

HCP&R Newsletter

January 2022

Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive



Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will conclude its ninth annual Christmas Festival of Lights at Afton and Pauline Malick Central Hampshire Park on Saturday, January 1, and the response was terrific. Over 6,000 vehicles toured the lights, and estimating modestly that each vehicle contained three people, approximately 18,000 people 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 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 ninth 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 and 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.

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 parks@hampshirewv.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



This week we were informed by Canaan Resort that their tubing park will not be open by January 17 due to unusually warm and wet conditions. Therefore, we will have to cancel our tubing trip for that date. Anyone who has reserved tickets and paid in advance can get a refund by

contacting the HCP&R Office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at (304) 822-7300, or via email at parks@hampshirewv.com. We regret the cancellation, but weather is one of the things we can't control.

However, we will be able to hold our skiing outing that day since Canaan is able to make enough snow for the slopes. The skiing is open from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, and the special group rate for that day is as follows: Ski Lift Ticket Only- \$25; Ski Lift Ticket Plus Ski or Snowboard Rental- \$35. In order to get the skiing 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.



Pavilion and Park Reservations

On Monday, January 10, HCP&R will begin taking pavilion

and park reservations for the 2022 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 Afton and Pauline Malick Central Hampshire Park 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, 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 parks@hampshirewv.com. Don't forget to get your reservation in early so you don't miss out on that special place for your picnic or outing.

New Conference Center at Hampshire Park



The Fire Marshall recently inspected the Conference Center at Hampshire Park, and we still have some minor issues to clear up. We are hoping to have him back for a final inspection soon. After his approval, the building will get a general cleaning, and then we should be ready for the Grand Opening.

When completed, 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

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 parks@hampshirewv.com.

Hampshire Mat Club

Registrations are still being accepted 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 folk



style wrestling, which is the same format used in high school and college wrestling. Wrestlers will be classified by both age and weight for competition. The Mat Club practices three nights per week until the matches begin and twice

per week thereafter.

HMC 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 and then send 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 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Rentals at Old Capon Bridge Middle School



The gymnasium, cafeteria, and kitchen at Old Capon Bridge Middle School are now available for rentals. Guidelines for their use will be as follows:

1. Frequently clean hands and utensils with sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, or soap and water
2. Nothing attached to walls (tape or nails)
3. Sweep all floors and place all trash in trash cans
4. Smoking is prohibited on school ground



NEW RATES FOR RENTALS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Two-hour block (Anytime between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm): \$75 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

Four-Hour Block (8:00 am-noon; 1:00-5:00; 6:00-10:00): \$150 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

Full Day (8:00 am-10:00 pm): \$300 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

To rent these facilities, call us at (304) 822-7300, or you may contact us via email at parks@hampshirewv.com. Get your reservation in now so you don't miss this chance to hold your event in our newly renovated facilities.

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 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!



New Email Address

HCP&R has finally solved our email problems. We have established a new, permanent email address, parks@hampshirewv.com. All correspondence should be sent to that address from this point forward. We appreciate your patience as we worked through those problems.

“Recreation brings quality to life.”

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