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## 2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Recipients Announced

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has named the 2014 Elly Doyle Park Service Award recipients. The annual award recognizes individuals and organizations that contribute outstanding volunteer service to the Park Authority. This year’s awardees include Greendale Golf Course volunteer James “Curly” Anderko, Hidden Oaks Nature Center volunteer Bob Dinse and Alan Figgatt, a volunteer astronomer at The Turner Farm Observatory Park.

For 25 years, Curly Anderko has been the “go-to” volunteer at Greendale Golf Course. He’s held six different posts through the years including cart maintenance and customer service and assistance. He is greatly admired by staff and golfers alike.

Bob Dinse is a resource stewardship manager at Hidden Oaks Nature Center where he has volunteered for five years, dedicating thousands of hours of service. Since 2009, he has provided a variety of assistance including construction of two fair weather crossings and the placement of trail liners. He promotes environmental stewardship one project at a time.

For over ten years, Alan Figgatt has volunteered at the Analemma Society’s Friday Night celestial observation programs held at The Turner Farm Observatory Park. He has taken sharing the wonders of astronomy and the universe to heart, coordinating school and scout sessions and sharing his knowledge of the heavens and his telescope with Fairfax County residents.

The Park Board also approved the following Elly Doyle Special Recognition Awards:

- Mona Enquist-Johnston, a Park Authority retiree who volunteers her time in interpretive programs at Hidden Oaks Nature Center and on the Elly Doyle staff committee.
- American Audio Video President John Eltzroth for providing technical and AV support at the Elly Doyle Park Service Award ceremonies since 2009.
- Fairfax County Farmers Market Market Masters for years of service during which they committed themselves to the operation and promotion of each of the 11 farmers markets.
- Donn Grover, a volunteer at Lake Accotink Park who has spent countless hours hand-painting the antique park carousel figurines.
- Retail store REI for their annual grant donation to the Park Authority’s Invasive Management Area program and volunteer efforts in removing invasive plant species since 2012.

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Matthew Baker was selected as the Student Honoree for 2014. As lead animal care volunteer, Baker has contributed nearly 700 volunteer hours to Hidden Pond Nature Center and is a popular mentor to younger volunteers and children.

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award program was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1988 in recognition of former board member and Chair Ellamae Doyle's years of outstanding service. Awards will be presented at the Elly Doyle Park Services and Outstanding Volunteers Award ceremony in November 2014.

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