



Our Mission

Through our valuable assets, resources and community partnerships including Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point we will provide a complete range of cultural, passive and active recreational opportunities to attain the highest quality of life possible for all citizens.

The Havelock Parks & Recreation Department operates and maintains over 100 acres of parks and facilities including its home office at the Recreation Center located on Highway 101. Parks & Recreation facilitates and works with various youth athletic associations including T-Ball, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Babe Ruth Softball, Youth Soccer, Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading, Youth Basketball, and Youth Lacrosse. Recreation also facilitates for adult Church and Co-Recreation Softball.

The Recreation Center offers a full court gymnasium, exercise/weight room, arts and crafts room and conference room. Parks & Recreation Staff operates an eight week Summer Camp. Parks & Recreation also works with local middle and high schools as well as Craven Community College in hosting athletic and classroom activities.

To share program ideas or volunteer with the Havelock Parks & Recreation Department, please drop by the Rec Center or give us a call at 444-6429.

Walter B. Jones Park

Inclusive Playground

with the Liberty Wheelchair Swing



**Call Havelock Rec Center for
office for key information
and instructions.
(252) 444-6429**



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Walter B Jones Park Inclusive Playground

In November 2016, the City of Havelock opened a new inclusive playground in Walter B Jones Park. The playground was funded through a \$450,000 grant from Trillium Health Resources. The playground includes a wide range of play components for children of various ages and abilities. In addition to swings for toddlers, youth, and special needs, the playground includes a wheelchair accessible swing (the Liberty Swing) that allows children in wheelchairs to enjoy the fun and recreation of swinging.

The Liberty Swing functions in a similar way to an ordinary swing, but there are many design and engineering provisions included in order to safely accommodate a wheelchair. There is a ramp that attaches to the swing so that a wheelchair can be rolled up on to it. The swing also includes an additional feature - a collapsible chair for those who are not necessarily dependent upon the use of a wheelchair but who are unable to use a conventional swing. The chair unfolds when needed and has a retractable harness-type seatbelt.

The Liberty Swing's capsule is made from a heavy-duty plastic with an internal steel structure and **supports weights of up to 550lbs** making it robust enough to withstand the rigors of an outdoor playground. A comprehensive set of instructions and diagrams on how to safely use the swing are printed on the swing and on a sign mounted to the surrounding gate. Some important points to remember when using the swing:

- 1) Check the ramp to insure that it is locked in place before backing the wheelchair on to the swing.
- 2) Lock the wheelchair.
- 3) Attach the chains to the wheelchair following the printed instructions mounted on the fence.
- 4) Secure seatbelt which may be found in the locked box on the back of the swing.
- 5) When finished using the swing, insure that the ramp is in place before releasing wheelchair. Make sure that the equipment is secured and that the gate is locked. Return keys to lockbox (see below) unless you are using your personal set.

Two keys are required to use the swing - one to unlock the gated area around the swing and another to unlock the swing. If you choose not to have your own set of keys that can provide, you may obtain keys from the lockbox. Call the Rec office at (252) 444-6429 during regular business hours for the code to unlock the lockbox and access the keys.

If you have questions or need assistance, you may contact the Parks & Recreation office Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm and Sunday 12pm to 4 pm.

LIBERTY SWING		KEY _____
KEY HOLDER INFORMATION		
Name		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Email Address		
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	

LIBERTY SWING USER INFORMATION		
Name		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		

Statement of Liability: Liberty Swing access keys are provided free of charge to the public. I have received instruction on the proper use of the swing and I take full responsibility for the safety and proper use of the Liberty Wheelchair Swing. I understand that the maximum combined capacity of the swing (user and wheelchair) is 550 lbs. and that only caregiver and user are to be in the gated swing area at any time. I further understand that the caregiver must be over the age of 16 and must remain in the swing area with the user at all times. I agree to return the access key to City of Havelock Parks and Recreation if no longer needed. I also agree that I will not loan or give the access key to anyone else. If the key is lost, damaged or stolen, I agree to pay City of Havelock Parks & Recreation a \$40 replacement fee.

Key Holder Signature

Date