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2018 EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS

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The 2108 Explore the Outdoors event was held Sunday, May 20 at the Community Idea Stations adjacent to Huguenot Park. Families enjoyed hands-on nature, science, environmental and outdoor recreation activities from approximately 60 organizations. The event is co-sponsored by Parks and Recreation and the Community Idea Stations. The Parks and Recreation Department provided a sampling of archery to over 300 youth and adults. Our Rockwood Nature Center staff brought live animals and other exhibits. The Virginia Governor’s wife, Pam Northam, dropped in for a visit. Over 3,500 people attended the event.



Assistant to the First Lady of Virginia; Katherine Mitchell, Director of Community Engagement for The Community Idea Stations with the First Lady of Virginia, Pam Northam

PARK PLANNING/DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Cogbill Park Master Plan Public Meeting

Thirty-eight citizens attended the Cogbill Road Park master plan meeting at Swim RVA on Wednesday, May 17, 2018. During the meeting, Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation staff supported by recreation design consultants from Land Planning and Design Associates and Austin Brockenbrough and Associates received community input on two concept plans. Citizens were particularly interested in trails, picnic facilities, sprayground, amphitheater and a community garden. Information gathered will inform the development of the Cogbill Road Park master plan. A follow-up meeting presenting the final park master plan will be held this summer. Visit the Chesterfield County Parks and Facilities website for more information about the Cogbill Road Park master plan or contact Janit Llewellyn at Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation at (804) 751-4482 or llewellynja@chesterfield.gov.



Director Dr. James Worsley presenting at meeting.



Planning and Construction Services Division Planning Manager Janit Llewellyn talking with citizen.



Michael Jackson presenting Cogbill Park



Tristan Cleveland LPDA giving presentation



Chief of Parks Planning and Construction Stuart Connock and Board of Supervisors member Jim Holland facilitate



Breakout group

PARK PLANNING/DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION



Progress Report Daniel Park Pickleball Court Installation



Milestones

Fine grading of surface in preparation for layer of asphalt completed.

Upcoming

Installation of footers for netting and asphalt surface.

Notes

All work is completed as weather permits.



ETTRICK RECREATION CENTER

Library visitors

Once a month, during the school year, Ettrick staff visits these smart and energetic kids who are a part of the Friends of Ettrick Early Learning Center at the Ettrick-Matoaca Library. Although we will be parting ways as summer break approaches, we continue to reminisce on the games we played. Such games included hot potato, I Spy, and we ended each session with an exciting game of freeze dance. We are sad to end so soon, but we will be back up and running once the school year starts again.



TRAILS

Matoaca Park

The Trails Crew has been very busy recently removing downed trees on the trails. But they managed to complete this bridge at Matoaca Park.



PARK OPERATIONS

Stonebridge Recreation Center

Brandon Ellis and Brad King hang a display, clocks, paintings and storage fixtures at Stonebridge Recreation Center.



PARK OPERATIONS

Robious Landing

Trails crew Dewey Osbourn and T.J. Poore along with District 4 crew members Andrew Spain, Brandon Ellis and Robert Furnish working together to remove Robious Landing dock before the river rises to flood stage .



HISTORY

Magnolia Grange House Museum Lecture

On Saturday, May 19 Kitty Snow presented a program at Magnolia Grange House Museum called “From Richmond to France”. During this presentation, Snow shared anecdotes and photographs passed down by her great-grandfather, Harry Stilson. Stilson captured images of his son, Leon Stilson, and other “soldier boys” from Richmond with family, during training, and in parades during World War I and after Armistice. Some of these soldiers did not make it home, so Mr. Stilson’s collection also “gives you passage on a Gold Star Mother Pilgrimage to France to walk the streets of Paris, travel the countryside, and stand by the graves of the sons those mothers lost.” The stories and snapshots shared at Ms. Snow’s lecture inspired the presenter to create Richmond In Sight. This nonprofit serves to restore, preserve, and share the approximately 5,000 pictures and movies shot by Stilson. In addition to Richmond In Sight, Stilson’s memories and photos also moved Ms. Snow to write the book From Richmond to France. 10 people attend the presentation.



HISTORY

Chesterfield County Museum Lecture

On Thursday, May 17, Liess van der Linden-Brusse presented Chesterfield Historical Society of VA: Saving the Past for the Future at the Chesterfield County Museum. Liess is the current Chair of the CHSV Library Committee and Past President of CHSV. She discussed the history of the society, as well as how the it collects, preserves, interprets and promotes the unique history of Chesterfield County through volunteer committees such as African-American History, Cemetery, Collections, Library and Military History. 11 people attended the presentation.



HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

Henricus collaborated with Colonial Williamsburg on their efforts to show tobacco production throughout Virginia's history. We donated some of our tobacco plants to help with their programming.



SOCIAL MEDIA

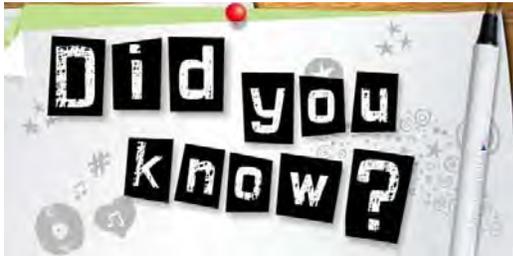


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Healthy and Safe Swimming Week

May 21–27, 2018 is Healthy and Safe Swimming Week. This yearly observance is celebrated the week before Memorial Day. This year’s theme is “Swim Healthy. Stay Healthy.”

Healthy and Safe Swimming Week focuses on simple steps swimmers, parents of young swimmers, pool operators, and beach managers can take to help ensure healthy and safe swimming experiences for everyone. It highlights the role that swimmers, parents of young swimmers, aquatics and beach staff, residential pool owners, and public health officials play in preventing outbreaks of illnesses, drowning, and pool chemical injuries. Healthy and Safe Swimming Week promotes swimmer hygiene and the need for swimmers to take an active role in helping to protect themselves and prevent the spread of germs. These messages are reinforced by health promotion materials(<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/materials/index.html>) to educate the public about healthy swimming.

