West End Park & Programming Forum
Park Planning District III
January 31, 2018

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
Why are we here?

The forum is an opportunity for RPCA staff to

1. Provide individuals, associations and civic groups with information on recent improvement activities in west end parks (Park Planning District III), recreation facilities and program enhancements;
2. Answer questions on the status of park and recreation plans, and
3. Receive comments on future park, recreation and program improvements
Park & Recreation Commission

The Commission is an 11 member advisory unit that advises City Council in matters relating to parkland, recreation and culture, and participates in planning recreational activities and services through its advice to City Council, and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities.

• 3 adult members from each Park Planning District (I, II & III) serving a 3-year term and 2 Youth At-Large Members
• Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Except for August & December
• Planning District III Representatives
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Park Planning Districts
Citywide Small Area Plans

[Map of Alexandria with various planning areas labeled, including ARLANDRIA NEIGHBORHOODS AREA PLAN, UPPER POTOMAC WEST TASK FORCE REPORT, FOUR MILE RUN RESTORATION MASTER PLAN, OAKVILLE TRIANGLE & ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR PLAN, MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BUSINESS AREA PLAN, BRADDOCK EAST MASTER PLAN, BRADDOCK METRO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, KING STREET RETAIL STRATEGY, WATERFRONT AREA PLAN, and HUNTING CREEK AREA PLAN.

OVERLAY PLANS]
Park Planning & Capital Construction

**Planning**
- Community Feedback
- Needs Assessments
- Open Space Policies
- Long-term Plan Development
- PARKnership

**Design**
- Site Analysis
- Concept Design
- Construction Documents

**Capital Development**
- Manage Capital Improvement Program
- Construction
- Private development coordination

**City Marina**
- Commercial Operations
- Recreational Boating
Planning Cycle

- Needs Assessment
- Inventory & Standards
- Community Feedback

Park Plans

Informed CIP and Park Planning
Citywide and Neighborhood Parks Improvement Plan

Citywide Parks Improvement included Plans for West End Parks:

• Fort Ward
• Ben Brenman
• Hensley
• Holmes Run

Neighborhood Parks Plan included:

• Chambliss
• Ewald
• Mulligan
• Stevenson
• Taney Ave
As a result we've...

Holmes Run
- Currently replacing fair weather crossing in Holmes Run with pedestrian bridge
- Installed new fitness equipment
- Worked with volunteers to plant trees
- Improved trail and benches in All Veterans Park
- Developed partnership with community garden users for maintenance
As a result we've...

**Ben Brenman/Boothe Park**
- Begun retrofit of pond
- Expanded dog park
- Renovated Boothe Park playground and restrooms
- Repaved parking lot
- Currently working in partnership with Alexandria Little League to install scoreboard and batting cages
As a result we've...

**Hensley Park**

- Currently out to bid for design with construction expected in 2019
As a result we've...

• Installed irrigation at Stevenson Park
• Renovated Taney Avenue Park through partnership
• Worked with ACPS to restore open space around John Adams/Chambliss
• Held clean-up events and added site furnishings at Ewald Park while seeking grants and funding opportunities to implement plan
• Planned water fountain installation at Tarleton Park
As a result we've...

Fort Ward Park

- Developed the Park Management Plan
- Completed the drainage improvement
- Repaved the loop road and parking
- Installed new park furniture and improved ADA accessibility
- Enhanced tree maintenance – tree planting
- Master Interpretive Plan in development phase
- Long term CIP funding in place
PARKnerships

• A systematic approach to organizing and sustaining community partnerships.

• The program cultivates sustainable partnerships, aligns sponsors, partners/affiliates, volunteers and donations to support RPCA’s goal for a healthy and thriving City of Alexandria.

• Benefits include:
  • Stewardship to parks, programs, and projects
  • Confidence between staff and community groups
  • Impact City funding decisions
Office of the Arts: Programs

Ethiopian New Year Celebration
Enkutatash

Experience a Bit of Ethiopia in Alexandria!
Friday, September 9, 2016
6 Pm - 10 Pm
Durant Arts Center
1605 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA

Tickets $15

Celebrate the Ethiopian New Year with all of your senses!

See - the colorful decorations, cultural attire, and art pieces

Hear - "Fendika," a troupe of folk musicians perform traditional Ethiopian music.

Smell - the aroma of Ethiopian coffee, pastries, and food.

Taste - the culture through the food samplings and coffee and feel - the spirit of the New Year and dance the night away.

Exotic Food - Music - Traditional Coffee Ceremony - Cultural Presentations - Art - Photography - Children Songs and much more...

Plan to come in Ethiopian Traditional Attire!

To Pay Online Visit www.alexandriavirginia.gov/webtrack/255206.01 Activity Number 255206.01

For more information contact: Office of the Arts: 703.746.5588
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GoSkateboarding Day

Wednesday, June 21
4 - 8 PM
Shuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park
3540 Wheeler Ave • Alexandria, VA

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#skatealexandria
Office of the Arts: Events

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA PRESENTS

Movies Under the Stars
Free outdoor movies shown on the large screen at various locations around the City. Bring a lawn chair, picnic basket and family and friends.

THE CROODS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23
8 p.m.
Ben Bateman Park
4900 Banks Mall

FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8 p.m.
John Carlyle Park • 300 John Carlyle St.
Governor’s Island

HOOK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
8 p.m.
Waterfront Park • 1A Prince St.

Tangled
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
7 p.m.
Market Square • 301 King St.

For parking and reasonable accommodations, please refer to reverse side. Coordinated by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. For more information, call the Special Events Hotline at 703-763-5500.
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Underhill/Foster

Erin Curtis

A. Pallparambil

Jennifer Brewer

Alison Sigethy

Ian Cage
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Recreation Services
Out of School Time Programs

• Power-On After School Program at William Ramsay, Patrick Henry, and John Adams Recreation Centers
• Power-On Summer Program at William Ramsay, Patrick Henry, John Adams, Hammond (or other West End location)
• Summer West End bus transportation to summer Power-On location and Power-Up Program (Middle School)
Recreation Services
Sports Programs

• Community Use of Fields at Ben Brenman, Fort Ward, and Hammond
• Youth Sports Programs at Patrick Henry, William Ramsay, Polk, John Adams, Tucker and Hammond
• Youth Field Hockey, Football, Cheerleading, Soccer, Basketball, Track, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball Leagues & Clinics
• Adult Basketball & Volleyball Leagues at Minnie Howard & Hammond, and Softball & Soccer Leagues at Hensley
Recreation Services
Classes & Community Offerings

William Ramsay Recreation Center
• Teen Late Night Program Friday & Saturday
• Youth Robotics
• Teens Positive Youth in Motion
• Adult ESL Classes
• Senior, Teen, & Adult Fitness and Weight Training

Community
• Spring Festival & Rec Expo
• Holiday/Back to School Supplies, Coats
• Halloween Haunted House & Party
• Virginia Cooperative Extension Nutrition and Financial Education Programs
Recreation Services
New Patrick Henry Pre K - 8 School & Recreation Center

Opening January 2019
Flex Court, Soft Play Room, Meeting/Recreation Classes Rooms, Craft Room, Fitness Center
Park Operations

Natural Resources Management

- Natural Resources Management Plan
- Invasive removal planned - 7 sites
- Dora Kelly - wetland restoration and invasive removal projects
- Chambliss Crossings - Eco. Restoration
- Expanded Natures Buddies Program
- Partnerships with volunteers, community organizations & schools for park cleanups and plantings
- Retrofit of Brenman and Lake Cook Stormwater Management Ponds
Park Operations
Urban Forestry Management

• Urban Forestry Master Plan Update
• 5-Year Maintenance Cycle: 20% Goal vs 13% Actual
• 50% of Tree Inventory completed
• Annual Tree Sale at Nature Center
• 125 Tree planted in 2017: Stevenson Park, Fort Ward Park, Yokum Parkway, Walker Lane, Ripley & Holmes Run Parkway, Chambliss Park
Questions?

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