



Richfield Springs Community Center

Spring 2025 Newsletter

The Zone

The Zone, The Center's premier program for teens in grades 7-12, began in 1999. To satisfy the need to find a permanent "home" for this program, the Richfield Springs Community Center was built through generous fundraising efforts. It officially opened in the fall of 2008. *The Zone* welcomes teens on Friday nights from 7-9 PM for healthy snacks, to participate in gaming equipment and, most importantly, to socialize in a safe, mentoring environment under adult supervision.

T-Zone

Celebrating our third anniversary, the "T" in this program represents the days of the week it is held—Tuesdays and Thursdays. This program fills a void after school from 4-6 PM. Much like *The Zone*, teens enjoy snacks and de-stress from the rigors of the school day in a mentored, activity-filled setting.

Dungeons & Dragons

Dungeons & 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 P.M. 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!

Community Fun Day

A family-oriented event, activities are planned around focused themes. Watch for upcoming events on social media and in area publications.

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 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a suggested \$4.00 donation. 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 for Otsego County. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance by calling 607-547-6454.

Stories Come Alive

This book-reading program for toddlers continues its collaboration with the Richfield Springs Public Library and, most recently, the Community Literacy Alliance. It is held on Fridays at Noon. Age-appropriate children's books are read aloud to children birth through 3rd grade—older children are welcome at caregivers' discretion. Children must be accompanied by their caregiver(s). A craft is available after story time or to take home. Families welcome!! Weekly recordings can be found on the Richfield Springs Community Center's YouTube page.



Rent The Community Center

The Community Center is available to rent for all kinds of social events as well as for business meetings.

Rates: Individuals-\$25 per hour (2 hour minimum). Businesses: \$40 per hour (2 hour minimum). Our spacious facility can accommodate groups of any size and includes the use of tables, chairs and our newly updated kitchen. The building is handicap accessible and parking is no problem.

Go to our website at www.richfieldspringscommunitycenter.org and click on "Rental Information" for specifics. E-mail: rent@richfieldzone.org. Call 315-858-3200.

2025 Fundraisers—Mark Your Calendars!

7/19: Bass Tournament

7/20: Sundae 5K/10K Run & 2 Mile Walk

8/23: Falling Footsteps Road Edition

12/6: Holiday Auction and Reception

Check out our website under the “*News*” tab (Press Releases) closer to each fundraiser for details.

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Scriven Foundation, Otsego County Youth Bureau, Anna Mabey Foundation, Presbytery of Utica, Community Foundation of Otsego County, Otis Thompson Foundation, Stewart’s Shops, Boenheim Foundation, Golub/Price Chopper, NYCON, Mohawk Valley Gives, the Richfield Springs Lions Club, Richfield Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, and The United Way of the Mohawk Valley.

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 and click on the “*Ways To Help*” tab on the home page.

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.