

# HONORS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## LAKE ACCOTINK PARK'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



Thousands visitors filled Lake Accotink Park on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, as the Fairfax County Park Authority marked the 60th anniversary of this popular lake-front park, featuring free amusements, special programming, trail hikes, children's activities and displays from local organizations. The celebration also drew several members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, members of the Park Authority Board, the Friends of Lake Accotink Park and Park Authority staff.

Lake Accotink Park provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoying nature across its 449 acres. Central to the park is a 55-acre lake, surrounded by wetlands and forest. The park offers opportunities to hike and bike miles of trails, fish from the shoreline, and observe the changing of the seasons. A miniature golf course, historic carousel and playgrounds provide amusements.

## HIDDEN OAKS NATURE CENTER GRAND REOPENING DRAWS A CROWD

There were hundreds of people who turned out for the grand reopening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in Annandale on Saturday, July 16. The renovated and expanded facility featured a host of diverse programs, activities and performances, as well as remarks by local officials.

With funding from the 2016 Park Bond, Hidden Oaks Nature Center underwent \$1,627,000 in renovations and expansions. The construction added an additional classroom, kitchen area and interpretive space. The restrooms were also renovated to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards. A new pond now graces the property, complimenting the outdoor public amenities in Annandale Community Park, including trails, the Wing Wall exhibit, the woodland carved tree and a butterfly-themed playground.



## WAKEFIELD PICKLEBALL COURT RENOVATION, ADDITIONS OFFICIALLY OPEN



Pickleball enthusiasts attended the ribbon cutting and exhibition at Wakefield Park Pickleball and Tennis Complex in June. The \$410,000 project was paid for with dedicated funding from Fairfax County for renovations of parks and facilities, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) funding aimed at providing full accessibility to the courts.

Improvements included reconstruction of tennis courts 9 and 10, practice tennis courts, removal of two platform tennis courts, and installation of two pickleball courts. Additional improvements include construction of ADA-compliant walkways and installation of bench pads.

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