

DELAWARE RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Wilmington State Park Staff Members Jim Bradley and Dave Jones Rescue City Resident at Rockford Tower



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Wilmington, DE - On July 14, 2008, Simon Cranny stood before a crowd of well wishers and his rescuers to publically thank them during news conference held at Rockford Park, Wilmington, Delaware. Seated near him, his wife and two young daughters reminded all of the significance of the first responders in a heart attack situation. Simon Cranny thanked Wilmington State Parks Maintenance Supervisor Dave Jones and maintenance worker Jim Bradley for saving his life.

Bradley and Jones were working at the Rockford Tower comfort station on July 15, 2008 when Mr. Cranny stopped by during his morning jog. Within minutes of their greeting, Jim Bradley found Mr. Cranny outside, unconscious and without a pulse. Jim Bradley immediately began CPR, while Dave Jones called 911. Jim Bradley, working on Mr. Cranny and Dave Jones, relaying instructions from the 911 operator, gave Mr. Cranny a second chance at life.

At the news conference, Simon Cranny explained that when he saw Jim and Dave, "I thanked them from the bottom of my heart, and now I am free to live my life again." Dr. James Flowers, medical director of the St. Francis Hospital Emergency department and ambulance service stated that Bradley and Jones' assistance on that day was the reason that Mr. Cranny survived and was able to address the crowd at this news conference.

Each day, members of our parks serve, educate and protect the people and resources in our care. On July 1, 2008 two humble civil servants stepped out of the everyday and became heroes to our community, in our parks and most especially, to a man and his family.

FOR INFORMATION ON THIS OR ANY OTHER PARK EVENT PLEASE VISIT US AT WWW.DESTATEPARKS.COM

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Submitted By: Paul Nicholson,
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Barbara Woodford

Jonathan Husband Named 2007 Sargisson Award Winner

New Castle County Special Services Department, which includes the Parks & Recreation function, has been fortunate to have Jonathan Husband on its staff. Jon was hired 1/7/1985 by the Department of Community Services (Parks Section) once directed by Bill Kapa. His degree in Landscape Architecture gave Jon the foundation to design many parks within New Castle County. He has overseen construction of new and renovated parks, development of new trails and instrumental in the acquisition of key parcels for active parks or conservation. Jon is responsible for bringing the "Bark Parks" to the Talley Day and Carousel Parks and hopes to bring one to Iron Hill in the near future. Jon, along with community input, originated the idea of a skatepark, now under construction in Glasgow Regional Park and will be the largest facility of its type in Delaware.

During the development boom years of the late 1980 and into the 1990's, Jonathan worked with the residential developers directing them to set aside specific parcels of riparian lands for stream corridor protection and to set aside uplands for active recreation opportunities. His insistence resulted in a conservation greenway along the Christina River as well as active recreation lands permanently protected County-wide. Jonathan was instrumental in key acquisitions to the Middle Run Natural Area, upper Mill Creek, and Red Clay Creek (between Brandywine Park and Greenbank Mill), Porter Square, Wellington Woods, Weiss, Prest, and Paper Mill Parks and parkland expansion at Talley Day Park.

Jon recently arranged for Delaware Disc Golf to set up a course in Bechtel Park. When DDG is not using the course, it will be open for use by the public. This is yet another way that Jon works to bring people into the parks.

Jon has sponsored approximately fifteen (15) Eagle Scout project within NCCo park system. He has helped Scouts outline projects following and mentoring the Scout through to project completion.

Jon recently reported to New Castle County Council that the County exceeds NRPA recommended standards for protected park acres. NCC currently has 23,832 park/open space acres under its jurisdiction - 46 acres of parkland/open space per 1,000 county residents. The NRPA standard is 21-30 acres/1000 residents. About ¼ of the County's park land acres are in active recreation. Jon said "the county has 253 total parks encompassing 6,100 acres that provide active recreation opportunities – ball fields, court games, walking paths, and play equipment – to residents." All facilities are close to home meeting the immediate recreational needs of local residents.

Jonathan has had several DRPS Committee positions, served to the DRPS Board and was President in 1996.



Jonathan Husband was named DRPS 2007 Sargisson Award recipient at the Annual Awards Banquet held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover on February 27th.

Sargisson Award Winners

- 1972 – Leah Roedel
- 1973 - Norman Wilder
- 1974 - Peter Geldof Jr.
- 1975 - Ralph Cryder
- 1976 - George Sargisson
- 1977 - William J. Hopkins
- 1978 - William Kapa
- 1979 - Charles E. Mohr
- 1980 - James F. Hall
- 1981 - W. Laurence Bicking
- 1982 - Glenn T. Smoot
- 1983 – Edward Laverty
- 1984 – Donald J. Bowman
- 1985 - Clyde L. Shipman
- 1986 - David J. Coyle
- 1987 – Peter T. Adams
(Posthumous)
- 1988 – Charles A. Salkin
- 1989 - Patricia R. Lawson
- 1990 – James W. Oneill
- 1991 – Zachery C Carter
- 1992 – Gail Elder White
- 1993 – Samuel V. Mace
- 1994 - Carol Barnett
- 1995 - Stephen J. Schilly
- 1996 – Mary Makadad Voshell
- 1997 – Susan R. Moerschel
- 1998 - Charles R. Emerson
- 1999 - Gary L. Emory
- 2000 - Paul Nicholson
- 2001 – Carol Baxter
- 2002 - Nick McFadden
- 2003 - Laura Madera
- 2004 - Mary Betts
- 2005- Stan Kozicki
- 2006 - Joe Spadafino
- 2007 - Johnathan Husband



Congratulations
to Parks and Recreation Personnel
With Over 30 Years of Service
In Parks and Recreation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Years</u>
William Cooper	Dover	30
Zachary Carter	Dover	33
Carroll Jester	Milford	30
Gary Emory	Milford	30
Wayne Zoski	New Castle Co.	32
Tom Zaleski	Newark	30
Cara Blume	State Parks	37
Clyde Shipman	State Parks	37
Debbie Bell	State Parks	34
Dwight Anttila	State Parks	30
Jim O'Neil	State Parks	40
John McMillon	State Parks	33
Lee McDaniel	State Parks	33
Michael Felker	State Parks	35
Nick McFadden	State Parks	32
Paul Nicholson	State Parks	30
Ron Crouch	State Parks	30
William Seyfert	State Parks	30
Edward Johnson, III	Wilmington	30
Frauline Trotter	Wilmington	30
Jana Lane Brown	Wilmington	30
John Shehee	Wilmington	30
Margre Draper	Wilmington	30
Stan Kozicki	Wilmington	33
Linda Joquin	Wilmington	30

Submitted By: Bob Ehemann

**2008 DRPS
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

HOPKINS SCHOLARSHIP

Tom Zalenski	\$631.00
Sue Staats	\$599.00
Andy Manning	\$385.00
Mary Wagner	\$385.00

ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP

Breanne Preisen \$1000.00



RTCA Held At Milford Parks and Recreation

On Thursday June 19th, 2008, Julie Bell and Joe DiBello from the National Park Service's Northeast Region presented the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program to a small audience at the Milford Parks and Rec Center. Although it was a small group, the attendees represented a wide range of interests including DelDOT, Dept of Ag-Forestry Service, a town manager, an arborist, state parks and several municipal parks and recreation departments.

Julie and Joe presented an overview of the RTCA program and the technical assistance they can provide to communities, state and local governments, private non-profits, corporations and various other partners for their conservation and recreation projects through a variety of services and programs. Although funding is not directly part of this program, RTCA assistance is primarily technical and helps local communities organize their project. RTCA staff help identify the key stakeholders, locate funding, and develop a strategic approach to conserving, managing, interpreting and providing public access to valued assets in Delaware and other states.

Also discussed were potential projects in the state that may qualify for RTCA assistance including the Mispillion River water trail, Nanticoke River, Georgetown to Lewes Rail-Trail, Assawoman Canal Trail and Blackbird State Forest.

Bob Ehemann has a limited number of NPS handouts from the workshop and will send this info out while supplies last. To learn more about NPS in Delaware, see the state profile produced by the NPS Northeast Region (<http://www.nps.gov/nero/states/>).

A special thanks to Gary Emory and the entire Milford Parks and Rec staff for graciously hosting this workshop, providing fresh bakery goods, coffee and lunch. Gary also led a guided tour of the Mispillion Riverwalk to those who could stay. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated!

Submitted By: Bob Ehemann

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Delaware's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program

DNREC's Division of Fish and Wildlife is sponsoring Delaware's 12th annual **Becoming an Outdoors-Woman** program.



Next program: **Aug. 22 - 24**
at Camp Arrowhead in Lewes



Hershey's Track & Field Games

The Hershey's Track & Field Games just celebrated its 30th anniversary. During that time nearly 10 million youth have participated in the program. The mission of the Hershey's Track & Field Games is to provide a quality recreation and school program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing. The basic philosophy of this program is to stimulate the participation of all eligible children; it is no way to be construed as an all-star program for chosen individuals. Learning, participation, enjoyment and physical exercise are the main elements of this program.

The City of Wilmington Department of Parks and Recreation is excited to participate in the 2009 program. Boys and girls between ages 9 and 14 are encouraged to register. Contestants may enter as many as three events. For additional information contact Shawn R. Baker, Program Coordinator, (302) 576-3810.

Submitted By: Shawn Baker



The main goal of the BOW program is to provide women the opportunity to learn skills that encourage and enhance participation in outdoor activities, like hunting and shooting, fishing and boating, and non-harvest activities.

While Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is aimed primarily at women, it offers an opportunity for anyone 18 or older to learn skills that allow them to participate in numerous outdoor activities.

The BOW Weekend features four half-day training sessions that begin on Friday afternoon. Participants have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of course offerings during each of the sessions. Included among the many hands-on courses during the weekend are archery, surf fishing, camping, shotgun shooting, basic boating, sea kayaking, hunting skills, flyfishing, nature photography, and various other outdoor activities. The instructors of these courses have been selected for their expertise as well as their ability to provide instruction in a safe, supportive, and non-competitive atmosphere.

For more information about Delaware's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program, go to www.fw.delaware.gov and click on "Education" or please contact:

BOW Program
Aquatic Resources Education Center
4876 Hay Point Landing Road
Smvrna. DE 19977

Submitted By: Sue Staats

Historical Marker Celebration at the George Wilson Community Center

On Friday September 5, Newark Parks and Recreation and the Delaware State Archives will host a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of a historic marker at the George Wilson Community Center. The event is scheduled to begin at 10am and light refreshments will be served. You are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Newark Parks and Recreation at (302) 366-7060 or email Tyler at gwcnpr@hotmail.com.

The marker will include the following information regarding the history of the George Wilson Center:

The first school for Newark's African American children was organized in 1860 by John Congo and met in his home at the intersection of Corbit Street and New London Road. By about 1866 this school had grown sufficiently to move into a larger schoolhouse on the south side of East Cleveland Avenue. In 1922 a new school housing grades 1-8 was built here on land obtained from H. Warner McNeal. There were four classrooms on the first floor and a lunchroom in the basement. Funding for construction was provided by P. S. duPont and the Delaware School Auxiliary Association. The building functioned as a school until 1958. The school and surrounding property, also known as "School Hill", was an important meeting place for neighborhood residents for social and recreational gatherings as well. In 1961, the City of Newark purchased the building and grounds. Significant renovations took place and the New London Community Center opened in 1970. In 1977, the building was renamed in honor of George M. Wilson, a leader in improving housing conditions for members of Newark's black community and former member of Newark's City Council.

Submitted By: Tyler DeBruin 4

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA TREE CLIMBING SCHOOL

Press Release
For Immediate Release

Penn State Cooperative Extension and tree care industry leaders will host the "Western Pennsylvania Tree Climbing School" will be during the week of October 20 to 24, 2008 at the Devil's Elbow Grove in North Park, Allegheny County Park System. This five-day tree climbing school is designed to teach the fundamentals of safe tree climbing and maintenance. Major emphasis will be placed on learning the skills required to climb and prune trees.

Experienced professionals from Penn State, ISA Penn Del Chapter and industry will present lectures and demonstrations, and participants will spend much time climbing to internalize the technical skills.

Students completing this school will not be accomplished climbers; however, students will have a satisfactory basic understanding, knowledge, and the skills required in the field of tree maintenance and tree climbing.

Cost to attend is \$450.00, with pre-registration required by October 3. To register, or to find more information about the course, call Dr. Bill Elmendorf, Asst. Professor of Urban and Community Forestry, The Pennsylvania State University at ph. 814-865-7541.

This seminar is sponsored by the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension and the International Society of Arboriculture – Penn Del Chapter. A total of 28 ISA Arborist CEUs will be awarded to Certified Arborists completing this course.

The Pennsylvania State University encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Scott Sjolander at 814-333-7460, or email sas305@psu.edu in advance of your participation or visit.

The Pennsylvania State University is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to personal characteristics not related to ability, performance, or qualifications as determined by University policy or by state or federal authorities. It is the policy of the University to maintain an academic and work environment free of discrimination, including harassment. The Pennsylvania State University prohibits discrimination and harassment against any person because of age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religions creed, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, discrimination or harassment against faculty, staff, or students will not be tolerated at The Pennsylvania State University. Direct all inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policy to the Affirmative Action director, The Pennsylvania State University, 328 Boucke Building, University Park, PA 16802-5901, Tel 814-865-4700/V, 814-863-1150/TTY. End

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Urban Forestry Management Plan Workshop And Related Webcasts

Registration has been extended -
please see below for details and consider joining us or forwarding to
someone you think would be interested.

August 20, 2008 Urban Forestry Management Workshop hosted by the
Arbor Day Foundation and US Forest Service. Three regional
workshops are being hosted.

The training consists of three web-casts and a one day workshop that
will be held in Wilmington, Delaware, at the Delaware Center for
Horticulture. The cost of \$50 covers lunch, refreshments and resources.

Development and delivery have been subsidized by a grant from the US
Forest Service with match and technical expertise provided by the Arbor
Day Foundation.

Because the first web-cast was July 17th, we are asking that you
register as soon as possible. Registration will be opened up to all on
Tuesday, July 8th and space is limited.

See trailing info below for more details. For your convenience the Direct
link for registration is:

[http://arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/ufm/2008/?
TrackingID=626](http://arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/ufm/2008/?TrackingID=626)

Urban Forestry Management Plans Workshops
Developing and Using Urban Forest Management Plans

Developing an urban forest management plan is considered an
important step in fostering a sustainable urban forestry program.

However, it appears the majority of communities do not have current
or useable plans in place. The USDA Forest Service Northeastern
Area, Your State Urban and Community Forestry Program, and the
Arbor Day Foundation invite you to attend the: Webcasts & Workshops
on Developing and Using Urban Forest Management Plans Workshop

Topic Outline

Welcome

Initiating the Process

Analysis of Resources: Policies, Budget, and Infrastructure

Your Community: Putting the Homework Assignment to Work

Defining Goals and Objectives

Panel: What other Municipal Departments Look for in a Management

Plan The Applied Use of a Management Plan

Management Plan Development Strategy

Resources for Developing Management Plans

Visit arborday.org/ufm to learn more and to register online.

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na.fs.fed.us/urban



Submitted By: Mark Sparagna

Outstanding Member - Bill Boyce

Bill Boyce has been a contributing member of DRPS for over 20 years. Following in his father's footsteps and taking over for him as President of Boyce Associates in 1990.

In 2007, Bill Boyce worked with the Training Committee and presented an excellent overview of playground safety, entitled, THE DIRTY DOZEN, which he presented at Cape Henlopen State Park in the fall.

Bill Boyce, attends meetings regularly and sits on the Conference Committee, despite his drive from the Lehigh Valley and continually supports DRPS and it's members, throughout the year and even at the NRPA Congresses.



DRPS 2007 Legislative Awards

Robert Valihura

Rep. Robert (Bob) Valihura Jr. was first elected to the General Assembly in 1998 and is a strong advocate of parks, conservation areas, historic preservation and trail development. In 2000, Bob joined the Council on Greenways & Trails as a legislative member. He, with other Council members, approved \$6 Million in trail construction and greenway conservation corridor acquisition projects. Representative Valihura is an actively involved member of the Open Space Council, being first appointed in 1995. He is a strong supporter of open space and conservation land preservation throughout the State. He encourages partnerships with other conservation entities in order to maximize protection efforts. We are glad to have Representative Valihura as a legislative member on these Councils supporting our DRPS mission.

Submitted By: Bob Ehemann



William A. Oberle, Jr.

Representative Bill Oberle was first elected to the General Assembly by his Newark-area constituents in 1976 and has served as Majority Whip, Majority Leader and, most recently as the Speaker Pro Tem. He is a lifelong resident of New Castle County who has dedicated his adult life to public service. Born in Wilmington, he graduated from Brandywine High School and attended the University of Delaware and Wilmington College. Following a stint in the U.S. Navy, he took a job as a development manager at DuPont where he worked for over 30 years.

During his three decades in the House of Representatives, Bill has been a strong and reliable supporter of legislation and projects important to the members of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society. He has been an active member of a coalition of legislators that supported the creation and expansion of White Clay Creek State Park, including funding of specific parcels prior to the creation of the Open Space Program. He has supported every major open space bill and has been an active proponent of recreational facility development in Delaware State Parks in New Castle County and the ocean beach parks. Most recently, his commitment to the Division of Parks and Recreation at the Indian River Marina insured that the facility would be successfully redeveloped and, particularly, stay under state management.

As an avid boater and fisherman, Bill is a regular user of Delaware's outdoors finding time to reap the benefits of what he has done to help others.

Submitted By: Bob Ehemann



Representative Oberle Receives a DRPS award from Bob Ehemann, DRPS President.

The City of Newark Welcomes Two New Employees

Michele Marsilii joined Newark Parks & Recreation in April 2008 as a Recreation Specialist. Working part-time with Sharon Bruen, Michele will assist with city special events including Newark Nite, Liberty Day, Safety Town, city parades and holiday festivities.

Michele comes from the American Lung Association of Delaware where she worked for two years as a Special Events Manager. She coordinated two annual fundraisers (Walk for Life & Breath) in Delaware working closely with volunteers, sponsors and the public. She has over ten years experience in marketing and a background in communications/broadcasting. She graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in communications and Wilmington College with a Masters Degree in elementary education.

Michele resides in Bear, DE with her husband and two children.

Michael Windell joined the City of Newark's Park Maintenance crew in the Spring of 2008. Michael was born and raised in Longmont, CO. At the age 21, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Dover Air Force Base. He served for 20 years in the military as an aircraft mechanic, finishing his final tour of service in Fayetteville, NC.

In 2005, Michael retired from the Air Force and moved back to Delaware, where he joined the DELDOT team as an equipment operator and later became field mechanic for DART.

Michael resides in North Wilmington with his two daughters, son, and wife.



Check out the DRPS Blog

<http://delawarerecreationandparksociety.blogspot.com/>

**New information will be added soon.
Please register to post your comments and information.**

**If you have additions, questions, or comments,
please contact Laura Madara at
laura.madara@state.de.us.**

Thanks for researching and taking on this task, Laura!



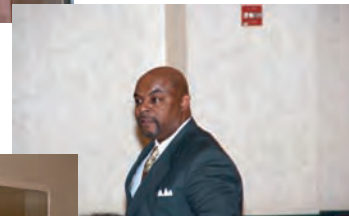
ADDITIONAL DRPS AWARD WINNERS

Honorary Life Member
Clyde Shipman

Friends of Recreation
John Schwander

Past President Award
Rashid Mustafa

Achievement
Carol Walsh



**SPECIAL THANKS TO
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AT THE DRPS AWARDS BANQUET!**