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## Lee District Amphitheater Renamed To Honor Veteran Park Employee

The Lee District Park Amphitheater will soon be known by a new name honoring an individual credited with the ongoing renaissance of Lee District Park and the adjacent RECenter. Late last month, the Fairfax County Park Authority Board officially named the amphitheater after former General Manager Leonadus K. Plenty and on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 he will be honored just prior to the free concert at 7:30 p.m. Veronneau will present a performance of jazz and the public is cordially invited.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay noted, “It’s fitting that we name this beautiful amphitheater for Leon Plenty—he did so much to make the amphitheater and the summer concert series one of the best parts of Lee District summers.”

Supervisor McKay, members of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and the Fairfax County Park Foundation will be on hand as the amphitheater is renamed The Leon Plenty Amphitheater in honor of Plenty, who recently retired after 32 years of service to the Park Authority.

During his tenure with the Park Authority, Plenty worked at seven RECenters, culminating his career as General Manager at Lee District RECenter, a position he held since 1982. At Lee District, Plenty played an instrumental role in facilitating renovations and expansion of the facility and improving operations. He was well-regarded in the community and played an influential role in the development of the Family Recreation Area, including Our Special Harbor and Chessie’s Big Backyard, in addition to guiding the successful community concert and performance series.

The amphitheater was renovated in April 2001, increasing the stage size to 5,100 square feet, and adding stage lights, a dressing room and a storage room. In addition, lights were added to the seating area, and seating capacity was expanded to 250 people. A paved path and an 800 square foot viewing area were added to provide access to individuals with disabilities.

Lee District Park Amphitheater is located in Lee District Park at 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA. For more information about the renaming ceremony, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. For information about our Summer Entertainment Series, visit online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

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