



HCP&R Newsletter April 2022



Gary Crane Cup

The pursuit of the Gray Crane Cup for 2022 begins this Monday, April 4, when we travel to Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs for the first of

our six qualifiers. **Note that this outing is on Monday, not Tuesday as it normally would be, due to course availability.** The cost for 18 holes of golf with a cart will be just \$20, and the first tee times begin at 1:00 p.m.

The format for the competition will be the same as previous years. Those wishing to compete for the Cup must play in at least three of the six qualifiers and turn in their scorecards to the pro shop after the round. From those scores, a handicap will be tabulated and applied at the Final Round, which will be held at Capon Springs Resort in October. Both a gross and a net champion will be crowned at the Final Round.

The rest of the outings have been tentatively scheduled as follows: May 10- The Woods; June 14- Franklin; July 6- The Pines in Morgantown; August 9- Locust Hill; September 13- Canaan.

Grand Opening for the Conference Center at Hampshire Park



The Grand Opening for the Conference Center at Hampshire Park will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 2:00 until 5:00 pm. Visitors will be treated to refreshments, and everyone will be able to tour the new facility at that time. The public is cordially invited to stop by to see what the Conference Center has to offer.

The Conference Center 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:

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

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

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.

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.



Walk To Be Fit Program



Walk To Be Fit is scheduled to begin again on April 1, 2022. To register for 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. 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.

Rentals at Old Capon Bridge Middle School



The gymnasium, cafeteria, and kitchen at Old Capon Bridge Middle School are 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 grounds

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.





If you still want to contribute to the Drive, it isn't too late. 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 2022. And we'll list every contributor, no matter how big or how small the contribution, on our website, hampshirecountyparks.com.

You may mail your contribution to HCP&R at PO Box 213, Romney, West Virginia 26757, or you may deliver it in person to our office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. We are looking forward to another great year of the Festival in 2022!

Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive



Even though the Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive has concluded for another year, donations continue to trickle in. Capon Valley Ruritan, Joyce and Russell Saville, Romney Federal Credit Union, and Springfield Ruritan recently donated to the Fund Drive, bringing the total to \$8,995 from 33 different contributors. Those donations will allow us to purchase several new displays, as well as make necessary repairs to the displays we already have. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Disc Golf Course at Camp Walker



When planning your 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!

Pavilion and Park Reservations



On Monday, January 10, HCP&R began 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 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 the 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 am and 1:00 pm 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.

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