

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. ^{AW}Walsh, City Manager
DATE: October 30, 2019
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 the 7th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
2. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center Membership Appreciation days in November
3. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding an update on the Sycamore Hill Gateway
4. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding Specialized Recreation Costume Party

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Attachments

Memo

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks 
Date: October 30, 2019
Re: Holiday Art Sale

The 7th annual *Jaycee Park Holiday Art Sale* is coming up this Saturday, November 2nd from 10 AM – 4 PM. The event will be held at the Jaycee Park Center for Arts & Crafts, located at 2000 Cedar Lane. This year, we have 27 local artists participating in the sale, the largest number in the event's history.

Under the direction of Recreation Supervisor Sara Caropreso, the Holiday Art Sale has nearly doubled in size over the last four years. In 2016, the Center for Arts & Crafts hosted 15 artist vendors. This year, we'll host almost twice that and have 22 more on "the waitlist."

The Center will host a variety of artist vendors, showcasing their wares. Vendor ages range from six years old (with the aid of a parent) to the mid-80s. Vendor artwork includes: pottery, paintings, illustrations, quilts, hand-dyed silk scarves, crochet, jewelry, watercolor, photography, wood crafts, mesh wreathes, calligraphy, handmade home décor items, and handmade soaps.

Staff have two primary goals in hosting this event:

- 1) Promote the Center for Arts & Crafts and all the recreational opportunities the facility has to offer the Greenville community.
- 2) Provide artists who work in our studios, as well as the community, a venue to display and sell their artwork.

This year, 15 of the 27 participating artists work in the studios at Jaycee Park. Center staff not only want to nurture artists' creativity in classes and clubs at the Center, but also give them that convenient place where they can display their wares for a profit. Artists pay a \$35 table fee and retain 100% of the day's receipts.

During the sale, Art Center staff will provide tours of the facility, answer questions about programming & Pottery Club memberships, as well as promote many of our other recreational services through distributing our Recreation and Parks Program Guide. Council Members and the community are invited to participate in this annual event.

Images from past Holiday Art Sale events follow. Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager



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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks 
Date: October 30, 2019
Re: GAFC Membership Appreciation Days

Each November, the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center (GAFC) celebrates the anniversary of our grand opening — 34 years ago this year — through the month-long *Membership Appreciation Days*.

Staff have been planning member appreciation activities and membership specials to foster the retention of current members and to attract new. Several of the activities planned will promote healthy lifestyles through educating members on staying active and identifying any potential health concerns.

Three Learning Series classes will be offered to provide information on diabetes prevention and managing life with diabetes. Introductory classes in synchronized swimming, scuba and water polo will be offered as well. Staff will also be providing three days of fitness consultations to allow members to monitor blood pressure, pulse, body fat, strength and flexibility.

Other activities planned include bingo, a potluck social, free fruit Fridays, sports drink specials, workout challenges, bench press competition, triathlon activities, “Zumba Smash” and pickleball clinics.

These annual appreciation days represent a great opportunity for Recreation and Parks staff to demonstrate the value of the Aquatics and Fitness Center to our community and to highlight the many benefits the facility has to offer.

More information about *Membership Appreciation Days* is available by calling the Aquatics & Fitness Center at 252.329.4041.

Thank you.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager

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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
CC: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks *GF*
Date: October 30, 2019
Re: Sycamore Hill Gateway Progress

Recreation and Parks staff along with the contractor, John Berry (Berry Building Group), met with members of the Sycamore Hill Advisory Group (SHAG) on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on the construction efforts to date and the work scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Berry provided members with a construction update, stating that the initial site work had been completed. The storm drainage, water supply and all foundations have been installed. The electrician has mobilized on site to prepare for lighting installation.

The custom made products (pre-cast walls, colored glass, etched glass, and engraved stone work) are in production. The structural steel for the tower and walls will be delivered on November 4th with installation scheduled to begin immediately thereafter. Once the steel is installed the pre-cast walls will be put in place. Mr. Berry mentioned that he hoped that the good weather would continue, allowing the project to be completed by the end of February.


Staff thanked the contractor for all of his hard work and dedication on this project. His commitment to the project is rock solid, making him a driving force and instrumental component in our pursuit of an extremely attractive and high quality product.

The members of SHAG thanked City staff and the contractor for all the work being put into the gateway initiative. They also stated that they felt that the project would ultimately draw visitors to Greenville from all over the state. They hope that the memorial would help educate future generations about the history of the community and church that once was located in the area.

Another meeting will be held in early December to provide further construction updates. Also during that meeting, staff and members of SHAG will be presented with a rendering of the donor wall that may then require updating or revision prior to actual fabrication.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
CC: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks 
Date: October 30, 2019
Re: Specialized Recreation Costume Party

The GRPD's Specialized Recreation Division held their annual *Costume Party* on Wednesday, October 23rd at the Drew Steele Center. This event draws hundreds each year and gives those with disabilities an opportunity to showcase their creative side and enjoy the company of friends . . . all in costume!

This year's event, which was organized by *Recreation Supervisor* Brent Harpe, attracted approximately 400 participants. Costumes highlighted the evening and ranged from clowns, witches, dinosaurs, and pirates, to an entire NASCAR pit crew. To assist with the event, staff partnered with approximately 20 volunteers from ECU's Brody School of Medicine and ECU's Education Department. This was a truly special night for all who attended, including staff and volunteers.

The Specialized Recreation Staff look forward to hosting this event annually as well as other dances for those with special needs. Staff also organize the *Holiday Dance* in December and *Valentine's Day Dance* in February.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

