

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
DATE: February 21, 2018  
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Joseph Durham, Interim Director of Community Development, regarding the Greenville Human Relations Council Awards Program on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Hilton Greenville
2. A memo from Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding the Town Common playground foundation repair beginning March 12, 2018
3. A memo from Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding World Water Day and STEAM Lab grand opening on March 22, 2018 at River Park North
4. A memo from Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding the upcoming Spring and Summer Program Guide

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Attachments

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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# MEMO

**DEPARTMENT**

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**TO:** Ken A Graves, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Joseph Durham, Interim Director of Community Development Department

**DATE:** February 19, 2018

**SUBJECT: Notes to Council - GHRC Award Ceremony and Reception**

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The Greenville Human Relations Council (GHRC) Awards Program will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018 @ 5:30PM at the Hilton Greenville.

It is my pleasure to invite members of the Greenville City Council, City Manager Ann Wall, Assistant City Manager Michael Cowin and you to this notable annual event. GHRC will be celebrating its forty-seventh Anniversary with twenty-six of those years being honorably recognized by Council. Attached is your invitation to attend.

Additional information is attached amplifying the amazing history which highlights the qualifications of individuals, organizations and businesses throughout the Greenville community.

I look forward to seeing you there. If you have additional questions, please contact me at (252) 329-4500.

**GHRC**

Greenville Human Relations Council

**Human Relations Office  
P.O. Box 7207  
Greenville, NC 27834**

## **GREENVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL AWARDS PROGRAM**

This award program was created by the Human Relations Council to honor residents of the City for their commitment and dedication to inspire others to engage in volunteer service and to recognize individuals and organizations that provide services that strengthen the Greenville community and improve the lives of others.

Because of their selfless service to our community, these awards not only highlight the importance of volunteerism and community service, but they remind us of how one person can truly make a difference.

Since February 1992, the Council has recognized and honored the extraordinary achievements of Greenville's heroes. A description of the award categories are:

**Best-Irons Humanitarian Award** honors individuals, organizations/businesses with a commitment to positive human relations in Greenville. It recognizes an individual and a business (organization) that has made Greenville a better place through their commitment to promote social, racial and economic justice; defending human rights; and/or enhancing the dignity of all people. Recipients may be considered "unsung heroes" who have energized others to improve the opportunities and quality of life for residents of Greenville and have unselfishly shared their time and expertise and consistently and willingly extended a helping hand to others – often without seeking recognition.

**Distinguished Inclusive Community Award** honors organizations/businesses who have demonstrated a significant contribution toward creating a diverse and inclusive community through the implementation of policies, procedures, initiatives, and/or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Recruitment and retention of an excellent and diverse staff, faculty, or student body.
- Foster equality of opportunity within our community.
- Encourage diverse perspectives.
- Create a welcoming and supportive climate through efforts such as visibility, communication and education.
- Other areas critical to establishing inclusivity.

**Community Service Award (Volunteerism)** honors individuals and/or organizations that provide outstanding volunteer services that strengthen our community and improve the lives of our residents. The age criteria for an individual award: (a) **Youth Award** recognizes the dedication of an individual 17 years of age or younger, (b) **Adult Award** recognizes the dedication of an individual age 18 and older, and (c) **Community Service Business/Organization Award** recognizes any business/organization or agency for their volunteer efforts.

The Council invite you to join us on **Saturday, February 24, 2018** as we celebrate our **Forty-Seventh Anniversary**. The event will take place at the Greenville Hilton at 5:30pm. Attached is your invitation.



*Find yourself in good company*

***“Celebrating and Honoring Those Who  
Make a Difference”***

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL  
FORTY-SEVENTH AWARD CEREMONY AND  
RECEPTION  
SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF  
FEBRUARY  
TWO-THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
FIVE THIRTY PM  
HILTON GREENVILLE  
207 GREENVILLE BOULEVARD, SW**

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**RSVP VIA E-MAIL: [cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov](mailto:cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov)**

# Memo

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** February 21, 2018  
**Re:** NTC - Town Common Playground Foundation Repair

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Warranty repairs on the surfacing of the Inclusive Playground at Town Common will begin on Monday, March 12, which will require the temporary closure of the playground. The surface of the playground will be removed in order for repair to the foundation. Depending on weather and any other unforeseen challenges, we anticipate the work will be completed within a month.

Late last year we began noticing some growing indentations in the accessible surfacing of the playground. An examination by Parks Planner Lamarco Morrison and the original contractor determined that this developing defect would likely worsen if not addressed, but was covered under warranty.


Unfortunately, correcting the problem will require a temporary closure of the playground, and the work may only be done when temperatures are above 45°. Signage will be posted alerting users of the pending repairs, and our friends at Trillium Health Resources will also be notified.

Obviously playground visitors will be disappointed, and I regret that. But if we do not act now, the problem will likely worsen, and the warranty will no longer be in effect.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager

# Memo

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** February 21, 2018  
**Re:** NTC - World Water Day and STEAM Lab Grand Opening, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at River Park North

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On Thursday, March 22, 2018, River Park North and *Love a Sea Turtle* (LAST) will host the official kickoff of the “EarthEcho Water Challenge,” as part of the United Nations’ *World Water Day*. A highlight of the day here in Greenville will be the grand opening of the *Love a Sea Turtle STEAM Lab* within the park’s Stasavich Science and Nature Center, currently home to the only permanent EarthEcho water testing site in the nation.

The Water Challenge is a program of EarthEcho International, a nonprofit organization founded on the belief that if equipped with the skills and knowledge to protect the world’s water resources, young people have the power to change our planet. Established by Philippe and Alexandra Cousteau in honor of their father Philippe Cousteau Sr. and grandfather Jacques-Yves Cousteau, the organization’s mission is to inspire young people worldwide to act now for a sustainable future.

*Love A Sea Turtle* is a partner with Greenville Recreation and Parks and provides hands-on outdoor nature-based programs and support. LAST was instrumental in seeking and securing an NC Science Museum grant that enabled the creation of the Center’s STEAM Lab.

The purpose of the Water Challenge is to build public awareness and involvement in protecting the world’s water resources by engaging citizens in the basic monitoring of their local waterbodies.

A Steam Lab ribbon cutting will be held at noon that day in the Center. Members of City Council and city staff are invited to participate and see the lab in action during the day’s events, which will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 pm.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager

# Memo

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** February 21, 2018  
**Re:** NTC - Upcoming Spring & Summer Program Guide

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The Recreation and Parks Department began distributing the 2018 Spring & Summer Program guide the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>. The guide includes GRPD programming offered March through August.

The current guide represents the planning efforts of Recreation Division staff, and this year it contains more recreational opportunities than ever before. Included are athletic programs, aquatic services, ceramic and painting classes, sewing, ballet instruction, self defense, wellness and fitness programs, photography, special olympics, nature programming, countless summer camp opportunities, and various services for individuals with special needs.

Programs have been planned for all ages, with numerous opportunities for citizens to try something new.

The guide also provides information on upcoming special events including PirateFest, Community Youth Arts Festival and Sunday in the Park.

More information regarding special events and specific program opportunities will be provided to Council over the next few months.

The program guide results through the joint efforts of the Recreation and Parks staff and the Public Information Office. Both departments work together on the four month project, and the guide can be found at each GRPD recreation facility, City Hall, libraries, and many businesses throughout the community.

And electronic version is also available on the City's website.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager  
Don Octigan, Recreation Superintendent