



Parks & Recreation Commission – AGENDA
Thursday, September 4, 2025, 3pm | Bayside Recreation Center
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Commissioners: Larry Altman, Alexander Amerine, Daniel Edwards (Vice Chair), Phillip Hines (Chair), Barrett Lankford, Benjamin Messer, Clinton Mills Jr., Kathryn Moran, Myra Payne, Stephen Rockefeller, Eugene Towler, David Weiner, Debbie Wiggins, **Liaisons:** Council Member Cal “Cash” Jackson-Green (City Council), Jack Freeman (Schools), **City Liaisons:** Kenneth Chandler, Theresa Cummings, Shirley Deibler, Frank Fentress, Michael Kirschman, Shannon Moore, Chad Morris, Kara Shoup, Taryn Buckley-Thiel

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes – 8-7-2025**
4. **Correspondence / Public Comment**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Annual Report Approval**
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Adoption: Policy for All-Virtual Public Meetings**
 - b. **Readoption: Remote Participation by Members in Commission Meetings**
7. **Staff Report**
8. **Liaison Report(s)**
9. **Director’s Report**
 - a. **Rudee Park Update**
10. **Good and Welfare**
11. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: October 2, 2025

Park Special Events

Recreation Center Events

- Sep 2: Astronomy 101 - Animal Constellations, Kempsville
 - Sep 4 - Sep 25 (Thursdays, ages 3-6): Nature Pals, Princess Anne
 - Sep 4 - Sep 25 (Thursdays, ages 7-9): Nature Pals, Princess Anne
 - Sep 6: Endless Summer, Bow Creek
 - Sep 8: Walking the Camino Spain- Guest Speaker Rusty Spears, Kempsville
 - Sep 8-Nov 24 (Mondays): Chess (Intermediate) GAMBITS!, Kempsville
 - Sep 8-Nov 24 (Mondays): Chess Beginners- 7 and up, Kempsville
 - Sep 8: Hooked on Climbing, Seatack
 - Sep 10 - Oct 22 (Wednesdays): Foundations of Acrylics, Princess Anne
 - Sep 10: Gardening Talking Dirt- Thoughtful Backyard Birding, Kempsville
 - Sep 11 – Dec 11 (Thursdays): PA Chess Beginners - 7 and up, Princess Anne
 - Sep 12: NBA 2K25 Doubles Tournament, Great Neck
 - Sep 12: Parent's Night Out, Williams Farm
 - Sep 12: Fall Music Bingo Night, Princess Anne
 - Sep 12: Hooked on Climbing, Seatack
 - *More events listed on the link above!*
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- Please report your monthly **volunteer hours** to your staff liaison Taryn M. Buckley-Thiel by the fifth day of each month, if any additional beyond meeting participation and preparation. A log sheet will be made available at the meeting for those attending in-person. This report includes any additional volunteer time dedicated to the Parks & Recreation Commission or the department outside of regular meeting hours. If volunteering was for ATAC / OSAC / P&R Foundation, these times are recorded and reported to your respective Volunteer Resource Managers (Trina Harrell for ATAC / OSAC and Kara Shoup for the Foundation). For meeting attendance, this time is counted along with reasonable time allotted (.5 hours) for travel per meeting.
 - The meeting is planned to be in-person. For those requiring **remote participation** by phone (for personal or medical reasons), a phone number will be provided. A quorum will need to be present in-person to conduct business of the Commission. Please send advance notice to staff liaison Taryn Buckley-Thiel.
 - **If unable to attend**, kindly please send advance notice to Commission Secretary Stephen Rockefeller and staff liaison Taryn Buckley-Thiel.

Visitors:

- To allow for adequate seating of all visitors, please register in advance with Taryn M. Buckley-Thiel, no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting. Please provide your name, contact number or email, address, and if you wish to share any public comment.

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