pleased to continue to host hearty, nutritious meals at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Much like the Center's SOUPer Seniors program, many "seniors" stay after lunch to socialize. Recent activities prior to the meal has included *Tech Support for Seniors* and *Medicare 101* informational sessions. More senior-oriented programs are being planned. Meals are prepared by an outside food source and reservations are required. For specifics call Tamie Reed, Director of Office for the Aging at 607-547-4232

Community Fun Night

A family-oriented program, activities have ranged from a Saturday night Community Fun Dance at the local school to a full-fledged, very successful Community Fun Day/Halloween Party. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 29 and watch the media for details on this year's event.

Meet Our Staff

Deb Guerin



The Center has three part-time employees. Deb Guerin was hired in October 2020 as our Bookkeeper. She came to us highly qualified. Deb is a full

time Treasurer/Tax Collector for the Village of Cooperstown. Deb's hobbies include reading, swimming, family time, laughing with people who have a great sense of humor and learning new skills.

Tonya Toner & Rick Frable



Rick Frable is Director for our teen programs assisted by Tonya Toner who also serves as our grant writer. Tonya, a full time Cafeteria

Manager at Owen D. Young Central School, joined The Center's staff in September 2021.

Rick, a Teacher's Assistant at Richfield Springs Central School, joined us in September 2019. Their professional careers position them well with mentoring our teens as well as creating programs that engage the local community and surrounding areas. Tonya's hobbies include writing, designing t-shirts, hiking, listening to music, spending time with family, and anything Marvel or Star Wars related. In his spare time, Rick enjoys collecting movie memorabilia, Cosplay, video games, watching Star Wars and Marvel, reading and spending time with his children.



Announcing Exciting News!

With considerable forethought, the Board of Directors recently made the decision to expand the size of The Center—a decision that will enable us to grow thereby increasing revenue lines. Currently the number of program participants is limited due to space constrictions.

Facility rentals, a lucrative source of income, has experienced an uptick this year. However, we are currently limited to smaller groups. A small office and much needed storage area are also in the plans. The 30'x40' addition will allow us to perpetuate our vision of “continually providing quality programs and services that foster positive change.”

Fundraisers

7/15: Bass Tournament

7/16: 5k/10K Run & 2 Mile Walk

8/26: Falling Footsteps Road Edition



Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars

October 29: Community Fun Day/Halloween Party

December 2: Holiday Auction and Dinner



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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.