

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager  
DATE: April 29, 2020  
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:


1. A memo from Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding Sycamore Hill Gateway project and dedication

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Attachments



# Memo

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks   
**Date:** April 28, 2020  
**Re:** Sycamore Hill Gateway Project and Dedication

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Work on the Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza at Town Common continues despite a few unexpected challenges. Contractor John Berry and his team have met every challenge head-on, and it will not be long before the project is complete and the vision finally becomes reality. We are anticipating completion by mid-May.

Drive by and see the progress!

Security cameras are in place and operational, and signage will remind visitors that the area is under surveillance. Hopefully, that will help us protect this special investment.

The completion of such a long and historically significant project deserves commemoration, and we need to truly celebrate this monumental accomplishment and team effort. Unfortunately, that will have to wait, as the COVID-19 situation dictates that we do nothing that will attract significant numbers of people to any of our facilities where they might be put at risk. Our celebration will have to come later.

Once the project has been completed, there will be signage placed at the plaza announcing its completion and the plans for a future dedication. The signage will read as follows:

*The Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza*

*Completion of the long awaited Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza here at Town Common is worthy of great celebration, and when the situation allows, the City of Greenville will plan, schedule, and promote a dedication program and commemoration.*

*Please watch for the details then plan to attend!*

Those of us who have chosen a career in parks know that what we build is supposed to outlive us and, unless we “cut too many corners,” it usually will! For decades to come, the Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza will be providing park visitors a look at “Town Common before Town Common.”

When it is permissible, we will announce the details of the upcoming dedication, and give Council and City staff plenty of notice. We hope all will be able to attend.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager

