

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Advisory Committee

Department Updates: June 2020

CULTURAL RECREATION UPDATE

Programs/Activities

- June Gallery Display: The June art show at the McDowell Arts Center has been canceled due to Covid-19. The show for July is tentatively Waxhaw Artists Council.
- Art display at Town Hall; these installments will rotate every 60-90 days.
 - Current show: Artist Lela Kometiani's Memory Care students will display their art work. This is a group of seniors from the Ivey Memory Care Center in Charlotte. This show will continue through June.
- Public art update:
 - Muriel Epling is scheduled to begin painting the road hump Friday, June 5 (weather permitting), and finish by Sunday, June 6.
- Summer camp registration re-opened on June 1 for camps taking place in July and August.
- New guidelines for summer camps has been posted on our Department's website outlining how summer camps will look this year.
- Camp Funshine and KidzArt camps have been canceled for the summer.
- Yoga and other paid classes will resume in July.
- Matthews Ballet will have a virtual Ballet recital. Strict guidelines have been put in place for the dancers and instructors including social distancing, and phased dancing. This recital will be recorded, then edited together and distributed to parents.

Maintenance Update

- New electric work was completed in the theater, creating extra outlets and taking away the need for extension cords, making the theater compliant for the Fire Marshal.
- Studio A and B were given an update with fresh coats of paint by staff. Staff is also working on painting the gallery space at the McDowell Arts Center.
- All carpet at the Matthews Community Center has been steam cleaned in preparation for re-opening. All linoleum floors have been stripped and waxed.
- The theater is scheduled to be painted starting June 4 and should take a week to complete.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- All special events continue to be suspended through June 30. Staff continues to monitor government orders, and is preparing for July, just in case....
- Matthews Alive –has been cancelled, a little earlier than expected. The Board members are issuing refunds or reservations for 2021. Everyone involved is disappointed, but looking forward to an even better 2021.

We were unable to book some of our most-wanted bands for 2020, so this is an opportunity to be able to do so for next year!

- BeachFest – still on for October 16-17.
 New graphic:



- Food Truck Fridays – The first three events in April/May were successfully moved to October and November. June events are now cancelled. Hoping the governor will lift crowd maximums—staff has a plan in place to host 450 in park safely (see attached plan)



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS/CONCERTS—post COVID Process

LAM, AH, and 6 Special Event Team

Staff wears masks for duration of event, or when in close proximity to others

2 team at entry, 2 team with trash bags, 2 team at restrooms. Rotate throughout.

Wrap perimeter of park with caution tape, creating one entry/one exit at gravel park entrance

Entry from Exxon side of gravel driveway, Exit on Masonic side of driveway. Divide opening with pennant rope.

Limit entry to first 450 people

Can keep a waiting line; when one exits, one can enter. Staff will manage.

Place trucks more toward rear lawn area of park, leaving gravel area open for seating if needed

Need to angle band, to play to both grass and gravel

Parks & Rec tent placed at entry, no tables, tall chairs only if any

Distribute garbage bags from tent?

No bounce houses, no children's activities

Rent or purchase a minimum of six hand sanitizing stations, place near lawn, gravel lot, rear lawn

No trash service at event—trash cans will be taped off. Attendees will be given trash bags at entry.

Dumpsters placed at park entry/exit. Attendees will bag their own trash and put in dumpsters upon exit.

Main restroom doors for men/women's will be propped open. Two stalls in each will be locked/unavailable.

One family restroom designated for musicians, one left available for attendees.

Darryl will be on-site to clean restroom surfaces repetitively during the evening, and 2 staff will be positioned at restrooms

Place tape Xs on sidewalk to socially distance waiting lines; start lines from each end of overhang

Pre-event press release two weeks out, detailing new processes

Press release shared on Town, P&R FB pages, any social media

Stage script detailing processes. Emcee must read approximately every 20 minutes, and/or at natural breaks

25 step-in signs placed around park perimeter and throughout. A lot to say, must be brief:

"Do not enter with symptoms

Socially distance—6 feet apart

Masks suggested

Wash/sanitize hands

Cover your cough/sneeze

Children must stay with family

Bag your trash, place in dumpster"

2 restrooms signs, magnets, to hang from upper portion of women's/men's door frames, when door opened:

"Only 3 persons in restroom at one time"

12-20 laminated smaller signs to hang on park perimeter tape:

"Must enter and exit at front of park ONLY"

Beer/Wine vendors will be asked if they would LIKE to participate, if they feel it will be worth their time/effort

Anticipate possibly beer only

Beer/wine vendors should prepare and serve as they would at their home establishments: masks, card-only sales, wiped surfaces, hand sanitizer, etc.

CREWS RECREATION CENTER

- Programs/Activities
 - Program Recap
 - No new updates
 - Upcoming/New Programs
 - Summer Camp Programs: All summer camps through June have been cancelled. Additionally, both Muggsy Bogues basketball camp sessions have been cancelled this year. Camps in July and August are prepared to resume at a reduce capacity and adhering to various precautions due to COVID-19.
 - eSports Program: Staff is still working to establish an eSports program. Below are several draft logos staff has designed for the program.
 - Rentals
 - Due to COVID-19 all rentals have been cancelled through the end of June and will resume at a date TBD.
 - Grace Academy has provided dates/times for their basketball season beginning mid October 2020. Staff is excited to once again host Grace Academy practices and games.

eSport Draft Logos

*Note variation in the interior edging / border around the wording



PARKS

- Playgrounds
 - All playgrounds remain closed at this time, in accordance with the Governor's orders.
- Stumptown Park
 - The restrooms remain closed at this time.
 - A contractor has been scheduled to repair the landscape lighting around the park. 17 light fixtures will be replaced to improve reliability and create a uniform look.
- Purser-Hulsey Park
 - The community garden expansion project is complete. The expanded area adds 26 plots, bringing the total to 62 plots.
 - A company has been contracted to design updated maps and signage for the biking/hiking trails. Work is ongoing.