

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager *BL*

DATE: July 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from me providing an update on the kayak launch and fishing pier at Town Common
2. A memo from Police Chief Mark Holtzman regarding the *Cops and Barbers* program
3. A memo from Police Chief Mark Holtzman regarding the Child Advocate Grant position
4. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, providing an update on the Town Common Inclusive Playground
5. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding the Eppes Computer Room dedication
6. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding the Eppes Recreation Center HVAC

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Attachments

cc: Dave Holec, City Attorney  
Carol Barwick, City Clerk



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## Memorandum

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager *BL*  
**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Subject:** Update on Kayak Launch and Fishing Pier

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As an update on the installation of the kayak launch and fishing pier at Town Common, no-rise certification has been received for the launch; however, the US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has concerns about the proposed "no-rise-approved" kayak launch site, and will not give COE approval. Staff is considering separating the project into two components and moving forward with the fishing pier. However, before that decision is made, alternate design plans for the launch will be evaluated with the no-rise engineer and COE staff. Basic kayak access from the shoreline could be a "fallback" option if other options prove infeasible.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Memorandum

To: Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager

From: Mark Holtzman, Chief of Police 

Date: July 20, 2016

Subject: Cops and Barbers

What do a police officer and a barber have in common? A lot, as proven by a pilot program launched by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD). *Cops and Barbers* – an idea developed during a routine haircut – quickly became a powerful community engagement tool for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. This month, the Greenville Police Department and local barbers launched our own “Cops and Barbers” program, modeled after the program in Charlotte, with hopes of garnering the same results.

The concept is simple. Barber shops are typically known as places where people come to have honest conversations about real-life issues. Having an officer actively participate in these discussions gives GPD an opportunity to hear the community’s opinions and concerns and take those ideas back to our Department for further conversation. Local barbers recognize that having an officer present in their shop not only can help their clients have their voices heard, but it also creates an environment for conversation and opportunities to bridge the gap when it comes to police-community relationships.


*Cops and Barbers* is the brainchild of former CMPD Police Chief Rodney Monroe and his barber Gene Winchester. It was created after several high-profile shootings of black men by law enforcement in Charlotte. The nationally-recognized program, led by Retired CMPD Homicide Detective Garry McFadden, was highlighted by the White House as part of a progress report on police-community relations since the establishment of the national 21st Century Policing Taskforce. It provides a unique way for citizens and the officers who serve them to have open, honest dialogue on matters involving police and race-relations in the African American community.

The Greenville Police Department has selected Officer Richie Williams to spearhead Greenville’s program. Williams has worked closely with Retired CMPD Detective McFadden to implement the initiative locally. He will work closely with area barbers to coordinate monthly meetings at their shops. The meetings will enable members of the Greenville community to learn about their rights and the appropriate manner to handle themselves when coming in contact with police. Additionally, citizens are informed of the appropriate manner with which officers must conduct themselves when engaging with the public. The goal is to provide a venue to strengthen community trust and mutual understanding.

A feature article on the success of Charlotte’s program can be found here:

<http://www.charlottemagazine.com/Charlotte-Magazine/December-2015/Charlotteans-of-the-Year-2015-Cops-Barbers/>.

## Memorandum

**To:** Barbara Lipscomb  
**From:** Mark Holtzman   
Chief of Police  
**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Subject:** Notes to Council – Child Advocate Grant

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During the fall of 2015, there was discussion on the addition of a child-victim advocate within the police department. The Department's Planning and Research Specialist began searching for grant opportunities immediately. In January of 2016, a grant opportunity was discovered through the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission for such a position. At the January 14, 2016 City Council Meeting, the police department requested permission to make application for the grant and were authorized to proceed.

I am pleased to report that the Police Department has been awarded the grant. We have begun the process to fill the new position for the non-sworn advocate. The advocate will be a person trained in working with youth who have either been the victim, or witness to various traumatic events. Some of these events may include domestic violence, violent crime, or unusual occurrences that leave a child in crisis. This position will coordinate with outside resources to ensure the best possible outcome for the impacted child.

Requested in the grant was \$100,000.00 to include salary for the advocate, program materials and necessary supplies. This grant is for two years and will require a twenty (20%) percent match. The fiscal impact of this grant, if received, would be as follows:

- The match for the City for year one will be \$27,885.14.
- The match for the City for year two will be \$ 22,626.75.
- The total federal request after the match will be \$202,047.55: \$111,540.54 for the first year and \$90,507.001 for the second year.
- The balance of the funds will be used for office supplies, contracted services, equipment, and training for the advocate as well as all Police Department personnel who interact with children who have been victimized.

# Memo

**To:** Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Re:** Town Common Inclusive Playground Project

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In conjunction with the start of the Town Common Inclusive Playground Project, an 8'x4' construction sign will be erected on site early next week; see attached rendering.

Assuming the requested underground utility locating service is completed prior to this Friday, Charles Hughes Construction expects to begin silt fence and tree protection installation on that day. Additional site work will begin the following Monday, July 25, 2016. Project completion is still anticipated by September 30, 2016, and a ribbon cutting ceremony is being scheduled for October.

A “crowd-funding” campaign sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association (Fund Your Park) for the Natural Play Area within the playground (\$19,000) will run for one month, from August 23, 2016, to September 23, 2016. In addition, staff is finalizing a grant application with the Vidant Foundation for the Healthbeat Exercise component (\$23,000).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Attachment

cc: Merrill Flood, Assistant City Manager

# Town Common Inclusive Playground




 **Greenville**  
NORTH CAROLINA  
RECREATION AND PARKS



Coming Fall 2016

# Memo

**To:** Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Re:** Eppes Computer Room Dedication

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Recreation and Parks staff wish to invite Greenville City Council members and the public to attend the naming ceremony for the the Eppes Recreation Center's Computer Room and Learning Center, on Saturday, August 13, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.

The room will be named after the Jack and Jill National Foundation, which generously contributed the funding for the computers and printer for the learning center. Light refreshments will be served.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Merrill Flood, Assistant City Manager

# Memo

**To:** Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** July 20, 2016  
**Re:** Eppes Recreation Center HVAC

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Regarding the issue with the “off-line” HVAC unit in the Eppes Recreation Center gym, Schneider and Brady Trane Services have both visited the facility and finally identified the issue: three control boards have been affected by lightning or an electrical surge in the system. Brady Service installed a temporary control board yesterday, and though the system was able to operate only in a “cool mode,” that was adequate for the time being.

However, this morning we were informed that the temporary board has failed as well. Brady has already ordered the new parts that should arrive by Friday, and when the unit is back in operation I will update you. The new system will obviously be able to operate in a “heat mode” as well.

Local thermostat controls are still set at 74° during occupied times, but the remaining unit will be unable to meet that 74° set point until the repairs are successfully completed. Staff continues to monitor the gym temperature to assure the remaining unit is still operating, and industrial fans will remain available in the gymnasium until we are certain they are no longer needed.

If you have any questions please let me know.

cc: Merrill Flood, Assistant City Manager