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Parks and Recreation staff members Dare Williams, Lauren Wood, Jackie Maclin, Mark Pinney, Tim Guill, David Potter, and Dr. James Worsley attended the 2019 VRPS Management Conference in Suffolk, Virginia Feb. 23-26. The conference featured several outstanding sessions on a variety of topics including parks and recreation management, leadership, and special events. Three of the sessions were taught by department staff members: Dare Williams, Lauren Wood, and Dr. James Worsley. In addition to training, staff got the opportunity to network and build relationships with like-minded professionals from around the state. Continuous learning and the professional development of staff is very important to the success of the department. Congratulations to those who attended and did a great job representing our department.



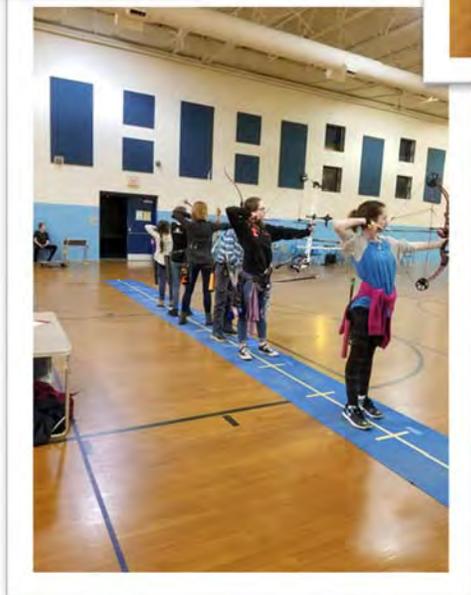
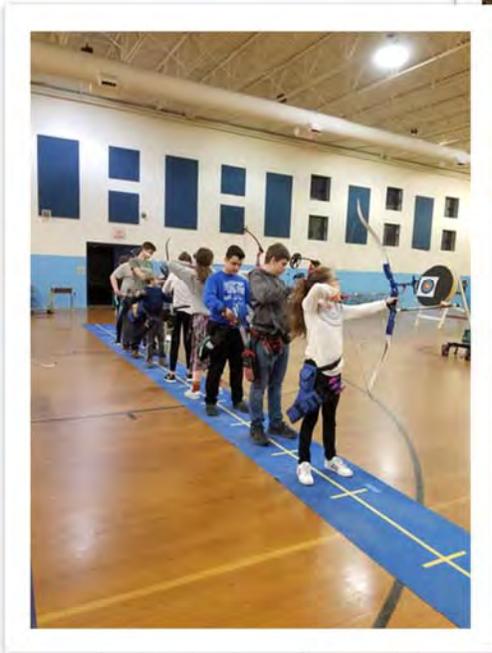
Left to right: Special Event Coordinator Mark Pinney, Park Manager Tim Guill, Stonebridge Recreation Programmer Dare Wright, Senior Recreation Specialist Jackie Maclin, Community Recreation Manager David Potter and Director Dr. James Worsley



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

JOAD Pin Shoot

Last Wednesday the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) group had one of their developmental pin shoots. Congrats to everyone who earned a qualifying score and earned their next pin.



ROCKWOOD NATURE CENTER

Nature Explorers

Last Friday, the Nature Explorers class learned all about how to look for wildlife in nature. Due to the cold and rain the class had to search for hidden animals inside, but they still had a great time exploring the nature center.



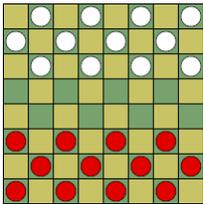
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

These fun programs were held this week

At TR Mystery Afternoon participants enjoyed crafts, bowling, and soccer.



The Got Game program focused on fun with socialization and the group played board games.



Snackin' It Up attracted a large group this week. Participants made "fruit pizzas" and peanut butter balls.



Inclusion services at Bricks 4 Kidz-Amusement Park program.



50+ ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Acrylic Painting class at Chesterfield Baptist Church

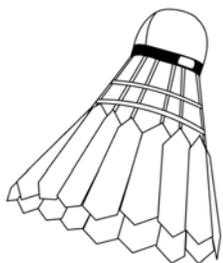
The Acrylic Painting 101 class at Chesterfield Baptist finished up on Feb. 21. Participants learned about mixing techniques, color schemes and how to set up a palette from instructor Donna Stables. Participants created images using a variety of brushes, tools, and surfaces and learned new techniques. The group plans to continue painting together every Thursday in March in the Chesterfield Baptist Church Free Open Craft Studio.



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Indoor Badminton at Huguenot Road Baptist Church

What a great way for our seniors to stay active. This fun group of HRBC badminton players come out for a weekly game that is competitive and enjoyable. The group has been meeting here for years. They are always looking for more seniors to join in on the fun.



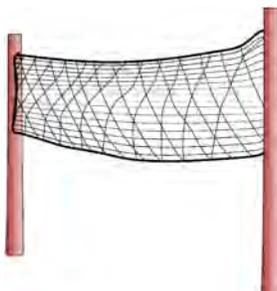
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Pickleball at St. Mark's United Methodist Church

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is one of several indoor locations available for organized rotation-play pickleball. This popular sport is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong played on a badminton sized court. Players use a perforated plastic ball and wooden/composite/graphite paddle.

The sessions are well attended, engaging and social for participants. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who help with all aspects of the game.

For more information about local pickleball play and instruction, refer to information in the current brochures for Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation 50+ Active Lifestyles and Chesterfield County Parks & Recreation Program Guide. www.chesterfield.gov/parks



HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

Henricus' historical interpretation supervisor, John Pagano, was once again one of four presenters/performers at a program for the Tippecanoe County Historical Association in Lafayette, Indiana. The program was based around Lafayette's history relating to the Underground Railroad and fighting in the Civil War. Over 2,000 school children and hundreds of adults attended the programs.

John presented alongside three other well-known performers and experts on the topic: Cedric Watson, a four-time Grammy-nominated Creole/Bluegrass performer from Louisiana; Mia Marie, of Ireland, portraying a fugitive slave who passed through Lafayette on her way to freedom in Canada; and Hugh Goffinet, of NY, portraying a sergeant of the United States Colored Troops. John portrayed "Mr. Pierce, an abolitionist" – who represented the radical element of the Abolitionist movement before and during the Civil War.





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Beginning March 1, Harrowgate Park, 4000 Cougar Trail, will be closed for construction. The park will be closed for construction of the new Harrowgate Elementary School and improvements at the rear of the park. During construction, all park facilities, including restrooms, playgrounds, trails, courts, shelter and athletic fields, will be unavailable for public use. The closure is expected to last 12-18 months. Visit www.chesterfield.gov/parks to find comparable facilities at nearby parks.