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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael W. Cowin, City Manager 

DATE: January 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects and Recreation Services, regarding 3rd annual Run, Plunge or Splash
2. A memo from Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects and Recreation Services, regarding the 2024 Summer Camp & Spring and Summer brochure

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Attachments



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To: Michael Cowin, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services *DO*
Date: January 31, 2024
Re: NTC – 3rd Annual Run, Plunge, or Splash

Recreation and Parks hosted the third annual Run, Plunge, or Splash on January 27th at Wildwood Park. This year's event included a timed 5k trail run and a 1-mile fun run. The trail for the 5k was two complete loops around the newly finished boardwalk and bridge on the east side of Wildwood Park, which was the first race to use the complete trail at the park.

After the 99 participants ran or walked the trail, they then had the opportunity to plunge or splash into the lake at the park. Since this race was timed, following the plunge or splash, an award ceremony concluded the event. Medals were given to participants who ran the fastest time overall as well as specific age groups. These age groups ranged from 1 years of age to 99 years of age.

This event received various sponsors including JAK Moulding and Supply, ECU Health, Curtis Media, East Carolina Auto, The East Group, Greenville Marine and Sports Center, Metronet, Winterville Animal Care, Postal Annex, and Food Lion. In addition to this and to provide a sweet treat for participants, Girl Scouts were at this event selling the infamous Girl Scout Cookies.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Ken Graves, Deputy City Manager
Heather White, Assistant Director of Recreation Parks

To: Michael Cowin, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services *DO*
Date: January 31, 2024
Re: NTC – 2024 Summer Camp & Spring and Summer Brochure

Recreation and Parks staff are preparing for another successful Spring & Summer Season full of programs. Recreation Manager, Sophie Duncan, has been leading all planning efforts for summer day camps since last fall. This planning includes identifying activities and trips for camp participants, trainings for staff, and various marketing efforts.

Summer day camps will be held at the following facilities, beginning as early as May 28th:

- Drew Steele Center – Summer camp for individuals with Special Needs
- Eppes Recreation Center – Ages 5-12
- Greenfield Terrace – Ages 5-12
- H. Boyd Lee Park -Ages 5-10
- Jaycee Park Center for Arts & Crafts – Ages 3-16
- River Park North – Ages 4-15
- South Greenville Recreation Center – Ages 5-12

Registration for all summer camps will begin on Monday, February 5th through the City of Greenville's website and at various recreation facilities during operating hours. Registration will take place until capacity is met for each specific program. Staff are committed to providing services to the Greenville community, with safety and well-being being a top priority.

Recreation and Parks staff also have diverse programs planned for the Spring and Summer. Programs include but are not limited to: Adult Summer League Basketball, Ballet & Tap Dance Classes, Exceptional Community Baseball League, Kayak Trip from Town Common to Wildwood Park, Kid's and Teen Fitness Class, Various Homeschool Programs, Youth & Adult Tennis Programs, and Special Events.

The Brochure is available at Greenvillenc.gov with a link also being found on social media platforms. The Brochure details programs and events that will be implemented through August. Staff continue to assess the needs of the community to determine program offerings, which will aid in future brochure offerings.

A new easy to read digital platform, Issuu, is being used to publish the brochure content. This service allows the content to be easily read in a flipbook format and is more interactive with readers. It is also responsible on all devices and allows interactive links to be published.

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