

**DIRECTOR PARKS AND RECREATION
CITY OF BUENA VISTA, VA
Advertisement for Open Position**

The City of Buena Vista is seeking a Director of Parks and Recreation. This is a unique opportunity for a highly motivated and creative professional to promote and be a steward of the day to day outdoor experience of a 352 acre park fronting along the Maury River in Buena Vista Virginia. This year the park was host to 23 music venues, including festivals from Blue Grass to Beach Music. Camping is available at 52 designated sites and Rally Field accommodates over 250 camping units for our larger festival events. The facility of Glen Maury Park is designed to host large festivals. It also has available several shelters and pavilions that can host a diverse range of family and group outings.

The outdoor experience the Buena Vista region provides is paramount to the Glen Maury Park as the recreation hub for this area. Buena Vista's close proximity and destinations as the Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia Horse Center, Natural Bridge State Park and Appalachian Trail adds to the quality of life and outdoor experience opportunities for our park and City. Other park amenities that support adult and youth athletics are the Laurel Park Youth Ball Field Complex, Buddy Secrist field and Camden Field. All of these athletic facilities offer lighting, concessions and rest rooms. A swim complex with concessions, bathhouse and picnic area enhances the park experience and the Olympic size pool is the center piece of the swimming experience. These facilities are available to a wide array of users including Rockbridge Area Recreation Association that provides youth sports programs for Rockbridge County and the Cities of Buena Vista and Lexington.

The Director of Parks and Recreation position will play the leadership role in the facilitation and recruitment of outdoor events and activities. The park system is primary maintained by the City Public Works Department, so coordination of park maintenance is an important aspect of this position. This position will have the opportunity to maintain and expand on the future success of our park and recreation experiences.

The preferred candidates will have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business, Parks and Recreation Administration, or accepted related field. Experience in Business and/or Public Management with an emphasis on Parks and recreation; Principals and planning of Parks and Recreation and event or festival planning. The Salary range based on experience is \$45,000 to \$50,000, including benefits. The Director of Parks and Recreation job description can be obtained on the City of Buena Vista web page. Applicants can send a Resume and Cover Letter to dwheeler@bvcity.org.