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**Recreation & Parks Recognizes Volunteers' Service and Dedication**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** – On May 1, 2025, St. Mary's County Government's Department of Recreation and Parks (R&P) was honored to recognize volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, skills and passion to R&P programs.

The R&P Board and staff members recognized outstanding volunteers from the department's Museums division, the Summerstock theater program, and volunteer coaches from the youth indoor soccer league and youth basketball league. Volunteers were presented with certificates thanking them for their accomplishments.

In addition, two volunteer coaches were awarded plaques for their exceptional sportsmanship. The annual George Stewart Coaches Award was presented to Dustin Robinson, who coached two R&P youth basketball teams. Kevin Meyer received the First Year Coaches award for his inaugural year of volunteer coaching service.

"It's definitely a labor of love," said Julia Pappendick, a Summerstock volunteer recognized for her costume work. "I started with my teenager when she was part of Summerstock, but I've kept going. It's been a great experience."

In 2024, R&P volunteers provided nearly 9,000 hours of service. Their dedication helps R&P programs, facilities and events run smoothly and contributes to R&P's mission of sharing top-notch programs with local communities.

"Any amount of effort that someone wants to put in, you get to say you're part of it," said Summerstock volunteer Christina Allee.

If you would like to volunteer with St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks, please complete an online application at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteerApplicationRelease](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VolunteerApplicationRelease).

To see a full list of volunteers recognized and awarded at the May 1, 2025 R&P Board Meeting, visit [www.stmaryscountymd.gov/docs/VolunteerRecognition.pdf](https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/docs/VolunteerRecognition.pdf).

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