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Replacement Harrowgate Park
Public Informational Meeting #1

Dear Citizens:

On behalf of the Honorable Dorothy Jaeckle, member of the Board of Supervisors for the Bermuda District, and Gib Sloan, Planning Commissioner for the Bermuda District, I would like to invite you to attend an open house style informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Carver Middle School – 3800 Cougar Trail, Chester, VA 23831.**

This meeting is to present the conceptual development plan for the new Harrowgate Park. The new park was briefly discussed at the previous community meetings held this past spring. The spring meetings addressed the proposed zoning of a nearby site by the Economic Development Authority which included the East-West Freeway and School Board related project for the Harrowgate Elementary School relocation.

Because of the relocation of the new elementary school at the existing Harrowgate Park, Parks and Recreation developed a Conceptual Development Plan to replace recreational facilities at the park. The plan replaces the following park facilities in three (3) ways (see enclosed map):

- Area B - Construct a new access driveway and new parking to serve the rear of the current park. Access will be from Harrow Drive.
- Area C - Upgrade existing sports fields at Carver Middle School to include lighting, restroom and circulation system. Access via school parking.
- Area D - Purchase and develop 26-acres, adjacent the park and accessed from 4000 Cougar Trail, to include trails, picnic area, shelter, restroom, playground and open play area.

There will not be a formal presentation. Staff will be present to discuss proposed plans and replacement of Harrowgate Park. Your comments and suggestions for changes to the plan and additional recreational facilities at the park will be received during the meeting. The new 26-acre park acquisition is planned for only partial development now, reserving parkland for future growth. The Department is also interested in citizen comments on pedestrian (non-vehicular) pathway connections from the park to adjacent neighborhoods.

Pending appropriation of funds by the Board of Supervisors at their September 26, 2018 meeting, construction would start in summer of 2019. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in approximately one (1) year.

The draft development plan is modeled on a minimum 100-foot setback/buffer from residential areas and a 50-foot setback from roadways for new construction, except for trails, which may be in the setback/buffer areas.

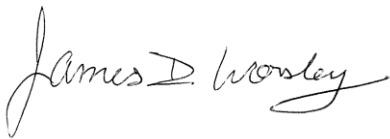
Hours of operation for a lighted facility would be dawn to 11:00 p.m. and unlighted facilities from dawn to dusk, as the current Harrowgate Park operates.

Additional traffic into the park is not anticipated. Similar park visitation is anticipated as currently found at Harrowgate Park. With the new access off Harrow Drive, there may be reductions in traffic on Cougar Trail. Future facilities in the new acquired 26-acres would increase traffic in the area.

A copy of this notice and a color map of the park development will be posted on the County's Parks and Recreation website. If you are unable to attend, you can send your comments by e-mail to LlewellynJa@chesterfield.gov, by telephone to (804) 751-4482, or by mail at the following address: Department of Parks and Recreation, P. O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832, Attention: Janit Llewellyn, Principle Planner, Planning and Construction Services.

Please feel free to contact me before or after the meeting at (804) 748-1079.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Worsley".

James D. Worsley
Director

Enclosure(s): Conceptual Development Plan