

Madison County Parks and Recreation

It was a strange spring. Unprecedented. Difficult. Uncertain. Even scary. COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on our homes, jobs, and families, to name a few.

We at Madison Parks and Recreation were not immune. Our fields were empty. Uniforms remained tucked away in boxes. Equipment sat unused. Our newly renovated H5 softball field never hosted its first game, and our concession stand, now nearly complete, did not serve customers this spring. Events were canceled. Camps were delayed. In the midst of it all, our staff worked diligently to keep the park open with new activities to keep our community active and engaged.

New Ideas

MCPRA hosted many new activities this spring. The Virtual Art Gallery featured youth artists. A video slideshow on our website and on our Facebook page showcased



many talented students with grades ranging from Pre-K through 12th grade. The Summer Art Gallery will feature artwork from June and July. Those submissions are due by July 31.

We also featured two different scavenger hunts in the park, *Clue—A Hoover Ridge Murder Mystery* and *Jurassic Park Dinosaur Hunt*.

July will feature “Where’s Jerry?”, a “Where’s Waldo?” scavenger hunt across the park. Instruction packets will be available in a tub at the Madison Parks and Recreation office.

Summer Camp

In all the uncertainty, we are excited to still be able to offer our Hoover Ridge Summer Camp for the remainder of summer. In addition to CDC Camp guidelines, modifications to camp, including individual art supply boxes and individual

Lego® kits, helped to adhere to the new COVID-19 restrictions. Games and activities have been modified to encourage social distancing, and participants take hand-washing and sanitizing breaks between activities.

Summer camp has provided children the opportunity to engage with peers, get exercise, play outdoors, build and create, fish, take nature walks, play water games, and more. Most of the participants are participating in camp for the summer, which has limited the number of new faces each week. Only 12 participants are allowed each week at this time.

Events

Many of our events were put on hold, but starting in August, our Music in the Park events will return to Hoover Ridge! We are still working on a way to provide Movies in the Park and a few of our other events.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Madison Parks and Recreation. We are *still* excited for 2020!

VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

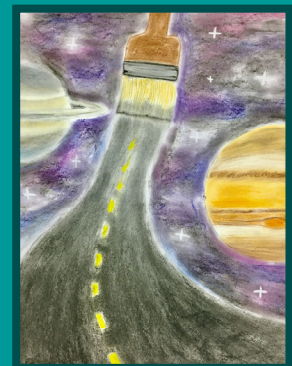
**** www.hooveridge.com for complete gallery****



Leah McLearen



Anna Ford



Lizzie Burbridge

MCPRA NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

JULY

- 3 "Where's Jerry" Scavenger Hunt begins
- 31 Virtual Art Gallery submissions due

AUGUST

- 1 Fall Sports Registration Opens
- 4 Scavenger Hunt in the Park (TBD)
- 14 Music in the Park—South Canal Street
- 28 Music in the Park—The Worx

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Music in the Park—Groove Train

COVID-19 UPDATES

On July 1, Virginia entered Phase 3 in the Governor's "Forward Virginia" plan. While some restrictions have been lifted, some areas at Hoover Ridge and Madison Recreation area may remain closed. For more information, visit the COVID-19 section of our website. In the meantime, please remember to stay at least 6ft. apart, wash or sanitize hands frequently, throw away trash, and stay home if you are sick or if you have recently been exposed to anyone with COVID-19.



CAMPS

ADVANCED SKILLS CAMP

Ages: 12-16
 When: 9:00am—11:00am July 27-31
 Where: MCHS Gymnasium (alternate location at Hoover Ridge)
 Cost: \$50
 Instructor: Lindsay Von Herbulis
 Skills camp designed to prepare participants for High School tryouts, usually scheduled the first week in August. Register online at www.hooverridge.com.

HOOVER RIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Grades: completed K—8
 When: Individual weeks in July/August
 Call for availability
 8:00am-4:00pm with options
 Cost: \$125/week, additional care options
 Where: Hoover Ridge Park
 Participants will spend most of their time outdoors playing games, doing arts and crafts, learning different sports, doing nature activities, and more!

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Lindsay Von Herbulis
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Youth Sports Registration

We are working diligently to provide Youth Sports programs this fall. Our anticipated date to open Registration is August 1. Any sport not listed by that time will not be participating this year. Please go to www.hooverridge.com to register in our all-new Camp and Class Manager. For more information, including costs and age groups available, go to our website and choose your sport under "Athletics."

HOOVER RIDGE SUMMER CAMP

Meet the Staff!

Allie Burbridge (left) just completed her first year at Virginia Tech, where she is studying Human Development. She graduated from MCHS in 2019, where she was an outstanding volleyball player. Allie plans to be a teacher after college. Allie enjoys hiking, hanging with friends, and being outdoors.

Cailin Roberts (right) just completed her first year at Christopher Newport University, where she is studying Psychology. She also graduated from MCHS in 2019 and was a member of the Varsity Soccer team for 4 years. Cailin plans to become a teacher after college. Cailin loves playing soccer, watching Netflix, and hanging out with friends.

