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VETS PARK LITTLE LEAGUE COMPLEX TO BE NAMED FOR FORMER BOARD MEMBER STU CHRISTIANO

Manassas, VA, (April 16, 2009) – The Prince William County Park Authority will name the Little League Baseball Complex at Veterans Memorial Park after former Park Authority Board member, Stu Christiano. The naming ceremony will take place on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 6:00pm during the Opening Ceremony of the Woodbridge Little League season. Veterans Memorial Park is located at 14300 Veterans Drive, Woodbridge, VA, 22191.

The Woodbridge Little League Board of Directors made an appeal to the Park Authority Board to have the complex named for Mr. Christiano. On December 1, 2008, in a unanimous vote, a resolution was passed by the Park Authority Board to name the complex.

Mr. Christiano was appointed to the Park Authority Board in 1978 by former Board of County Supervisor Hilda Barg, and distinguished himself through his service until January 2008. Mr. Christiano was appointed to the Park Authority Board, one year after the Park Authority's inception by the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors. Stu served as the Chairman of the Park Authority Board from 1981 to 1983. He served as the Board's Vice Chairman from 1984 to 1985, at which time he was reelected by his Board peers to serve as Chairman once again. On October 16, 1992, the NRPA Citizen Board Membership Branch presented the PWC Park Authority Board with the Outstanding Board- Commission Award for jurisdictions over 50,000. Mr. Christiano was Chairman of the Park Authority Board at that time. Mr. Christiano served in that capacity until 1997 when he stepped down from the Chair and accepted the position of Board Treasurer. Stu remained as Board Treasurer until the close of his appointment term in 2007. Mr. Christiano was presented with the National Recreation and Parks Association, Southern Region, Chester W. Freeman Citizen Award in October 2008, for his life long contributions to Parks and Recreation.

For over 30 years Stewart Christiano has proven his commitment to the Prince William County Park Authority, from the creation and development of the parks and recreation system to the 2008 passing the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan chapters on parks, open space and trails.

Since his retirement from the Park Authority Board, Stu has remained an active coach and advisor to the Eastern Prince William Basketball Association, which conducts basketball leagues open to all girls in the county between the ages of 8 and 14 years and boys between the ages of 8 to 18 years. He has also remained active with the Woodbridge Little League as manager, advisor and now as a coach.

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About Prince William County Park Authority

Prince William County Park Authority, founded in 1977 by the Board of County Supervisors, provides the residents and visitors with first quality recreation programs, parks and facilities. The Park Authority is an autonomous organization governed by an eight-member board appointed by the Board of County Supervisors and funded by a tax transfer and revenue producing facilities.



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