

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager
DATE: June 8, 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 June and July Recreation and Parks events
2. A flyer for Greenville Grooves that will be Friday, June 17th from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Town Common
3. A memo from Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks, regarding Recreation and Parks summer programming update
4. A memo from Devinder Culver, Police Department Community Projects Coordinator, regarding community outreach/engagement report for May 2022

Attachments

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks ^{DO}
Date: June 8, 2022
Re: NTC – 2022 June and July Recreation & Parks Events

Below is a summary of several events and activities being supported by Recreation and Parks during the months of June and July. These services, being led by Superintendent Heather White and Assistant Superintendent Chasity McCurdy, will be promoted throughout the community via social media, flyers and various media partners. Below are details outlining a few opportunities planned for June & July:

June:

- **Sunday in the Park;** all concerts held at Town Common:
 - June 12 – Afreyed Knot
 - June 26 – The Monitors
- **June 17th - Greenville Grooves:**
Uptown Greenville, along with City staff will host a concert event at the Town Common from 6pm – 9pm. The event will include entertainment by talented musician Carrol Dashiell, food trucks and a beer garden. The event will also include a firework show beginning at dusk.
- **June 19th - Sunday, Sunrise Service:**
City staff are working with the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist 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 19th. 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.
- **June 24th: Eppes Recreation Center Teen Social** - With the renovations and additions at Eppes Recreation Center complete, staff are looking forward to activating the facilities new teen lounge. The first staff hosted social will be held from 6-7:30pm and will provide teens the opportunity to experience the new amenities, engage in games, enjoy food, and more.

July:

- **Sunday in the Park;** all concerts held at Town Common:
 - July 10 – Hank Pattie & The Current
 - July 17 – Rebekah Todd
 - July 24 - The British Invaders
 - July 31 - Garrett

- **July 4th: Independence Day Celebration**

The City of Greenville Recreation & Parks Department presents the Annual Independence Day Celebration at Town Common. Staff are bringing together entertainment, sponsors, a non-profit partner, vendors and a firework display to fill Town Common with July 4th splendor. The event provides an evening of festivities, music & a brilliant fireworks show. This fun, free, family event will be hosted on July 4th starting at 3pm. There will be food trucks on site, as well as bounce houses for kids to enjoy for a small fee. Live music at the amphitheater stage will begin at 5 p.m. with the Generations Band and the Monterio Experience. City staff will partner with the Greenville Jaycees to provide a beer garden during the event. To close the event Starfire Corporation will put on the day's firework finale at dusk. The celebration takes a whole-of-City approach with staff from the Police Department, Fire/Rescue, Public Works, Risk Management, Special Events and Recreation & Parks supporting the event in some part of the process.



- **July 15: Movie in the Park at Thomas Foreman Park**

Staff will host a Movie in the Park at Thomas Foreman on July 15. This is part of an outreach initiative to provide events and activities throughout the Greenville community. Movie in the Park is an on-the-lawn style outdoor movie. Guests may bring chairs and blankets and will sit out in the park to watch the movie on the City's large inflatable screen. Additional details will be provided in early July.

- **July 30: Splash for Trash**

The *Splash for Trash* on the Tar River returns on Saturday, July 30. The river clean up event, beginning at 8am, is hosted by the Greenville Noon Rotary Club and launches from the Town Common boat launch. This will be the fourth year working in partnership with the Greenville Noon Rotary to host this clean up event. Boaters will cover an area from Memorial Drive to Port Terminal. Previous clean up events have resulted in everything from Styrofoam cups to soccer balls, soda bottles, tires and sofas being removed from the river. This is one of several river clean up events held each year, helping maintain the beauty of the city's natural spaces and supporting recreational use of the river. Recreation and Parks staff, including employees at River Park North, assist with this effort. Anyone interested in participating in *Splash for Trash* can contact John Person at 252-202-9761.



Staff are also seeking partnership and sponsorship opportunities for future events and outreach efforts. Additional information can be found on-line at Greenvillenc.gov or by calling 252.329.4567. Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager
Heather White, Recreation & Parks Superintendent



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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks *DO*
Date: June 8, 2022
Re: Recreation & Parks Summer Programming Update

This memo is to provide a brief summary of programming opportunities being offered this summer by Recreation and Parks staff. Summer programs are nearly 80% to capacity and registration will continue until specific programs begin.

The following is a brief overview of services being offered this summer:

- Day camps will be offered at various recreation sites and open to ages 6 to 12 years of age. These day camps, which provide early drop off and late pick-up options for parents, are being offered at H. Boyd Lee Park, South Greenville Recreation Center, Greenfield Terrace and Drew Steele Center. Each camp offers several sessions and can accommodate up to 40 youth per session.
- Staff at the Jaycee Park Center for Arts and Craft have organized various camps this summer. The Art Center's very popular *Famous Artist Camp* is being offered and provides participants the opportunity to learn various art mediums during a one week camp and create pieces of art they take home. Staff are also looking forward to five sessions of dance camp, which are also nearing capacity.
- Youth Athletic staff are planning various sport-specific camps which begin June 13. Sports include baseball, basketball and soccer. Ages for these camps vary and staff expect an overall total of 150 participants. These camps will allow participants to increase their skills in a specific sport in a non-competitive environment.
- River Park North and Wildwood Park staff are planning various nature camps for the summer including *Junior Explorers Camp* for ages 4-6 and *Nature's Explorers Camp* for ages 7-9. These camps promise to be fun as campers participate in a variety of outdoor and nature-related activities such as fishing, kayaking, and hiking.

As part of the planning for the summer, full-time Recreation and Parks staff led part-time employees through various safety trainings. The nearly 40 hours of training will ensure the youth participating in camps this summer will have a fun, safe and enjoyable experience.

Summer opportunities will be promoted via social media and flyers throughout the community until spots are filled.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager

Memorandum

To: Chief Mark Holtzman
Sgt. Richard Williams

From: Devinder Culver, Community Projects Coordinator

Date: June 2, 2022

Subject: Community Outreach/Engagement Report – Highlights for May 2022

May is known as the month of fun and celebration and this May was no exception. The weather was gorgeous and it was a time for us to get out into the community and enjoy the camaraderie.

HeART of the City Vol 2 – May 7, 2022 at 901 5th Street: This creative, crafty, family event under the careful eye of Debra Sheppard has more than doubled in size from last year. There were more vendors and over 200 attendees. Officers A. Allen and W.G. Smith made the most of the break to play and interact with our children.



Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) – May 10, 2022 - “Police K-9 Program and Demonstration”: Over 120 citizens gathered at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Lynndale neighborhood. They listened to presenters, K9 Officers Bobby Parker and Bradley Nunnery, who were joined by K9 Officers Nate Lather, William Groseclose, Michael Causey and their dogs: Pepper, Axle, Apollo and Suny. The Unit won over the hearts of all present, young and mature alike, as they demonstrated how they find hidden drugs and talked about the strength of the bond between the dog and the handler.



Ms. Diane Kulik, an ardent supporter of the Greenville Police Department, donated the funds for the purchase of Axle and Pepper. “We absolutely love her...,” said Officer Parker.





Pearls and Paint at South Greenville Elementary-May 25, 2022: Every female student had the opportunity to work on a small art project with an adult while discussing and drawing/painting the five things they liked about themselves or others. Over 100 adult females attended this relationship-building event.



Cops and Barbers-Rap Session at Unlimited Cuts, May 20, 2022: Host barber, Adrian Wooten, wanted to provide his clients with a chance to talk to Chief Holtzman and the officers in person. The discussion was lively and often incisive. There were many good questions about traffic stops, red light cameras, drugs, the Police Athletic League, and gun violence. This was the perfect opportunity for officers to explain their responses ranging from a traffic stop to a domestic violence call.



Shooting at Robb Elementary, Uvalde, Texas – May 24, 2022: Let us not forget the nineteen children and two adults killed at the hands of a gunman. The nation mourned and we mourned. In response, GPD authorized an increased presence and additional patrols, in addition to our regularly assigned School Resource Officers. Ms Amy Grace Soderstrom had this to say: “Thank you GPD. My nerves were both wrecked and soothed seeing the extra officer at Elmhurst this morning.”

Other Highlights

1. **Saving a Little Life – May 6, 2022:** This little kitten ran across the road, as Major Ivey and Officer Dail were directing traffic at the intersection of Staton House Road and Memorial Drive. He is lucky they were in the right place.
2. **GPD hosted the City Manager’s Interns – May 12, 2022:** The students had the opportunity to learn about GPD operations.
3. **National Police Week – Law Enforcement United – Team Greenville –May 15-21, 2022:** Team Greenville cycled to Washington DC to join the national celebrations.



Upcoming Events

1. **Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Police Community Relations Committee: General Business Meeting,** Greenville Police Department Training Rooms.
2. **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:30 a.m. - Police Athletic League Summer Camp - Three Sites:** Eppes Recreation Center, E.B. Aycock Middle School, and South Greenville Recreation Center.

