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WESTMINSTER RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES STATE AWARD

Skate Park Committee receives Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Board and Volunteer Branch Group/Organization Award

Westminster, MD – The members of the Westminster Skate Park Committee was selected by the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association as this year's winner of the Board and Volunteer Branch Award for a Group/Organization. The presentation will take place on Thursday, April 15th in Ocean City, Maryland. The group was nominated for their outstanding service to Westminster City Recreation during the renovation and reconstruction of the Westminster City Skate Park. The Skate Park Committee members are Brice Foxwell, Bob Lloyd, Jim Marks, Brian Vana, and Steve Vogle, all from Westminster.

The members of the committee have volunteered over 3 years of service and countless hours of volunteer work which continues to this day. These five men are affectionately known as 'The Skater Dads' and have taken a vested interest in this community project. Many are skaters themselves and all have children in the community which utilize this park. Their work over the years helped to make this project a success. The Westminster City Skate Park is now one of the most heavily used parks in the City and this can be directly attributed to the efforts of this committee.

Before the committee began work to renovate this park, the park was run down and dangerous with many mechanical hazards including outdated overused and broken equipment. The Skate Park Committee set out to provide the community with the best possible Skate Park with the limited funds available. The work of the Skate Park Committee helped to provide Westminster City Citizens with an amazing, completely new, and professionally built skate park.

There are many people to thank for the success of Westminster City Recreation and Parks endeavors, but what makes the Skate Park Committee stand out is their tenacity and expertise which was absolutely instrumental. The City of Westminster will have an amazing park for citizens to enjoy for years to come.



Pictured above is the nearly completed Westminster City Skate Park.



Pictured above are The Skate Park Committee, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, and City of Westminster Staff opening the park at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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The Department of Recreation and Parks is located at 11 Longwell Avenue in Westminster, MD. The department provides citizens and visitors with a variety of events, programs, and health and fitness opportunities throughout the year. For more information about the recreation and parks department and upcoming events, please visit www.westminstermd.gov or call 410-857-9072.