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Arthur Shepherd to Lead County's Recreation and Parks

Leonardtown, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County has named Arthur Shepherd Recreation and Parks Director.

Mr. Shepherd, who has served as interim director since April 24, brings 39 years of experience to the position. Previously he served as interim manager of the Wicomico Shores Golf Course from June – September 2016, Recreation Division Manager from 1994 – 2011 and Recreation Program Coordinator from 1978 – 1994.

During his years with St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks, Arthur developed a number of popular programs including the Summerstock musicals, Easter Egg Festival and Disability Awareness Day. He also oversaw the conversion of the former Carver and Hollywood elementary schools and Leonard Hall Drill Hall into recreation centers.

“We are extremely grateful Arthur has accepted our offer to lead Recreations and Parks,” said Commissioner President Randy Guy. “He has proven to be a tremendous asset and calming influence as interim director. The commissioners are confident he will continue to further develop and grow our recreational programs for the citizens of St. Mary's County.”

Mr. Shepherd is a former member of the National and Maryland Recreation and Parks Associations. He has also chaired the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

His appointment is effective immediately.

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