



# 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:** Judy Pedersen, Marketing and Communications Director

**DATE:** July 8, 2022

### *Agenda*

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

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022 – 6:40 pm**

**Virtual**

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

**Vice Chair: Ron Kendall**

1. Park Authority Award Recipients for 2022 (with presentation) – Action
2. Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2022 – Administrative\*

\*Enclosures



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## **ACTION-1**

### Park Authority Award Recipients for 2022

#### ISSUE:

Approval of the 2022 selectees for the Elly Doyle Park Service Awards, the Harold Strickland Collaboration and Partnership Award, and the inaugural 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 Carter, chairman 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 13, 2022 to proceed with preparations for the virtual awards program slated for November 2022. 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 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.

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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 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 newly established awards are reflective of significant multi-year contributions of service, support, and advocacy on behalf of the Park Authority.

This year, the Park Authority Board has 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. Expenses will be equal to that of years in which a live awards program was presented. Although the November virtual program will be held as in the recent past, a live Volunteer Recognition Day was held this spring boosting expenses. Similarly, we are experiencing increases in the cost of awards. Total expenditures generally run between \$9,000 and \$13,000 per annum. Videography is provided at no cost by Channel 16.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

STAFF:

Jai Cole, Executive Director  
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Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer  
Allison Rankin, Management Analyst



# Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE  
PARK AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING JULY 13, 2022

# 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

# 2022 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
- ▶ 2022 consists of Elly Doyle (Elly, Youth, Special Recognition), Strickland, and JEDI awards
- ▶ Park Foundation Eakin awards and Outstanding Volunteers are included in ceremony
- ▶ This year, we are adding a short memorial tribute to past winners



# 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**



# Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## 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**

## 2022 Outstanding Volunteers

Nominee	Site	Yrs of Service	Title
Ana Alatrash	Spring Hill Rec Center	1 year	Volunteer
Dave Barnard	Cub Run, Lee, & Oak Marr Rec Center	4.5 years	Adapted Aquatics Assistant
Ava Belmont	Mount Vernon RECenter	5 years	Front Desk Associate
William Doud	Twin Lakes Golf Course	4 years	Play Manager
Dan Dyke	Colvin Run Mill	5 years	Mill Docent, FoCRM president, Millers Assistant
Elizabeth Etherton	Frying Pan Farm Park	5 years	Garden Coordinator
Alan Figgatt	Turner Farm Park Observatory	19 years	Volunteer on Duty
Gioia Forman	Green Spring Gardens	5 years	Special Events Volunteer
David Gorsline	Huntley Meadows Park	29 years	Duck Nest Box Coordinator
Janet Jaeger	Lee District Rec Center	5 years	Front Desk Associate
Susan Jones	South Run RECenter	~24 years	Front Desk Associate
Brian Keith	Sully Historic Site	3.5 years	Trail Volunteer; Teaching Docent; Special Events
Owen Krzos	Hidden Pond	2.5 years	Volunteer Naturalist
Kristine Lansing	Riverbend Park	5 years	Bird Walk & Wildflower Monitor Volunteer
Jerry Lopynski	Frying Pan Farm Park	1 year	Store Volunteer
Mike Messman	Greendale Golf Course	5 years	Volunteer Golf Course Maintenance
Kim Nguyen	Cub Run Rec Center	1 year	Volunteer
Brenda Pryor	Providence Rec Center	1 year	Front Desk Volunteer
Beverley Rivera	Lake Accotink Park	4 years	IMA Site Leader
Alice Schipf	Oak Marr REC Center	~2 years	Landscaping Assistant
Mary Beth Smith	Audrey Moore Rec Center	3 years	Front Desk Associate

# 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



## 2022 Slate of Nominees

### Elly Doyle Award

- TBD

### Special Recognition

- TBD

### Youth Award

- TBD

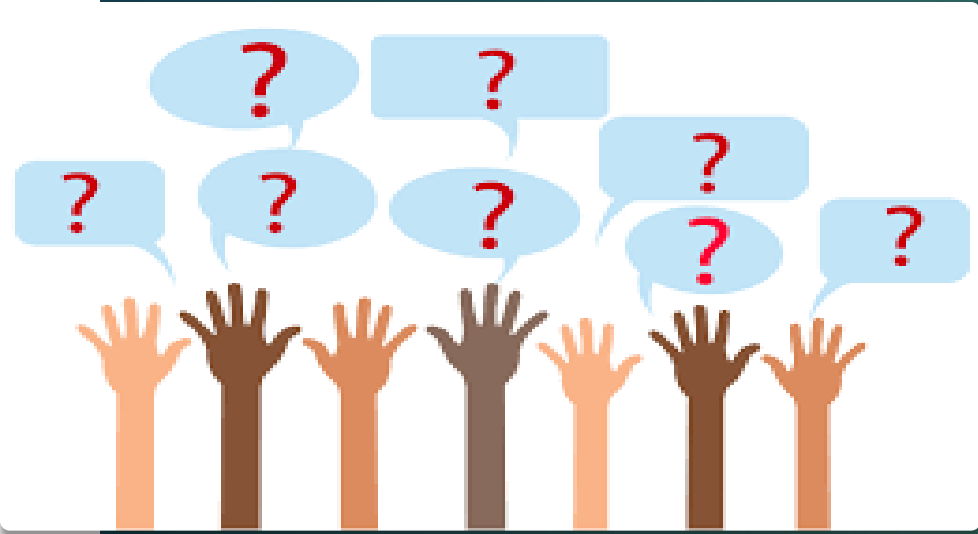
## 2022 Slate of Nominees

### Harold Strickland Award

- TBD

### Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion

- TBD



# Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### Resolution Honoring the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2022.

#### ISSUE:

Seeking approval of the resolution to honor the Fairfax County Park Authority's Outstanding Volunteers of 2022 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 2022.

#### TIMING:

Board action is requested on July 13, 2022.

#### BACKGROUND:

The Park Authority is once again benefitting from the work of volunteers who despite the ongoing threat of exposure to COVID-19 have returned to duty at sites throughout the park system. They were the last to leave their posts at the height of the pandemic and the first to return as vaccines and safety protocols made it possible to reopen our parks. For their service to the residents of Fairfax County and the park system we are forever grateful.

Recent statistics indicate that commitment to public service remains and continues to return to more normal numbers. In 2020, volunteers faced many challenges to their service, but they continued to show up. In fact, they logged nearly 69,000 hours of service and we had 4,301 volunteers. In 2021, as the pandemic restrictions eased further and facilities and programs took on new approaches to service, volunteers were eager to return and demonstrate their dedication to supporting the park system. In 2021, the Park Authority tracked 112,236 hours of volunteer service from 4,275 volunteers. There are early indications of the continuing resurgence in volunteer service with first quarter tallies in 2022 indicating nearly 27,000 hours of service and 4,065 volunteers in action.



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Volunteer service with the Park Authority clearly offers unique experiences, the chance to see tangible change, provides the opportunity to learn new skills and the satisfaction of teaching new skills, educated 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 group, pulling weeds, helping at a Rec 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, our 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 63 million Americans — 25% of the adult population — volunteer their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Volunteer time in the United States is currently valued at \$28.54 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 that value is estimated to be \$30.80 per hour (2021), a 5.7% increase from 2020.

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

STAFF:

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Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer

***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**, Park Authority volunteers continued to answer the call to service despite restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in fact were among the first to return to duty, donning masks, keeping their social distance and learning to “pivot” in their numerous tasks at parks, RECenters, golf courses, historic sites and farmers markets; 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 13, 2022.*

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*Michael W. Thompson, Jr.*  
*Secretary*

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*William G. Bouie*  
*Chairman*

NAME	LOCATION	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Mary Beth Smith	Audrey Moore Rec Center	3 years
Owen Krzos	Hidden Pond	2.5 years
Kristine Lansing	Riverbend Park	5 years
Brenda Pryor	Providence Rec Center	1 year
Susan Jones	South Run RECenter	About 24 years
Jerry Lopynski	Frying Pan Farm Park	9 months
Elizabeth Etherton	Frying Pan Farm Park	5 years
Kim Nguyen	Cub Run Rec Center	1 year
Dave Barnard	Cub Run Rec Center, Lee Rec Center, Oak Marr Rec Center	11/29/2017 to Present
Janet Jaeger	Lee District Rec Center	4 years and 10 months
Beverley Rivera	IMA Program - Lake Accotink Park	4 years
Ana Alatrash	Spring Hill Rec Center	1 year
Brian Keith	Sully Historic Site	3.5 years
Dan Dyke	Colvin Run Mill	5 years
Ava Belmont	Mount Vernon RECenter	5 years
Alan Figgatt	Turner Farm Park Observatory	19 Years
David Gorsline	Huntley Meadows Park	29 years
Mike Messman	Greendale Golf Course	5 years
Alice Schipf	Oak Marr REC Center	Approximately two years
William Doud	Twin Lakes Golf Course	4 Years
Gioia Forman	Green Spring Gardens	5 years