


NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Michael W. Cowin, City Manager 
DATE: September 4, 2024
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Valerie Shiuwegar, City Clerk, regarding board presentations
2. A memo from Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects and Recreation Services, regarding Community Recreation and Outreach services fall programming

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Attachments



**City of Greenville
City Clerk's Office**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Cowin, City Manager
FROM: Valerie Shiuwegar, City Clerk *VS*
SUBJECT: Board Presentations
DATE: September 4, 2024

Boards and commissions have been given the option of providing their annual reports to the City Council through Notes to Council. Attached to this memo is the report submitted by the Firefighters Relief Fund Committee, Greenville Housing Authority, and Police Community Relations Committee.



Memorandum

To: Michael Cowin, City Manager
From: Brock Davenport, Chairperson Greenville Firefighters' Relief Fund Board
Date: September 3, 2024
Subject: Greenville Firefighter's Relief Fund Board Annual Report

Please let this serve as the Annual Report for the Greenville Firefighter's Relief Fund Board.

Our current board members are as follows:

- Mr. William Franklin- Treasurer (appointed by City Council)
- Mr. Eric Mullett- Member (appointed by City Council)
- Currently Vacant- Member (appointed by Fire/Rescue members)
- Mr. Christopher May- Member (appointed by Fire/Rescue members)
- Mr. Brock Davenport- Chairperson (appointed by NC Commissioner of Insurance)

The NC Firefighter's Relief Fund was established in 1907 to financially assist firefighters that may have been injured while performing their duties, and to ensure that no firefighter would become financially destitute through no fault of their own. Over the course of many years the Firefighter's Relief Fund has seen several legislative revisions to permit the funds to provide additional services to include scholarships for member's dependents, Line of Duty Death benefits, as well as Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance for members.

Some highlights of what our fund was able to provide for members this past year are as follows:

- Provided for five scholarships to members' dependent children
- Submitted annual payments for member benefits
- Assisted with funeral expenses for two retired members
- Provided pension fund supplements for retired members

We are extremely proud to be able to provide these services to our active members as well as our retired members and will continue to collectively ensure that our fund remains fiducially sound for current and future members of the Greenville Firefighter's Relief Fund. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor and each City Council member for their continued support of our board.

Housing Authority of the City of Greenville

Building Partnerships & Strengthening
Communities

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- ▶ HACG Community Impact...
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- ▶ Looking Ahead...
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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 and the largest landlord 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 low-to-moderate incomes.
 - Enhance the economic well-being of residents of the HACG's communities and the participants in our tenant-based and project-based programs.
 - Since 1961, we have built and/or renovated more than 1,000 affordable rental apartment homes, while providing thousands of individuals and families with housing rental subsidies.

Rental Assistance

Program	# of Units	Waiting List Open/Closed
Conventional Low-Rent Public Housing	714	Closed 0-4 BR Open 5-6 BR
Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	1033	Closed
Project-Based Rental Assistance	101	Closed
Crystal Springs Apartments	64	Closed
Life House of Greenville	20	Closed
University Towers	60	Open
Verdura	12	Open

Waiting List Summary (No. of Applicants)

Public Housing	502
HCV	270
Crystal Springs	428
Life House	103
University Towers	50
Verdura	200

HACG Community Impact...

- Awarded \$250,000 Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program grant to continue to ensure the health and safety of our public housing residents and improve their quality of life. This grant will be used in our Moyewood community.
- Awarded \$1,112,687 in renewal grants for Shelter Plus Care (S+C) Supportive Housing Programs which currently serves 93 families.
- Continuing public housing security improvements through camera surveillance, lighting, and partnership with the Greenville Police Department (GPD).
- Awarded \$229,457 renewal grant for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS



**Hopkins
Ornamental
Fence Project**

**Storm Door
Replacement
Project**

**Parking Lot
Resurfacing Project**

**Roofing
Replacement
Project**

Affordable Housing Opportunities

- ▶ The HACG has available, the option to partner in the development of privately-owned affordable multifamily housing for low-to-moderate income households through the use of revenue bonds.
- ▶ The HACG has the ability to serve as a “conduit issuer” of tax-exempt bonds, which allows private entities to finance the bonds for long-term below-market financing for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable multifamily housing.
- ▶ The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville will be exercising its use of 36 Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs) in our Crystal Springs and Verdura apartments to completely project-base each development.
- ▶ Project-based vouchers allow the subsidy to be contractually tied to the individual unit and not the tenant. PBVs helps further support the HACG’s mission.

Looking Forward....

- Continue providing high quality services to our residents and the broader City of Greenville community.
- Look for additional opportunities to develop affordable mixed-income housing.
- Continue strengthening partnerships with the City of Greenville and community organizations who offer quality of life enhancing programs and support services to our residents.
- Continue to undertake capital improvements in each HACG community to address immediate and long-term physical needs.

Looking Forward....

- ▶ Continue to look for opportunities to expand Voucher portfolio.
- ▶ Help reduce homelessness and sustain quality housing for families needs.
- ▶ Protect, educate, and counsel consumers when they purchase, refinance, or rent a home.

Memorandum

To: Valerie Shiuwegar, City Clerk
From: Ted D. Sauls, Jr., Chief of Police
Date: August 9, 2024
Subject: Police Community Relations Committee 2024 Annual Report

In 1996 the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) was established to serve as a bridge between the citizens of Greenville and the Greenville Police Department (GPD). The seven PCRC members selected by City Council are committed to: advocating for GPD programs, promoting working relationships between the community and the police, working on issues common to both the community and GPD, and are determined to provide educational opportunities designed to raise community awareness of public and individual safety.

PCRC meets monthly, with the exception of July and August. During the last twelve months the Committee met six (6) times. At each meeting citizens are encouraged to share any pressing issues or thoughts during the public comments section. Please find below highlights from three meetings.

Spotlight I: Community and Individual Safety Awareness - “Women’s and Teen’s Self Defense – Do you have a plan?”

On April 9, 2024 the PCRC hosted a community meeting entitled “Women’s and Teen’s Self Defense – Do you have a plan?” This popular topic drew an audience of 84. Chief Sauls, Captain Stanton and Lieutenant Stokes spoke about the importance of being aware of one’s surroundings and not making yourself an easy target. Some of the other safety tips mentioned were: sharing your whereabouts with a trusted individual, taking self-defense classes, holding your keys properly in between your fingers, staying in well-lit areas, keeping personal information private and investing in personal safety tools such as pepper spray and personal alarms. Holiday and vacation safety tips were discussed as was the Greenville Police Department Vacation House Check program. As a part of this program the Police Department will check on your house while you are away on vacation. Pictured below is Captain Stanton during the question and answer session.



Spotlight II: Issues of Common Interest – “State of the Department”

In response to questions from the community regarding the state of the department, and in light of the national issues surrounding the perceptions of police, and the challenges faced regarding hiring and retention of police officers, Chief Sauls was asked to provide a “State of the Department” address.

On September 12, 2023, Chief Sauls, Major Richard Tyndall and seventeen (17) attendees engaged in an informal fireside chat style, question and answer meeting. Chief Sauls emphasized that the purpose of the PCRC meetings was to provide the community with the opportunity to engage with members of the police department and share ideas, opinions and to work together on issues of concern. The relaxed, open atmosphere created an environment conducive to honest dialogue. There were many questions and difficult conversations were broached. Some of the topics discussed were: gun violence, promotion of public safety, retention and recruitment of police officers, neighborhood crime, relations between the police and the community, traffic stops and the benefits of substations located in the community.

Spotlight III: Church Safety

Church safety was chosen as the topic for the November 2023 meeting because nationally the number of incidents involving violence against churches in America is on the rise. A report by the Family Research Council noted that there were 436 incidents from January to November 2023, as compared to 195 in the twelve months of 2022. The incidents ranged from acts of vandalism to gun-related incidents and bomb threats.

Deputy Chief Chris Ivey and Major Richard Tyndall welcomed over 50 attendees to the Greenville Church of God. They strongly urged the audience to utilize this meeting to share ideas, thoughts and opinions and to work together and with the Greenville Police Department to formulate and individualize safety procedures which would meet the needs of their specific churches/facilities.

Major Tyndall gave an overview of safety-related activities with the intention that each church/entity would choose those elements most appropriate for their situation/facility. The importance of having a church security plan was stressed as was the need to teach congregations to be aware of their surroundings, to lock car doors and to have a way or ways to communicate with each other.

The church leaders in the audience voiced the need for religious institutions to work together to keep everyone safe. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, security surveys, how to deal with disruptive people, active shooter and safety training for pastors were additional items of discussion.

As illustrated by the above, our volunteer Police Community Relations Committee members are dedicated to fulfilling the needs of the Greenville community by providing forums for honest conversations and offering topical informational/educational presentations. We are looking forward to another successful year.

cc: Michael Cowin, Deputy City Manager
Donald Phillips, Assistant City Attorney
Sonny Bass, PCRC Board Chair
Devinder Culver, Community Projects Coordinator



RECREATION AND PARKS
PROJECT MANAGEMENT

To: Michael Cowin, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services *DO*
Date: September 4, 2024
Re: Community Recreation & Outreach Services Fall Programming

Recreation and Parks continues to have a busy, productive, and successful summer season! As we prepare to transition into our fall season, we continue to enhance our special events, community programming, and outreach initiatives including our second season of our Rec-N-Roll Community Play Days. This memo is to provide an overview of our late summer and early fall event supper opportunities, Rec-N-Roll activities, community programming, and highlights which are listed below:

- **Community Play Days:** Rec-N-Roll staff continue to provide safe and fun recreational activities within underserved communities and neighborhoods during various times. Thus far, our Community Play Days have provided services to over 500 neighborhood participants. Our fall Community Play Days will conclude on Friday, October 11th at Moyewood Housing Authority. Listed below are neighborhoods, communities, and open spaces serviced by the Rec-N-Roll and the schedule is attached.
 - Greenfield Terrace Park
 - Meadowbrook Housing Authority
 - Kristin Drive
 - Thomas Foreman Park
 - Paramore Park
 - Dubber Laney Housing Authority
 - Williamsburg Manor
 - New Town Housing Authority
 - University Towers Housing Authority
 - Verdura Housing Authority
 - South Greenville Park
 - West Pointe Park
 - Moyewood Housing Authority
 - Clubway Apartments

- **Event Support:** In addition to our Community Play Days, Rec-N-Roll and Community Recreation & Outreach Services (CROS) staff offers support to City events, community partners, non-profit organizations, and special events. Listed below identifies programs and events that have or will be supported by the Rec-N-Roll Mobile Unit this season.
 - August 14, 2024: Lakeside Live at Wildwood Park
 - August 27, 2024: Active Adults Senior Social at Wildwood Park
 - September 19, 2024: Lakeside Live at Wildwood Park
 - October 1, 2024: National Night Out at Town Common
 - October 4, 2024: City of Greenville 250th Anniversary Celebration
 - October 18, 2024: Trunk or treat at Jaycee Park
 - October 19, 2024: Youth Arts Festival at Town Common

- December 6, 2024: Greenville Gives at Five Points Plaza
- **Community Programming:** Staff are committed to assist with community outreach initiatives, leagues, and various events organized by GRPD staff or in partnership with public private partners.
 - August 12, 2024: Special Education Supply Drive at The Drew Steele Center
 - August 16, 2024: Preparing for Success Back to School Event at South Greenville Recreation Center
 - August 17, 2024: Welcome Back Cookout at the Drew Steele Center
 - August 2023: Creative Oasis (Session I) at the Drew Steele Center
 - September 2024 – November 2024: Fencing at Eppes Recreation Center
 - September 2024 – October 2024: Exceptional Community Football League (ECFL) at South Greenville Multipurpose Field
 - September 21, 2024: Community Baby Shower at the Drew Steele Center
 - October 18, 2024: Trunk or Treat at Jaycee Park
 - October 23, 2024: Specialized Recreation Halloween Social at Wildwood Park
 - October 2024 – January 2025: Creative Oasis (Session II) at the Drew Steele Center
 - October 31, 2024: Fall Festival at South Greenville Recreation Center
 - November 8, 2024: Parents Night Out at the Drew Steele Center
 - November 2024 – February 2025: Youth Basketball League at South Greenville Recreation Center
 - December 4, 2024: Specialized Recreation Holiday Party at Wildwood Park
 - December 14, 2024: Breakfast with Santa at South Greenville Recreation Center
 - December 20, 2024: Annual Christmas Giveback at South Greenville Recreation Center

Staff will continue to promote programs throughout the community via social media, door-to-door flyer distribution, local media, and the City's webpage. Staff are continuously seeking partnership and sponsorship opportunities for future events, community programs, and outreach efforts. Additional outreach and community programming opportunities can be found online at greenvillenc.gov or by calling 252.329.4567.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Ken Graves, Deputy City Manager
Heather White, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks
Darris Sawyer, Recreation & Parks Superintendent

Rec-N-Roll

GREENVILLE RECREATION & PARKS

Calendar

August

Thursday, August 15 at 5:30pm-8:30pm / Wildwood Park (Lakeside Live)

Thursday, August 29 at 9:00am-4:00pm / Wildwood Park (Active Adults & Seniors Social)

Friday, August 30 at 4:00pm-7:00pm / Dubber Laney

September

Wednesday, September 4 at 4:30pm-7:00pm / Kristin Drive

Friday, September 6 at 4:00pm-7:00pm / New Town

Wednesday, September 11 at 4:30pm-7:00pm / Clubway Apartments

Friday, September 13 at 4:00pm-7:00pm / Moyewood

Thursday, September 19 at 5:30pm – 8:30pm / Wildwood Park (Lakeside Live)

Friday, September 20 at 10:00am-1:00pm / University Towers

Saturday, September 21 at 11:00am-2:00pm / New Town

Wednesday, September 25 at 4:30pm-7:00pm / Williamsburg Manor

Friday, September 27 at 4:00pm-7:00pm / Meadowbrook

October

Tuesday, October 1 at 3:00pm-8:00pm / Town Common (National Night Out)

Friday, October 4 at 5:00pm-8:00pm / Five Points (City of Greenville's 250th Celebration)

Wednesday, October 9 at 4:30pm-7:00pm / Westpointe Park

Friday, October 11 at 4 – 7 PM / Moyewood

Friday, October 18 at 5:30 – 7:30 PM / Jaycee Park (Trunk or Treat)

Saturday, October 19 at 9 AM – 1 PM / Town Common (Youth Arts Festival)

December

Friday, December 6 at 4:30 – 7:30 PM / Five Points (Greenville Gives)



For more information please contact Dontrell Jones at 329-4651 or rdjones@greenvillenc.gov