



## **HCP&R Newsletter**

**November 2022**

### **Youth Basketball Leagues**



Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will sponsor three youth basketball leagues for the coming winter. The Developmental Basketball League (DBL) will be for all boys and girls in first and second grade. Bidy Buddy is for all boys and girls in grades 3 and 4, and the Intermediate Basketball League (IBL) is for all boys and girls in grades 5 through 8. The DBL is a new league that will focus on beginner individual and team skills and fundamentals.

Team Selection for all three leagues will be held on Sunday, December 4, at Romney Middle School. All players will be assigned to a team at that time. Team practices will begin the week of December 12, and each team will have four practices before the first game. Practices and games will alternate between Romney Middle School and Old Capon Bridge Middle School, with teams practicing at the location of that week's games. The first games will be played

on Sunday, January 7, at the RMS and OCBMS gyms.

Registration Fee for all three leagues is \$25. To register, log onto the HCP&R website, [hampshirecountyparks.com](http://hampshirecountyparks.com), and fill out and then send the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. You may also register in person at the HCP&R office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Registrations will also be accepted at RMS on Sunday, December 4, which is the day of Team Selections.

### **Hampshire Mat Club**



Registrations are now 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 folkstyle 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](http://hampshirecountyparks.com), and fill out and then send the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. 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. **There will be an in-person registration for the HMC on Monday, November 7, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm at the Old Romney Middle School gymnasium. At that registration, information will be distributed about the on-line store, where personalized singlets and warm-ups may be purchased.**

## BINGO!



**Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will sponsor its next BINGO! event on Friday, November 18, at the Conference Center at Hampshire Park.** The doors will open at 5:00 pm, and games will run from

6:00 until 9:00 pm. Concessions, including hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, chips, candy, and drinks, will be available at the Conference Center before and during the games.

Rates for the event will be as follows:

Book of 16 game cards will cost \$15; second book of 16 game cards will cost \$10

Payouts for winners will be based on the number of players:

50 and under payout is \$40 per winner; 51 to 99 payout is \$50 per winner; 100 and over payout is \$70 per winner

In addition to BINGO, we will feature other games of chance, including “The Joker’s Wild,” a game in which two lucky winners will be able to choose a card with a chance to win a jackpot of \$725 that will grow each week that the winning card isn’t chosen. Come on out for an enjoyable evening of playing the games that young and old alike love to play.

## New Conference Center at Hampshire Park



The Conference Center at Hampshire Park is complete and ready for rentals. The 6,600-square-foot facility is heated and air conditioned for year-round use and is available for a variety of functions, including:

- BINGO!
- 4-H Camp
- Weddings
- Wedding Receptions

- Baby Showers
- Business Meetings
- Business Conferences
- Family Reunions
- Birthday Parties
- Retreats
- Camps for Organizations
- Anniversary Celebrations
- Craft Shows
- Class Reunions
- Picnics

**A \$100 refundable security deposit is required for all rentals.**

Amenities at the Conference Center include a fully-stocked commercial kitchen, a dining hall/meeting room that will seat 299 people, restroom and shower facilities, WiFi access, and a private conference room.



**Rental rates will be as follows:**

**Two-Hour Block (Anytime between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm): \$125**

**Four-Hour Block (8:00 am until noon; 1:00 until 5:00 pm; 6:00 until 10:00 pm): \$250**

**Full Day Rental: \$500**

If you have questions about rentals, call HCP&R at (304) 822-7300 any weekday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm; stop by our office at 90 North High Street in Romney during those same hours; or email us at [parks@hampshirewv.com](mailto:parks@hampshirewv.com)





## Christmas Festival of Lights



I know it's hard to believe the time has come already, but the tenth annual Christmas Festival of Lights will kick off with the Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on Saturday, November 26, at 5:00 p.m. at the amphitheater at Afton and Pauline Malick Central Hampshire Park in Augusta. The Festival will run through January 1 and will be open daily from 5:30 until 10:00 pm.

We will serve coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies free of charge to all who attend the Lighting Ceremony, and Santa will be there to greet the kids of all ages.



And you kids need to remember to bring an ornament to help decorate the official Christmas Festival of Lights Christmas Tree. The highlight of the Lighting Ceremony will come at 5:30 when we light the giant Christmas tree in the field above the amphitheater.

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radio. **And the best part is that you can enjoy the lights from the warmth and comfort of your own vehicle free of charge.** Mark your calendars right now so you don't miss this special Christmas tradition.

## **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



Through the generosity of the Hampshire County Commission, the HCP&R Board, and many businesses and individuals throughout the area, the Festival has exploded over the past ten years. We have grown from 24 light displays in 2013 to 240 displays this year. New features for 2022 include a huge Roller Coaster display in the center of the park and a new HCP&R display engineered by Hampshire Metals and Industrial.

Also, don't forget about our great musical display. When you enter the park, simply tune your car or truck radio to 106.5 FM and then watch our musical display flash to the beat of some of your favorite Christmas tunes, which will be playing through your



## **Walk To Be Fit Program**



Our Walk To Be Fit Program has concluded for another year, and we wish to thank all those who participated. Walk To Be Fit continues to be one of the most successful programs that HCP&R offers.

Now that the program has ended, make sure that you turn in all your tally sheets to any branch of FNB Bank (Ft. Ashby, Romney, Hampshire Square, or Capon Bridge), the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center at Hampshire Square, the Hampshire County Health Department in Augusta, or the HCP&R office at 90 North High Street in Romney. Once we have all the sheets tallied, we will contact you if you have earned a prize for your efforts.

If you feel like you have earned a prize and have not yet received it, please contact the HCP&R office at (304) 822-7300 or via email at [parks@hampshirewv.com](mailto:parks@hampshirewv.com) and let us know. It is not our intention that anyone earning a prize should be overlooked.

Just because the program has ended for another year, you don't have to quit walking. There will

### **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](mailto:parks@hampshirewv.com). Get your reservation in now so you don't miss this chance to hold your event in our newly renovated facilities.



still be many more beautiful fall days when you can get out and enjoy the sunshine.



## 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!



**“Recreation brings quality to life.”**

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