



Coming in 2015

Prepare and distribute a DRYC Annual Report for 2014.

Recruit a member of the Dryden Central School District for membership on the DRYC.

Finish and present the Youth Development Needs Assessment conducted in 2014.

Collaborate with Conservation Board to increase trail options.

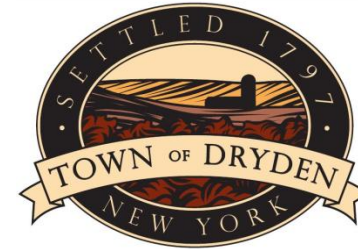
Support the efforts of the Dryden Lake Festival Committee to ensure a successful event.

Increase the number and variety of adult programming.

Continue to develop youth employment programming, with emphasis on employment readiness skills.

Recruit a teen/youth to be a member or participant on the commission.

Begin work on a DRYC marketing plan.



Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission

2014 Annual Report



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Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission

History & Goals

In 2013, the Dryden Recreation Commission and Dryden Youth Commission merged into one commission. The Commission acts as an advisory body to the Recreation Department and Town Board and as a liaison to the community, Dryden Central School District, the Villages of Dryden and Freeville and Tompkins County. The DRYC is also responsible for recommending to the Town Board funding allocations for Youth Development programs that serve youth in the Town of Dryden and allocating Dryden Community Grant funds. These funds support program and infrastructure projects at community centers and community oriented organization all over the town of Dryden.

The goal of the Dryden Recreation and Youth Commission is to provide a high quality of life for all town residents by assisting in facilitating opportunities to participate in healthy and satisfying recreation and leisure activities, and supporting and increasing access of town youth to programs that build skills, confidence, leadership, and supportive relationships with peers and adults.

2014 DRYC Membership

Chair- Stephanie Mulinos

Vice- Steve Meyer

Tracy Kurtz

Kathy Gehring

Vicki Wilkins

Tom Fuchs

David Bravo-Cullen

Rick Ryan

1 Vacancy

Staff Liaisons: (non-voting)

Jennifer Jones

Recreation Director

Kris Bennett

Tompkins County Youth Services

Joe Solomon

Dryden Town Board

<http://dryden.ny.us/board-commission-list/dryden-recreation-and-youth-commission>

Youth Services Dryden Youth Programs

Dryden Youth Development Programs with Program Manager Dave Hall

In 2014, Dave Hall held 39 youth development programs. These programs run throughout the year and are primarily for middle school students. All students are welcome; however students who are not already involved with other activities are targeted. The DYS goals are to provide opportunities for Dryden youth to learn healthy, life-long skills, to feel successful, and to form relationships with youth and adults in a supported environment.

Some of Dave's great programs include Primitive Pursuits, Iron Chef, Lunch Bunch, Community Helpers and many more.



Success Story: On December 3rd, the Dryden Town Court Room was

filled with families to discuss the proposed cuts to the youth services funding. One after another, participants ranging from 11-18 spoke with grace, respect, and passion about both Dave and Nikki's programs and how they had been a positive force in their lives. Even parents took the podium to speak about the positive role models, enrichment in these programs.



For more detailed information please contact Cooperative Extension @ (607) 272-2292.

Youth Services O.U.R.S Program

O.U.R.S. Programs with Program Manager Nikki Nease

The O.U.R.S. Positive Youth Development Program currently serves 26 families who reside in the three mobile home parks in the Dryden School District. In 2014, Nikki lead a total of 24 programs including Autumn Adventures, Leadership Council, Mentors in training, Cooking matters, and more! More than ninety Cornell student volunteers, who are trained and coordinated by Nikki, serve as mentors, plan and deliver programs, and write grants.



On average, Nikki serves 65 youth per year, and close to 80% of those youth will gain years of mentorship in the O.U.R.S. program. Program managers/van drivers make a stop at each home twice; once for pick up and to deliver home, at least four days a week, year round. With 45 youth in the afterschool programs in 2014, over half of the students have siblings or cousins in the programs.

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2014 Community Grants

Since 2006, the Town of Dryden has provided more than \$230,000 to Community Associations in Dryden for building repairs and playground improvements as well as community events, newsletters, websites and more.

This year a total of \$15,000 was available to community organizations or individuals in the Town of Dryden who were interested in applying for funding to provide programming or projects which enrich the quality life for residents in the Dryden Community. The DRYC reviews grant applications carefully to determine which projects can be recommended to the Town Board to maximize the community and town wide impact of public funding.

Organization Name	Purpose of Funding
Dryden Community Center Café	Music
Dryden Farmer Market	Advertising
Dryden United Methodist Church	Community dinners
Dryden Veterans' Memorial Home	Roof
Ellis Hollow Community Center	Poolside Lighting
Friends of Dryden Wrestling	Singlets
Neptune Fire Company	Jr Fire Academy 1
Neptune Fire Company	Jr Fire Academy 2
Southworth Library	Teen Programming
Dryden Historical Society	Festival
Varna Community Center	Programming

**We applaud the volunteers of each
Community Association for the work they
do to strengthen our neighborhoods and
enrich Dryden residents' lives.**

Dryden Recreation

The Town of Dryden Recreation Department has had a busy year full of new hires, new programs, and as always lots of activities. This year the department hired Jennifer Jones as the new Director of Recreation as well as Jack Davison as the new Recreation Assistant. Also new to the department was the addition of Sertoma soccer under the town. Sertoma soccer is a very successful youth program which serves over 200 youth ages 5-13 each fall.



Pickleball was a new adult program added this year to recreational activities. Pickleball is offered on Sunday afternoons at the Dryden High School. This program has been well attended and is even listed on the USA Pickleball website. The program is for adults, however all ages are welcome!

Dryden Recreation also hosted its first indoor movie night in 2014, showing the new Disney film Maleficent at the Dryden Elementary School.

Along with all the new programs in recreation, other youth sports and special events have been a success as well. Dryden Recreation is looking forward to 2015 with the addition of even more new programs!



Youth Services 2014 Youth Participation

The Town of Dryden has a long history of supporting youth development programs for local youth. In 2014, a blend of Town, County and State funding made it possible for even more programs to be held including a growth in the youth employment jobs. The DRYC also coordinated a youth needs assessment this year for the town of Dryden. The summary of those findings will be published in spring of 2015.

2014 Youth Participation Numbers	#
<i>Dryden Youth Jobs</i>	17
<i>Cornell Cooperative Extension O.U.R.S Program</i>	65
<i>Cornell Cooperative Extension Dryden Youth Program</i>	170
Total Youth Served in 2014 (Unduplicated count)	252
Total Youth Served in 2014 (duplicated count)	913

Youth Employment

17 Dryden youth were successfully placed in summer employment positions within the Town of Dryden in 2014. The DYE participants attended training workshops which taught interview skills and resume writing.

Stay tuned in 2015 for Youth Employment Trainings. Dryden will join forces with Ithaca Youth Works to provide a twist on resume building, interview skills, and skill building.

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