

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
FROM: Ann E. Wall, <sup>AEW</sup> City Manager  
DATE: February 9, 2022  
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding 2022 Greenville Grooves and Juneteenth
2. A memo from Heather White, Recreation and Parks Superintendent, regarding the North Carolina Science Museum Grant

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**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks *DO*  
**Date:** February 9, 2022  
**Re:** 2022 Greenville Grooves and Juneteenth

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City staff are currently planning for Greenville Grooves and Juneteenth during the weekend of June 17 – 19. The City sponsored three day event will include many family activities, as well as entertainment for all ages. The activities taking place will include entertainment, food, and community programming.

A summary of each event is included below:

**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Greenville Grooves**

Uptown Greenville, along with City staff will host a concert event at the Town Common from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The event will include entertainment by talented musician Carrol Dashiell, food trucks and a beer garden. The event will include an opening act to be named at a later date and will conclude with a brief firework show over the Tar River.

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

The event Saturday will feature a festival from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Town Common and Recreation and Parks will partner with various community groups. The festival will include information on public health initiatives, wellness opportunities, food trucks, various activities for kids such as cultural arts and bounce houses, as well as a variety of stage entertainment throughout the day. This will be a family-oriented community event filled with fun, education, and uplifting entertainment to celebrate Juneteenth.

In addition to the events Friday and Saturday, City staff are working with a local church to plan a sunrise service to be held at the Sycamore Hill Gateway Plaza on the west end of Town Common on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The service will serve as a way to honor the history of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and will include speakers to share the history and importance of Juneteenth.

City staff will continue to work with community partners to plan these events. As details are finalized, more information will be made available.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager  
Ken Graves, Assistant City Manager

**To:** Ann Wall, City Manager  
**From:** Heather White, Recreation & Parks Superintendent  
**Date:** February 9, 2022  
**Subject:** Recreation & Parks awarded North Carolina Science Museum Grant

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Greenville Recreation and Parks Department has been awarded the North Carolina Science Museum Grant in Raleigh in the amount of \$34,538.71. This grant is administered every two years, with this year being the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle awarded to River Park North.

The grant funds will be used to hire a STEAM Lab Coordinator, maintain the lab at River Park North, and help fund various STEAM lab educational initiatives administered through community partner Love a Sea Turtle. Along with STEAM programming efforts at River Park North, the coordinator will assist with the activation of Wildwood Park through implementing various nature programs including guided trail hikes, swamp stomps, bug hunts, and other STEAM related nature programs.

Additionally, funding will allow for continued upkeep of the STEAM Lab's equipment, including microscopes, water testing kits, various collection tools, and models used for interpretive purposes.

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**cc:** Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager  
Don Octigan, Director of Recreation & Parks