

RANGER STAN FOWLER HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AFTER 30+ YEARS AT GLEN ECHO PARK



The National Park Service (NPS) has decided to reassign Ranger Stan Fowler to the Virginia District of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) after being at Glen Echo Park for the past 30+ years. ***This move is effective 7 January 2009.***

If you would like to express your CONCERN, SURPRISE, SADNESS please write to the Director of the National Park Service, Mary Bomar. Send BOTH email and snail mail. We would like for NPS to see how much we all appreciate Stan Fowler and want NPS to recognize his many years of service. After more than 30 years of service, it is hard to understand him being reassigned so suddenly, without a year or two's time to finalize projects before retiring. It is hard to ignore piles of envelopes on the desk, so if at all possible, please send snail mail letters!

In your letters, make specific note of the wonderful things Stan has done and CONTINUES to do for the park. ***Please be positive in identifying why and how Stan is irreplaceable and needs to stay at Glen Echo Park. You may note any of the following points and/or add your own comments and memories of Glen Echo Park life with Stan.***



- ◆ Stan is the face of Glen Echo Park and the National Park Service to thousands of dancers and park visitors
- ◆ He organized hundreds of volunteers to provide over 19,000 free hours of service in renovations of the Bumper Car Pavilion and other park facilities
- ◆ He saved NPS hundreds of thousands of dollars in material and staff resources through volunteer contributions of supplies, work, and time
- ◆ He has catalogued and maintained the Spanish Ballroom dance floor
- ◆ He has decades of commitment to keeping social dance alive at Glen Echo
- ◆ He spearheaded the effort to gather volunteers to renovate the Bumper Car Pavilion for dances and events
- ◆ He is a First Aid provider at dances and First Aid/CPR/AED trainer
- ◆ He runs the Volunteer Corps on projects in the park
- ◆ He presents an annual historical interpretation of the anniversary of the Glen Echo parking lot flood via a film he produced
- ◆ He interacts with hundreds of park visitors through his activities giving park tours, interpretation and education programs, and weekend social dance programs
- ◆ He is the primary historical Glen Echo Park videographer
- ◆ He led efforts to restore Minnehaha Creek into one of the park's primary natural resources once again
- ◆ He understands the special nature of Glen Echo Park, which is not a typical national park site, and encourages visitors to better appreciate national parks and their value to Americans
- ◆ He understands and interprets the history of Glen Echo Park to local, national, and international visitors, from school children to adults
- ◆ He creates films for visitors to the park and is in the process of making them ADA-compliant with closed-captioned subtitles thanks to his efforts to locate volunteer transcribers
- ◆ He developed and continues to expand the "living history" element of programs at Glen Echo through the encouragement of social dance programs that take place 4-8 times/week where participants can experience history through the same dances earlier Americans enjoyed in days past!

Please send your letters and emails commending Stan Fowler and his 30+ years of outstanding service to:

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Please join **<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DanceRanger>** to share your memories and recognition of Stan with others. Or post a "blind" or "bcc" copy of your letter to **VolunteersForStan@gmail.com**.

For a copy of this flyer in electronic format to send to other dancers, callers, bands, artists, and former Glen Echo patrons who live elsewhere, email **ellesisters@yahoo.com** Put in the subject heading "Stan Flyer."