## The Ink Blotter

Certainties and Predictions for Parks in 2012



Stay-cations Will Continue



### Parks Will Go Virtual

- Parks by Nature
- The Cloud
- Tablets
- Can you hear me now?

# Acquisition and Construction Will Continue

- O April Mayo River opened
- O July New visitor center at Raven Rock
- September New facilities at Lake James
- November New boardwalk at Dismal Swamp
- November New exhibits at Morrow Mountain

- O Next?
- C Long Hope Valley
- O Hammocks Beach
- O Headwaters Project
- O Chimney Rock Master Plan
- O Carver's Creek Master Plan
- Going Green



## More Guns in Parks





#### Political Campaigns Will Intensify

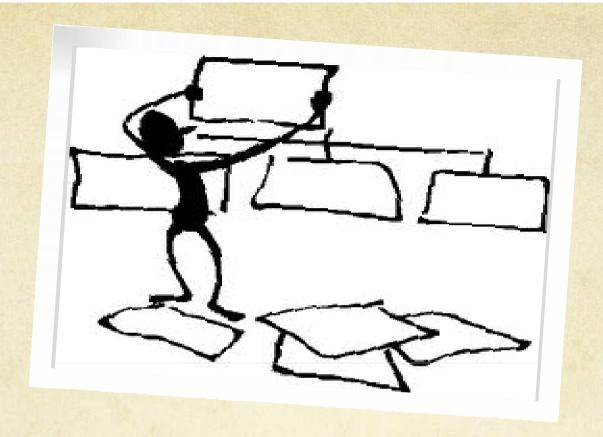
- Accountability
- Government Spending
- Ethics

# Generational Change

|                        | Veterans<br>(1922–1945)                           | Baby Boomers<br>(1946-1964)          | Generation X<br>(1965–1980)                  | Generation Y<br>(1981–2000)                    |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Core Values            | Respect for authority<br>Conformers<br>Discipline | Optimism<br>Involvement              | Skepticism<br>Fun<br>Informality             | Realism<br>Confidence<br>Extreme fun<br>Social |
| Family                 | Traditional<br>Nuclear                            | Disintegrating                       | Latch-key kids                               | Merged families                                |
| Education              | A dream   | A birthright                         | A way to get<br>there                        | An incredible expense                          |
| Communication<br>Media | Rotary phones<br>One-on-one<br>Write a memo       | Touch-tone phones<br>Call me anytime | Cell phones<br>Call me only at<br>work       | Internet<br>Picture phones<br>E-mail           |
| Dealing with<br>Money  | Put it away<br>Pay cash                           | Buy now, pay later                   | Cautious<br>Conservative<br>Save, save, save | Earn to spend                                  |

| WORKPLACE CHARACTERISTICS |   |  |   |  |  |  |
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| Work Ethic and<br>Values  | Hard work Respect authority Sacrifice Duty before fun Adhere to rules | Workaholics Work efficiently Crusading causes Personal fulfillment Desire quality Question authority | Eliminate the task<br>Self-reliance<br>Want structure and<br>direction<br>Skeptical | What's next Multitasking Tenacity Entrepreneurial Tolerant Goal oriented |  |  |
| Werk is                   | An obligation   | An exciting adventure  | A difficult challenge<br>A contract   | A means to an end<br>Fulfillment   |  |  |
| Leadership Style          | Directive<br>Command-and-control                                      | Consensual<br>Collegial  | Everyone is the same<br>Challenge others<br>Ask why                                 | *TBD   |  |  |
| Interactive Style         | Individual  | Team player<br>Loves to have meetings  | Entrepreneur  | Participative  |  |  |
| Communications            | Formal<br>Memo  | In person  | Direct<br>Immediate   | E-mail<br>Voice mail   |  |  |
| Feedback and<br>Rewards   | No news is good<br>news<br>Satisfaction in<br>a job well done         | Don't appreciate it<br>Money<br>Title recognition  | Sorry to interrupt,<br>but how am I doing?<br>Freedom is the<br>best reward         | Whenever I want<br>it, at the push of a<br>button<br>Meaningful work     |  |  |
| Messages That<br>Motivate | Your experience is respected  | You are valued<br>You are needed   | Do it your way<br>Forget the rules  | You will work<br>with other bright,<br>creative people                   |  |  |
| Work and Family<br>Life   | Ne'er the twain shall<br>meet   | No balance<br>Work to live   | Balance   | Balance  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>As this group has not spent much time in the workforce, this characteristic has yet to be determined.



Reorganization Will Occur