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**Bronson Parks and Recreation seeks help from the people;**

***Event staff dream moves forward***



**Town of Bronson Parks and Recreation Director Curtis Stacy mans his desk on Monday morning (July 30). He and town leaders are hoping for volunteers to help the department better serve the people of Bronson.**

## **Story and Photo**

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**BRONSON** -- Town of Bronson Parks and Recreation (BPR) Director Curtis Stacy believes people who want to help the town can do so by volunteering to become part of the event staff for special events and BPR games.

Bronson Mayor Bruce Greenlee has been promoting the idea, too, of volunteers helping the town cutback on overtime payments that become required because town workers have to man concession stands and help in other ways, where volunteers could complete those tasks.

Bronson Town Councilwoman Katie Parks is the Town Council liaison for events - such as the Fourth of July, the Blueberry Festival and the like.

As for the future event staff of volunteers, Director Stacy is the single source to contact.

The Town Hall telephone number is 352-486-2354. Curtis Stacy's email address is [parks@townofbronson.org](mailto:parks@townofbronson.org).

The sports leagues of soccer, football, flag football, basketball and the four spring sports of Banderillero, tee-ball, softball and baseball – all need volunteers.

Stacy said some work requires the volunteers to be at least 18 years old. For instance, grill operation can be dangerous and he wants an adult for that service.

Delivering goods at the windows to customers and taking payments and making change can

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be completed by students 13 to 18.

Stacy is hoping that adults who want to help the town will contact him, and he will work with all of the volunteers to help everyone work as part of the team of supporters for Bronson Parks and Recreation.

By the way, in addition to volunteers for various points to help the people Bronson, Stacy said the Bronson Parks and Recreation Department is always in need of coaches for all sports.

Coaching is a very tough job. Serving as a volunteer in the concession stand, at the gate or on the sidelines is difficult too. Nevertheless, Stacy believes the townspeople and folks from the surrounding area will respond to this call for help from the community to help the children of the area enjoy playing in these sports.

## **SOCCER**

Soccer has one hosting game for Bronson on Oct. 13. This is the most critical time for help.

Soccer games start on Saturdays during the season at 8 a.m. and they end at 3:30 p.m. There are 12 volunteers needed for soccer.

From 7 to 8 a.m., three volunteers would set up the concession stand. Then, four sets of three volunteers would work two-hour shifts as grill help and concession sales help. Those shifts are 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 12-2 p.m., and 2-4 p.m. The final set of helpers would clean up too.

Another option for manpower at the soccer events is a team of seven volunteers for the entire event (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

## **FOOTBALL**

There is one hosting event for Bronson in football and that is on Sept. 22.

Football games are Saturdays and volunteers can serve from 8 a.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m.

Twelve volunteers are needed, where four of those would be working two-hour shifts.

The gate opens at 7 a.m. and the games start at 8 a.m.

Stacy said the town needs people to serve as grill help and at the window of the concession stand. There is going to be an opportunity for volunteers to clean up at the end as well.

A chain crew of four people, three on the sideline and one relief person is needed.

The gate crew would be six people with each of them working two-hour shifts.

## **FLAG FOOTBALL**

Flag football games are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The staff of volunteers needed to help here are two for the concession stand, and two for the grill.

## **BASKETBALL**

Basketball games are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Stacy said he needs a total event staff of seven people from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., for everything from set-up to clean-up.

Strong volunteers would be especially good, because there is a need to move equipment and supplies from the James H. Cobb Memorial Park to the gymnasium.

Three people are needed for operating the clock and keeping the books. Four people are needed for the concession stand.

There are going to be three or four basketball events hosted by Bronson in the upcoming season, Stacy said.

## **SPRING SPORTS**

There were 11 teams last year, Director Stacy said, making this one of the toughest sets of sports to man.

For instance, setup of the concession stand and baseball field-marking is at 7 a.m.

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Games in Banderillero, tee-ball, softball and baseball leagues call for six volunteers, Stacy said.

Beyond volunteering for gate duty, or chain team or concession stand work, other volunteers can help in many other ways, including assisting at registration, shopping and transporting concessions from Sam's.

Everyone who is interested in donating their time and talents to help Bronson Parks and Recreation can contact Curtis Stacy at Town Hall -- 352-486-2354. His email address is [parks@townofbronson.org](mailto:parks@townofbronson.org).