

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Caroline M. Rhodes, Volunteer Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: International Year of Volunteers - Volunteer Recognition - Michael Matthews

2001 has been designated International Year of Volunteers by the United Nations General Assembly. To celebrate, the Office of Volunteer Services is highlighting outstanding volunteers and the County department they work with each month for the next year. This month, we are recognizing a former member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Michael Matthews, President of The Structures Group, Inc., along with him is Ned Cheely, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Since 1994, Mike and his staff at The Structures Group, Inc., have provided complementary advice and professional services for many of the Division's development projects. Among the projects they have completed are the review of all architectural and engineering proposals during the Community Center expansion, feasibility studies for the Little Creek Reservoir Park, bridge restoration project on the Greensprings Trail, James City County Bikeway Plan, and for a new greenway trail and boardwalk, drawing designs for the Little Creek Reservoir Bridge, and the latest project, designing dugout roofs at the District Sports complex.

In addition to the staff work of The Structures Group, Inc., Mike has also personally dedicated many hours of service as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. He assumed the role of Vice Chairman in 1994 and in 1998 became the Chairman. Mike retired from the Commission earlier this year. Although he is no longer serving on the Commission, he continues to be involved with other projects.

Over the past seven years, Mike Mathews has been an invaluable leader in assisting Parks and Recreation in achieving its goals.

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