

# Village of Albion Recreation

## John J. Grillo

### Recreation Director

#### Report for the December 2024 Village Board Meeting

- Attend the Village Board meetings with Department Heads each month.
- Sent in the schedule/dates of the summer concerts, contact names, cost and bands to Alana so she can get her work started early.
- On December 30, I received 3 letters from GoArt that we were awarded \$15,000.00, \$5000.00 for each application that I submitted.
- I am awaiting to hear from Heritage to see if we were awarded grant money for a different grant that I submitted this fall.
- I will soon be applying for the USTA Tennis Grant for a one or two-week camp and clinic.
- Continuously worked on the Summer Concert Series making calls, emails and texts to bands and getting the budget ready. I am putting in more time this month before all the bands book for their schedules.
- 12/14 was a busy day and evening as I (representing the Village) participated in the parade before, during and after. Worked the Santa Parade from 5:30pm until 9:00pm.
- 12/17 was a busy day as I made several phone calls to bands to fulfill the summer concert series. I am looking at different genres and total cost.
- 12/16 was spent on looking at details for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day Celebration,
- Working on getting fireworks donations and reaching out to big businesses and continued working with people to see how we can get donations for Fireworks for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would like to advertise to seek a chairman to volunteer to assist me in asking for donations for fireworks. We will need at least \$10K for the first year.
- Represented the Village at all the Santa Parade Meetings this month before the parade and after.
- Assisted in decorating the Santa float on Sunday, December 8 from 10:00am to 2:00pm and on December 13 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm
- Writing the agenda for the GACRE meeting coming up in December and January.
- Attended the Orleans County Youth Bureau representing the Village of Albion. This meeting was long due to dividing the funds to those who applied for money. Plus, I was there as an advocate for the village.
- Went in to the Village Office to meet with Tracy concerning the budget, funding, and grants.
- Spoke to Jay a few times this month with concerns and things moving forward.

- Spent time at the Village Office for miscellaneous reasons and for whatever is needed
- Busy at home in my office working on the Recreation Program, and continuous planning. I spent a lot of time in the early morning and in the evenings.
- I continued to work on the Summer Concert Series each month with continuous talks to band leaders and getting information for 2025. Occasionally, I travel to see new bands for a variety of music which will benefit the community, I do this on a regular basis and continue to plan moving forward. We need different types of genres to make the grant more attractive. Bands call and cancel and I must shop around looking to replace them.
- Chairing the Albion Summer Festival Administrative Chair for good communication between the festival and village as a liaison as the Recreation Director.
- I would like permission from the Board to advertise for vendors, artisans, and others to set up a booth and make the village events stronger. I mentioned this last month but have not got permission to move forward.
- I am always working on ideas for the Summer of 2025.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration as I continue to serve the Village of Albion as the Recreation Director.