



## Advisory Board Report Submission May 15, 2024 Report

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Marketing &amp; Communications / Heath Neiderer</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Recent Initiatives/Events</b>

Marketing and Communications coordinated and planned the following initiatives & events for the months of **March-April 2024.**

- **March: Women’s History Month.** DRP recognized leadership and senior staff from the Parks, Recreation, and Childcare Divisions by spotlighting each division in the weekly newsletter and on the department’s social channels throughout the month.
- **March: Sportsmanship Month.** The Athletics Division spotlighted AACO youth student-athletes recognized by their youth athletic association for good sportsmanship. The division attended the Mid-Atlantic Recreation & Parks Sports Alliance (MARPSA) Dennis Callahan “Good Sports” ceremony at Quiet Waters Park.
- **Tuesday, March 19:** DRP participated in Unity Day at Beverly Triton Park. The County Executive and Dr. Bedell from AACPS addressed the audience, including 150 attendees and several middle and high school students.
- **Wednesday, March 20: Beebe Castro/Shady Side Park Sign Dedication.** It was a fantastic event with a tremendous turnout from the local community and Beebe’s family, including her children and grandchildren. 70+ attended the event. Remarks from Director Leys, Rudy Brown, and Dale Castro
- **March 22-24: Maryland Day weekend - Maryland Day Heritage Celebration.** DRP promoted the free events held at its historical sites during the weekend.
- **Sunday, March 24: Quiet Waters Park Wedding Expo.** This annual event invites the public to learn about wedding opportunities at the Blue Heron Center, Mayo Beach, and Downs Park. Eighteen vendors exhibited, ranging from caterers to rental companies to music DJs. There were 125+ participants.
- **Saturday, April 6: Department Job Fair at Kinder Farm Park.** Recreation, Child Care, Maintenance, and Parks promoted seasonal/summer/part-time employment opportunities. Fifty job seekers attended.
- **Sunday, April 7: Healthy Anne Arundel Day.** DRP supported the county-wide initiative by waiving park entrance fees so that the public could enjoy the parks through exercise, relaxation, and meditation.
- **Wednesday, April 10: [Touch A Truck @ Westfield Annapolis Mall.](#)** The Anne Arundel County Public Library coordinated the community event. DRP had maintenance and Park vehicles on hand for visitors, including children, to explore. Several hundred attended the event.

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- **Saturday, April 13: Gambrills-Odenton Recreation Council (GORC) Ribbon Cutting.** Over 1,300 families and student-athletes attended GORC's community festival and parade that kicked off spring sports. Director Leys, Councilmember Hummer, and State Delegate Pruski spoke during the event. The ribbon cutting took place at the newly renovated baseball fields with the elected officials, RAB member Mike Pozdol, Director Leys, Deputy Director Matthews, project contractors, GORC president and baseball commissioner, and Bowie Baysox mascot Louie.



- **Monday, April 15: [Trail Spurs and Connectors Survey](#).** DRP launched a community engagement survey asking for public comment on 24 potential spurs and connectors for five County trails. The deadline is mid-May.
- **April 15-19: Safe Driver and Work Zone Awareness Week.** DRP supported the week by promoting the department's commitment to practicing driver safety on social media.
- **Saturday, April 20: Wilson Ford signs dedication at Loch Haven Park.** Over 90 community members and South River Youth Association baseball players celebrated the sign dedication at Loch Haven Park for SRYA long-time baseball and softball volunteer Mr. Wilson Ford. Director Leys, the SRYA president, and the SRYA baseball commissioner spoke at the event.
- **Saturday, April 20: Earth Day** - DRP participated in Councilmember Pickard's clean-up in the Glen Burnie area, including the B&A Trail.
- **April 27: "Say My Name" Ceremony @ Crownsville Hospital Patient Cemetery.** Director Leys attended the ceremony and sculpture unveiling. **Walk for the Woods**, in partnership with Scenic Rivers Land Trust, is an annual event that celebrates the joy of the outdoors and our local protected woods. Director Leys hiked.
- **April 29: Peninsula Park Beautification Survey closed.** DRP received hundreds of survey responses.
- **April 30: [Recreation and Parks 2024 Summer Guide](#).** The summer guide is available online; print copies are in production.

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<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>

The Marketing and Communications Division plans the following items for **May-June 2024**.

- **Early May: Deep Run Recreation Center Survey:** This community engagement survey requests feedback on preferred programs for the new recreation center, which will open in June. DRP will target local community groups and schools in the area.
- **Friday, May 10: Spring Health and Wellness Resource Fair:** DRP will participate in Annapolis’s community fair to promote programs and resources to improve health and wellness.
- **Saturday, May 11: Water Safety Day @ Arundel Olympic Swim Center.** The Recreation Division is hosting this free event to discuss the importance of water safety for community members.
- **Saturday, May 11: Anne Arundel County Mental Health Awareness Event.** The Recreation Division will exhibit and promote DRP programs and services at the event.
- **Friday, May 17:** DRP will participate in the Bike to Work Day Event at Susan Campbell Park and promote bike trail resources and the Trail Spurs and Connectors Survey.
- **Wednesday, May 22: Fort Smallwood Park Comfort and Concession Building Ribbon Cutting:** The County Executive and Councilmember Volke will attend and provide remarks on the park's new amenities—Capital [Gazette’s May 6th article on Fort Smallwood Park Renovations](#).
- **Thursday, May 23: Older Americans Month Event:** DRP will participate in an event hosted by the AACo Department of Aging and Disabilities at Pip Moyer Recreation Center. DRP will provide resource flyers and giveaways. The expected attendance is 500.
- **Wednesday, May 29: Jones Station Crossroads Sign and Arthur Carter Jr. Memorial Event:** Participating in BikeAAA’s event for new sign “unveiling.” County Executive and Director Leys will be part of the speaker lineup. [Jones Station Crossroads Sign](#)
- **Friday, May 31: Hot Sox Field @ Wilson Park - Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Award, and Gertrude Makell Sign Dedication and Day of Remembrance.** In partnership with the Galesville Community Center, DRP will accept the Outstanding Stewardship of a Cultural Site award—remarks from the County Executive, Director Leys, Roger Marshal, and Transystems Architect. Remarks will be livestreamed by MHT. Following the award presentation, the sign dedication and day of remembrance for Gertrude Makell will occur at the Busch Pavilion.

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<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Bradley Hunt/Sam Ziff</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Kinder Farm Park: Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Status/Issues: Completed</b>	
<p>The Friends of Kinder Farm Park held their annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event was sold out (300+ tickets) and heavily attended despite the rainy weather. The friends group netted \$1740 from the event for Kinder Farm Park.</p>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Terri Hamrick-Oeschger</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Lake Waterford Park: Bay Invaders</b>
<b>Photos:</b>	
	
<b>Description</b>	
<p>The ranger works with High School students, teachers, and volunteers at Cool Pond Park, identifying, mapping, and clearing invasives. There were three classes, with approximately 75 students in total. Almost 200 lbs. of invasives were cleared on March 18-19.</p>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Park Staff / K. Keller / B. Offutt</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Fort Smallwood Park: Blue Star Families Beach Cleanup</b>
<b>Status/Issues: Completed; No issues to report</b>	
<p>Blue Star Families, a non-profit organization that benefits military families, has partnered with Fort Smallwood Park to offer volunteer opportunities for military families to help Fort Smallwood Park staff clean up the park's beaches. The April 13<sup>th</sup> event saw 30 volunteers clean approximately 150 lbs. of trash off of the beaches at the park. The next scheduled clean-up event is May 11<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.</p>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Park Ranger Liz Schilder/Friends of Quiet Waters Park</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Quiet Waters Park: Earth Day Festival</b>
<b>Status/Issues: Completed; No issues to report</b>	
<p>The park's annual Earth Day Festival was held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The festival featured display booths from several local environmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups. Three discussion panels were also held on topics such as the history of the park property, reforestation of the property, and invasive plant species management. Attendees were also able to take part in an invasive species removal project alongside park rangers</p>	

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<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Fort Smallwood Park/K. Keller / B. Bruchey / B. Offutt</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Phase 2A Capital Construction Project at Fort Smallwood Park</b>
<b>Status/Issues: Active Capital Construction Project</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Capital Improvement Project includes demolishing aging park infrastructure at Fort Smallwood Park and building a new swimming beach comfort building, parking lot, and park maintenance facility. Weather is significantly impacting progress.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Comfort Station Status – Anticipated Completion Date: May 29, 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Restrooms Fans &amp; Duct Work - 85% complete</li> <li>○ Insulation of overhead Plumbing/Mech. - 75% complete</li> <li>○ Electrical rough-ins - 90% complete</li> <li>○ Installation of overhead Conduit/Boxes/Wiring - 80% complete</li> <li>○ CMU installation - 95% complete</li> <li>○ Sanitary line installation - 30% complete</li> <li>○ Water line to well installation – 60% complete</li> <li>○ Stormwater pipe installation to 40% complete</li> <li>○ Install of Dumpster Enclosure &amp; Handrail Bollard Sleeves – 90% complete</li> <li>○ Early work on Canopy Framing and Fiber Cement Panels/Shingles</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Maintenance Building Status</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CMU installation – 50% complete</li> <li>○ Set Structural Steel – 5% complete</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Bruce Bruchey</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Capital Projects Continuing/Upcoming Construction</b>
<b>Status/Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WB&amp;A Trail Patuxent River Bridge - active construction, bridge structure has reached PG County. Expected completion, Summer 2024.</li> <li>• South Shore Trail - Phase II - in the construction bidding process</li> <li>• Brooklyn Heights Park Improvements - construction started</li> <li>• Odenton Park (GORC) - construction complete, pending final permit approvals</li> <li>• Broadneck Peninsula Trail - Phase 3 - active construction</li> <li>• Broadneck Peninsula Trail - Phases 1B &amp; 5 - active construction</li> <li>• Fort Smallwood Park - Phase 2A - active construction, beachfront concession/bathhouse completing</li> <li>• Mayo Beach Park - Shoreline Erosion Control - construction completed</li> <li>• Mayo Beach Park - Repairs - active construction</li> <li>• Peninsula Park Expansion - active construction</li> <li>• Gresham Historic House repairs - in the construction bidding process</li> <li>• Jug Bay Campground - in construction bidding process</li> <li>• Deale Community Park - construction starting May 2024</li> </ul>	

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<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Josh Thomas/Chris Carrol</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Park Renovations</b>
<b>Status/Issues: In Progress</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jonas Green – Interior repairs, renovate restroom floors, etc. \$14,456</li> <li>Quiet Waters Park- Replacement of Evaporative Condenser. \$208,000</li> <li>Riva Park - Replace VFD for a well pump to ensure the irrigation system is functioning properly. \$14,550.00</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Arundel Olympic Swim Center-</b> Spring Swim Lessons have been very successful. We ran 77 classes for a total of 636 participants, a slight increase from last year. Revenue is up 15 percent compared to 2023. Certified two new WSI Trainers, ensuring high-quality swim instructors at both facilities</li> <li><b>Deep Run Recreation Center</b>—The Deep Run Recreation Center has come a long way from where we started this time last year. We are waiting for a few more things to be fixed and a re-inspection from the Fire Marshal. A new playground is scheduled to be installed in June, and the first musical theatre program is scheduled for the week of June 24.</li> <li><b>Glen Burnie Ice Rink-</b> The Ice Rink was able to open this season. The repairs are incomplete; however, the rink had a semi-successful season despite using four different temporary chillers. The 2023-2024 season served 11,463 skaters. Arctic Refrigeration will be on-site in the off-season to replace equipment. Our goal is to be fully operational in the 2024-2025</li> <li><b>Golf Courses</b>—to date, 2024 has seen positive trends in volume and activity. Additionally, we are seeing much better course conditions than we saw coming out of winter in 2023, ultimately the driving factor for the increase in sales.</li> </ul>																									
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- **North Arundel Aquatic Center**—Spring Swim Lessons have been very successful. We ran 83 classes for a total of 571 participants, a slight increase from last year. Revenue is up 20 percent compared to 2023. We certified two new WSI Trainers, ensuring high-quality swim instructors at both facilities.
- **North County Recreation Center**- The Tater Tots program provides a social environment for 3-5-year-olds. The pantry serves the community on Thursdays and gives 8,000-9,000 pounds of food to the Brooklyn Park Community.
- **South County Recreation Center and Galesville Courts**- Long-time staff member Jean Truitt retired after 42 years of service to the county. 16 new Ceramic Classes are being offered. 197 participants in Pickleball clinics, leagues, and programs (not open Play), and 110 punch cards were purchased in March and April. Galesville Pickleball courts at Carrie Weedon are very successful and are used daily. The courts completed in October must be redone due to the cracks and poor surface repair.

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Jacque Hurman</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Recreation Programs</b>
<b>Status/Issues:</b>	
<b>Recreation Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Programs are underway, and summer camp registration has begun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summer 2024 – 5,866 (registered through May 1)</li> <li>○ Summer 2023 – 6,993</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Jacque Hurman</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Upcoming Recreation Events</b>
<b>Status/Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April-May Multiple Musical Theatre Performances - Pascal Senior Center</li> <li>○ May 11 - Challenger Baseball Opening Day Celebration - Lake Waterford Park</li> <li>○ May 11 - Water Safety Day - Arundel Olympic Swim Center</li> <li>○ May 24 - 25 Dance Recitals - Chesapeake Arts Center</li> <li>○ May 19 - Little League Parade at Camden Yards</li> <li>○ May 24 - June 9 North Arundel Aquatic Center annual maintenance</li> <li>○ June 8 - Challenger Baseball End of Season Picnic - Lake Waterford Park</li> <li>○ June 22 - Orioles Fantasy Camp - Lake Waterford</li> </ul>	

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<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>John Spinnenweber</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Adult Sports, Facility Scheduling</b>
<b>Status/Issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spring Sports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth Soccer - 440 teams (plus 40 from 2023)</li> <li>○ Youth Lacrosse - 121 girls / 69 boys – total 190 teams (plus 3 teams from 2023)</li> <li>○ Youth Basketball - 34 teams (down 50 teams)</li> <li>○ Adult Field Hockey - 68 individuals over 18 (up 8 players)</li> <li>○ Adult Soccer- 26 teams (up 2 teams)</li> <li>○ Adult Basketball- 12 teams (up 1 team)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• <b>Bachman and Cannon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cannon                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hosting AACo High School baseball games 2x week</li> <li>▪ Hosting AACo and MIAA baseball championship games</li> <li>▪ Hosting MPSSAA state semi-final games</li> <li>▪ Hosting AACo regional baseball championships on May 14</li> <li>▪ Adult baseball-33 teams playing at Cannon and elsewhere in the county</li> <li>▪ Coppin State and Frostburg State college games/practices</li> <li>▪ As of May 6, 70 games were scheduled, and 68 have been played.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Bachman                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hosting AACo and IAAM county championships</li> <li>▪ Hosting MPSSAA state semi-final games</li> <li>▪ Adult softball league – 80 teams, an increase of 5 teams from last year</li> <li>▪ USSSA softball – 35-weekend tournaments</li> <li>▪ Rentals of fields – 3 seniors, 1 law enforcement, and 31 USSSA adult and youth fastpitch tournaments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<b>Program/Project Manager/ Supervisor:</b>	<b>Tammy Anderson</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Child Care Division</b>
<b>Status/Issues:</b> The Child Care Division continues to operate in a “three-season” mode (i.e., operations for the current school year, training and meetings for the coming summer, and preparation for the coming school year).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>2023-2024 School Year Update:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As we prepare to wrap up our programs for the current school year, our focus is on parent and staff surveys, completing MSDE-OCC licensing inspections, renewing our annual Maryland EXCELS participation, and ensuring site coverage for employees with upcoming leave requests for proms/graduations/senior weeks.</li>   <li>○ In March 2024, the Maryland State Department of Labor approved the Child Care Division as an official Youth Apprenticeship site on behalf of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. We hope this will assist us with recruiting high school juniors and seniors to staff our programs now and in the future!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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- **Summer 2024 Registration:**
  - Summer registration for all 14 child care locations is open, and spaces are full at every school-age location! Our Summer Pre-K location has just 5 spaces left.
  - Our team continues working through summer staffing and hiring and putting the final touches on training for summer camp staff on behalf of the entire Department.
  - Summer Statistics:
    - A total of 4,105 weekly summer spaces are now available for families
    - 4,070 spaces are filled, with a waitlist of 2,224
- **2024-2025 School Year Update:**
  - All phases of registration for next school year are complete (rollover, siblings, waitlist rollover, and public waitlist registration week).
    - The Billing & Registration Team will be hard at work during the month of May, completing all of the necessary withdrawals of our current families who no longer need care. Then, they will begin offering open spaces to our wait lists.
    - For many of our families in the north, west, and Pasadena areas of the County, the next school year includes the extra challenge of redistricting. OIT updated our registration system to include an option for families to request a different site for next school year due to redistricting, so they will be at the very top of the waitlist.
  - Multiple meetings are now occurring to prepare all phases of our operation for the next school year. To name a few:
    - MSDE-OCC License Concerns & New Site Requests
    - Staff Training Plan (Summer & Fall Training Calendars, Meetings with Anne Arundel Community College)