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Board Names Trail at Riveredge Park After Former Recreation and Park Director

At their February 21, 2023 meeting, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution naming the trail at Riveredge Park after former Recreation and Parks Director Sara Lu Christian. The resolution was brought to the Supervisors at the request of the Amherst County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Development Board. The trail will be marked with a plaque honoring Mrs. Christian.

Mrs. Christian retired as the Amherst County Director of Recreation and Parks on January 31, 2021, after serving the county for 32 years. She brought energy and passion to her work and created an atmosphere of health and wellness in Amherst County through multiple programs and initiatives.

Her 32-plus years of service as a leader in the community brought many accomplishments, including:

- Building partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and churches.
- Initiating socials for seniors, archery and fishing clinics, and a wide range of classes for the community.
- Encouraging the use of County parks with night fishing permits, swimming at Mill Creek Lake Park, and stargazing permits.
- Building a bridge between local sports organizations and the County Recreation and Parks Department.
- Coordinating annual events such as the Eggstravaganza, Candy Hunt, Turkey Trot, and a Gingerbread Decorating contest.
- Developing and expanding County parks and community centers.

The full resolution naming the trail after Mrs. Christian can be found below.

Additional information may be obtained from Joy Niehaus at jlnehaus@countyofamherst.com or (434) 946-9400.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2023-3-R

For consideration on February 21st, 2023

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2023-3-R

A resolution, naming the trail at Riveredge Park after former Director of Amherst County Recreation and Parks, Sara Lu Christian.

Approved as to form by the County Administrator

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia, hereby expresses its thanks to Sara Lu Christian for her exceptional service to Amherst County as follows:

WHEREAS, Sara Lu Christian served as Amherst County's Director of Recreation & Parks from June 1988 through January 2021, bringing to the position her enthusiasm, passion, and team spirit in providing outstanding knowledge and programs to the Amherst County citizenry; and

WHEREAS, as the County's Director of Recreation & Parks for over thirty-two years, Mrs. Christian initiated numerous activities and programs to build the County's capacity for delivering recreational services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christian successfully worked with and contributed to the Madison Heights Youth Baseball, Amherst County Dixie Youth Baseball, and Amherst County Girls Dixie Softball Organizations to build their respective complexes; and

WHEREAS, in her thirty-two-plus years with Amherst County, Mrs. Christian was involved in numerous projects such as; Jamestown 2007 Commemoration, Amherst County's Sesqui-Bicentennial Celebration, Amherst Live, Piney River Triathlon, Amherst County Fair, park development and installation of restrooms at Mill Creek Lake Park, Thrashers Lake Park, public swimming at Mill Creek Lake, tennis courts refurbishments, designing and establishing Amherst County welcome signs and the County Historical Society's Annual Batteau Day; and

WHEREAS, she has proven to be a highly successful community leader during her tenure, allowing the County to expand its parks projects and setting up and managing the County's Outdoor Festival policy and permits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia, honors Sara Lu Christian for her contribution to Amherst County Recreation and Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board dedicates the trail located at Riveredge Park as the "Sara Lu Christian Trail," as memorialized by a plaque on the trail.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of February 2023.

Tom Martin, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

Member	Vote
Tom Martin, Chair.....	_____
L.J. "Jimmy" Ayers III, Vice-Chair.....	_____
Claudia D. Tucker.....	_____
Drew Wade.....	_____
David W. Pugh, Jr.....	_____

ATTEST:

Jeremy S. Bryant, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia