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## News Release

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### **COUNTY BEACHES OPEN FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Local residents can rediscover affordable family fun at Albemarle County's three swimming beaches this summer. On Saturday, May 24, swimming beaches at Chris Greene, Walnut Creek and Mint Springs open for the holiday weekend with special features including improved handicapped accessible features at all parks and spruced up playground and picnicking areas. The beaches will be open for the following weekend, May 31 – June 1, and then open again for the summer season beginning the weekend of June 7.

Inexpensive season passes for individuals and families are available at all three beaches and at the Parks and Recreation Office on the third floor of the County Office Building.

<b>Prices/Season Pass:</b>	<b>County Resident</b>	<b>Non-resident</b>
Child	\$30	\$45
Adult	\$50	\$75
Family (free babysitter included)	\$100	\$150
<b>Daily Rates:</b>		
Adult	\$3	\$4.50
Child	\$2	\$3

Summer park hours are 6:00 am to 9:00 pm at Chris Greene and Walnut Creek and 7:00 am - 9:00 pm for Mint Springs. The beaches themselves are open daily for swimming with lifeguards on duty from 10:00 am to 8:30 pm. In addition to swimming, the parks feature picnic shelters, hiking trails, swimming lessons and canoes for rent at Chris Greene and Walnut Creek. **For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (434) 296-5844.**