

Will the Crozet Park and Recreation Center (PARC) Be Built This Year?

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE BOS ROOM WITH **GREEN** TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON WED JAN 11th, ASKING THAT BOS TRANSFER THE FUNDS AND GIVE THE PARK THE GREEN LIGHT TO START CONSTRUCTION.

The community has rallied together, shown their support, helped raise all the needed funds for the pool dome... now it is up to the County Board of Supervisors (BOS). On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, BOS will determine if Crozet Park will secure \$200,000 in funds to renovate the community building adjacent to the pool.

The community building will provide the hub for fitness and recreational opportunities for all age groups along with programming for tennis and basketball in the park. These funds are already allocated to the park and available for use. Professional community volunteers have provided all services to make this project shovel ready and Phil Kirby of Barton Malow is spearheading the construction effort, overseeing both the renovations to the pool and the community building concurrently starting late January 2012, if he is given the green light by BOS. The vote on Wednesday night is to request a transfer of these funds to the building renovations and allow the Park to continue to fundraise to establish tennis, basketball and trails in the near future.

What are the benefits to this arrangement?

- No new tax dollars spent... this is a reallocation of \$200,000 of county funds already funded for use in the park (due to 1997 signed agreement with county)
- Projects that were funded by the CIP money in the park (tennis, basketball and trails) will be completed by CCP through partnerships, community participation, and continued fundraising. \$68,000 has already been raised for tennis and the first of many tennis courts will be built this spring.
- Due to the Crozet Park's 501(c)3 non-profit status and its ability to receive in-kind donations, grant opportunities and community volunteerism, the County will get much more in value from the \$200,000 donation than if it were County run projects. With Crozet Park's involvement, \$200,000 of County funds will buy a community building, tennis courts, basketball courts and trails.
- Truly a community driven project with over 2/3 of funds coming from community as well as countless volunteer hours of area professionals

- Creation of nearly 40 jobs for teens and others in the growth area
- No costs in operation for the county – two non-profits CCP and YMCA jointly operating the facility
- Two county studies identify needs which Crozet PARC will fill in Western part of county
 - *Commission on Children and Families (2004)*
 - Community Recreational Needs Assessment Study 2004 (part I and II)
- Project is shovel ready with completion date of May 2012
- Facility will serve all regardless of ability to pay creating a new model of private/public cooperation in the heart of the county's first designated growth area

This project is number 17 on the agenda item Wednesday, January 11, 2012, so it won't go up for discussion before 8 PM. For more information, or to read the staff report, visit the website www.albemarle.org Go to agendas (Board and Planning Commission) and under board of supervisors meeting dates, click on 1/11/2012 Agenda. We are listed under Action Items, Number 17. The shovels are ready...all we need is the vote!

THE SHOVELS ARE READY... ALL WE NEED IS THE VOTE! GO GREEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 11TH, 8:00, BOS ROOM IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN A SHOW OF SUPPORT!