

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: October 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Don Octigan, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding an update to the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center operations
2. Presentation by Wayman Williams, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville, providing an annual update

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Attachments



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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks *DO*
Date: October 7, 2020
Re: Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center Operations

In order to continue the phased re-opening plan compiled by staff, the Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center will expand current services being offered to members the week of October 12. The facility, which closed March 16, has been operating on a modified schedule and providing limited services since June 1 due to the impacts of COVID-19.

A timeline showing a phased approach to re-opening the Fitness Center is below:

June 1, 2020

Staff began operating the indoor pool at a limited capacity and by appointment only. Only pool memberships were sold during this phase; averaging 88 per month.

September 4, 2020

Staff opened the facility with reduced hours based on North Carolina's move to Phase 2.5. Several amenities, including the weight room and fitness room, reopened with limited capacities. Capacity for each area was determined based on the size of the particular room. The indoor pool continued to operate by appointment only, along with indoor swim lessons.

October 12, 2020

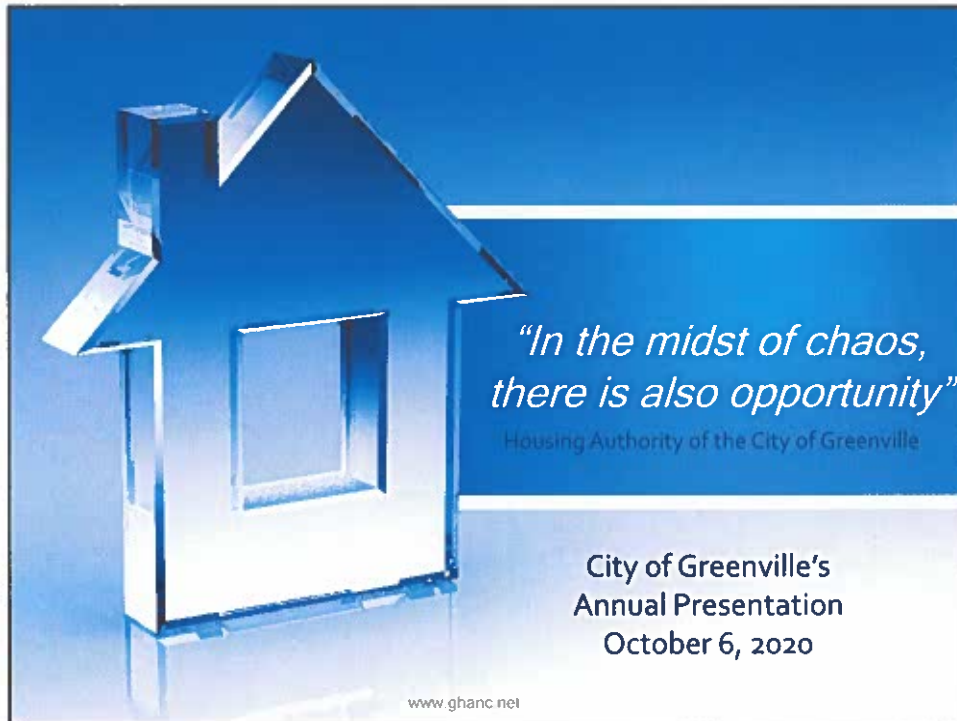
Services will expand to include group exercise classes, pickleball and personal training. The operations for the indoor pool will remain the same. Operating hours will expand to the schedule seen below:

Monday – Thursday	5:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	5:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Aquatics & Fitness Center staff have developed a comprehensive safety plan to ensure the health and well-being of all members and employees. Safety measures include frequent cleaning of fitness equipment, hand sanitizer available throughout the facility and the requirement to wear face coverings while not exercising. In addition, all guidelines required and recommended by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services are being followed.

Staff have a marketing plan in place to announce the upcoming changes, which will include various membership specials. Please let me know if there are questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager
Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation & Parks
Dennis Vestal, Recreation Manager



Agenda

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Mission

WHAT WE DO

The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville is the most experienced and most active affordable housing development organization in the City of Greenville. As such, our mission is to:

- Strengthen neighborhoods and families by offering expanded housing opportunities.
- Provide quality affordable rental housing for families, seniors, and other individuals with limited incomes.
- Enhance the economic well-being of residents of the HACG's communities and the participants in our tenant based programs.

Since 1961, we have built or renovated more than 880 affordable rental apartment homes, while providing thousands of individuals and families with housing rental subsidies.



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Education and Technology Assistance Program

HACG has implemented an education and technology assistance program to ensure that school aged youth have the tools and devices they need to be successful during the COVID-19 impacted school year with remote learning.

- With the assistance of the CARES Act funding, the HACG has invested in 200 Wi-Fi tablets for students in kindergarten through 2nd grades.
- Procured 150 Chromebooks for students in grades 3rd to 12th.
- Providing FREE internet access to Public Housing apartments with students that are eligible for the Child Nutrition Program.



Education and Technology Assistance Program

As the Coronavirus crisis forced schools to modify their operations for the year, the HACG and T-Mobile have joined Pitt County Public Schools to provide students with devices and connectivity to online learning and access to teleconferencing with their teachers.



Education and Technology Assistance Program

ConnectHomesUSA Initiative:

- HACG received a letter of support from the Mayor of the City of Greenville to support the HACG efforts to join the ConnectHomes USA initiative.
- ConnectHomes USA is an initiative that bridges the digital divide for HUD- assisted housing residents by providing connectivity, devices and digital literacy with the aim to make public housing a platform for change.



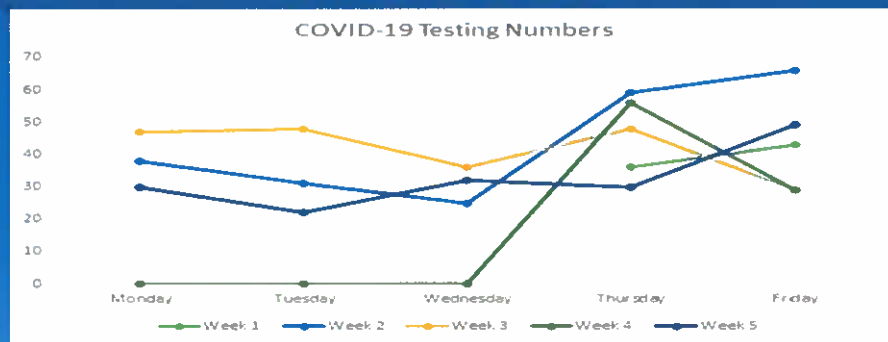
TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

To help increase testing efforts and reduce COVID-19 transmission in Pitt County, the HACG launched a Partnership with the Pitt County Health Department to host Health care workers in Housing to minimize the impact of the pandemic in our communities.



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TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Monday		7/20/20 38 people	7/27/20 47 people	8/3/20 CLOSED	8/10/20 30 people
Tuesday		7/21/20 31 people	7/28/20 48 people	8/4/20 CLOSED	8/11/20 22 people
Wednesday		7/22/20 25 people	7/29/20 36 people	8/5/20 CLOSED	8/12/20 32 people
Thursday	7/16/20 36 people	7/23/20 59 people	7/30/20 48 people	8/6/20 56 people	8/13/20 30 people
Friday	7/17/20 43 people	7/24/20 66 people	7/31/20 29 people	8/7/20 29 people	8/14/20 49 people

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- In addition to the education and counseling services of our non-profit, the Greenville Housing Development Corporation has developed a single-family home for sale to a first-time and modest-income homebuyer in the Lincoln Park Community.
- The GHDC has been active in providing Mortgage Assistance for eligible families in support of the City's 45 Block Revitalization Projects.

What is a HUD Certified Housing Counselor?



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"COVID-19 Challenges"

- To provide individuals and families seeking food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, the HACG teamed-up with Federal, State and Local agencies (for profit and non-profit) to deliver meals.
- The HACG distributed face coverings/masks to every household in public housing.
- HACG provided personal protective equipment including gloves, face shields, and hand sanitizer to housing residents.
- HACG worked in concert with the United Way of Pitt County to coordinate and direct the delivery of health and comfort items to the Senior residents.



The HACG partnered with several nonprofit agencies to provide residents with healthy food options and nutritional meals that were confronted with changes in employment status during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Capital Improvements



- The HACG is funded annually by HUD's Capital Fund Program. The CFP's mission is to assist the HACG with maintaining and modernizing its 700+ public housing units. The HACG manages ongoing capital improvement projects including; kitchen and bathroom restoration, 504(handicap) compliance, site improvements, vinyl siding installation, and replacement of entry doors, screen doors, and windows.

HUD-VASH: Permanent Housing for Homeless Veterans



Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers

- HUD-VASH is a collaborative program between HUD and VA that combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing.
- The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville, recently received notice of an additional allocation of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers from HUD. This additional allotment brings the total number of HACG's VASH Vouchers to 63.

" Glendale Court Apartments Redevelopment

- HACG has partnered with other governmental entities, for profits, and nonprofits to upgrade the Glendale Court Apartment Complex.
- This partnership has obtained tax-exempt private activity bonds and a 4 percent Low Income Housing Tax Credit to preserve this affordable multifamily rental property in the City of Greenville.



Questions/Comments



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