

WELCOME!



Come and experience JCC Parks and Recreation this fall! At Freedom Park, we're blazing new trails – one historical, and the other is sheer fun! Much-needed renovations at the Community Center are almost complete and a new combo pass option is available. Your favorite fall programs are back, so gather your family and friends and sign up!

Freedom Park is recognized nationally as the site of one of the earliest Free Black Settlements in America. The final of three recreated cabins is now complete, offering a rare glimpse into the life of slaves and African Americans between 1803 and 1860. Come tour these homes, complete with period furnishings and landscaping as well as interpretive signage, which describes the lives of its inhabitants some 60 years before President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Also within Freedom Park is the 3-mile Loop C Mountain Bike Trail, quickly becoming one of the state's premier bike trails for its technical features that can challenge even the most experienced riders. Look for more Freedom Park information on page 32.

Work is also complete in Ironbound Park, a neighborhood-style park located off Carriage Road. Come play in the park which features a multiuse trail, small shelter with tables and grill, basketball court and playground.

Renovations at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center will soon be completed, offering long-awaited improvements in the pool area and locker rooms. In response to patron requests, a new combo pass has been added that includes facility access plus a variety of fitness, land and water classes. My sincere thanks to all of our patrons for your patience and continued patronage during the renovation of the facility.

In addition to our facility improvements, many of your favorite programs return – the Harvest Festival that includes the Haunted Forest and Scarecrow Stuffing events, the Senior Health Fair offering free preventive health screenings, and our popular holiday programs including Santa Calling and Breakfast with Santa.

Fall is also a great time for outdoor adventures, so take time and take advantage of the cooler temperatures to explore your County parks!

Adult class offerings include creative writing, arts, photography and dance as well as a variety of health and wellness workshops and events.

Be sure to look inside for details on all of these programs. We challenge you and your family to come out for fun and for fitness, and to discover more of the benefits of living in James City County.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Carnifax". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Carnifax".

John H. Carnifax, Jr., CPRP, Acting Director