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Bill Barker Park Ranger



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BARKER RETIRES AS CHIEF

Former Chief Bill Barker retired on January 15, 2008 after twenty two years as Assistant Ranger and Chief. In appreciation for his long years of service the Lake Authority held a Retirement Dinner on January 31st. Guests included family, friends, members of area Law Enforcement and representatives from the Special Police Certification Unit. Bill was presented Plaques, and the big surprise was the naming of the Community Building, The William H. (Bill) Barker

Community Building for his long and dedicated service. Bill will continue to work part time as Assistant Ranger.

HORNE NAMED THE NEW CHIEF

Frank Horne was named the new Chief to replace Bill on January 15, 2008. Mr. Horne retired from the Danville Sheriff's Department as Major following thirty six years of service. Frankie, as he is known to his friends, has extensive training and experience in both Law Enforcement and Management Skills. His availability could not have come at better time. He will be a credit to the organization and the Patrons who use our facilities.

PARK FACILITIES UPGRADED

The Staff, with assistance from Inmates with the Dan River Prison Work Farm, have been busy upgrading facilities in the Park. The three Group Shelters have been repaired, painted, new lighting, new roofing and water provided to each site. Charges for using the Shelters will be \$25.00, with a \$25.00 returnable deposit if the Shelter is left clean. The old boathouse office received a new look with the installation of vinyl siding and new gutters. Thanks again to Tom Arnold and his Squad 12 Inmates.

NATURAL LEARNING AREA TRAILS PAVED

With the aid of a Matching Grant from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) we were able to pave the long gravel trails and access trails to the Natural Area. Paving the trails enhanced the beauty of the Natural Area, and made walking the trails much easier. Persons who need Wheel Chair and/or Scooter assistance can navigate much more of the Natural Area trails. If you like walking in the outdoors, you will find a walk in our Natural Area fulfilling. Access is free, and parking is adequate.

BOATING PERMITS REQUIRED

All water craft located below the 420 foot Contour Line must display a current annual or daily Boating Permit by May 1st. of each year. Owners of water craft located below the 420 foot Contour Line, whether on the shore, in the lift or in the water, are required to display a current Permit. Failure to comply with this approved Rule could result in a Citation being issued by our Rangers. Annual Permits are \$45.00 and Daily Permits are \$15.00, and can be purchased at the Ranger Office in the Park.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

Please be reminded before you do any work below the 420 Foot Contour Line you must visit our office and present your plans to our Rangers. Boathouse and Pier Plans must be complete and display a three sided view. If approved you will be required to purchase a Building Permit at a cost of \$100.00. This Permit will be good for six months. Also, any shoreline alteration, tree pruning or cutting may require a Permit as well.

ANNUAL LEASE FEES

Invoices are enclosed for the Annual Lease Fee. This fee must be paid prior to July 1st. to avoid a Second Notice and late fee of \$30.00. If you have changed your address please let us know in order that we can update your information.

FULL POOL

It was truly a rewarding site when the rains came and filled the lake to full pool. The Lake water level last year reached its lowest ever at fifty inches revealing an unsightly shoreline, and problems experienced by boat owners to get their boats in the water and traverse the lake safely.

<u>COMING SOON</u> AMPHITHEATER IN THE PARK

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