



# FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Chairman and Members  
Park Authority Board

**VIA:** Jai Cole, Executive Director

**FROM:** Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director

**DATE:** July 7, 2023

### *Agenda*

**Park Authority Board Awards Committee  
(Committee of the Whole)**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

**Virtual, via Zoom**

**Chairman: Dr. Cynthia J. Carter**

**Vice Chair: Tim Hackman**

1. Park Authority Award Recipients for 2023 (with presentation) – Action
2. Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority’s Outstanding Volunteers of 2023 – Administrative\*

\*Enclosures



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## **ACTION - 1**

### Park Authority Award Recipients for 2023

#### ISSUE:

Approval of the 2023 selectees for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, the Harold Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award, Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award and the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Executive Director recommends approval of the nominees for the awards outlined in this item to include the slate of nominees forwarded by Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, Chair of the Awards Committee. The slate was developed via individual discussion and collaboration with fellow Park Authority Board members.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 12, 2023 to proceed with preparations for the awards program slated for November 2023. This year's nomination period was extended to provide more time for solicitation and preparation of nominations.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority Board provides a host of annual awards to recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations which benefit the park system and ultimately, the residents of Fairfax County. Elly Doyle Park Service Awards recognize volunteer service with the Elly Awards, Special Recognition Awards, and a Youth Award.

The Park Authority Board has also established other award categories that exemplify the attributes and qualities of individuals and organizations that help the Fairfax County Park system thrive in more tangible or specific ways. Each award recognizes a distinct set of standards and characteristics vital to the health and well-being of the system and ultimately the residents who benefit from our park amenities and programs.

The Harold Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award recognizes those who create and nurture partnerships and collaborative efforts that result in tangible improvements to the park system which minimize the need for taxpayer or park bond funding.

The Mayo Stuntz Cultural Stewardship Award, created in 2013, honors the late, longtime historian, author and chairman of the Sully Foundation and celebrates outstanding service through the stewardship of historic resources. The award ultimately

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honors significant contributions toward the understanding, preservation, and education of history in Fairfax County.

The Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes those whose efforts make our community stronger through environmental stewardship. The Ormsby Award honors citizen stewards and those who spread the ethos of resource conservation and protection.

The Chairman's Choice Awards are nominated by the Park Board Chairman, but subject to Board approval. These awards are reflective of significant multi-year contributions of service, support, and advocacy on behalf of the Park Authority.

Last year, the Park Authority Board introduced the Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award. This award, recognizes significant, tangible, contributions made by individuals, organizations, or businesses who help accomplish the Park Authority's strategic priority to enhance diversity system-wide and foster a culture of inclusion in parks and/or within the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of the Elly Doyle Park Services Award program is split equally between the Park Authority and Fairfax County Park Foundation. This year, the event will return to an in-person format for the first time since the pandemic. Due to significant increases in prices for venue rental and catering costs, along with new vendors, there will be an increase in the overall cost for the event. It is expected that the 2023 event will cost approximately \$20,000. Videography is provided at no cost by Channel 16 and will be supported by FCPA staff.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director  
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Allison Rankin, Management Analyst



# Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

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# Our Awards Program & Process

Fairfax County Park Authority Board chooses winners for Elly Doyle Awards

Park Board selects Strickland, Ormsby, Stuntz, and JEDI recipients

Chairman recommends Chairman's Choice Awards

Fairfax County Park Foundation chooses winners for Eakin Awards

Not all awards must have a winner each year

Sites choose Outstanding Volunteers

# 2023 Elly Doyle Awards

- ▶ Established in 1988
- ▶ Recognize Ellamae Doyle's years of service and accomplishments as a member and chairman of the Park Authority Board
- ▶ 2023 consists of Elly Doyle (Elly, Youth, Special Recognition), Strickland, Ormsby and JEDI awards
- ▶ Park Foundation Eakin awards and Outstanding Volunteers are included in ceremony



# Elly Doyle Award

## About

Established in 1988 by the Park Board

Recognizes Ellamae Doyle's years of service and accomplishments as a member and chairman of the Park Authority Board

## Eligibility

Open to individuals/groups that have made outstanding service contributions to Fairfax County parks, including Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers

A service contribution is the giving of time or expertise for the advancement of recreational and/or educational opportunities or the protection of natural, cultural and historic resources

The contribution must have occurred within the prior year but may also include accomplishments accumulated over time

Currently serving members of the BOS, the PAB, FCPA paid staff, and the Park Foundation Board of Directors and their paid staff are not eligible

## Nominate

Anyone may submit a nomination for the Elly Doyle Park Service Award. Widespread participation in the award process is encouraged

**Elly Awards: up to three awards**

**Youth: One award**

**Special Recognition: up to five awards**

# Harold L. Strickland Award

## About

PAB established Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award in 2015

Honors past Park Board member's long service and significant contributions to the parks

This award recognizes the value and of teamwork and cooperation necessary to provide varied constituencies with state-of-the-art park facilities, often at limited, reduced or no capital expense

## Eligibility

Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award nominees must demonstrate significant long-term accomplishments that provide residents with tangible examples of the benefits of partnerships and collaborations that help to sustain or grow service while reducing the need for FCPA financial resources to accomplish the service delivery

This award shall be given periodically as deemed appropriate by the Park Authority Board

## Nominate

Anyone may submit a nomination for the Harold L. Strickland Partnership and Collaboration Award

**One award**



# Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award

## About

Established by the PAB on November 14, 2007

In recognition of Sally B. Ormsby's many years of service as a citizen steward

Her actions promoted the responsible and sustainable management of natural resources

This award recognizes individuals and organizations whose actions embody the spirit and values of stewardship and result in tangible environmental benefits.

## Eligibility

Open to individuals and groups whose actions embody the spirit of environmental stewardship and provide tangible environmental benefits to Fairfax County parks

The contribution on which the nomination is based must have occurred within the prior year, but the nomination may also include accomplishments accumulated over time.

Currently serving members of the Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Fairfax County Park Authority staff, and the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board of Directors and their staff are excluded from eligibility

## Nominate

Anyone may submit a nomination for the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award

### **One award**

# Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award

## About

The Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award is a new award approved by the Park Authority Board on March 23, 2022. This award recognizes significant, tangible contributions made by individuals, organizations or businesses that help accomplish the Park Authority's strategic priority to enhance diversity systemwide and foster a culture of inclusion in parks and/or within the surrounding community.

## Eligibility

This award shall be given periodically as deemed appropriate by the Park Authority Board to deserving individuals, businesses, entities, or organizations which demonstrate accomplishments that foster inclusion diversity, equity and justice during the reporting period. Projects, initiatives, and programs must comport with the goals of One Fairfax.

## Nominate

The nominations will be reviewed by the Park Authority Board Committee of the Whole. Awards are given only when a qualifying nomination is received

**One award** is given per annum.

# Outstanding Volunteer

## About

The Park Authority recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County, that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life and on the health and well-being of our community; and that volunteering is an essential part of living in a thriving society adding enormous benefits and opportunities to our park system

## Eligibility

Active volunteer at one of the FCPA sites

## Nominate

Peers and site managers nominate the Outstanding Volunteers at each site.

Park Board approves annual resolution to honor these individuals

**One per FCPA site**

## 2023 Outstanding Volunteers

Nominee	Site	Yrs of Service	Title
Harold Adams	Greendale Golf Course	3 years	Starter
Charles Basham	Spring Hill Rec Center	18.5 years	Fitness Department Assistant
Diane Bierwirth	Sully Historic Site	7.5 years	Touring Docent/Special Events/Scout Assistant
Celia Boertlein	Huntley Meadows Park	7 years	Program Assistant/Roving Naturalist/Vernal Pool Surveyor
Carol Burns	Cub Run Rec Center	2 years	Front Desk Associate
Robert Coblenz	Colvin Run Mill	6 years	Tour Docent
Josefina (Jo) Doumbia	Hidden Oaks Nature Center	1.5 years	Volunteer on Duty
Laura Handley	IMA Program	2 years	IMA Site Leader
Junko "JK" Klimek	Audrey Moore Rec Center	18 years	Pottery Monitor
Erick Lermo	South Run Rec Center	1.5 years	Fitness Room Monitor/Cleaner
Eva Novak	Providence Rec Center	1.5 years	Front Desk Associate
Jamie Ogden and Sharon Sellers	Green Spring Gardens	18 years	Historic House Tea Hosts
Kitisia "Kit" Grandin-Parker	Oak Marr Rec Center	2.5 years	Customer Support/General Clean Up Assistant
Chris Reynolds	Riverbend Park	6 years	Roving Naturalist/Trail Monitor
Stephanie Smith	Franconia Rec Center	1 year	Trail and Property Beautification Volunteer
Gene Sullivan	Oak Marr Golf Course	5 years	Volunteer Coordinator
Bryan Tuccillo	Mt Vernon & George Washington Rec Centers	8 years	General Support Assistant
Margaret Turek	Adapted Aquatics Program	18 years	Adapted Aquatics Assistant
Sophie Wehmuller	Ellanor C. Lawrence Park	1 year	Animal Care Volunteer
Henry Wells	Hidden Pond Nature Center & Park	3 years	Volunteer Assistant Naturalist
Christina Wenks	Observatory Park at Turner Farm	2 years	Volunteer On Duty
William White	Twin Lakes Golf Course	11 years	Maintenance

# Park Foundation Eakin Awards

- ▶ The Fairfax County Park Foundation established the Eakin Philanthropy Award to recognize visionary financial and material contributions that significantly enhance Fairfax County parks
- ▶ In 1951, LeRoy Eakin, Sr. donated 14 acres of land which was Fairfax County's first park
- ▶ The Eakin family gave another 240 additional acres which ultimately became the Fairfax County Park Authority
- ▶ The Park Foundation is proud to recognize individuals and organizations who help to continue the Eakin legacy



## 2023 Slate of Nominees

### Elly Doyle Award

- TBD

### Special Recognition

- TBD

### Youth Award

- TBD

## 2023 Slate of Nominees

### Harold Strickland Award

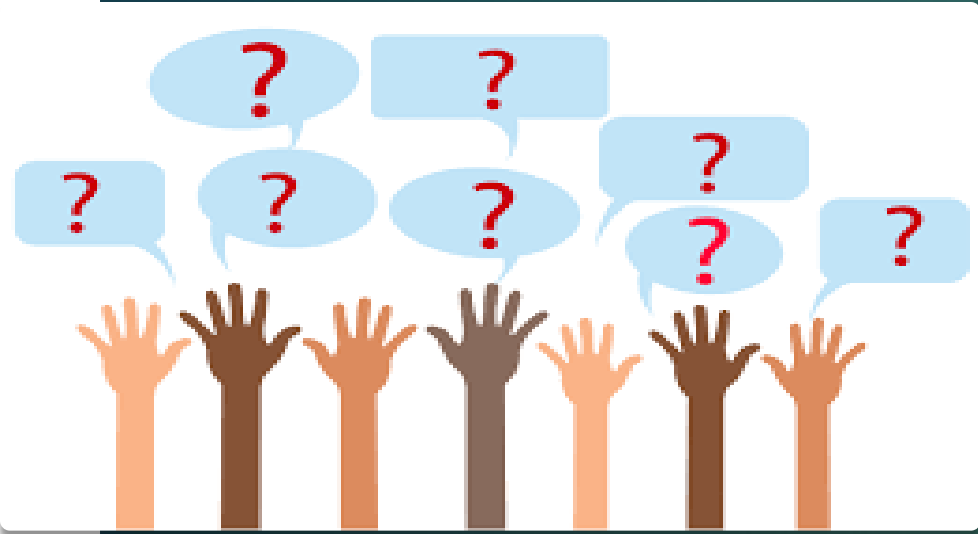
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### Sally Ormsby Award

- TBD

### Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- TBD



# Elly Doyle Park Service Awards



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2023

#### ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2023 for their service to the Park Authority and the residents of Fairfax County.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the resolution honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2023.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 12, 2023.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority relies heavily on volunteer support in a wide range of opportunities. Volunteers support unstaffed parks, invasive plant programs, historic property maintenance and programs, adapted programs, facility support, and much more. The significant volunteer support the Park Authority experiences was noted by the team leader during the recent review visit by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

The Park Authority's volunteer support continues to grow as the pandemic has faded. In 2020, the volunteers faced many challenges to their service, but they continued to show up, logging nearly 69,000 hours by 4,301 volunteers. In 2021, as facilities and programs were able to pivot and develop new methods to approach service to the community, so did the volunteers. That year, 4,275 volunteers gave 112,236 hours of support. In 2022, as the pandemic restrictions continued to fade and the community resumed working and living under the new "normal" conditions, there were more individuals ready to volunteer while the amount of time they gave was stable. Almost 8,800 volunteers provided 110,785 hours in 2022.

Volunteer service with the Park Authority clearly offers unique experiences, the chance to see tangible change, the opportunity to learn new skills and the satisfaction of teaching new skills, educate families about the environment and in many cases, digging in and getting your hands dirty. Our volunteers bring passion, action and dedication regardless of where they work: digging in the ground, pulling weeds, helping at a Rec

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Center or golf course or leading programs at a nature center. These essential, good-hearted, hard-working, and resilient volunteers enhance the visitor experience for all those who visit our parks and collectively represent a fiscally-sound approach to the provision of services in support of our mission. Without their help, the park system would be challenged to meet the mandate of community expectations, CAPRA accreditation, and of regional and national leadership in the field of recreation and parks.

Recent statistics indicate that across America the values and spirit of volunteers continues to rise to the needs. Approximately 61 million Americans — 23% of the adult population — volunteer their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Volunteer time in the United States is currently valued at \$31.80 per hour. This calculation is based on hourly earnings released by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and AmeriCorps data on volunteer hours. It's estimated that volunteers contribute nearly \$200 billion in value to US communities. In Virginia, more than 1.8 million residents volunteered contributing \$4 billion in economic value in 2021.

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County; that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life, and on the health and well-being of our community.

A complete list of the Outstanding Volunteers and where they volunteer is attached.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Resolution

Attachment 2: List of Outstanding Volunteers

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***WHEREAS**, Fairfax County Park Authority depends on the service of generous volunteers, day-in and day-out, to enrich our parks, address our desire to satisfy and attract diverse audiences and park visitation, and to continue to meet the needs of our growing park system and community; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority, created by legislative action in 1950, offers volunteers unique service opportunities that allow individuals the chance to grow personally while giving back to their community and include such options as invasive plant management and archaeological exploration, assistance at golf courses, working as a market master at our farmers markets, front desk work at RECenters, the chance to teach Adapted Aquatics or other inclusive programs, the pleasure of experiencing life on a farm or working as a docent at a historic site, improving a trail, or dozens of other volunteer activities; and*

***WHEREAS**, these essential, good-hearted, hard-working and resilient volunteers provide an effective means of service provision to the many residents of Fairfax County who visit our parks each year and collectively represent a fiscally-sound approach to the provision of services in support of the Park Authority mission; and*

***WHEREAS**, local volunteers are a big part of the national and state volunteer movement that attracts millions of individuals annually to the call for service and offers not just personal and community benefit but a tangible fiscal impact that allows park systems across America to thrive despite limits to government support; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognizes that volunteers strengthen Fairfax County, that volunteering makes a positive impact on the environment, on the quality of life and on the health and well-being of our community, and that volunteering is an essential part of living in a thriving society, adding enormous benefits and opportunities to our park system;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fairfax County Park Authority that it expresses appreciation and thanks to

***Volunteer***

*for dedicated and outstanding contributions to the parks and citizens of Fairfax County.*

*Adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board on July 12, 2023.*

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*Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter*  
*Secretary*

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*Kiel Stone*  
*Chairman*

<b><u>2023 Outstanding Volunteers</u></b>		
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Laura Handley	IMA Program	2 years
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Eva Novak	Providence Rec Center	1.5 years
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