



Town of Hope Mills

MANAGER'S REPORT

April 3, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS

Hope Mills Multi-Use Path: Engineers contract executed.

Streets Improvements: Escapade Drive – Asphalt completed. Detail completed the week of March 27, 2023.

Street Repair and Resurfacing: Kingfisher locate requested. Boring to follow.

Creek Clearing with state budgeted funds: RFP issued. Close out is scheduled for April 10, 2023.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

- **Chapel Restroom Building** – The chapel and restroom buildings are 100% complete and scheduled to open to the public on May 1st (tentative).
 - The Hope Mills Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) has officially moved their meetings to the Chapel. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will move their meetings to the Chapel beginning in May 2023.
 - The HPC has removed stored materials and artifacts from the Chapel, and staff has ordered new chairs and tables for the new layout. Six pews will be relocated by the end of April 2023 to make room for the folding chairs.
- **Municipal Park Splashpad & Inclusive Playground** – The playground and splash pad are at 75% completion. HMPR is anticipating that both projects will be substantially complete at the end of May 2023.
 - The utility plans for the storm drainage and sanitary sewer has been approved by PWC. This portion of the work is currently out to bid until May 3rd 2023.
 - Parks and Recreation is currently working with the playground installer to have poured-in-place rubber surfacing installed at the playground in the next two weeks. Forms have been installed for concrete curbing around the poured-in-place area of the playground.
 - A security fence has been installed to enclose the splash pad. The painters are currently acid washing the concrete and starting to paint the surface.

- A budget amendment has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners to approve funding to complete the ADA walks to the playground and splash pad.
- HMPR received quotes from A1 Landscaping to install irrigation and sod around the entire playground/splashpad area at a cost of \$22,700. The Town is currently identifying funds for this portion of the project.
- Heritage Park – The design team is 100 % complete with Construction Documents. The plans have been submitted to PWC for review and approval of the sanitary sewer design. The project cannot be released for bidding until the SHPO approves the report and construction plans.
 - RGA has completed the field work portion of the archaeological data collection, catalogue its findings and is working on the official report. The report has to be reviewed and approved by SHPO before the Town can begin construction.
 - HMPR has submitted a request for Community Project Funding in the form of an EPA STAG grant in the amount of \$350,000. If approved, this funding will be used to make up the 30% budget shortfall due to inflation.
- Sports Complex Development (Golf Course Property): HMPR facilitated the project kickoff meeting with the CHA Engineering to discuss the project scope, budget, and scheduling.
 - CHA Engineering has begun work on the due diligence phase of the project that includes topographic survey, wetlands delineation and site analysis.
- Veteran’s 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 HM Dog Park will be relocated as part of this project.
 - The Hope Mills Dog Park has been relocated as part of the demolition phase of the project. The new dog park is now open to the public.
 - The parking lot and ADA walks design is being prepared by George Rose, P.E.

Programs

- Tai Chi ended March 27th. HMPR will announce when classes are scheduled to commence again.
- All Kids in Sports classes & camps are canceled until further notice.
- Three Specialty Camps are being offered in addition to the regular summer camp at HMPR – Music/Art Camp, Karate Camp (2 full weeks) & Shining Stars Creative Arts

Academy Camp (theater/drama) **last day of theater camp will take place at The Chapel for dress rehearsal and final parent/guardian/family viewing of performance**

- A Contract with Methodist University Professor of College of Health Sciences and Human Services/Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program has been finalized to begin providing support as needed in the area of Inclusion Support Services to the Parks & Recreation Department. HMPR staff is working with Program Coordinator in areas of registration processes and summer camp for support & inclusivity.

Special Events

- **Community Day Event (Appearance Commission Event) | April 15, 2023 10:00am – 3:00pm**
 - At the Golf Course
 - Current vendors include: Troy Medicare, Wild bow yonder, Scentsy, Papparazzi, Jones Sisters x2, H2M Sno cones, Tyra’s Custom Creations, etc.
- **Spring Litter Sweep/Yard Sale | April 22, 2022**
 - Registration is open – 15 residents have registered so far.
 - A virtual map has been created and is up to date.
- **Trucks & Stuff | May 6, 2023**
- **Family Fun Day (Prime Movers) | May 13, 2023**
- **Pet Fest | May 20, 2023**
- **Memorial Day | May 29, 2023**
 - Ceremony at Veteran Memorial Park
- **Independence Day Celebration | July 1, 2023**
- **A Southern Christmas on Main 2023**
 - Registration is open.
- RFP has closed for Kayaks at the Lake – Hydrobikes NC has been selected.
- Concession Stand RFP closes Monday April 3

Athletics / Maintenance

- Registration for Spring Athletics has yielded 1036 participants, and still climbing. Registration for the 14U age group has not closed yet.
 - **Baseball 2023 – 559 participants**
 - T-Ball age 5– 69 kids (6 teams)
 - Jr. Pee Wee age 6 – 91 kids (7 teams)
 - Coach Pitch 8U – 169 kids (12 teams)
 - Minor 10U – 114 kids (9 teams)
 - Ozone 12U – 83 kids (6 teams)
 - 14U – 33 kids, still taking registration through April 1
 - **Softball 2023 – 212 participants**

- 8U Darlings – 43 kids (3 teams)
- 10U Angels – 86 kids (6 teams)
- 12U Ponytails – 44 kids (3 teams)
- 15U Belles – 39 kids (3 teams)

- **Indoor Soccer 2023 – 221 Participants**

- 6U clinic – 48 kids
- 8U – 70 kids (6 teams)
- 10U – 52 kids (5 teams)
- 12U – 42 kids (4 teams)

- Wrestling 2023 has 44 participants registered for a 40-participant program.