



## Town of Hope Mills

### MANAGER'S REPORT

March 6, 2023

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

*Hope Mills Multi-Use Path:* Site visit conducted on February 8, 2023. Developing SOW and proposal. Nothing new to report.

*Streets Improvements:* Thoroughbred Trail – Subsurface drain completed.  
Escapade Drive – Scheduled to follow Thoroughbred Trail.  
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 was approved at the February 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners Meeting.

*Municipal Park Splashpad & Inclusive Playground:* McAdams has resubmitted the utility plans to PWC for approvals and a building permit. HMPR cannot let the project for bidding until a permit has been issued by PWC.

- The installation of the playground is 75% complete. The playground will be substantially complete in early Spring 2023.
- Installation on the splashpad has begun; the contractor completed the installation of underground waterlines, storm drainage, concrete pad, and electrical work. The concrete has to cure for 30 days before the paint coating can be applied.

*Heritage Park:* The design team is 100 % complete with Construction Documents. The plans have been submitted to PWC, and the Town is awaiting approvals for building permits.

- RGA has completed the field work portion of the archaeological data collection and is currently cataloging their findings. The collected artifacts will go to a specialist to be analyzed before curation.
- The Town has entered into a contract with Green Leaf Tree and Stump Removal for selective clearing and trenching required for the archaeological process.
- The building materials for the restroom building have arrived and are currently stored at the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Building.
- An amendment to the contract for the \$200,000 DWQ grant has been forwarded to the Interim Town Manager's Office for his approval. Their amendment has a provision for the Town to draw down reimbursement payments.

*Basketball Court Renovations:* The basketball court mural has been completed and the court has officially been open to the public.

*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. The Town is currently completing contract negotiations and will set an official kickoff date in mid-March 2023.

*Veterans Memorial:* HMPR received a \$50,000 grant from the Cumberland County Veteran's Council for the renovations to the Hope Mills Veteran's Memorial. The funds will go toward additional seating, ADA improvements, and expanding parking. The Hope Mills Dog Park will be relocated as part of this project.

## **Programs:**

*Partnerships:* Staff from the Programs Division met with staff from the Methodist University Occupational Therapy for Inclusion Support Services on Thursday to discuss a partnership for this year's summer camp program. Topics discussed included a diversity statement; questions/prompts to add to the registration process for requesting additional information about any perceived special needs; building training modules for part time staff, coaches, instructors, and volunteers; guidance on staff with special needs; guidance on moving forward with the community outreach group home center visits.

*Kids in Sports:* Home school program begins on March 1st; registration is open for Tiny & Little Ballers to begin in May.

*Mid-Carolina Senior Games:* Dates for everyone to note (all is in Civic Rec calendar) – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Basketball Shoot 8:00 am – 12:30 pm; Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Pickleball Tournament 8:00 am – 3:00 pm; Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Badminton Tournament 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

## Special Events:

- *Easter in Hope Mills: Saturday, March 25, 2023*
  - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Egg Hunt 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
  - Peeps & Pups Pet Pics with the Easter Bunny 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - Working on the Backdrop/Décor
- *Community Day (Appearance Commission): Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Golfview Greenway (golf course property).*
  - Need Trash Cans
  - Need a flyer & Social Media Graphic
  - Have sent them a vendor application. Let them know what they need to do in regards to inspections.
- *Spring Litter Sweep/Yard Sale: Saturday, April 22, 2023.*
- *Trucks & Stuff: Saturday, May 6, 2023. Sensory Kits will be available.*
- *Pet Fest: Saturday, May 20, 2023. This is not our event. However, it will be taking place in our Municipal Park.*
- *Memorial Day: Monday, May 29, 2023. Held at Memorial Park.*

## 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/Maintenance:

*Basketball:* Last regular season game is Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. 10U, 12U, 14U will play a Championship Game against Hoke on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Spring registration closes today at 11:59pm
- Drafts will begin Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Baseball Assessments will be Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>
- Coaches Needed
  - T-Ball
  - 6U Jr. Pee Wee
  - Indoor Soccer (6U, 8U, 10U, 12U)
- Practices will begin on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and season will start on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>