



## **HCP&R Newsletter** **February 2021**

### **Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive**



The Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive stands at \$2,300 after three more contributions arrived last week. Thanks go out to: Jill and

purchase one new large display for the interior ring of the park for next year's 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 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 conducting our eighth 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 in the middle of the park, to add an additional 4-foot section to our giant Christmas tree, and to make necessary repairs to the 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 2020. And we'll list every contributor, no matter how big or how small the contribution, on our website, [hampshirecountyparks.com](http://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](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com), and we'll make the necessary arrangements to pick up your donation at your home or place of business. Thank you for your support of this project!

## **Skiing/Tubing Trip to Canaan Valley Resort**



Our skiing/tubing outing to Canaan Resort in Davis was a rousing success. A total of 240 people (145 skiers and 95 tubers) participated in the event, by far the most we have ever had. We are ecstatic that so many people took advantage of the great group-rate pricing. Thanks go out to Canaan Resort for working with us and for offering such great rates. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars right now for Martin Luther King Day 2021 so you don't miss it again.

## **Pavilion and Park Reservations**



On Monday, January 4, HCP&R began taking pavilion and park reservations for the 2021 season. The rental season extends from April 15 through October 15. 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 Afton and Pauline Malick 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, including the disc golf course). 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. We will also accept reservations via our email at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto: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 outing.



## **Walk To Be Fit Program**



With all the cold weather, it's hard to think about it now, but Our Walk To Be Fit Program is scheduled to begin again on April 1, 2021. When we get closer to the start of the program, just stop by any FNB Bank Branch (Fort Ashby, Romney, Hampshire Square, or Capon Bridge), the Hampshire Wellness and

Fitness Center at Hampshire Square, or the Hampshire County Health Department in Augusta to register for the program. When you register, don't forget to pick up your free pedometer and your tally sheet to log the miles that you walk.

We will recognize four milestones this year: 100, 250, 500, and 1,000 miles. When you reach one of those milestones, or when your tally sheet is filled, just return it to the location where you picked it up, and we will contact you when you are eligible for a prize.

Walking is great exercise on the path to a healthier lifestyle, and what could be better than receiving some nice prizes for your efforts? That's what Walk To Be Fit is all about.



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 at Warrior Fitness, which is located at 60 West Sioux Lane in Romney.



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.

## **New Conference Center at Hampshire Park**



Work is progressing nicely on the new Conference Center at Hampshire Park. L&T Electric and D&D Plumbing have completed their preliminary work, and Blue Ridge Concrete Services poured and finished the concrete on the front porch and the interior of the building. Mark Roomsburg from Roomsburg Homes, LLC,

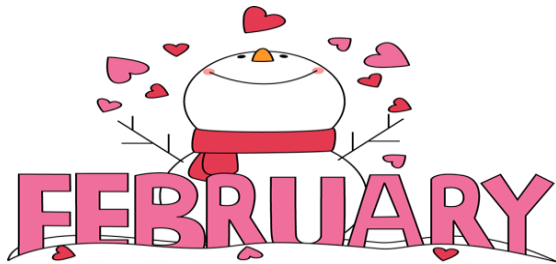
completed the framing, and Dave Watts finished the preliminary work on the HVAC system. Thomas Lear from Mountaineer Insulation installed the insulation in the walls and the ceiling, and Dan Sweitzer from 3 D's Drywall put up the drywall and finished it. He will begin painting the interior of the building in the near future.

The 6,600-square-foot Conference Center will be heated and air conditioned for year-round use and will be available for a variety of functions, including:

1. 4-H Camp
2. Weddings
3. Wedding Receptions
4. Baby Showers
5. Business Meetings
6. Business Conferences
7. Family Reunions
8. Birthday Parties
9. Retreats
10. Camps for Organizations
11. Anniversary Celebrations
12. Craft Shows
13. Class Reunions
14. Picnics

**Thanks go out to the Deacon Board at Romney First Baptist Church for their \$500 donation and Slanesville Ruritan for their \$500 donation toward expenses for the Conference Center.** If you have questions about the project, or if you are interested in contributing to it, call HCP&R at (304) 822-7300, or email us at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com)





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