NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael W. Cowin, City Manager

DATE: April 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

- 1. A memo from Heather White, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks, regarding 2025 Greenville Little Leagues opening ceremonies at Elm Street Park on Friday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.
- 2. A memo from Tiana Berryman, Director of Neighborhood & Business Services, regarding Human Relations Council upcoming events
- 3. A memo from Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services, regarding Sports Connection update

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Attachments



RECREATION AND PARKS PROJECT MANAGEMENT

То:	Michael Cowin, City Manager
From:	Heather White, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks

Date: April 2, 2025

Re: 2025 Greenville Little Leagues Opening Ceremonies

Greenville Little Leagues are preparing for a busy spring and summer with baseball games and tournaments held at Stallings Stadium at Elm Street Park as well as the Perkins Complex. Registration began in February, followed by tryouts in early March. There are sixteen major league teams (9-12 years old). Eight of the teams play in the North State League and eight teams play in the Tar Heel League. All sixteen teams will participate in Opening Ceremonies at Elm Street Park on Friday, April 4th at 5pm. Opening Ceremonies will be followed by the opening game of the season at 6:30pm between Brown & Wood and Kiwanis.

Please let me know if there are additional questions.

cc: Ken Graves, Deputy City Manager Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services



MEMORANDUM

TO:	Michael Cowin, City Manager
FROM:	Tiana Berryman, Director Neighborhood & Business Services
DATE:	March 31, 2025
RE:	Human Relations Council Upcoming Events

The Greenville Human Relations Council invites you to join us at the following events:

Fair Housing Seminar - Thursday, April 17, 2025

April is National Fair Housing Month. The Greenville Human Relations Council and their partners will host the City's Fair Housing Seminar on Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 am. The seminar will take place at Pitt Community College in the Eddie & Jo Allison Smith Building. Guest presenters are:

- Attorney Kristen Wills with Brownlee Whitlow & Praet
- Ms. Sharesa Wilkins, Fair Housing Investigator with NC Human Relations Council

Annual Award Ceremony and Reception – Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Human Relations Council received five (5) nominations for the City's annual award ceremony and reception. Therefore, the Council voted to host the event on a smaller scale. Nominees will be recognized and honored on Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 pm. The program will take place in the Council Chambers and will be televised. The reception will be held in the Gallery area.

For additional information questions, please contact Cassandra Daniels at 252-329-4494 or via email: <u>cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov</u>.

cc: Dene' Alexander, Assistant City Manager

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Thursday, April 17, 2025 • 9:00 AM-1:30 PM

Pitt Community College Eddie & Jo Allison Smith Building 1935 Warren Drive Winterville, NC 28590

GUEST PRESENTERS

- Kristen Wills Attorney, Brownlee Whitlow & Praet
- Ms. Sharesa Wilkins, NC HRC Investigator

Registration is required. Please visit coghrc.greenvillenc.gov, email cdaniels@greenvillenc.gov, or call (252) 329-4494 to register!







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RECREATION AND PARKS PROJECT MANAGEMENT

 To:
 Michael Cowin, City Manager

 From:
 Don Octigan, Executive Director of City Projects & Recreation Services ID

 Date:
 April 2, 2025

 Re:
 Sports Connection Update

Renovations of the Sports Connection's original batting cages began on Monday, August 26, 2024, with the new amenity opening to the public on February 25, 2025.

The renovations, managed by the Project Management Department, included leveling the concrete floor, installing artificial turf, and installing new batting caged with the required amenities. The improvements allow for a new training area, including five pullout batting cages with netting that can be pulled back to increase programming in the renovated area. The plan creates a new space allowing staff to expand programming efforts, not limited to baseball and softball.

Recreation Manager Sophie Duncan and Recreation Supervisor Cam McFarland worked diligently during the renovation to vet a seamless online registration process for interested users. Interested individuals can secure a cage rental as a walk-in or in advance online. After one month of being open, the new batting cages have seen 172 rentals, with 112 of those being baseball, 39 fastpitch softball and 21 slow pitch softball. These rentals have included 334 people from the public as well as user groups and teams. Staff also conducted two sessions of a Youth Baseball Skills Clinic on Monday evenings in the batting cage space for youth 7-8 yeas of age impacting twenty participants.

We look forward to the continual growth of the Sports Connection's programs and services. For more information regarding use of the facility or rentals, please contact 252.215.9090 or visit greenvillenc.gov.

Please let me know if there are additional questions.

cc: Ken Graves, Deputy City Manager Heather White, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Mark Nottingham, City Projects and Development Manager