

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
DATE: March 28, 2018  
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding STEAM Lab opening and World Water Day
2. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding Heroes In Our Lives event beginning Memorial Day weekend at the Town Common

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Attachments

# Memo

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** March 28, 2018  
**Re:** STEAM Lab Opening and World Water Day

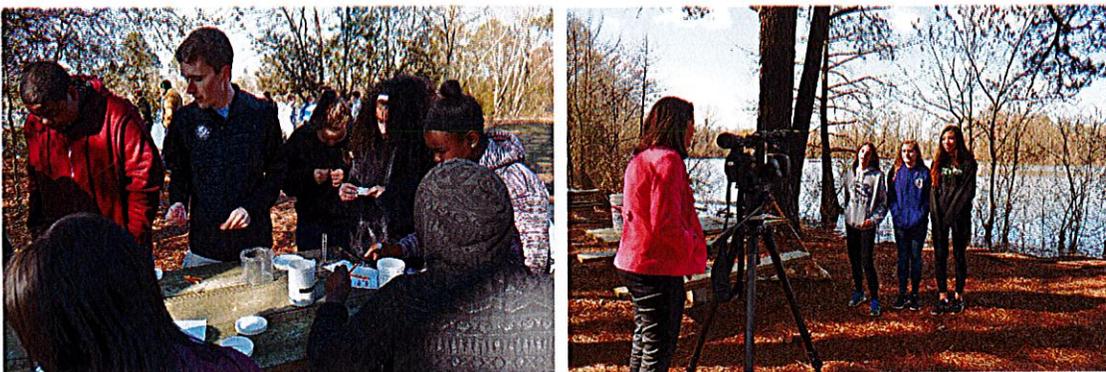
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A ribbon cutting and grand opening of the *Love A Sea Turtle* STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Lab were held at River Park North on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event was the launch site for the *EarthEcho Water Challenge* and brought great exposure to the park, the department, and the department's long collaboration with *Love A Sea Turtle*. Approximately 100 E.B. Aycock Middle School students participated in water testing at the park's lakes and in educational activities with park staff and EarthEcho representatives in the new STEAM Lab.

EarthEcho International is a nonprofit organization founded by siblings Philippe and Alexandra Cousteau in honor of their father, Philippe Cousteau Sr., son of legendary explorer Jacques Cousteau. Philippe Sr.'s belief in "a world where every single child can breathe fresh air, drink clean water, and walk on green grass under a blue sky" serves as EarthEcho's vision to this day.

Mayor Connelly, Council Member Rick Smiley, and various City Hall employees joined GRPD staff for the celebration. Mayor Connelly proclaimed March 22, 2018 as "World Water Day in the City of Greenville".

The event was featured in extensive coverage across local media platforms.



Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager

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Beginning Memorial Day weekend, the Town Common will host *Heroes In Our Lives*, an event organized through the efforts of the Greenville Noon Rotary in cooperation with Recreation and Parks.

A field of American flags will be posted in the northeast corner of the Town Common from Memorial Day weekend until July 7<sup>th</sup>.



Through some local non-profit organizations and Rotary Club members, flags may be purchased in honor or memory of any personal hero. A tag will be posted with each flag with the name of the honoree.

Flags will be placed so that donors will be able to find “their flag” in the field. Visitors will be permitted to walk through the display of flags on any day during the six-week period. Intermittent special events will take place to celebrate the event, and organizers plan to have hosts on-site during weekend hours to greet visitors and sell and place flags for those who were unable to pre-order.

Flags also may be purchased on the event website, <http://www.healingfield.org/greenvillenc18/> which will go live on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Flags are \$35 each, and participating charities will receive \$10 from each flag they sell.

Those purchasing flags may claim them at the close of the event on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager