



Town of Hope Mills

MANAGER'S REPORT

February 20, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS

Hope Mills Multi-Use Path: Site visit conducted on February 8, 2023. Developing SOW and proposal.

Streets Improvements: Thoroughbred Trail - Schedule shifted to February. TBD.

Escapade Drive – Rescheduled to February 2023. TBD.

Pringle Way – Developing 85% drawings.

Creek Clearing with state budgeted funds: Developing request for proposals. Target completion date anticipated for Spring 2023.

PARKS & RECREATION

Park Development:

Chapel Restroom Building: The Thomas Campbell Oakman Memorial Chapel and restroom buildings are 100% complete and have been granted a Certificate of Occupancy. The Contractor is cured all punch-list and project closeout documents.

- HMPR met with the Historic Preservation Committee to discuss future programming and rentals in the building. All parties have agreed to remove all but six pews from the chapel and bring in folding chairs and tables for rentals. The proposal will be presented at the February 20th Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Municipal Park Splashpad & Inclusive Playground: McAdams has resubmitted the utility plans to PWC for approvals and a building permit. HMPR will accept bids once the plans have been approved.

- The installation of the playground has begun, and the contractor is 70% complete with the installation. The playground will be substantially complete in early March 2023.
- Installation on the splashpad has begun; the contractor is currently installing underground waterlines and drainage.

Heritage Park: The design team is 100 % complete with Construction Documents. The plans have been submitted to PWC for permitting and approvals.

- RGA is continuing with the archaeological data collection and will begin their initial reporting in late March 2023.
- The Town has entered into a contract with Green Leaf Tree and Stump Removal for selective clearing and trenching.
- The building materials for the restroom building have arrived and are currently stored at the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Building.

Basketball Court Renovations: The basketball court mural has been completed. A sealant has been applied to protect the paint. A ribbon cutting is being planned for mid-March 2023.

Sports Complex Development (Golf Course Property): HMPR has selected the firm CHA Engineering to complete construction documents for the Phase I Sports Complex Project; the Board approved the design contract on February 6, 2022.

Programs:

- All programs have moved back to Large Activity Room from Brower Park.
- Tai Chi offered through partnership with Mid-Carolina Area Agency on Aging began Wednesday, January 18th.
- Kids in Sports Tiny Ballers & Little Ballers to resume in May 2023. HMPR will provide a specific date in the near future.
- So far, 6 weeks of summer Specialty Camps are confirmed.
- All other classes and programs for ages 4 and up are going consistently as scheduled.
- Partnerships for Rec center summer camp activities **so far**: NC Wildlife Resource Commission, Kids in Sports, Under Construction Personal Training, Cumberland County Health Department, 4-H, Heavenly Keys Music/Demetria's Art Studio, HM Stormwater, Fayetteville Woodpeckers, State Employees Credit Union and HM Fire/PD.

Upcoming Special Events:

- Currently working on updating our Corporate Sponsorship Packages. Working in conjunction with Programs on an inclusion partnership with Methodist University OT Students & Faculty for future programs and events.
- *Easter In Hope Mills:* Saturday, March 25, 2023. Easter in Hope Mills will consist of Breakfast with the Easter Bunny that will be catered by Grandson's, our annual Egg Hunt, and Peeps & Pups Pet Pics at the Town Gazebo.
- *Spring Litter Sweep & Yard Sale:* Saturday, April 22, 2023. Currently waiting to hear back from Cumberland County to coordinate and decide which date hold the Town's event.
- *Trucks 'N Stuff:* Saturday, May 6, 2023. Brand new in 2023, Trucks 'N Stuff is a kid friendly event that gives children the opportunity to explore all different types of trucks and apparatus. Kids can climb on big trucks, sit in the driver's seat, and explore the inner workings of these vehicles. So far, we have confirmed different vehicles such as Fire Rescue Vehicles, Law Enforcement Vehicles, NC Forestry Service Vehicles, EMS Vehicles, Military Vehicles and more. This event will take place at Golfview Greenway.

- *Pet Fest*: Saturday, May 20, 2023. This is NOT our event. However, it will be taking place in our municipal park.
- *Memorial Day Ceremony*: Monday, May 29, 2023. Held at Memorial Park
- *Independence Day Parade & Celebration*: Saturday, July 1, 2023.

Requests for Proposals:

Municipal Park Concessions: Will be advertised in early Spring 2023. Seeking vendors to provide concessions during normal business hours at the park.

Town Lake Park Water craft and Event Rentals: Will be advertised in early Spring 2023. Seeking vendors to provide watercraft rentals.

Athletics:

The Athletics Division is currently accepting registration for spring sports until February 28th. Spring sports include Youth baseball, softball, indoor soccer and wrestling.