



Richfield Springs Community Center

Spring 2024 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 second 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 soon expand to Thursdays. Much like *The Zone*, teens distress from their rigors of the school day in a mentored, activity-filled setting.

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 from 1-4 PM. Tactics and arithmetic are put to the test!

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 began in 2019 with a handful of participants enjoying a soup-based lunch—hence the reason for the name “SOUPer Seniors. It has grown into an extremely popular avenue for camaraderie and much needed socialization for this age group. The group now enjoys a modest, catered lunch for a suggested donation of \$4.00 Do you like playing cards? Possibly mahjong, chess or other board games? Come join us for lunch and stay to play cards, mahjong and other board games that interest you!

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 play cards or board games.

Meals are prepared by an outside food source and reservations are required 24 hours in advance by calling 607-547-6454. For more information call Tamie Reed, Director of Office for the Aging at 607-547-4232

Stories Come Alive

This book reading program for toddlers continues its collaboration with the Richfield Springs Public Library on Fridays at 11 a.m.. Age-appropriate children's books are read aloud to those ages 18 months through 7 years of age in attendance, accompanied by their caregiver(s), to take into consideration those children that are home schooled. Be watching soon for this weekly program to be live streamed on both facebook pages.

Each month a themed take-home craft is available. Stop in and see what's happening!



Community Fun Day

A family-oriented program, activities include a very successful annual Community Fun Day/Halloween Party and, most recently, a St. Patrick's Day party, among others. Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 27, and watch the media for details on this year's event as well as other events and fundraisers.



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Our New Addition is Now Done!

With considerable forethought this time last year, the Board of Directors made the decision to expand the size of the Community Center—a decision that will not only enable us to grow financially through facility rentals but also to accept more participants for our programs—our main objective. Construction of the 30'x40' addition began last summer and is now complete. A much-needed small office for our bookkeeper and grant writer to share as well as a storage area are also a part of the new addition.

Fundraisers

7/20: Bass Tournament

7/21: Sundae 5k/10K Run & 2 Mile Walk

8/24: Falling Footsteps Road Edition

12/7: Holiday Auction and Reception



Mark Your Calendars

October 27: Community Fun Day/Halloween Party

Be watching for other community-related programs in 2024.



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Scriven Foundation, Otsego County Youth Bureau, Anna Mabey Foundation, United Way Mid Rural New York, Community Foundation of South Central New York, Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District, Community Foundation of Otsego County, Otsego County Community Events Grant, Otis Thompson Foundation, Stewart's Shops, the Richfield Springs Lions Club and Richfield Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, The United Way of the Mohawk Valley and East Coast Amateur Radio Service.

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 our grants generally do not cover. To learn more about becoming a Zone Club member, head on over to our website at www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org

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.