



January 2018 Newsletter

Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive



Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will conclude its fourth annual Christmas Festival of Lights at Central Hampshire Park on Monday, January 1, and response to the Festival has been tremendous. A total of 4500 vehicles have toured the lights so far, and estimating modestly that each vehicle contained three passengers, over 13,000 people have already attended the Festival.

The Hampshire County Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board have made significant contributions, both monetary and maintenance, in support of the Festival, and both are committed to supporting it in the future. But we also want to give the individual citizens and the business community of

of Hampshire County the opportunity to show their support for the project so we can truly make the Festival something that we can all be proud of.

In that vein, we are kicking off our fifth annual Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to purchase additional displays so we can light up the area above the amphitheater, purchase more rope lights to decorate all the trees in the park, and make necessary repairs to existing displays. Contributors will be listed in the following categories:

Santa Club- This category will include all individuals and businesses that contribute \$1,000 or more. Their names will be listed on professionally prepared placards on a lighted board that will be displayed on the back of the amphitheater where everyone visiting the Festival will see it. We will also put an individual picture of each Santa Club member in the Hampshire Review.

Santa's Helpers- This category will include those who contribute \$500. Their names will be listed on professionally prepared placards on another lighted board on the back of the amphitheater.

Elves- These will include those who contribute \$250. They will be listed on smaller placards farther down the second lighted board.

Reindeer- This category will include all those who contribute up to \$100. They will be listed on smaller placards farther down the second lighted board.

Donations of any size are appreciated. If you just want to send in \$5 or \$10, every contribution helps make the Festival that much better in 2017. And we'll list every contributor, no matter how big or how small the contribution, on our website, hampshirecountyparks.com.



We are conducting our Fund Drive during January and February so we can take advantage of the after-Christmas sales that most dealers offer. Don't miss out on your chance to help make the Christmas Festival of Lights an event that our entire county can cherish for years to come.

Contributions may be mailed to HCP&R, P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757, or delivered to the HCP&R Office at 90 North High Street any weekday between 9:00 and 1:00. If you'd like us to pick up your contribution, give us a call at (304) 822-7300, or email us at hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com, and we'll make the necessary arrangements to come and get your donation at your home or place of business. Thank you for your support of this project!



Skiing/Tubing Trip to Canaan Valley Resort



Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will sponsor a skiing/tubing trip to Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV, on Monday, January 15, which is Martin Luther King Day.

The slopes are open for skiing from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and tubing times are as follows: Session A is 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.; Session B is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.; Session C is from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

The special group rate for the day is as follows: Lift Ticket Only- \$25; Lift Ticket Plus Ski Rental- \$35; Lift Ticket Plus Snowboard Rental- \$45; Tubing (All Sessions)- \$15.

In order to get the group rate, just tell the clerk at the ticket window that you are with the Hampshire County Parks and Recreation group.

Don't miss this opportunity to hit the slopes with your friends while enjoying a great rate.

Indoor Futsal League



Applications are now being accepted for an indoor Futsal league for all boys and girls ages six to eighteen. Games will be played at the Old Capon

Bridge Middle School gym, and league play is set to begin on Saturday, January 20, and continue for the following seven Saturdays.

Futsal is a variant of soccer that features play on a smaller indoor court between teams of four plus a goalie. It is the fastest-growing sport in the world at this time, and players everywhere are seeing the benefits. The smaller space forces players to use their skill and creativity to become more decisive in their decision-making. It focuses on developing the core skills such as total ball control, passing, dribbling, shooting, defending, and footwork both with and without the ball.

Registration fee for the league is \$25, and there are several ways to register. First, log onto **hampshirecountyparks.com** and fill out the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. You may then mail the registration fee to HCP&R at P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757. You may register in person at the HCP&R office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You may also register by calling league director Troy Pyles at (540) 514-4962 or by emailing him at t.pyles@live.com. Finally, there will be an in-person registration at the OCBMS gym on Saturday, January 6, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The deadline for registering is January 12.



Pavilion and Park Reservations

On Tuesday, January 2, HCP&R will begin taking pavilion and park reservations for the 2018 season. The rental season extends from April 14 through October 14, 2018. Before and after those dates, running water will not be available in any of our parks.

Pavilions for picnics, family reunions, or any other outdoor gathering may be rented at either Hampshire Park or Central Hampshire Park. Prices for the entire day run from \$35 to \$45, depending on the size of the pavilion rented. You may also rent the amphitheater at Central Hampshire for only \$55 per day.

If you have a larger gathering, you may want to rent an entire park, either at Green Spring Park (\$40 to \$95, depending on facilities desired) or Camp Walker (\$75 for the whole park the entire day). All our parks now have electric outlets, running water, and restroom facilities.

To rent a pavilion or park, or just to get more information, call the HCP&R office any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at (304) 822-7300, or you may stop by the office at 90 North High Street in Romney during those hours. We will also accept reservations via our email at hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com. Don't forget to get your reservations in early so you don't miss out on that special place for your picnic or other outdoor activity.



Hampshire Mat Club



Even though practice has officially begun, we are still accepting registrations for the Hampshire Mat Club, a youth wrestling organization supported by Hampshire County Parks and

Recreation for boys and girls ages four-through-fifteen. The HMC teaches folkstyle wrestling, which is the same format used in high school and college competition. Wrestlers will be classified by both age and weight for competition. The Mat Club practices on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the old Romney Middle School gym on School Street.

The Mat Club will once again compete in the Mason Dixon League, which features teams from the surrounding West Virginia and Virginia area, and tournaments in that league will be held on weekends during December, January, and February. The Club will also attend other tourneys around the area, including state competitions.

The registration fee for the Hampshire Mat Club is \$25. To register, log onto our website, hampshirecountyparks.com, and fill out the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. The registration fee may then be mailed to HCP&R at P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757. You may also register in person at the HCP&R Office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 and 1:00. **Registrations will also be accepted at any of the practices.**

Walk To Be Fit



Our Walk To Be Fit Program is over for 2017. In all, we had over 100 walkers participate in the program, and 60 of them earned at least one prize for reaching one of our milestones. We wish to thank our corporate sponsors, FNB Bank and the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center. Without their help, Walk To Be Fit wouldn't be possible.

Congratulations go out to our four Grand Prize winners. Jean Genua, a participant every year since the program started, won the biggest prize, a one-night stay for two at beautiful Capon Springs Resort. Karina Gray walked off with the handcrafted wood chest that was donated by B&B Woodcraft Designs. Ann White captured the \$50 gift certificate from Main Street Grill, and Donna Brown won the \$25 gift certificate from Dairy Queen.

If you earned a prize in the program, we should have contacted you by now to find out where and when you can receive your reward. If you think you earned a prize and you haven't heard from us yet, just give us a call at (304) 822-7300 any weekday between 9:00 and 1:00 or email us at hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com and let us know. It is not our intention that anyone who has earned a prize be overlooked.

Just because Walk To Be Fit is over for another year, that doesn't mean that your exercise ends with the program. There will still be many more afternoons when you can get out and take a relaxing walk in the fresh air.

Kettlebell Classes



HCP&R is offering Kettlebell classes four days a week, on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:00, and on Tuesday,

Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 7:00. All classes are now being held in the cafeteria at the Hampshire County Special Services Center, which is located in the Industrial Park north of Romney on Route 28. To find the Special Services Center, turn onto Industrial Park Road and after driving approximately 100 yards, take the first left. The Special Services Center is the first building on the right. Access to the cafeteria and parking are in the back of the building.

Kettlebells are cast iron weights shaped like a ball with a handle for easy gripping. Kettlebells offer a different kind of training using dynamic moves targeting almost every aspect of fitness – endurance, strength, balance, agility and cardio endurance. People love it because it's challenging, efficient, and you only need one piece of equipment. Kettlebell classes are taught by certified instructors Kaleena Wilfong and Camilla Fout.

The cost for Kettlebell classes is \$5 per session, or for \$20 you may purchase a punch card that is good for five sessions. Also, we are now selling a monthly card for \$50.

Even if you've never tried Kettlebell before, come on out and see what it's all about. Mark your calendars today so you don't miss a chance to get some exercise while having a great time with your friends.



Disc Golf Course at Camp Walker



When planning outdoor activities, don't forget about the Camp Walker Disc Golf Course. We have made several improvements to the course over the past year. We installed tee-marker posts for all the holes to make each teeing area more visible.

We are also providing scorecards and course maps, both of which can be found in the mailbox beside the first tee.

The first tee is located on the flat ground out past the pavilion, where the road turns to the left and starts down over the hill toward the exit to the park. We have also installed new tee markers with the Camp Walker logo on them for each hole.

If you're looking for a disc to play at Camp Walker, then we have several options for you. We have Skeeters, which are all-purpose discs that are suitable for every shot, for sale in the HCP&R office for just \$7.00 each. We also have commemorative glow-in-the-dark drivers and putters that have the official Camp Walker logo on them for \$15.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of these discs go for improvements to the course.

If you haven't been out to Camp Walker to play the course, you really need to take an hour or so and try it. I feel certain that you will find disc golf both physically and mentally challenging. Plus, it's a great opportunity to spend some time in one of the prettiest spots in Hampshire County. **And it's free to play.** Now that's a deal I know you don't want to miss!

Adult Open Gym Basketball



For those of you who want to show off your basketball skills, check out our Sunday night Open Gym Basketball on both ends of the county.

Shane Hawkins is in charge of the program at the old Capon Bridge Middle School gym, and they play there from 5:00 until 8:00 every Sunday evening.

Logan Hill and Joe Clower run the program at Romney Middle School, and they go from 6:00 until 8:00 each Sunday night.

If you're eighteen and over and out of school, drop by one of those locations this Sunday night and run with the big dogs!



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