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General Information

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1971-72  Andrew Martin  2005  Mark Thompson
1972-74  Carl Stout  2006  Jody Chandler
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1979  John Mills  2011  Trace Stevens
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Welcome

KRPS MISSION

The Kentucky Recreation and Park Society’s (KRPS) Mission is the empowerment of members to further the benefits parks and recreation offers to all people. The KRPS Vision is to be the leading resource of support and advancement for recreation, leisure and parks in Kentucky.

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LET’S OPEN, BUT SAFELY

Wow, what a year it has been! When I became the 2020 President of KRPS one year ago, I had no idea what I was in for. Actually, no one had any idea what we all we all were in for. I, like most past presidents of our society, approached my term with a plan and high hopes to accomplish some great feats, expecting the year to fly by and leave little time to make it all happen. What ended up happening was the slowest year ever (I mean, how many months did March and April really take?), but it was also the most unexpected and novel year in many of our lifetimes. The COVID-19 global pandemic changed all our plans for this year and quickly shut the world down without a moment’s notice. Businesses shut down, employees were sent home, factories halted production, stores were closed, children (and parents and teachers) were forced into homeschooling, and daycares locked their doors.

Amid the national shutdown that led to all of us closing our parks and services, Terri Wilkerson assembled a team of Parks and Recreation professionals from around the state to develop plans and recommendations for how to re-open our departments safely. After weeks of thoughtful work and research, our guidelines were finalized and we were able to submit a comprehensive plan to Governor Beshear, which laid out a timeline for resuming an array of sporting, exercise, and other parks activities in our state. This document helped to guide us through these tough times and was one small step toward rejuvenating our state back to life.

As Parks and Recreation professionals, we need to be committed to guiding our fellow Kentuckians back to a normal way of life and do so safely. We must understand the vital role that Parks and Recreation professionals play in the communities we serve – contributing directly to countless health, social, environmental, and economic benefits. In recent months, many of us have held large events in our service areas that brought our citizens back together and did so safely with no COVID-19 cases traced back to those events. In a time like this, we all need to come together and work towards the common goal of safely bringing a sense normalcy back to Kentuckians’ lives. During our KRPS State Conference, we welcome you to talk with other professionals who have started to open their departments back up and discuss how they have done so with precaution and safety in mind. We can use this week as an opportunity to learn and grow in our professions, while also aspiring to return home and start providing the people we serve with the exciting and fun opportunities they deserve and so desperately need right now.

Sincerely,

Jason Weatherford
KRPS President
November 3, 2020

KY Recreation and Parks Society
140 Pavilion Drive
Georgetown, KY 40324

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

Dear KRPS Member Community,

On behalf of the citizens of Hopkinsville, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you back to our community for the Kentucky Recreation and Parks Society’s 2020 Conference and Trade Show this week. We are sure you’ll enjoy the amenities at our newly expanded Bruce Convention Center, Holiday Inn & Suites, and Planters Bank-Jennie Stuart Health Sportsplex campuses.

Hopkinsville is privileged to host recreation professionals from across the state for this event. We appreciate the level of commitment and professionalism each of you brings to the parks and recreation field. We are especially grateful for the improved quality of life these varied activities and facilities lend to our families each day.

Again, welcome and congratulations to all of you who have helped make this year’s event a success! We are confident our communities will continue to bear much fruit from your continued collaboration.

Warmest regards,

Wendell A. Lynch
Mayor

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Kentucky Parks and Recreation Society
140 Pavilion Drive
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

Dear KRPS Members & Conference Attendees:

Welcome back to Christian County! We are so glad to have KRPS members and guests in our community once again for your state conference. We hope you will have an educational, productive and enjoyable conference hosted at our beautiful, expanded Bruce Convention Center.

We are proud of our municipal and state parks here in Christian County. Our county and city governments work closely to promote and grow our parks and recreation assets. Since KRPS was last here in 2016, our city and county have worked together to plan and fund two new neighborhood parks and the Planters Bank-Jennie Stuart Health Hopkinsville Sportsplex. We have also expanded our popular Greenway Trail with a new phase just opened.

Like you, we know that parks – local and state – help promote and improve the quality of life in each of our communities. Thanks for all each of you do in your respective communities to make life better for your citizens and visitors. And thank you to KRPS leadership for bringing you together in our community for this outstanding event.

If there is ever anything Christian County government can do for you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Steve Tribble
County Judge Executive
Conference Information

Conference Host

Parks Superintendent,
Tab Brockman

Conference Committee

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Toby Hudson
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Trade Show
Meet representatives, see products, have one-on-one contact with suppliers, conduct product comparisons, and develop new contacts for the future.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Thursday 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Conference Highlights
- Professional and Department Awards
- Enlightening and Innovative Sessions
- Silent Auction filled with exciting gifts
- Trade Show - learn about products and services
- Fun Socials - great network opportunities
- Election and announcement of new KRPS Officers

General Information
- Please wear identification badges to all scheduled functions.

Responsible Drinking Policy
The Kentucky Recreation and Park Society supports responsible drinking habits at social events and for the safety of our delegates, please stay mindful of the potential for alcohol abuse. We encourage the use of a designated driver!

Cell Phones
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What to Wear
Attire at conference is business casual. Dress comfortably in slacks, polo shirts, sweaters, blazers, blouses and comfortable shoes.

CEU Credits
CEU-approved education sessions are worth .1 CEU’s for each hour and fifteen minute session. There is no partial CEU credit for any session attended less than one hour and fifteen minutes. CEU forms can be secured at the registration table. Completed forms should be submitted to the registration desk by Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Evaluations
Evaluations help improve the conferences and other educational opportunities that KRPS provides. Turn evaluations in at the registration table. Remember to complete evaluations after each educational session.

Smoking
Louisville Marriott East Hotel and Conference Center is a “Smoke Free” facility. For information on outdoor designated areas, please see the front desk.
# Schedule at a Glance

## Tuesday, November 3
- 3:00-6:00 p.m.: Registration / Hospitality Desk Open at Sports Plex
- 4:00 p.m.: KRPS Executive Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.: KRPS Board Meeting
- 6:30-9:30 p.m.: Social at Casey Jones Distillery
- 10:00-11:30 p.m.: Social Room Open

## Wednesday, November 4
- 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Registration and Hospitality Desk Open—The Bruce Lobby
- 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.: Exhibit Hall Move-in
- 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Sessions
- 12:15-1:30 p.m.: Lunch on Your Own
- 2:00-4:45 p.m.: Sessions
- 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Professional Awards Banquet
- 7:30-11:30 p.m.: Exhibit Hall Grand Opening and Social

## Thursday, November 5
- 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Registration / Hospitality Desk Open—The Bruce Lobby

## Friday, November 6
- 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Registration / Hospitality Desk Open—The Bruce Lobby
- 8:30-9:45 a.m.: Sessions
- 10:00-12:00 p.m.: Group Session, Keynote Speaker, Department Awards
- 12:00 p.m.: End of Business Meeting

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### Conference Center Room Map

[Diagram of Conference Center Room Map]
Conference Activities

November 3
• Social at Casey Jones Distillery

November 4
• Professional Awards,
• Dinner and Award Presentation
• Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall and Golden Microphone Contest

November 5
• 5K and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk over the new bridge
• Lunch with the Exhibitors
• Maintenance Track
• Department Olympics,
  ○ The 6’ Social
• Silent and Live Auction

November 6
• Closing Speaker, Tom O’Rourk, BCI
  Department Awards and Closing
Sessions

Wednesday, 8:30-9:45 a.m.

♦ Conflict Resolution: A Masterclass on Conflict Resolution Process to Handle Any Size Dispute

The goal of this training event is to empower participants with insight and practical application on the choices that we all have to make as leaders on dealing with conflict when it arises. When it comes conflict, various differences may be involved. Team members may differ on what the problem is; or, they may agree on what the problem is but have a different perspective about it; or, they may share the same perspective but have different ideas on how to solve the problem. Regardless of where individuals sit on this continuum, our ability to resolve conflict centers on 1) self-management, 2) communication, and 3) open-mindedness.

**Presenter: Dr. Sean Bailey, CPLP, CPRP, BCG Learning Solutions.**

♦ Inclusion Matters: Creating Conditions of Possibility in Outdoor Play Environments

Discover key considerations of designing inclusive play destinations that support increased congruent play behaviors between children of all abilities, while thoughtfully utilizing strategies to break down both physical and social barriers to participate in more meaningful ways! Advocate for outdoor destinations that support the diverse needs of society—ultimately resulting in positive outcomes.

**Presenter: Jennie Sumrell, PlayCore/Center four Outreach, Research & Education**

♦ How to Not Project Anxiety and Other Negative Emotions onto Participants

Enhance awareness on possible amplification of anxiety or stress upon participants by the staff through development and implementation processes of activities, programs or events. To help staff re-evaluate current and future activity procedures.

**Presenter: Matthew Sabin, Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center**

♦ Super-Mega Events: Not just your standard 1-hour Tuesday Afternoon Activity

What are these Super-Mega Events you ask? Multi-day, multi-night, multi-acre, multi-agency events that requires “all hands on deck”. Join us to discuss what it takes to make these events safe, fun and logistically efficient. What would you do if your park was the new host for 20,000 spectators?

**Presenter: Ross Leigh, Daviess County Parks and Recreation**
Sessions

Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

♦ Thinking Inclusion from the Top to the Bottom: Disability Awareness Training for Your Department

We will be discussing how thinking on inclusion would be a mindset that is taken up by your whole department, not just a select few staff members. When inclusion becomes the mindset, your department will be primed to serve their entire community, leaving no one behind. We will discuss the need for disability awareness trainings for your department, as well as an example of what such a training could look like.

Presenter: Cameron Levis, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation

♦ Developing a Good Intern and Internship Program

This session will provide foundational knowledge for recreational therapists in generating dynamic student internship programs. This includes identifying the roles, qualifications, and expectations of clinical instructors through review of NCTRC, ATRA, and the CARTE standards. Discussions will focus on the current practice of TR/RT through acknowledging teaching/learning styles, the purpose for clinical education experiences, and expectations we [as practitioners] should value for the advancement of the profession.

Presenter: Cliff Burnham, CTRS, Rivendell Behavioral Health

♦ 2019 Program of the Year—Elkhorn Float Fest

Elkhorn Float Fest, an intertube natural environment experience special event, is provided through a partnership between GSC Parks and GSC Tourism Commission. In Scott County, we host the most public access points to Elkhorn Creek. Prior to the Elkhorn Float Fest, GSC Parks failed to provide programming using our unique access to this outdoor experience. GSC Tourism saw a need to encourage eco-tourism. With shared agency goals and resources, GSC Parks and GSC Tourism began hosting Elkhorn Float Fest.

Presenter: Kimberly Rice, CPRP, AFO, CPSI, Georgetown–Scott County Parks and Recreation

♦ Starting an Inclusive Tennis Program in your Community & Finding Funds to Make it Happen

Tennis is a lifetime sport for all! This session will provide information, resources and maybe even some demonstrations or play opportunities to show how easy it is to add inclusive tennis to your community! We will discuss local programs in Kentucky that have developed adaptive or inclusive tennis opportunities and provide an overview of USTA and what resources and grants are available to make programming in your community a reality.

Presenter: Stacey Crowley, USTA–Kentucky
Wednesday, 12:30-1:45 p.m.

- **We have the grant funding. Are you interested?** BR 5
  The Division of Waste Management has a Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Product Grant to fund poured-in-place playgrounds and walking trails; landscaping projects; park and trail benches; picnic tables; and other tire derived products. Are you utilizing this grant? What does your park need?
  **Presenter:** Lisa Evans, Kentucky Division of Waste Management

- **Keep Calm and Play On with Your Playground Audit** BR 6
  How to keep safe play going. Explaining the differences between playground inspections and audits and why they are important.
  **Presenter:** Josh Wagner, Miracle of KY and TN

- **Recreational Therapy & Mental Health Programming Activities** BR 8
  Therapeutic recreation purposely uses recreation and leisure to address the specific needs and goals of individuals living with disabilities. These needs may include, but are not limited to, mental health, physical rehabilitation, developing effective social skills, and community integration. This session will educate on the importance of mental health in everyday life and how recreational therapy can help grow, improve, and strengthen minds through the use of different methods for reducing symptoms associated with mental illness as well as improving quality of life of the patient.
  **Presenter:** Lauren Stahl, The Ridge Behavioral Health System

- **Book It to the Park** BR 7
  Libraries and parks are a natural fit for programming collaboration! Learn about successful collaborative outdoor programming. Look at ways to encourage thinking outside the building and how to cross-pollinate library patrons and parks visitors. Explore how library parks programs encourage outdoor activity, library use, and community engagement simultaneously. Consider what works, what needs work, and how this work seems like play. Bonus; make a simple nature journal to facilitate your next park adventure!
  **Presenters:** Jennifer Beach, Kenton County Public Library

Wednesday, 2:00-3:15 p.m.

- **Building and Designing the Perfect Park** BR 5
  This discussion will cover a variety of topics related to designing public parks that identify with your community. Topics will include community engagement, program development, site selection and conceptual design. Attendees will be able to learn the components of the design process and how to evaluate the plan with a critical eye. Attendees should leave this discussion with a better understanding of the considerations a community must take to identify and implement design concepts and components that make the park a perfect fit in their community.
  **Presenter:** Brian Roach, Barrett Partners

- **The In’s and Out’s of bike parks/trails. What you really need to know.** BR 6
  This session will cover real world data on what it takes to build, maintain and manage bike park/trails on a county basis. We will cover basic construction options, maintenance needs and long term solutions.
  **Presenters:** David Huff, Innovative Dirt Solutions
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Wednesday, 2:00–3:15 p.m. Continued
♦ Standards of Practice  BR 7
The session will discuss the need for standards for the practice of recreational therapy, how to assess using the self assessment guide and how to perform in a recreational therapy program.
Presenter: Dr. Michelle Gerkin, Eastern Kentucky University

♦ Strengthening our Partnerships for Mutual Success: How Tourism and Parks Departments Go Hand in Hand  BR 8
Do you work with your local tourism office to help promote and market your events? Are you aware that your Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) is your cheerleader and wants your events to be the absolute best! Join the conversation to get tips on how to best partner with your DMO and market your events to the community and beyond.
Presenter: Brooke Jung, Hopkinsville Convention & Visitors Bureau

Wednesday, 3:30–4:45 p.m.
♦ Motivation to Move: Promoting Physical Activity at Multigenerational Park  BR 5
Communities are seeking innovative and exciting new opportunities to encourage active play for people of all ages by intentionally and thoughtfully creating outdoor environments with fitness in mind, parks can dramatically impact efforts in promoting less sedentary lifestyles across generations. Uncover innovative solutions, case examples, evidence-based programs, and unique design strategies that inspire people of ages to live healthier, happier lives through active movement.
Presenter: Jennie Sumrell, PlayCore/Center for Outreach, Research & Education

♦ If You Build It, They Will Come!  BR 6
Are you ready to engage your community in activities and events in your local parks? In this fun, engaging session we’ll share with you ideas for building events and enthusiasm in your community parks. We want to show how if you build it, they will come!
Presenter: Derek Phillips, Deco Architects, Inc.

♦ 2019 Program of the Year—Youth Leadership Program—Florence Student Ambassadors  BR 7
In 2008 the Florence Student Ambassador Program was introduced as a volunteer program to develop students as leaders, become knowledgeable on governmental operations, develop customer service skills and to acquire community service hours while in school by assisting with city events.
Presenter: Vanessa Lenear, Florence

Thursday, 8:30-9:45 a.m.
♦ Purchasing Cooperatives: How to save time and money efficiently and effectively  BR 5
Presenter: William Burnett,
Thursday, 8:30-9:45 a.m. Continued

- **Beyond Ballfields**
  The priority and focus of many city and county parks are athletic facilities and a large part of park budgets go toward the development and maintenance of these facilities. Many county parks and even more urban parks have natural areas like small patches of forest land, stream dumping areas for landscape and construction rubble and overrun with invasive species such as honeysuckle and are viewed more as a burden than an asset. With a little planning, management and staff training these natural areas can become great assets. With a little planning, management and staff training these natural areas can become great assets to any park and be the focus of many recreational and educational programs. This presentation will focus on the planning and management of these natural areas in our parks.

  **Presenters:** Mark Jacobs, Boone County Conservation

- **Healing through RT: How we can have an impact of the trauma brain**
  The session will explore the behavioral impacts of trauma of the brain, as well as identify practical knowledge for recreational therapists to use to intervene and address the effects of trauma. Furthermore, as facilities move towards offering trauma centered programs, it is crucial to understand how recreational therapy fits into that framework.

  **Presenter:** Lauren Stahl, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

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**Hopstown Hop**

5K and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk

Thursday, November 5

Shuttles leave at 6AM
Thursday, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

♦ **How Communities with No Money Do Amazing Projects**  
How Communities with No Money Do Amazing Projects
Elected officials in many communities say they have no money for park and recreation improvements, but then the world is becoming more informed and aware of various special needs. We will identify what makes Inclusive Play different than ADA Compliance and why it matters. Identify ways to maximize sensory experiences through aquatic play and review design considerations to achieve inclusive aquatic play.
**Presenter:** Mark Williams, President/CEO, Rain Drop Products, LLC and Brent Belcher, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation

♦ **What is the best herbicide and fertilizer for you**  
What is the best herbicide and fertilizer for you
When putting together an agronomic program for your facility, you need to know what options are best for you. In this session we will discuss and explain; pre-emergent ingredients, herbicide chemistries, and what exactly is your fertilizer label telling you. This session will allow you to make a more educated decision moving forward about what products can meet your needs.
**Presenter:** Marcus Dean, Advanced Turf Solutions

♦ **Creating a Leisure Lifestyle Change Vision Board**  
Creating a Leisure Lifestyle Change Vision Board
This session will teach participants how to create a vision board geared towards creating a positive leisure lifestyle using pictures and words which creates positive therapeutic recreation vision board based on future personal leisure endeavors.
**Presenters:** Markeeta Wilkerson, Western State Hospital
Thursday, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Continued

- **A Higher Level of Inclusive Play**
  The playground should be a place for everyone to experience laughter, friends, and fun—however traditional design focuses on minimal physical access, not necessarily quality engagement for children with physical or cognitive disorders. Sensory rich play environments develop functional skills, imagination, and social opportunity providing a higher level of inclusive play for all.
  
  **Presenter:** Jill Moore, Landscape Structures, Inc.

Thursday, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

- **The Future of Your Pool—Changing Tides with the Latest Trend**
  It’s not all Thrills! Many opportunities exist to update your aquatic experience. Adding a large attraction is appealing but let’s dive deeper into all aspects of keeping your facility exciting. This session will discuss trends that include features and programming that can increase revenues.
  
  **Presenters:** Charles Schneider and Phil Schilffarth, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.

- **Turfgrass 301: Strategies of Integrated Pest Management**
  The various pest control options used in a turfgrass IPM program include cultural, biological, genetic, and chemical controls. Cultural practices are methods of pest control if they result in a healthy and more pest-resistant turf.
  
  **Presenter:** Toby Hudson, Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation

- **Wildlife Education Programs: Explore Your Backyard**
  Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources provides experiential educational programs through a myriad of programs. Working with a diverse selection of the population we strive to give every Kentuckian a channel to experience the outdoors first hand.
  
  **Presenter:** John Gutzeit, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

- **Adaptive Sports and the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
  We will be discussing the adaptive sports programming that is being offered in the state of Kentucky right now, and how other agencies and recreation professionals can play their role in growing the Paralympic sport movement in the Commonwealth.
  
  **Presenters:** Cameron Levis, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation and BJ Levis, Louisville Metro Parks—Retired

Thursday, 2:45–4:00 p.m.

- **Turfgrass 401: Implementing Athletic Field Management (OFFSITE) Meet @ Bruce Entrance**
  Caring for turf can be a challenge even under normal conditions. Factor in heavy use and time constraints, and it becomes even more challenging. Add to that the requirement for turf to look its best at all times, and you’ve just entered the world of sports field management. Sports fields are some of the most challenging areas in turfgrass management. How do you balance and/or implement the special needs of sports field turf? The key is to get in tune with turf.
  
  **Presenter:** Toby Hudson, Hopkinsville Parks and Recreation

- **Student Research Presentations**
Thursday, 2:45–4:00 p.m. Continued

♦ Nature Based Programs: Youth Leadership in the Outdoors  
This session will explore unique ways to incorporate nature-based experiences into programming. A cooperative partnership between the Parks Department and Conservation District in Boone County provides an example of how natural areas can provide opportunities for experiential programs and youth leadership development.  
**Presenters:** Cayla Brakers, Boone County Parks Department and Susan Brown, Boone County Conservation District

♦ The Role of RT in Mental Health/Substance Abuse Disorders  
This session will provide foundational knowledge for recreational therapists in using their own personal experiences in the field to help them improve the quality of services they provide for their clients. Discussions will include topics of: experiential learning, therapeutic boundaries and coping skills.  
**Presenter:** Danny Goble, University of Louisville Hospital

Friday, 8:30–9:45 a.m.

♦ Management and Customer Service  
**Presenters:** Marcus Dean, Advanced Turf Solutions

♦ Building Your Field of Dreams Accessible Diamond  
**Presenter:** Britney Heath

♦ TR in an Adventure Setting  
The therapeutic use of adventure, also know as Adventure Therapy (AT), is a growing field that is gaining attention all over the world. This session is dedicated to providing TR practitioners a working knowledge of adventure therapy theories, current research in the field, and a toolkit of adventure-based activities that can be implemented in diversified settings, as well as providing an opportunity to discuss how these tools can be adapted to serve varied populations and treatment objectives.  
**Presenter:** Kari McConnell, Life Adventure Center

♦ Politics of a Pool: How to have a Healthy and Happy Aquatic Facility  
In this session we will be discussing how to prioritize your tasks of an Aquatics Professional with a focus on staffing.  
**Presenters:** Lily Caudill, Georgetown-Scott County Parks and Recreation
His extensive experience in the Park and Recreation field has made him one of our professions foremost authorities in Parks Administration, Nonprofit Leadership, and Park and Recreation Education.

Currently Tom serves as a Professor of Practice at Clemson University in the Department of Parks Recreation and Tourism Management. He is responsible for teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels and working with other faculty to assist communities, agencies, and practitioners in a variety of capacities. Tom’s focus at Clemson is in creating innovative and entrepreneurial models and solutions to issues facing the parks and recreation field. Tom is also is the Executive Director of the Parklands Foundation of Charleston County, a non-profit organization that provides access to parks for the underserved communities in Charleston County.

Tom previously served as the Executive Director of the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission from 2001 - 2018, leading the Agency though the largest capital project, budget, and attendance growth in the agency’s history. During Tom's tenure at CCPRC the agency grew from 5,000 acres of parkland to over 12,000 acres of protected parkland. CCPRC has been nationally recognized for operating an ever-expanding park system with little reliance on tax subsidies for growth.

Helping other Park and Recreation professionals and their agencies become their very best is the current foundation of Tom’s work. He is a frequent Keynote Speaker at State Recreation Conferences and his reach has extended to Canada and Mexico. Tom has taught at the NRPA Supervisor Management School, The Revenue School, and the Directors School. Tom previously served as the Director of the NRPA Directors School. Tom is still very active in professional development of park and recreation practitioners.

Prior to joining Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, Tom was the Director of the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department in Mt. Pleasant South Carolina, and worked as Manager of the Sports and Recreation Division for Seamon Whiteside and Associates, a Landscape Architect and Engineering firm. Tom’s first job was as a high school Athletic Director and Coach.

Tom has been married to Jackie O’Rourke for 38 years. They have three grown and married children and two grandchildren. Recreation is Tom’s profession, but his passion has always been coaching. He is currently a Track and Field coach, (Pole Vault.) He has coached State Championship teams, a two-time State Champion, qualifying Pole Vaulters.
Tuesday, November 3
Casey Jones Distillery
(Shuttles Board at 6pm)

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Wednesday, November 4
Golden Microphone Lip Sync Contest
Ballroom C, 7:30 p.m.

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Be Prepare to Battle!

Thursday, November 5
Department Olympics—Sports Plex,
7:30pm—9:30pm

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Social in the Exhibit Hall—The Bruce,
7:30pm—9:30pm
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CONFERECE SAFETY PLAN

- Masks are required at all times
- Sign-in each day
- Temperature checks done upon entry
- Staff is sanitizing between sessions
- Please observe social distancing guidelines

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