

James City County Division of Parks and Recreation

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## My Place

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Family Fun Fest ● Summer Camps ● Senior Connection



**5301 Longhill Road** (adjacent to the James City/Williamsburg Community Center), open daily sunrise to sunset



*The ribbon-cutting ceremony for My Place was held in December 2009. Cutting the ribbon for the facility (l-r) are Jack Tuttle, City of Williamsburg; Pete Cruikshank, Leadership Historic Triangle; Sue Mellen, James City County; Leonard Sledge, LHT Class of 2009; and Dick Schrieber, Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance.*

Playgrounds are a place where children can come together to play, yell, swing and imagine. They are places where life lessons are learned – challenge, risk, cooperation and conflict resolution. Yet for too many families, playgrounds have become inaccessible due to physical limitations. My Place is inclusive, specially designed to welcome all individuals and families regardless of ability.

My Place is a community project of the Leadership Historic Triangle Class of 2009. The class initiated the venture - to research, fund and build an accessible playground at the existing James City/Williamsburg Community Center on Longhill Road. Their goal was

a 6,000 square foot playground with barrier free equipment, fencing and sidewalks to be located at an existing County park site where visitor traffic was already established.

The Class began work on the project more than a year ago. With County Board of Supervisors approval in February 2009, the playground took shape through conceptual planning and drawings. Fundraising efforts began with support from corporate sponsors, community donations and a commemorative brick paver campaign. Ground was broken for the \$170,000 facility in October 2009. Grand Opening ceremonies were held in December.

At My Place, all children play together – without bounds or judgments, but your help is always needed to support regular maintenance and repair of the facility. The playground is a privately-funded project of the Leadership Historic Triangle Class of 2009. For your \$50 donation, you'll receive a commemorative brick paving stone, which can be laser etched with your personal message. This paving stone will become part of the foundation of this special project, and will ensure future generations know that My Place is your place. To learn more, visit [www.jccEgov.com/recreation/parks/index.html](http://www.jccEgov.com/recreation/parks/index.html), e-mail [jetchberger@james-city.va.us](mailto:jetchberger@james-city.va.us) or call 259-5410.



*"My Place" includes all the features of a traditional playground – swings, a merry-go-round, climbing equipment and some features very unique to the Historic Triangle area.*



*The 6,000 square foot playground offers barrier free equipment, fencing and sidewalks and is located next to the James City/Williamsburg Community Center.*

**Thank You Sponsors!**

**My Community – \$5,000+**

AES, Branscome Incorporated, Busch Gardens, Dominion Foundation, Henderson Incorporated, Lions Charity Foundation of District 24-D, Plantation Group LLC, Sentara and TowneBank.

**My Family – 2,500+**

Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Investment Group, Eagle Bay Hardscape Products, FedEx Kinko's, Great Wolf Lodge, Hercules Fence, In Memory of Matthew Hershberger, Shonka Wealth Management LTD and Wright Signs.



*Upon completion, My Place was donated to James City County for management and maintenance through existing staff. Fundraising efforts continue to support regular maintenance and repair of the facility.*

**My Friends – \$1,000+**

Bench Smith, Brooks Real Estate, Inc., Colonial Center for Hearing, Foskey-Phillips Advertising, Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, Holdren Design, Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg, Keli Slusher-York County School Division, Kiwanis Club of Toano, Middle Peninsula Insurance, Mourlam Studios, Parking Lot Maintenance, WJCC Republican and Democratic Committees, Spain Commercial, St. Olaf Catholic Church, Virginia Gazette, Walmart Foundation, Waltrip Recycling and Williamsburg Community Trust.

**Class of 2009**

Leadership Historic Triangle is sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance with a mission to encourage, develop and support community leaders. Each class commits to a project to better the Historic Triangle. Classes are held every other year.



*Leadership Historic Triangle Class of 2009: Chris Basic, Rick Batten, Carrie Binsfeld, John Carnifax, Tom Cosgrove, Hunter Creech, Kevin Crossett, Andy Dallas, Carrie Dolan, Bondy Shay Gibson, Peter Henderson, Jr., Michael Hipple, Sr., David Jolley, Kathy Kammer, Adam Kinsman, Cortney Langley, Carolyn Murphy, Adam Nash, Tom Neely, Erin Pitre, Jennifer Privette, Brad Sipes, Stanley Skinner, Leonard Sledge, Greg Spryn, Shelley Weisberg, Don West and Abbitt Woodall.*