

As 2011 draws to a close I wanted to take some time to highlight some of our accomplishments this year, thank those that volunteered their time and materials, as well as what to look forward to next season. We began 2011 with a new Recreation Director, Desmond Fitzgerald that came to us with outstanding pool and recreation credentials. Much work needed to be done to get the Washington Borough Park and Pool to where we are providing an excellent pool experience as well as well-run sports programs for people of all ages. So here are some highlights from our 2011 season regarding the pool.

- Total pool revenue was up almost \$20,000 from 2010
- We replaced all of the pool pumps required to properly maintain the pool
- We made much needed renovations to the pool house restrooms
- Our Taxpayer contribution in 2011 was 79% less than in previous years
- We completed construction of a small outside patio with a new gas grill to provide pool patrons the option of hamburgers and hotdogs right off the grill!
- Our Sharks swim team had a positive summer season. We were able to see the core of our program and the swimmers and families who are dedicated and will make up the backbone of the program for years to come

Overall this season we made many positive strides in all of Recreation. We have brand new membership in our Recreation Committee and they are all very dedicated to improving all of the sports that we offer. We also have created a new **“Washington Borough Recreation”** Facebook page to give everyone up to the minute information on the goings on in Borough Recreation!

For the first time in many years the Recreation Committee has worked hard in the community to solicit and receive donations of materials and volunteer time in order to reduce the taxpayer’s burden for all of the services we provide. We found many businesses and individuals eager to help so I want to include them in this as a matter of appreciation:

- Washington Borough Kiwanis
- Washington Borough Rotary
- New Jersey American Water
- Washington Theatre (Marco Matteo)
- John Dorsch Electric
- Frank Blanche Signs
- Washington One Stop
- Warren County Liquors
- Kevin Shoudt and Veolia Water
- Shop Rite of Washington
- Country Fresh Farms in Hampton
- Dave Hackney and RJ Sherman from Washington Borough Youth Baseball
- Terry Finnegan and Washington Borough Youth Soccer

Looking ahead to next year we have a lot to accomplish! We hope to welcome back Adult Men’s Baseball (the Gravediggers) back to Washington Borough after some much needed field work at

our main baseball field. We will look to expand our current programs as well as possibly look to add some new ones. Next year some of our primary goals we hope to achieve are an expanded concessions stand so that we may offer an larger menu. We also hope to make overall improvements to our landscaping. If we are fortunate enough to get the volunteers needed and some sponsors we will try to bring events back to Borough park such as music/concerts in the park, and other family friendly events.

Our goal is our commitment to the children and families of not only Washington Borough but anywhere people come from. We desire to put the best programs forward while making sure that programs are run efficiently. We hope that we continue to have your support and we hope to see you all again next season!

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