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Tom Raker

Moving into the Future

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great summer! I am sure some could not wait to see it end, while others thought it went by too fast (those would be the ones who do not have pools). As fall comes, we look at some time to stop and reflect about things we can do to make next season's experiences even better. One way we do this is by attending the Annual Conference, where we can meet friends and make new friends. We have the opportunity to hear about new things or help someone with a common problem.

In this newsletter, you will get to review this year's conference and then make plans to attend. The theme this year is "Maintaining the Past and Future," and this will hopefully remind us that we should not only be proud of what we have accomplished but also show us that we always need to be looking forward. We need to

always be open to new ideas that will help us move our agencies into the future.

So please take the time to review and register for this November's Conference, which will be in Charleston. Make copies of the registration, and bring a professional friend who you know may have never attended. Looking into the future for WVRPA, we understand, that as an organization, we are only as good as the membership. So please get involved, do not wait to be asked. You do the asking: "What can I do to help"? That will help WVRPA move from the great past it has had into the great future we envision for us.

Thank you, and I hope to see you in Charleston in November.



The new Deegan Lake trail in Bridgeport, West Virginia

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation News

Indoor Skatepark to Open

The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation Board plans to open an indoor skatepark in Berkeley County near the city of Martinsburg by October 2009. This will be a new venue for Berkeley County. We will be leasing a 6,120-square-foot warehouse previously used as a cold storage for apples. The Parks & Recreation Board will be using funding from a very generous donation from the Beth Jacob Congregation to open the facility. The congregation had recently dissolved and sold its synagogue two years ago. The remaining members decided to distribute their assets to various organizations, of which Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation received the largest portion: approximately \$135,000.

A citizen group of interested skaters has been meeting to design the layout within the facility, which will be open-year round for approximately 30 hours per week for skateboarding, BMX biking and rollerblading. By having a secured location with supervision, the liability insurance will be affordable through the West Virginia State Board of Risk. Roach Energy, who owns the facility, is a very generous local business that gives back much to our local community and is offering the space at a very generous monthly rental cost. The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation Board will sustain the operation for one year; if it is successful and proves it can operate on a self-sustaining level, it will continue the operation and possibly expand the venue in future years.

The community seems very supportive of this endeavor and has expressed the need for such a venue for quite some time. Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation is proud to provide this source of leisure activity.

Another Expansion at the Berkeley 2000 Recreation Center

The original Berkeley 2000 Recreation Center was opened in March 2002 and was 16,800 square feet in size. It included one large gymnasium with a curtain division, the Parks & Recreation offices and a conference room. In 2007, three wings were added to the original structure, and in October 2007, the Quad Graphics Gymnasium was opened, which included a new conference and meeting room. This wing added an additional 8,750 square feet to the facility.

In December 2007, the west wing was opened, which houses a state-of-the-art Gymnastics Center, and added 12,600 square feet. A south wing with an additional 5,400 square feet was added but not completed at the time. In June 2009, that south wing was opened as the Marshall Mason Multipurpose Center. It will be used for indoor soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, camps and private rentals. Although small, this will be the first-ever indoor soccer venue in Berkeley County and is expected to see considerable use this fall and winter. This new wing has a synthetic rubber sports floor and will be enjoyed by thousands of residents. The wing was made

possible through a very generous donation by Marshall Mason through his estate. Marshall was a well-respected educator in Berkeley County who spent his summer as a seasonal employee for many years with Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation.

The total square footage of the Berkeley 2000 Recreation Center is now 43,550. The facility is being used daily by hundreds and, at times, thousands of residents and guests from outside the community. It is being used for leagues, programs, private rentals, gymnastics events, basketball tournaments, private meetings, day camps and special events.

Regarding both venues, Executive Director Steve Catlett commented that, "Despite budget cuts for the past two years, we are continuing to increase services and expand recreational and leisure opportunities for our community. We have less full-time staff than two years ago, but this wonderful, loyal, hardworking and underpaid group of people continues to grow Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation as an agency. We have found that when the economy is slow, most residents stay at home to enjoy their leisure time, and the demands on public parks and recreation agencies has increased."



Playground as Record-Breaking as the Speed of Sound Kicks Off Recreation Month!

by James L. McClelland, CPRPI

Gov. Joe Manchin II came to the Altizer Neighborhood in Huntington, West Virginia, on Tuesday, June 30, to dedicate a singular piece of playground apparatus in Altizer Park. The Bell X-1 children's climber is one-half of the size of *Glamorous Glennis*, the plane in which West Virginian Chuck Yeager officially broke the speed of sound when, in 1947, he piloted it off the belly of a B-29 bomber.

The Bell X-1 playground pod is one of five that will comprise the Altizer Park Playground. Due to the location of Special Metals near Altizer, a plant that manufactures nickel products that went into the Bell X-1 and that provides its metals today for the aerospace industry, the theme for the playground was selected as "Space!" Special Metals donated the first \$25,000 toward the design and construction of the playground. The first pod, installed several years ago, is a Mars-like poured-in-place rubber safety surface landscape with a very popular "black hole" that is a trampoline.

Jim McClelland came up with the idea of the climber. Dan Bock, landscape architect with Terradon Inc., transposed the idea into a

concept, and after being approached by Jim and Dan, Pam Williamson of Landscape Structures took the idea to the company's designers, who agreed to create the climber for the park district.

Gov. Manchin, who was accompanied by Speaker of the House Richard Thompson; Delegate Jim Morgan, Chair of the House Government Organization Committee; and city of Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe, addressed an audience of about 80 boys, girls and adults, commenting on the health and economic benefits of parks and recreation and presenting a proclamation that among other things celebrated June as Recreation Month. The specific language reads:

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim July 2009 as Recreation and Parks Month in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens recognize the importance of our nation's parks and recreation facilities and learn more to about how to support the places that bring our communities a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives through recreation programming for everyone.



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Clarksburg Amphitheater Celebrates Grand Opening



The City Parks of Clarksburg celebrated the grand opening of the Clarksburg Amphitheater on June 14, 2009, with an overflow crowd of 2,400 people in attendance. The grand opening kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by performances by 6'6 240, a Morgantown rap artist; Shadow of a Martyr, a local rock group; and the ever-popular Davisson Brothers.

A total of 10 Music in the Parks concerts were scheduled at the facility throughout the summer, along with an Evening with Elvis and Garth, scheduled for August 29, which included an Elvis impersonator from Las Vegas and a Garth Brooks tribute band, Shameless, from Cleveland, Ohio. Also, the

facility has been the host to a Harrison County Emergency Squad Benefit Concert, the City Parks and Clarksburg Library's Christmas in July, "Live Mic" entertainment on Sunday afternoons and "Jesus Fest" in August. Plans are underway for a Christmas Event as well.

The Clarksburg Amphitheater has already improved the arts in north central West Virginia. Up until now, a public facility of this type was not in existence. Partnerships have been developed with the Clarksburg Art Center, Clarksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Musician's Performance Trust Fund, as well as new partnerships, in programming this facility. The region of Harrison, Taylor, Doddridge

and Lewis Counties are able to experience and sponsor cultural presentations in an outdoor venue, never before available in our area.

The facility was constructed with funding from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, the City Parks Excess Levy and contributions from local businesses.

Plans are currently underway to complete the attractive, outdoor venue with permanent seating, concession and restroom facilities and an open-air cinema outdoor movie system. Planning is underway for concerts and events for 2010.

City Parks Welcomes New Recreation Coordinator



Jessica Wimer has assumed the position of recreation coordinator for the City Parks of Clarksburg. Originally from West Virginia, Jessica grew up in Franklin, a small town located in the eastern

panhandle of the state. She attended Concord University in Athens, West Virginia, where she graduated with a B.S. in recreation and tourism management. She gained experience in the field by working several seasonal jobs in her

home state. She began as a tour guide at Smoke Hole Caverns, where she led interpretive tours. She then went on to plan adventure vacations at ACE Adventure Center, a whitewater rafting company located near the New River Gorge. Her next job took her across the country to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, where she worked a seasonal position as the assistant director for the Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program. Her main job was planning programs and activities for the employees of the park; this included everything from hiking trips to visits to Old Faithful. She spent the next two years working a temporary

position in Laurel, Maryland, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a recreation assistant at Patuxent Research Refuge, an urban wildlife refuge. Here she served as the lead coordinator for the conference support at their visitor center and was also involved in the environmental education and public use programs. Jessica began work in Clarksburg on July 1. She will be organizing parks and recreation activities, programs and events, as well as assisting in managing the Clarksburg Amphitheater. She is happy to be living and working again in West Virginia.



CONFERENCE BUILDS BRIDGES

WVRPA Annual Conference

at Charleston House Holiday Inn

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“Maintaining Our Past and Future”

This year's November 3, 4 and 5 WVRPA-WVTRA annual conference at the Charleston House Holiday Inn in Charleston, West Virginia, promises to be an unforgettable experience for anyone and everyone connected with the parks, recreation, conservation and therapeutic recreation movement. Professionals, board and commission members, professors, students, exhibitors and partners — such as elected officials, city and county planners, architects and engineers — will garner expert advice from a variety of sessions. Moreover, the camaraderie gained through special events such as tournaments, early morning walks and socials will make the experience fun.



Maintaining Our Past and Future

WVRPA Annual Conference at Charleston House Holiday Inn • Charleston, West Virginia
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Tuesday, November 3

9 a.m.-noon

An Adaptive Golf Workshop sponsored by WVTRA, open to all

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Annual Golf Tournament

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Clay Center Tour, led by Lynn Watts and Owen Walker

5:30 p.m.

All Conference Dinner and Keynote Speaker

7 p.m.

Educational Session – “Motivating Couch Potatoes”

8 p.m.

Educational Session – “Bridging the Swine Flu Challenge”

9 p.m.

Social

Wednesday, November 4

7 a.m.

Bridging the River Early Bird Walk – Charleston Land Trust

9 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions: “The Perfect Board, Commission and 501(c)(3) Member” and “Finding Suitable Exercise Programs for Osteoporosis and Arthritis”

10 a.m.

Coffee break and opening of Exhibit Hall

10:30 a.m.

Educational Session Panel: “The Volunteer Effort” (joint NRPA and WVTRA)

11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions: “Building Trails in House” and “Drug Update”

12:25 p.m.

Pre-Lunch Pick-Me-Up: “Exercise for All”

12:45 p.m.

All Conference Lunch – sponsored by the exhibitors

2:30 p.m.

Educational Session: “Google Earth, Mapping Your Trails”

WVTRA Membership Meeting

3:30 p.m.

Educational Session: “Partnerships with Cultural Arts”

4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions: “Partnerships on Floriculture” and “Bridges to Prague” (Geri Olympics experiences)

6 p.m.

All Conference Dinner and Hillbilly Auction

8 p.m.

Social (specifics to be announced)

Thursday, November 5

7:30 a.m.

“It’s Magic!” – Early Bird Walk to Magic Island

9 a.m.

“Accessibility for All – A Bridge for All,” Session 1

10 a.m.

“Accessibility for All – A Bridge for All,” Session 2

11 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions: “On the River Front, Prime Resource” and “Bridging the Economic Challenge”

Noon

Educational Session: “Those Doggone Activities – Bridging Parks and Pets”

1 p.m.

Banquet Luncheon and Guest Speaker

2:30 p.m.-WVRPA Board Meeting

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- Dr. Raymond Busbee, past chair of the Marshall University Park and Recreation Curriculum, a past elected commission member and authority of constructing trails
- William Clevenger, current director of Parks and Recreation, (-) Illinois, and former director of parks and recreation, Charleston, West Virginia
- Patty Deutsch, manager with the Wellness Council of West Virginia
- Bonnie Selbee, activities director with Heartland of Charleston Nursing Home
- Dr. Ted Muilenburg, professor at West Virginia State University
- Dr. Jennifer Mak, professor, Marshall University Park and Recreation Curriculum, and a workshop presenter from the National Center on Accessibility

Panels consisting of practitioners, Board members and volunteers will provide multiple viewpoints on subjects, and attendees at every session will have ample opportunities to ask questions, provide input and enter into discussion. Our keynote and closing banquet speakers will challenge, enlighten and entertain.

You owe it to yourself and your agency to set November 3, 4 and 5 aside to attend the WVRPA and WVRTA Annual Conference — “Maintaining the Past and Future!”.

For more detailed information and registration, visit the WVRPA Web site, www.wvrpa.org, or the WVTRA Web site, www.wvtra.org, or call Joanna Donchatz at 304.696.5954.

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Daily

Tuesday 11/3	\$75.00	_____
Wednesday 11/4 (includes sessions Breakfast, luncheon)	\$100.00	_____
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John G. Scherlacher Fellow Award

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Austin C. Palmer Outstanding Facility Award

Qualifications: Outstanding facilities serving a large segment of a geographic area that are aesthetically pleasing,

evidence of sound design, programmed to maximum potential and in operation for at least one year.

Richard P. Sebastian Leadership Award

Qualifications: Active membership in the WVRPA, nominees must be under 30 years of age or younger by January 1, 2010, and nominees should exhibit qualities of ambition, creativity and dedication to the recreation profession and be cooperative, hardworking and loyal in nature.

Special Citation to a Citizen/Board Member

Qualifications: Nominee should have made significant contributions to the parks, recreation or leisure service field, exhibit a firm understanding of and commitment toward providing quality leisure services and exhibit a significant contribution to the leisure service delivery at the regional or statewide level.

Eugene M. Fuller Program Award

Qualifications: Nominees must provide evidence of outstanding programming of superior quality in promoting activities that are traditionally associated with park, recreation and leisure services or in developing innovative programming ideas.

Legislative Award

Qualifications: Any member of the Senate or House of Delegates in the state of West Virginia or from the state of West Virginia with a firm understanding of the need for, and commitment toward, providing quality leisure services.

Presidential Citation

Qualifications: Presented by the president of the WVRPA to anyone making an outstanding contribution to the field of parks and recreation above and beyond the normal duties of his or her profession or involvement on the national or statewide level in improving the overall park and recreation services.

James L. McClelland Public Parks and Recreation Facility Award

Qualifications: Exceptional park and recreation areas, spaces or facilities, with emphasis placed on design, creativity, environmental adaptability, function, usage and community and, where applicable, interagency involvement in planning.



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General Guidelines for All Nominations

1. The person placing the nomination before the Awards Committee shall be prepared to appear before the committee in order to answer any questions that members of the committee may have and to supply any additional information that may be pertinent to the nomination but not included in the nominating materials.
2. Nominating documents for the Awards shall be displayed at the annual Conference, so format, design and presentation must be considered in this light. Nominating documents must be submitted in the appropriate protective binders.
3. All nominating documents will become the property of the WVRPA. In all likelihood, the materials will be returned, but as they are scheduled for display at the Conference, the WVRPA cannot guarantee their return in the same condition as they were received.
4. All nominations must be submitted by a member of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association.
5. Nominees do not have to be members of the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association unless stipulated in the qualifications.
6. A park, recreation or leisure service agency in West Virginia may nominate one of its own employees, programs, areas or facilities for an award.
7. An investigation committee composed of two members with the closest proximity to the agency that has been nominated for a program or a facility award must visit and make an evaluation, in writing, and report back to the full committee.

8. All nominations must be received by the chairperson of the Awards Committee by no later than September 30 of each year.

Format for Nominating Documents

Include as many of the following criteria as you feel necessary to showcase the impact of your nominee.

Section I: A letter of presentation that identifies the nominee, the award being requested, a contact person for the Awards Committee to interview and a person to present the award if the nominee is selected.

Section II: Narrative materials that describe and "sell" the worthiness of the nominee or the award. Each element of the Awards criteria must be fully addressed in this section.

Section III: Letters or documents of support for the nominee from various segments of the community.

Section IV: As appropriate, either a biographical sketch of the person or a chronology of the development of the program, area, facility, etc.

Section V: Supporting documentation such as press releases, brochures, photographs, architectural drawings and other visuals. (This is especially encouraged in the facilities category.)

Limitation of Awards

It is to be understood that any or all of the Awards offered by the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association may or may not be given in any particular year. Unless obvious justification can be made for the presentation of an award, no award will be given, as to do so would reduce the prestige on the part of the previous recipients.

New Putnam County Activities Director Hits Ground Running

This story was previously published in the Putnam Herald, June 28, 2009.

In her first month on the job, Johnette Nelson had to hit the ground running. Nelson is the activities director for the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Commission. She said that she is enjoying her new position.

“We have beautiful facilities,” Nelson said. “We have ponds that you can fish in, nice biking trails that you can mountain bike on, hiking trails, nice playground equipment and two great pools.”

Nelson came from Cabell County, where she worked for the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation for 20 years, she said.

“It’s absolutely a thrill to be in Putnam County,” she said. “There is a small-town feel, but it has a little bit of everything to offer people. There’s the beautiful nature, wonderful restaurants and the wave pool is such a nice draw.

“I’m proud to see how active Putnam County is and how family-oriented the people are,” said Nelson. “I’m excited about our events that will help bring families together.”

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. According to the National Recreation and Park Association Web site, “America has celebrated July as the nation’s official Park and Recreation Month. Each July, recreation facilities and parks across the country kick off summer programs, promote outdoor physical activities and pull together community volunteers to make their outdoor space a better place for all.”

“The resolution is to get people to realize that it is very important to have parks and recreation in our community,” said Nelson. “It’s one of the first things that

people look for — schools and parks — when they are relocating to an area. They look for a livability factor and activities, which we help to provide for families.”

The spotlight facility for Putnam County is undoubtedly the Wave Pool at Valley Park in Hurricane. “We call it our sports complex because we have ball fields, soccer and open play with ponds,” Nelson said, “But the wave pool, with the slides and miniature golf — how great is that to have in your community?”

The wave pool has been upgraded this season. “The slides have been renovated, and we have delicious smoothies to enjoy while you sit and watch the waves,” Nelson pointed out. “We have even more things in the works for the future. We’re going for a beach theme, because it’s like the beach without the sand.”

The Putnam County Parks Commission also has a pool at County Park in Eleanor. But Nelson said that in July, they are going to reach out to other Putnam communities as well. Events are planned for Buffalo and Poca.

“It’s extremely important to reach out and take things to them,” Nelson said. “It makes it more convenient.” On Saturday, July 11, the parks will sponsor “Animals and Story Time” at 10 a.m. at the gazebo in Poca. “Jane Morse is a great story teller,” said Nelson. “She does a story and brings animals with her so kids can talk about them and they get to pet them and learn more about animals.”

“Emily Dickinson Comes to Life” will be the feature event on Saturday, July 18 at 10 a.m. at the gazebo in Buffalo, promising “the audience will be transported back to the mid-1800s.” “Buffalo is such a historic town that we thought that it

would be good to bring some history there,” Nelson said. “Deborah Conner does living history throughout the state as many characters. She’ll be Emily Dickinson and we’ll learn about her life, writings and poetry in that era.”

Valley Park in Hurricane will be the site of “Trucks with ‘Tude,” an event on Saturday, July 25, at 10 a.m. until noon featuring big trucks, small trucks and see how it works.”

“The resolution is to get people to realize that it is very important to have parks and recreation in our community.”

Of course, the July events begin with the annual Fourth of July Celebration at Valley Park in Hurricane. “It’s a huge celebration with free fireworks and a hot dog eating contest,” Nelson explained. “We’ll have corn hole games and inflatables for the kids to jump and play around in. We’ll have all kinds of neat things going on that day.”

The two pools will host “Dive In Movies” on the first weekend in August. Hotel for Dogs will be shown at the Wave Pool at Valley Park on Friday, Aug. 7 at 8:30 p.m. and at the County Park pool in Eleanor on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 8:30 p.m.

“It’s a great event to float around with your family and watch a movie outdoors,” Nelson said. “At the Saturday movie at County Park, we’re going to invite the children to bring a stuffed animal dressed like they’re going on vacation. We’re going to have a contest and they can win a gift basket.”

We Are All Crazy

by Beverly Gibb

Why is it that
We do what it is that we do?
I begin to wonder sometimes
It can be tough to find even a clue!

It is certainly not for the pay that comes
With this 24/7 profession
Then there's the litter and clogged toilets
And the folks that holler with aggression.

There are declining budgets and difficult employees
That make for sleepless nights.
Countless committee meetings that go on for hours
Filled with people who want to gripe.

In college, they tried to prepare us
And teach us a thing or two.
Wouldn't we all love to go back now
And tell them we now know the truth!

I love all the laughter you hear
Coming from a busy playground.
And the loud cheers of a crowd at a ball field
As their team hurries to take the mound.

I appreciate the smiles at a park
When a family is able to gather.
It puts all into perspective
And reminds me of what truly does matter.

Swimming pools require special knowledge
To keep them safe and clean
My favorite is when they close for the season
I become much more relaxed and so much less mean!

Summer camps, soccer leagues and swimming lessons
Fill our nights and days
Giggles and squeals are the measurement we use
To tell if we operate the right way.

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