



**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Advisory Committee**

**Department Division Updates: MARCH 2019**

CREWS RECREATION CENTER

- Programs/Activities
  - Date Night Drop-Off
    - Registration for Date Night Drop-Off scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> is currently ongoing. There are currently 10 youth registered.
  - Crews Family Fun Night
    - The March edition of Family Fun Night consisted of indoor laser tag. Over 175 participants attended the event. Indoor laser tag was well received and staff definitely plans to offer it next year (possibly twice). Staff will begin planning for the 2019-20 Family Fun Night series in May and June.
  - Summer Programming
    - Registration is currently ongoing for summer camps. Staff plans to compare 2018 numbers to 2019 to determine if additional marketing/advertising efforts needs to be made.
  - Long-Term Rentals
    - Global Mission Church Charlotte – will be offering Church service at Crews on Sunday mornings from 10am to 1pm. Currently, the rental is booked from March through June. However, the rental may be extended.
    - MARA – staff has discussed the option of hosting a basketball league at Crews during the 2019-20 season (November – February). However, to make it work, adjustments to the Centers open-play pickleball and badminton schedule will need to be made. Staff will be begin reviewing options and surveying participants in April.
  - Gym Flooring Project
    - In an effort to correct some game lines on the gym floor the gym will be closed for 2-weeks. The project began on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. All recreational and athletic activities (open gym basketball, open play badminton/pickleball) in the gym are cancelled during the previously mentioned timeframe. The gym is expected to re-open our gym on **Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## CULTURAL RECREATION UPDATE

### Programs/Activities

- March gallery display: Arts Delivered Home School Artist Exhibition. Gallery reception is Saturday, March 9, 4pm-6pm.
- Art display at Town Hall; these installments will rotate every 60-90 days.
  - Current show: A painter from Raleigh named Subha Raghu.
- Public art update:
  - Ballroom building mural: Waiting on a design from the artist; will submit for approval when she has this finished.
  - Wall Poems: Design concept should be available before next Advisory meeting.
  - Veteran sculpture is set to be installed by May. Peter will start casting soon, steel base is scheduled to be made.
- Put out a Call to Artists to recruit artists interested in displaying tactile art for a multi-sensory gallery show. Art work will be displayed for the month of June in the McDowell Arts Center gallery. Please share with anyone who may be interested.
- Summer camp registration is open and going well.
- New programs being offered starting in March:
  - Sunday Family Game Afternoon Drop-In: Free program for families at the McDowell Arts Center, 1pm-3pm. Games are provided, no registration required. First and third Sundays of each month (may become more frequent if it picks up).
  - Dungeons & Dragons Adventurers League: meets first and third Tuesday of the month at the Matthews Community Center, \$5 to play, free snacks!
  - Beginner Ukulele lessons being offered starting March 28, open to ages 7 to adults!
  - PranaTeen: a yoga, meditation and mindfulness program for teenage girls, 10 week program.
- Matthews Playhouse:
  - School of Theater performances going on in the upcoming months
  - Next Mainstage production will be in June

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **BeachFest** craft vendor applications totaled approximately 23 (of 28). Exhibitor spaces are nearly at goal. YES is supplying inflatables for the Beach Bounce area again this year. It will be moved to in front of the Elementary School. Brinkley will bring additional carnival pieces to fill now empty Medical Clinic lot.

Friday May 10: Hip Pocket, Chairmen of the Board

Saturday May 11: Randy Clay Band, The Extraordinaires, The Entertainers,  
Blackwater Rhythm & Blues

- The Great Easter Expedition: Plans continue. Signs will be placed in event parks and on the Greenway.

For three weeks in April (5<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>), staff will hide 1000s of toy-filled Easter eggs in Stumptown, Squirrel Lake, Windsor, and Sardis parks, as well as along the Trade Street connector of Four Mile Creek Greenway. Families will be encouraged to get outside together, and gather eggs. Twelve GOLDEN EGGS will also be hidden throughout the 3 weeks. Participants that find these eggs will bring them to the Community Center for the grand prize -- \$50 VISA gift cards (one per family). Photos with the Easter Bunny will also be available in the Community Center on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm. Volunteers are needed to be the Easter Bunny in photos!

- Matthews Alive 2019 exhibitor applications continue to come in. Music continues to be confirmed. All contracts with neighboring businesses, logistics vendors are being signed now.

#### PARKS/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Yoga in the Park – Returning March 29 – Stumptown Park
- Stumptown Park
  - The volleyball court is scheduled for improvements this month. Edges of the court will be dug out and replaced with fresh sand.
  - General upkeep will be performed on the ditches around the park to improve water flow/drainage.
- Squirrel Lake Park
  - A drain was added to the bottom slope of the playground to resolve an issue with water retention.
  - The boardwalk near the playground is scheduled for repairs to replace rotten boards.
- Purser-Hulsey Park
  - The “Wash House” improvements are scheduled to begin early this month.
- Eagle Scout Projects
  - Country Place Park
    - Approved project: add area to the pollinator garden to be maintained by Bee City. Work has been delayed by rain, but should be completed on March 9th.
  - Community Gardens
    - Approved project: build corrals/receptacles to contain garden waste in a designated location while it awaits removal. Work began on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.