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### Davie County Recreation and Parks Marks its Agency Debut

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The County of Davie unveiled its newly established Davie County Recreation and Parks Department (DCRP) on July 1, 2016.

DCRP debuted its first special event on July 2, hosting the 2016 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Extravaganza; a historical tradition for 40 years (est. July 3, 1976). Department staff along with the events committee and in partnership with Davie Family YMCA pulled off a successful event with 3,000+ in attendance. Festivities included music entertainment, food, games, pony rides and a spectacular fireworks display lighting the Davie County skyline! Aesthetic renovations have been made to the existing Brock Recreation Center which will benefit all Davie County residents as great programs and events to begin in the Fall. Within the next 2-3 years DCRP plans to open its first district park with recreation bond funding that citizens voted and passed in 2013. The department is looking forward to a bright future and making Davie County Recreation and Parks successful. In conclusion, we take pause and thank retiring Director, Mike Garner and former staff of Mocksville-Davie Parks and Recreation for their dedication to the citizens of Davie County, surrounding townships and to the field of Parks and Recreation since 1986.

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