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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Watt, City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2023

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 2023 fall athletic program overview

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To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Director of Recreation and Parks *DO*
Date: September 20, 2023
Re: NTC – 2023 Fall Athletic Program Overview

Athletics staff are gearing up for a busy fall sports season! This is the largest fall soccer season on record with 1,152 participants. Participants range in age from 3.5 years old to 15 years old across eight different age groups. The success of this program would not be possible without the commitment from our Athletic Division and all 187 parents and community members serving in volunteer coaching roles throughout the league.

Participation in youth flag football has continued to trend upward since its transition to Athletics in 2021. This season there are 174 players across three divisions (5-6, 7-8, 9-12) with practices beginning on September 18th and games beginning on October 2nd.

Adult athletics staff have also organized adult flag football and softball leagues this fall. The adult flag football league met the league maximum of eight teams, while adult softball yielded 11 teams across two leagues. In addition, they are also offering monthly pickleball classes through the fall season at Boyd Lee Park with a dozen participants in each class. Since adult athletic participation has seen a steady decline in the last several years across the state, staff continue to conduct research on trends and sport offerings that adults are more inclined to participate in.

Fall tennis programs begin September 11th with offerings to preschool, school age, teens, and adults. Programs will take place at River Birch Tennis Center, Monday-Thursday until October 29th.

Recreation and Parks staff accepted registration for the above programs for six-weeks through the City of Greenville's website and at various recreation facilities during operating hours and have already begun registration for Winter programs.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Heather White, Recreation and Parks Superintendent