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Virginia Recreation and Park Society NSA Northern Service Area Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Notes from the desk of our Chair

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We are in full planning mode for 2013! The 2013 NSA Board, which consists of Kim Baldini as Secretary, Sam Roberts as Treasurer, Lesley Stuler as Chair Elect and Ryan Brooks as Member-at-Large, as well as sub-committee members, have been planning meetings, workshops and events for the year. The first meeting in January brought some new faces and ideas to the NSA. I hope to continue to bring more people and ideas to the board in order to keep the Northern Service Area thriving. Please invite a friend with you to join any NSA events and meetings throughout this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2013 NSA Survey. We received a lot of great feedback and are using this to plan for the year. The goal this year will be to provide trainings on Events Management, Professional Development, Emergency Management Planning, Fertilizer Training and CPRP/CPRE Prep. We are hoping to provide a

webinar that provides more accessible training to everyone since we all know how hard it is to get out of the office sometimes!

Please join us at the March 13 meeting at the Old Firehouse Teen Center in McLean at 10:00am. We will be holding a roundtable discussion after the regular meeting on social media. Since this is such a quickly evolving topic, we want to share ideas on how to promote and market ourselves in this cyber world. Please feel free to share anything you are doing or just come to get new ideas!

We are looking forward to a fun and productive 2013!

Karen Lussier,
CPRP



Jane Rudolph , Director of Arlington Co. Department of Parks and Recreation



Please join the NSA Board in welcoming Jane Rudolph, Director of Arlington County Parks and Recreation!

The Sun Gazette did a wonderful article on Mrs. Rudolph, which can be found at www.sungazette.net/arlington.

Meeting Dates

DATE	LOCATION/EVENT	TIME
March 13	Old Fire House Teen Center 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean	10:00 a.m.
May 8	Pohick Bay Park—Eagles Nest Pavilion 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton	10:00 a.m.
July 10	Potomac Overlook Regional Park 2845 N. Marcey Road, Arlington	10:00 a.m.
October 9	Rust Manor House and Nature Sanctuary 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg	10:00 a.m.

2013 Sub-Committee Members

The NSA has several sub-committees that work alongside the Board to assist with various programs, trainings and publications. If you are interested in joining any of these sub-committees, please contact the group.

Awards & Citations

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NSA Member Survey Results

Listed are some statistics gleaned from the NSA member survey. For a complete list, please email Karen.lussier@fairfaxva.gov.

Have you ever attended a NSA workshop, event or social?

Yes 74.5%

No 25.7%

What areas of Recreation are you interested in?

Events	67.6%
Aquatics	29.4%
Seniors	23.5%
Management	97.1%
Career Development	35.3%
Camp	35.3%
Programming	38.2%
Therapeutic Recreation	17.6%
Athletic Leagues	11.8%
Advertising/Marketing	67.6%
Parks	50.0%
Facilities	50.0%
Maintenance	29.4%
Tourism/Hospitality	29.4%
Educators	14.7%



News From Local Agencies

City of Fairfax Chocolate Lover's Festival

March 2 & 3, 2013, Historic Old Town Fairfax, VA

This delicious festival features two days of chocolate celebration. Some events require a small fee while other events are free to all visitors. Visit www.chocolatefestival.net or call 703/385-1661 for more information.

Among the events planned this year include:

- *Taste of Chocolate: Surround yourself with hundreds of the finest chocolate sensations area confectioners have to offer.
- *Chocolate Challenge: A gallery of art, cakes and cupcakes made entirely of chocolate created by professionals and amateurs alike.
- *Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale: Menu features pancakes (regular and chocolate chip) and sausage.
- *The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial :The Fairfax Bar Association will hold a mock trial based on a children's "fairy tale" to explain the justice system to children and adults.
- *So You Think You're Smarter Than a Lawyer?: Play a legal game against a lawyer.
- *Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales "Ever taste a fairy tale?": Children of all ages can join storyteller Gary Lloyd for classics retold with a chocolate twist.

Children's Activities: Puppet Show, Magic Show, Animal Show, Face Painting, Children's Crafts

Open House and Exhibits: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Legato School, Ford House, Ratcliffe-Allison House

NRPA "The Young Professional" Newsletter

The NRPA Young Professional Network has developed a newsletter for its Network members. It is aimed to be a resource for students and young professionals, as well inspire leadership and provide opportunities to enhance professional skills. Since the Network is nationwide, it is a fantastic resource for networking with fellow youth professionals as well as read about new and innovative ideas across the country.

The newsletter can be found on the Young Professional Network on the NRPA website.

Accessibility Workshop for Trails and Outdoor Developed Areas

On March 15, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Roanoke County, and the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission will host an Accessibility workshop. Featured speakers include Bill Botten, Accessibility Specialist with the US Access Board, and Janet Zeller, National Accessibility Program Manager for the U.S. Forest Service. This workshop will be held at Roanoke County's South County Library from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with an optional afternoon field trip to critique local park facilities ending at 3:30.

To see the agenda and register, visit

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6w7ityq3b02730e&llr=bmfhuxcab>.

Do you work with Camps?? Interested in joining a group of your peers to exchange ideas and partner on staff training? Then we have the group for you!!

Northern Virginia Camp Coalition

Next meeting: April 2013

Contact Brandy Wyatt, Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation for more details!

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VRPS Conference • 2013 • James City County

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES ROOTED IN HISTORY

VRPS is hosting its statewide annual conference in Williamsburg, Virginia September 7-10, 2013. We invite you to assist in the continued professional development of our members, associates, and other related professionals by **presenting an educational session during the conference**. Our educational program offering will represent the diversity of our profession by ensuring we offer programs for students to seasoned professionals. If presenting a session is not for you, perhaps you have recently attended a training or listened to a speaker you feel would benefit the members of our society. Please feel free to contact [Nancy Ellis](#) at 757-259-5412 or [Beth Wood-Whitley](#) at 757-385-0443 .

Save the Date

AEE Regional Mid-Atlantic Conference

co-sponsored by VORG

March 23 - 25, 2012

Radford University
Radford, VA

Safe Routes to School Instructor Training

Applications are now being accepted for participation in the [Safe Routes to School National Course Instructor Training](#), to be held April 29 - May 2, 2013 in Ontario, CA. Up to 12 individuals may be selected.

Since 2004, the Safe Routes to School National Course has been taught throughout the country by instructors trained by the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center](#) and the [National Center for Safe Routes to School](#). This round of instructor training seeks to help meet demand and enable more communities to receive the Course. Training participants receive all course materials including PowerPoint presentations, detailed speaker notes, handouts, and planning resources.

Registration fee is \$2,500, which includes expenses for training delivery, materials and travel between the hotel and off-site locations. No profit is earned from the registration fee. For those who would otherwise be unable to attend, the National Center for Safe Routes to School has designated funds for up to three \$1,000 subsidies (registration cost of \$1,500) and up to two registrations for no charge. See the application for more information on qualifications.

Applications will be accepted until Friday **February 22nd** and all applicants will be notified of selection status by March 4th. Participants are expected to confirm their attendance by March 15th. If you have additional questions, please email dlambert@tooledesign.com.

VIRGINIA LIFEGUARD ASSOCIATION

VIRGINIA AQUATIC MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

MARCH 1, 2013
9:00AM—3:00PM

Registration begins at 8:30AM - Coffee and bagels
AT THE BUSCH GARDENS TRAINING CENTER
1 Busch Gardens Blvd
Williamsburg, VA 23187

LIMITED SPACE PER AGENCY

E-mail your information (name, e-mail address, organization, number of and names of those attending) to:

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