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## Parks & Recreation Board Welcomes a New Director

The Parks & Recreation Board recently hired a new director, Mr. Alvin Jones. (Pictured Above). Mr. Jones is a native of Wilkes County and a 1980 Graduate of W-WCHS. Jones served in the Military from 1980 until 2012 during which time he spent 10 years dedicated to military recreation. While he was listed in the reserves, he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Parks & Recreation Administration from Savannah State College.

The new director has spent all of his adult life dedicating himself to the children of the different communities in which he has lived. A father of three, he coached a wide range of sporting activities and was even an AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Coach. He ran the Tremont Park Community Center in Savannah while attending college and has many years of experience working with youth. He plans to share what he has learned over the years and build the youth program here in Washington.

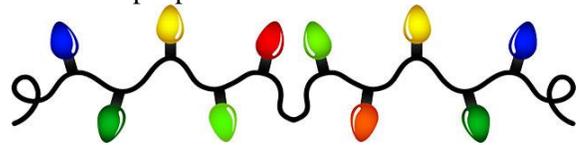
Jones believes in not just coaching children, but also getting to know them and their parents. "When you get involved, such as attending the PTG meetings and going to the schools, you build relationships with the children, and parents learn they can trust you".



"I am very much into building the Community, and I think that starts with the children"

## Plans for the Future

When asked about his vision for the W-W Recreation Program Mr. Jones stated he would like to add more programs geared towards seniors. He also wants to start a Parent / Volunteer Auxiliary Organization to improve the recreational opportunities in Wilkes County. Other changes Jones plans to make are extending hours during the Christmas Holidays and changing the hours of operation at the first of the year to make the facility available when people want to use it most.



The Christmas Parade of Lights will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. Applications to register for the parade must be received by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can contact the Parks & Recreation staff for more information.



The Martin Luther King parade will be January 16<sup>th</sup>, and will start at the old Samuel's Laundromat on Whitehall Street at 1:00 p.m. The parade will end at the Pope Conference Center. This year they are expecting many participants and are featuring horses in the parade. For more information or to pick up an application please contact Adrienne Anderson at 706-990-9876 or Melvene Binns at 706-990-7067.

## Adopt a Needy Pet



Meet Pixy, a 4 month old bulldog mix. She loves to cuddle, walks well on a leash and loves her toys. Call 706-678-2287 to schedule to meet her.

## December Calendar:

- ❖ The City Council meets December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.