

Mathews County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Agenda Thursday, 4:30 PM January 9, 2025
Historic Courthouse, Mathews, VA.

Call to Order, Roll Call for quorum

Approval of November Minutes, Approval of Agenda

Election: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

Discussion -membership

- Current bylaws “a minimum of one community member at large- selected by Commission”

YMCA Presentation

2024 list of accomplishments

Jan Towne report

Water access points- Earl

Nick-

- Litter Picker prototype
- Court/facility reservations
- Future Parks
- February meeting to discuss 2025 plans and schedules

Comments from Commission members

Mathews Outdoor Club (MOC)-Christine Johnson presentation

Public Comment Period 2

Next meeting February 6, 5pm Historic Courthouse

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Call to Order, Roll Call for quorum

- Present: Nick Koch, Earl Byrum, Amber Moore, Terry Dixon, Sharon Frye, Dan Reno, Tim Tillage, Tom Bowen, Mike Walls, YMCA (Jason)
- Absent: Jan Towne, Amy O'Neil

Approval of November Minutes, Approval of Agenda

- Motion to accept minutes: Sharon Frye, Second Earl Byrum, Passed 6-0
- Motion to accept agenda: Earl Byrum, Second Sharon Frye, Passed 6-0

Election: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

- Tom Bowen opened floor for nominations for Chair
- Sharon motion - Nick Koch for Chair. Earl second and close nominations
- Nick Koch elected 6-0 to serve as chair for 2025
- Nick Koch nominates Earl Byrum to serve as vice chair. Sharon Frye seconds. Earl elected 6-0
- Nick asked for nominations for Secretary. No one agreed to serve.

Welcome Guests

Public comment period

- No guests present

YMCA Presentation

- See attached
- Christine Johnson (Mathews Outdoor Club) agreed to work with the YMCA to coordinate a pickleball learn-to-play opportunity
- Discussion of Mathews Pickleball webpage
- Discussion of effect of the closing of the Boys and Girls club. Discussion of school sports that used to practice at Boys and Girls club.
- Discussion of Silver Sneakers
- Discussion of a community pool. Discussion of possibility of public/private coordination

Jan Towne report

- Letter drafted asking Rotary for funds for Port Fun matting
- Tom Bowen commented that the public may be able to donate to a private group like Rotary for designated projects

Water access points

- Earl Byrum thanked Tim Tillage for the improvements at Whites Creek

- Tim Tillage reported that someone was “cutting donuts” at Roane Point. Sheriff is working on boxes with cameras for 9 sites to cut down on vandalism.
- Edwards Creek landing pier has been permitted. Delayed due to contractor availability
- Tom Bowen- County has applied for 2 more breakwaters

Port Fun

- Tim Tillage reports that \$60,000 needed to finish restrooms

Accomplishments in 2024

- Pickleball courts
- Improved Basketball court
- Hole in the Wall Dredgings
- AED at Port Fun
- Bench at Port Fun
- Port Fun Family Fun Day
- Inventory of Water Access Points
- Several docks repaired/rebuilt
- South Bay Haven designated as a park
- Discussion of the 63 acres
- Regular Parks and Rec meetings

Nick Koch report

- Litter Picker prototype
- Court/facility reservations
 - Discussion of proposed reservation for a wedding. Tim Tillage will address this
- Discussion of a clean up day for South Bay Haven
- Discussion of public access at SBH with recognition of impact on neighborhood

Mathews Outdoor Club--Christine Johnson presentation attached

Sharon Frye--Motion: MOC to become a non-voting member of P and R. Second- Amber Moore. Approved 6-0

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Dave Jones thanked Commission for accomplishments

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Mathews Family YMCA Programs



Mathews Park & Recreation Commission Updates

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all

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January 9, 2025



Our Mission

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Our Cause

Strengthening the foundation of our communities.

Our Areas of Impact

Youth Development, Healthy Living, Social Responsibility

Our Values

Our Y upholds the values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith.



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Four Areas of Focus

AT THE Y WE ...



HELP KIDS SUCCEED.

Provide a safe place for kids to gain confidence, learn, grow, and thrive.

- Bright Beginnings
- Child Care
- Summer Camp
- Youth Sports



PREPARE TEENS FOR LIFE.

Provide a safe place for teens to learn leadership skills, gain confidence, and be themselves.

- Teen Leaders Club
- Youth and Government
- Counselors in Training
- 7th Grade Initiative



PREVENT DROWNING.

Teach youth and adults, how to be safe in and around the water.

- Swim Lessons
- Safety Around Water
- 2nd Grade Learn to Swim
- Lifeguard Classes



HELP PEOPLE GROW HEALTHIER IN SPIRIT, MIND, AND BODY.

Encourage good health, and foster connections through fitness, sports, and shared interests.

- Group Exercise
- YMCA Weight Loss Program

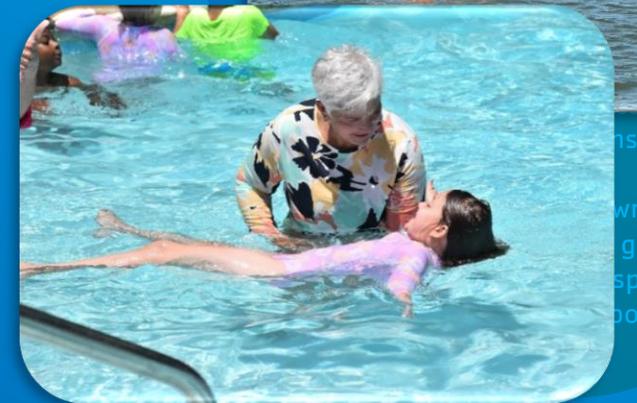


Mathews Family YMCA Programs

- Pickleball
- Soccer (Spring, Fall, and Indoor)
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Sailing Camp
- Multi-day Sports Camp
- 4th Grade First Tee
- 2nd Grade Learn to Swim
- Swim Lessons
- Wellness Classes (Kid Fit, Livestrong etc.)



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Soccer

- Participation
 - 77 Total in 2024
 - 6 used Financial assistance



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Volleyball/Indoor Soccer

- Total participation of 24
 - Moved to the Middlesex YMCA due to the loss of the Boys and Girls Club

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Pickleball

- Throughout the year, we went from averaging 5-6 pickleball players to 18-20



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Sailing Camp

- Total Participation of 75
 - 2 spots a week dedicated to Financial Assistance



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School Programs

- 2nd Grade Learn to Swim
 - 58 participants
- 4th Grade First Tee
 - 2024 session moved to February 2025



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Financial Assistance

- In addition to the free programs we offer at the Y, we offer financial assistance to all who may need it.



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AGENDA

Intro to Mathews Outdoor Club (MOC)

Approve MOC as non-voting member of P&R

Info Only: MOC's 2025 event schedule

P&R Support for MOC's projects

P&R Multiuse Trail subcommittee update

MATHEWS OUTDOOR CLUB (MOC)

MOCVA.NET

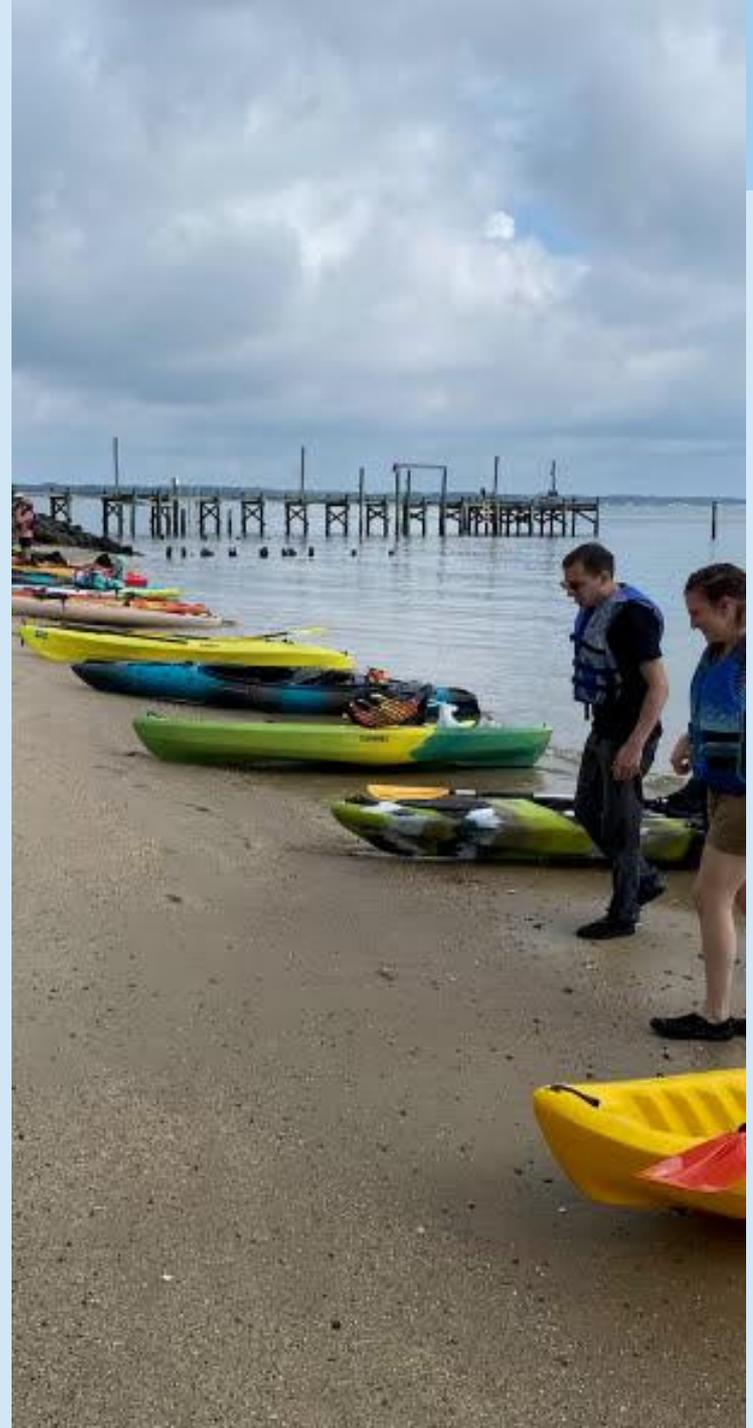
Established to encourage and facilitate the use of Mathews County outdoor spaces to their fullest.

Focus on outdoor fitness activities & sports tourism.

Nonprofit 501(c)3 status

MOC Board:

- Christine Johnson
- Bronwyn Hughes
- Kat Sharp
- Emily Jones
- Lynda Smith Greve





MATHEWS CO PARKS & REC COMMITTEE – VOTE NEEDED

Request to add Mathews Outdoor Club (MOC) as a non-voting member

Any discussions? Questions?

FYI ONLY: MOC'S 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

Tour de Chesapeake. Now in its 26th year, newly added to MOC event umbrella with same format, director.

Wharf to Wharf Swim. Partnership with Mathews Land Conservancy, this 1m Open Water Swim is held at Williams Wharf.

17 MAY

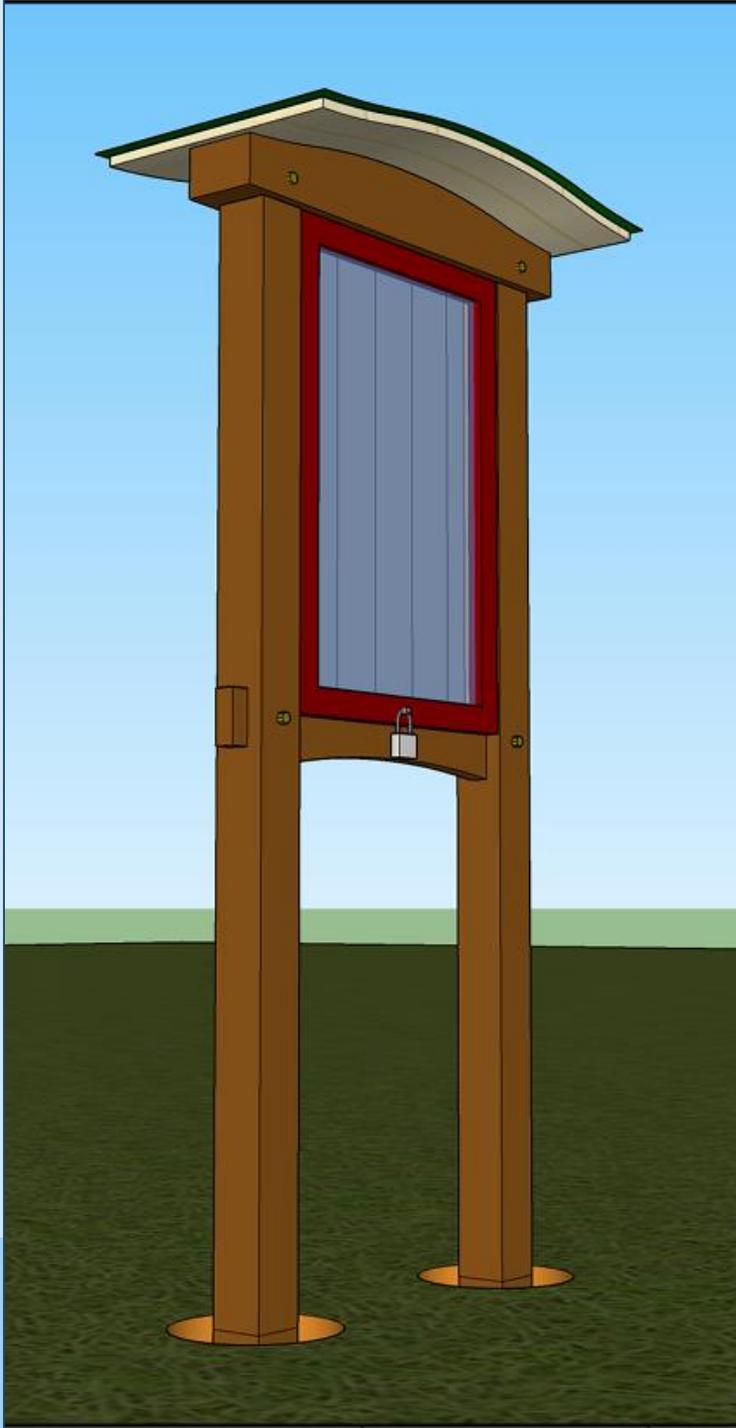
28 JUN

16 AUG

18 OCT

Islander Regatta. Annual 9m paddle around Gwynn's Island, starting & finishing at Islander Hotel.

Mathews Marathon, Half Marathon & Relay. "World's Flattest Race Course" is seeking Boston Qualifier certification.



BLUEWAYS TRAIL UPGRADES

Tim Tillage & Jan Towne have the specifications for proposed upgrades (info kiosks & covered tables). Analysis of existing trail stops completed; project timeline in place – MOC fundraising to begin.

No matching funds needed from county – permitting assistance, installation, maintenance.

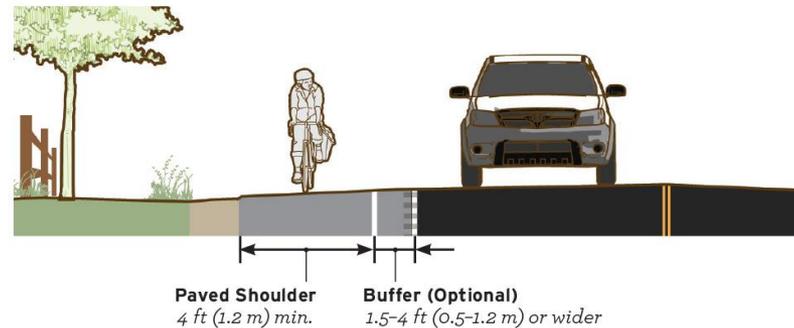
Monitoring will be “Friends of Mathews Blueways” (Master Naturalist Volunteers).

MCVIC will undertake marketing campaign with Virginia Tourism Corp.

\$65k estimated: 17 kiosks, 7 covered tables, 1 kayak rack

MULTIUSE TRAIL SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

- 4' Roadside Shoulders – VDOT regulations call for shoulders (where possible) where rumble strips are installed. MOC is collecting petitioner signatures; petition will be sent to local govt representative (Whittman) requesting that VDOT prioritize the Mathews County shoulder work. NON-MOTORIST SAFETY.



- Feasibility Study – MOC is pursuing grants to fund a study of county land for potential multiuse trails. This will identify best locations and identify where Right-Of-Way (ROW) will be needed. Note: community communication will be essential to reiterate that:

TRAILS WILL NOT GO ON ANY PROPERTY WITHOUT
OBTAINING RIGHT-OF-WAY