

Sir Leisure A'Lot Quarterly Review

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New Direction

The purpose of this quarterly review is to provide the Board of Supervisors, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and interested public (via Parks and Recreation website) a quarterly overview of tasks, activities, facilities and some focal points that have had meaning to our department or items staff has been associated with during the previous quarter. After speaking with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee about the quarterly review format, members seemed pleased. We hope that readers will enjoy the articles and information contributed by staff members.

While the summer is a time for vacations, rest and relation from many weekly weekend activities, our staff is busy not only with the numerous weekly camps being offered, but also

preparing for a host Fall sports, activities and special events. As you will find in Janine's and Lorenzo's write-ups, the numbers of participants and activities is steady or increasing.

In addition to some of the items pointed out in this Review, staff serves on the Ralph Bunche Advisory Committee who is currently in the process of preparing a business/strategic plan for potential uses. Staff is working with Rappahannock United Way (RUW) in an effort to offer tax preparation assistance for citizens earning less than \$50,000 per year. As Veterans Day is approaching, P&R is working with the King George Ruritans on their annual evening program. P&R also assisted with the County Employee picnic and participated as a job site in RUW's Day of

Caring.

P&R participated in the annual Youth Outdoors Day held at Caledon State Park. Our Department will be involved with the upcoming Fall Festival and NARFE's family fun fair event in November.

Staff has been working on developing a organized volunteer program. Called **PaRAtrouper**s, these volunteers will serve as **Parks and Recreation Ambassadors**. Our program has volunteer positions listed, volunteer expectations by and from our department, recognition and application. By providing a more developed program, we are hoping our volunteer base will feel more a part of the department.

We look forward to hearing input on this first issue!

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Special points of interest:

- In FY2013/14 P & R conducted 2574 transactions at the office. An additional estimated 4320 transactions occurred at the schools for Before/ Afterschool care.
- In the office, on average, it takes about 5 minutes per transaction. In this time receipts have been written, questions answered and change, if needed, provided.
- Transactions in the office alone equated to 5 weeks of work for one individual.

Sir Leisure A'Lot?

In the beginning, this title was used to kick-off Parks and Recreation's new program guide format (Fall of 2007) with the intent that a new title would be submitted by our readers. Seven years later, this name has

withstood the test and has now become somewhat synonymous with our users. Often when users are talking to us, they refer to the program guide by name.

In light of this, we have

begun art work bringing Sir Leisure A'Lot to life. What is visualized is a dashing swashbuckler zealously fashioning the equipment associated with parks and recreation activities.

Enjoy!

Athletics — F. Lorenzo Smith

This past summer, KGPR conducted outstanding camps and programs. 13 sports camps were offered accommodating 292 participants for a total of 4090 hours of recreation. Camps included soccer, football, volleyball, track, basketball, golf tumbling, gymnastics and tennis.

In its **10th year** with Parks and Recreation, **instructors Kevin Cline and Frank Harvey** have worked with hundreds of youth and adults **teaching ISSINRYU Karate**. This quarter 30 students were enrolled.

The summer session of gymnastics had

120 youth registered. In September, 135 registered for Fall gymnastics. This is an increase over last Fall's program of

Registration occurred for Fall soccer with 351 registering forming 36 teams. Older divisions play against recreational teams in Stafford. Unfortunately, an additional 40 signed up after teams had formed.

Eighteen athletic fields and seven schools are scheduled for weekly use to facilitate not only KGPR activities; but also, other organizations holding practices and games. Those groups include KGLL, KGYAA, KG Elite, Rappahannock

Fall Baseball, Northern Neck Riverman, Fredericksburg Area Soccer Association, KG Men's Softball, KG Hericanes and KG Cyclones to name a few.

Additionally, Parks and Recreation facilitated 5 small softball tournaments and the District 15 Little League Girls Softball Tournament.

NEW PROGRAM: King George Parks and Recreation was awarded a grant to implement Ultimate Frisbee. We will be working with KGYAA providing ultimate Frisbee clinics for high school age youths later this fall and winter. In the spring, we will offer a Sunday afternoon league.

Recreation — Janine Paulsen

Once again as another summer has passed and summer camp(s) concluded with children having a good time at **Summer Sunsatons and Teen Camp**. In its **9th year**, these two 9-week program had 325 total participants recording conservatively over 17,000 hours of activities, crafts, guest visits, games, entertainment, character-building, weekly trips to skating, bowling and water activities and most importantly, having FUN. Highlights of this summer included 2 trips to Kings Dominion, Natural History Museum and a visit by a CSI Investigator who taught forensic science and fingerprinting. Camps concluded with a Backyard Carnival w/ prizes and a LIVE Animal Show. An additional 100+ youth and their parents showed up for this activity during community hours.

This quarter is a busy one not only with camps; but also, planning the Sir Leisure A'Lot program guide, preparing for the Play It Smart Before and Afterschool program, facilitating Fall festival entertainment, working with King

George Middle School proposing an after-school program and pioneering a Community Service Award Program for High School seniors.

To date, **Play It Smart** has registered a total of 136 participants in the before/afterschool program located within each of the elementary schools. In its **10th year**, this popular program has maintained/secured veteran staff, provided homework assistance, afforded games and crafts time, aided in character building skills and socialization, all qualities parents enjoy about the program.

In addition numerous programs have started or are taking registrations. Tot Time recently had a Storybook walk at Barnesfield Park with 18 participants. Hot Shot Tots began with 12 participants. Dance and art classes are underway as well.

Considerable time during this quarter is spent garnering volunteer and fiscal support for spe-

cial events occurring Oct—Dec. To date, nearly \$5000 in Fall Festival activity support sponsorship has been secured allowing for additional rides and/or entertainment. In order to facilitate these special events, volunteer support is crucial. Working with Community Partners, developing relationships with businesses and civic organizations and recruiting support from National honors society, ROTC, National Junior Honors Society and Octagon Club have enabled us to provide many special events at low or no cost.

For adults, Line Dancing on Mondays and Thursdays (Beginners) remain popular. Our Nashville Trip has 38 participants registered that will provide approximately 4800 hours of leisure and recreation.

Lastly, my time is spent serving as Fall Festival Entertainment Committee chair and as proud co-sponsor of the KGHS Octagon Club.

Facilities

As was expressed during the work-session held with the Board of Supervisors in August, Shiloh Park is nearing completion. The biggest obstacle has been trying to establish grass on what has been considered by many, even Virginia Tech turfgrass experts, to be challenging soils. Every effort is being applied to open the park.

To date, in addition to the original site development, an approximate 1 mile inner-perimeter trail has been installed, new playground installed by 20+ volunteers, and the maintenance building has, by this printing, been cleaned up and painted by 12 volunteers participating in King George County's Day of Caring held on October 3.

We look forward to future amenities being added to include a comfort station, picnic shelter(s), multipurpose court and more.

Come and check it out!

"Take a Day to Play"

By the Numbers

Picnic Shelter Use

Barnesfield Park in 2013/14: 71 total uses for Shelters A & B; 16 uses for Shelter A only and 4 uses for Shelter B only; 4,663 attendees and 546 user hours; 4 were non-residential

This quarter we had 27 uses for Shelters A & B; 6 uses for Shelter A only and 3 uses for Shelter B only; 1,950 attendees and 218 user hours; 1 non-residential

Sealston Sports Complex in 2013/14: 26 uses; 916 attendees totaling 121 user hours

This quarter we had 13 uses (1/2 the total # for 2013/14); 860 attendees and 77 user hours.

Citizens Center Use

	In 2013/14:	July—Sept 13:	July—Sept 14	Qtr.% +/-
Rentals total:	72	19	30	63 +
Whole Hall:	47	14	16	13 +
Half Hall:	25	5	14	280 +
Kitchen:	70	19	26	27 +
Attendees:	9550	2610	2790	6.5 +
Hours Rented:	512	166	198	17 +
ABC Permitted:	21	8	6	25 -
Non-residents:	19	8	4	50 -

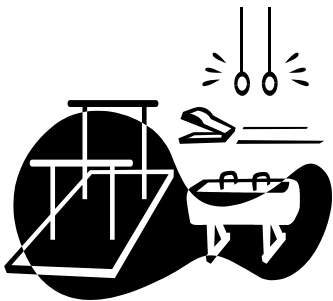
Recreational Soccer Program

2005/06: 657 participants in Fall and Spring

2010/11: 587 participants Fall and Spring

2013/14: 771 participants Fall and Spring

Fall 2014; 351; 40 participants on waiting list



Old King George Elementary School Gym Rentals

July 2013—June 2014 Rentals: 159

Summer July—Aug 2014 Rentals: 19

Summer July-Aug 2013 Rentals: 27

In addition to Parks and Recreation soccer, the department also facilitates several local teams participating in advance levels of soccer through Fredericksburg Area Soccer Association or Stafford Area Soccer Association.

In September, Ms. Heather Withrow, USGA Certified Instructor, began her 17th year with Parks and Recreation. Currently, she has 135 students involved in one of 16 gymnastic programs being offered.

Upcoming Events - Pen in our activities on your calendar!

October begins a new slate of special events.

Oct. 11— Fall Festival @King George High School

Oct. 24— the “Great Pumpkin” Race@ Barnesfield Park beginning at 6:00p.m

Oct.30— Halloween FunFest @ the Citizen Center; 6—8:00p.m.

Nov. 8— King George Family Fun Day @ the Citizens Center

Nov. 22 and 23— KGPR Annual Craft Show @ the Citizens Center

Dec. 13— Santa Breakfast @ the

Citizens Center. Program begins at 9:00a.m

Santa Calling— TBA.

Events are subject to location, time or date changes. Please call our office to verify event information. We can be reached at 540-775-4386.

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"We Create Community through People, Parks
and Programs"

"Enhancing the Quality of Life for Our Community"

"Take a Day to Play"

Our Vision: to become Virginia's premier County in bringing people together and enriching lives through recreation and community activities.

Our Mission: is to effectively deliver services by providing diverse and balanced recreation programs and facilities that incorporate the needs, interests and desires of our citizens. With citizens' support and involvement and interactive utilization of facility, community and natural resources, we contribute to maintaining community character, enhancing community spirit, developing partnerships between private enterprises, civic organizations and individuals; hence, reaching out enhancing lives and contributing to the community livability.

Spotlight

Brings to light an activity/event, volunteer, donor/donation, facility, parks/recreation service provider or employee that contributes to the vision/mission of the Department.

This quarter our Spotlight honors a beloved friend to Parks and Recreation, Mr. Percy "Buddy" Fines, Jr. Until his recent passing in mid-September, Buddy was instrumental in organizing the County's multiple Hunter Safety Education classes and annual Fishing Derby offered through Parks and Recreation, the annual Youth Outdoors Day, annual Disabled Veterans Hunt(s) and a couple of youth hunts just to name a few. And by no means was this all he did!

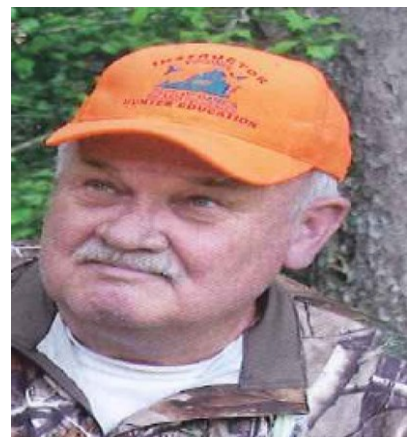
Buddy's interest in the youth and veterans (disabled or otherwise) was unwavering. He was committed to the youth learning the proper and most safe way to hunt. During the Hunter Safety Education classes, youths would be randomly picked to participate in the annual youth hunt. Just as important to hunting safety, was the enjoyment expressed by the

youths on their first hunt or fish caught. Buddy's face would light up and he would shower them with compliments.

As passionate as he was about the youth, he was equally so with veterans. Near and dear to his heart was making sure the veterans had an opportunity to hunt. With his own volunteer base, support was provided to each disabled veteran and they were treated as if they were the only one hunting. Afterwards, the veterans and volunteers would be greeted to a warm meal, inspiration and praises by Buddy.

For us, and those who were his friends, we will miss his visits to the office, stories (some short), jokes, cooking samples, viewpoints on various issues; but most of all, his friendship. Our loss will be Heaven's gain. There are not enough

words to tell you how much he was cherished here at Parks and Recreation.



"We are out here sharing God's creation with others." Buddy Fines

"A generous man will himself be blessed."
Proverbs 22:9