



RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2020

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- Commission Chair Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

II. ROLL CALL

- Commission members present: Sandy Barth, Shuntel Beach, Dana Davis, Scott Doll, Dennis Mitchell, Cheryl Rand, Jit Saha
- Commission members absent: Kevin Johnson, Melissa Jurgens
- City staff present: Department Director, Morgan Rodgers; Wills Park Manager, Matt Casey; Park Services Manager, Eric Milley; Community Services Manager, Amanda Musilli; Recreation Services Manager, Christine Young; Cultural Services Manager, Kim Zane; Administrative Office Coordinator, Valerie Jackson
- City Council:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 9, 2020

- Motion by Scott Doll to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 as written. Second by Dana Davis.
- No discussion.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS – none

- Proposal by Mackenzie “Mack” Alizota, AYSA participant and Milton Resident regarding 50% residency requirement (Power Point attached)

VII. REPORTS

A. Divisions:

1. Community Services – Amanda Musilli

- Alpharetta Events
 - Farmer's market has returned to City Center every Saturday, as in past. They are doing a great job implementing their COVID plan
 - Other event taking place on a monthly basis is Art in the Park in Brooke Street Park. All other events in September have been cancelled so we will not have European Market this year. In response to Commissioner Rand's inquiry...events are cancelled thru September 30th. We have not made a decision about any other events in October outside of Wire & Wood. Wire & Wood is cancelled but we are accepting event applications for events taking place in October
 - For Scarecrow Harvest we're going to cluster the scarecrows in different places from Wacky World all the way over here to the park. We found places where we could cluster no less than 4 scarecrows. We're going to put them together and have a walking tour so we'll encourage our community to go out and walk around. In response to Commissioner Beach's inquiry regarding who would be doing scarecrows, city or schools – with schools being cyber we knew that the room parent situation would be very different this year and we would have to target our scarecrow makers in a different way. We are reaching out to business community and families and we're hoping that with kids at home, parents may be looking for something to do. Commissioner Doll suggested that if any are located close to historical markers that perhaps this information could be included on tour to give the viewer something more to read and understand and appreciate. There will be one prize, a People's Choice award, with a \$100 gift card which will be done via social media
- Alpharetta Community Agriculture:
 - Intensive growing plan put in place has really paid off. On 1/3 of an acre, we've been able to donate, on average, 500 pounds of produce a week to NFCC. There have been some weeks when that's been 800 pounds or close to 1,000 pounds. With people having time, we have a lot of new volunteers every week and we put together a volunteer program so that people can sign up online and sign the waiver
 - We are going to bring back community classes this month. There will be a flower arranging class and we're going to participate in the Georgia Great Pollinator Count. Most classes will be offered either just online or in person and online
 - We've been working closely with ag business teacher of students at Cambridge High School to find ways that we can still have students learning how to run an agriculture business

2. Wills Park and Equestrian Center – Matt Casey

- Equestrian Center
 - We just hosted the largest horseshow that we've had in probably the last 5 years. Show was pretty much there the whole month of July. Over 300 horses competed each week over the 3 weeks. So large had to bring in temporary stables and barns
- Wills Park
 - Grand Pavilion is officially open behind Alpharetta Community Center. We've added sod, additional irrigation, mulch and we've put some slate paths in that area which really opened it up
 - Replaced Braves tournament this year with USSSA baseball tournament. Was a 2-day tournament that rained out on Friday night. Staff really knocked it out of the park. They did a really good job prepping for it, working the event, and then recovering from it
 - Other than that, staff has been doing a lot of routine maintenance. A lot of underbrush and clear cutting
 - In response to Commissioner Doll's inquiry regarding traffic in Wills Park and on general usage of greenways, confirmed it is above average for this time of year. Playgrounds are packed and trails have been busy the whole time. Commissioner Doll stated that this can be interpreted as the value people see in their recreational amenities

3. Recreation Services – Christine Young

- Division Update
 - We have 3 days of summer camp left and I have to say its been the most interesting summer for camps. We had 2 camps, Camp Happy Hearts and MVP Zone Sports camp, which was a new camp this summer. It was very successful and went for 8 full weeks. Wills Park Day Camp went for 10 weeks because Fulton County started a week later so we added that week. Can't say enough about staff. They followed protocol and did what they were supposed to do. What they found was that the kids absolutely loved being out in the park and they loved having the activities come to them. We found out that they don't like going on field trips. We averaged about 165 kids per week, which is amazing during this time period. We had a lot of parents thanking us for doing it, for giving parents that relief to be able to go back to work and know that their kids were safe and having fun and having a little bit of normalcy during this crazy time
 - Wills Park Pool had to be shut down due to a staff member testing positive. We will be reopening the pool on the 19th for senior swim and for the public on the 22nd and then on weekends going forward until Labor Day
 - Fall Activity Guide is out. Will be another interesting year. Numbers for fall season are low, as to be expected. We have the normal variety of

classes that we've had in the past - gymnastics, dance, a lot of outdoor programs, health and wellness. Please take some time to look thru and see what we have to offer

- School year plan – about 95% of the kids in camp were there because their parents had to go to work. We heard that Fulton County Schools would not be going back in person and we wondered what we could do to serve our community. We went thru a lot of different scenarios, but our staff are not really educators and that's not our mission here. Luckily, the YMCA stepped up. They came to us and we are very fortunate to be able to partner with them on some facilities. I did find that there is a gap with 7th and 8th graders so we have come up with a program at the Community Center where we are going to be offering that same type of program. We're trying to hire substitute teachers to come in and supervise those kids – help them out when needed, make sure they're staying on task, discipline them when needed, keeping that structure for them. We're going to take up to 50 kids at the Community Center and offer that for parents who need to drop their kids off. The YMCA will be holding their program at the Preston Ridge Community Center, the Adult Activity Center and at the Art Center. Our staff will be there helping them out. I know it's a disappointment that we haven't opened back up the Adult Activity Center but it's just not safe enough to do it yet. The building was sitting there and we can use it for something else. So, on top of the 7th and 8th grade Recreation Enrichment Center, we're also going to offer an after-school fun stop at Wills Park Rec Center. That will be for grades K thru 6 and will be from 2:30 to 6:30 Monday thru Friday. Parents can pay to drop their kids off for 4 hours if they need 4 solid, uninterrupted hours to be able to work or just need a break. My idea is that it's the old-school drop-in rec program. We'll have activities and fun things for them to do with the last hour for them to just chill out before they go home
- Will also have a gymnastics program which will have an hour of virtual help, if they need it, and then 3 hours of recreational gymnastics. The dance program is doing that camp as well
- Youth Athletic Leagues
 - You just heard the AYSA proposal. Glad we're going to be able to take that to a workshop and discuss it a little more
 - All 4 youth athletic leagues that we have – AYBA, AYSA, NAFL & Ambush – are going ahead with their fall seasons. They have all had tryouts and they're moving forward
- Health and Wellness
 - Health and wellness is doing phenomenal! We have so many free programs in our parks – Cogburn, Brooke Street, the formal garden, and Wills Park. We are finding that businesses can't hold these classes indoors and they're partnering with us to bring them outdoors. And they

are free to the public. Would like to give kudos to Anna Virgo, she has done a great job building up that program

- Drool in the Pool will be Sunday, September 27th. We will be limiting the number of people who come in so we can social distance on the deck. Cost is \$5 per dog

4. Park Services – Eric Milley

- General Projects
 - We had to replace the brick coping on the top of the decorative 3 tier fountain located by Mercantile Social. That was completed a couple of weeks ago
 - We have taken over ground maintenance to include landscape at Thompson Street Park, Encore Park, and about a ¼ of a mile section of the Alpha Loop. These are highly visible areas and there's a lot of bed maintenance. We have a contract now with Crabapple Landscape to take care of those areas
 - Have started cleaning up Milton Center. We've repainted some of the buildings and picked up trash in the area. The neighbors behind Milton Center are thrilled that we are now taking over this area

5. Cultural Services – Kim Zane

- Cultural Happenings
 - We had to stop a lot of our events at the Arts Center but one of our goals is to get art outside of the Art Center. It's challenging but it's making us try to be innovative and we're coming up with some really neat things
 - Arts Alpharetta has a new show – Art Americana. If you saw Fiber and Folk last year, it is sort of that same vibe but we have new artists and it's a really good show. Come by the gallery and take a look
 - Music Match – we match music to businesses and it's going a little slow but we've reactivated it. We did receive a \$12,100 grant that I told you about last time from Fulton County for the program. What's nice about the program is that it's meant to be small groups. The restaurants are businesses already used to COVID guidelines so we're just holding them accountable and they have their own individual plans that they implement every day. Usually with Music Match, you'll have about 15, maybe 20, people watching so it's a pretty small crowd
- Art Center
 - Successful camp also. Smaller group but we actually had about 3 different classes. We had a 9 to 1 ratio. We put a lot of effort into having a classroom format. We had bubbles on the ground and if you sat in your bubble, that was the only time you could take your mask off and take a drink. If you were up, your mask goes on. I was very happy about the way the art camps went and I think they were very successful

- Our new community mural was out all summer. Every child that took part in camp had the opportunity to paint on the mural. It was installed on the outside of the Art Center about a week ago
- Have put a pause on upcoming fall and winter classes due to partnership with YMCA. Pushing daytime programs to the night and on weekends
- Setting up a Virtual Studio program, not sure where yet, where instructors can come record and teach live. We have one adaptive program which will be recorded and that was intentional so they could stop the recording and go back if needed. Believes there will be about 8 virtual programs in the fall. In response to question from Commissioner Saha, providing class supplies will be at discretion of instructor. Some will provide while others may post a supply list. In response to Commissioner Doll, it will be a fee paid program. The adaptive program will be free; 2 of the virtual programs will be free while the other 6 will be paid
- Art Studio on the Go-Go - we set up and give out free projects around town, around the parks. Look for that to continue
- Take Out Art with Arts Alpharetta – Commissioner Barth stated that it's the 2nd time they've done it and both times were a sell out
- Hide & Seek Art – we've hidden about 40 mini-paintings, 2 x 2, around town. It's got a little card about the Art Center inside of it and we hide it, take a photo, and post it on Instagram and you have to go find it. 35 have been found so far
- History Update
 - Log Cabin has Certificate of Occupancy which is exciting. They have worked for a long time on that and they've had a lot of donations. Working with Boy Scouts on improving some areas. Moving an outhouse is one of their Eagle Scout projects and the other one is working out a parking area in front of the cabin
 - Museum at City Hall is open for individuals, but docent tours are on hold
- Music/AMPS (Alpharetta Music Project Strategy)
 - Awarded 3 grants from Fulton County for COVID virtual programming for programs that had to be cancelled but could be reformatted to virtual
 - Alpharetta Community Chorus received \$7,000
 - Forage & Flourish, a contemporary Music Festival, is converting to online workshops which will be free to the community. Was awarded \$3,500
 - A Song Can Change A Life podcast was awarded \$16,000. He brings in songwriters and they talk about why they wrote the song and how it affected their life. Will record from Art Center blackbox
- Public Art
 - Land Shark drawing was completed downtown. It rained one hour after it was done but artist stayed and redid it for free. It made it thru Saturday but then we had another rain. That's the life of chalk art

- Trying to plan a Community Room gallery, working with Arts Alpharetta. We have had so many requests from artists to show at the Art Center but we don't have enough time available as those shows take about 4 to 6 weeks. Will take down historical photos, put up the art, and then put historical photos back up when there's not a show. Most of the historical photos are already in the museum
- Union Hill Pop Up Skatepark Mural - the artist was Thea Genet, a camp director, who also worked on Marietta Street recycling mural. She loves skating, she worked on the skatepark committee and she had this idea. It was also a community mural, kind of a paint by numbers. She designed it but people just started showing up to help paint. She would start about 6:30 a.m. because it was so hot and teenagers were getting up and coming out to help because they were that excited about it

B. Director Update – Morgan Rodgers

- Alpharetta Elementary School Park – playground is in place and grass has never looked better. Track has been redone. Playground will be finished with sod and mulch going in around playground and fence will be installed by end of this week. This was a joint project with Fulton County Board of Education
- Innovation Academy - second joint project with Fulton County is to renovate athletic complex in heart of downtown. The Intergovernmental Agreement was signed and then the building got tagged with graffiti. Both Fulton County and City of Alpharetta did their share to make the repairs
- Union Hill Skate Park – this project took 6 weeks from idea until we cut the ribbon. That is just unheard of and it looks like it has been 2 years in planning. Kurt, Eric, and Nate Hand did lion's share of the work. Looks just incredible and is example of what TLC can do. Has been well received by community
- Union Hill Park – at the council retreat earlier this year, some of the council members started talking about plan for Union Hill, this is about a \$4 million plan. Council members said that plan was too grandiose and asked me to revisit and scale it down, as spending \$4 million on this project is unlikely. I am making a presentation to Mayor and Council on September 8th and I want your ideas on how to scale back. My thought is that we leave the covered arena and we leave where the skate park is now. We can turn pop-up skate park into a nice skate park because you can buy more components and bring it up to speed. If you haven't been out to Union Hill lately, please go out and take a look. I will be looking for your ideas to present at the workshop to Mayor and Council on September 8th
- Greenway Repairs – going on now just south of Kimball Bridge Road where the ground is eroding under bridge. Repair work is ongoing now. We're trying to identify these areas now before they become million-dollar problems. Right now, it's just a \$40,000 problem. Pond did engineering work and TriScapes won the bid

- Big Creek Tree Removal – lots of trees fall into the creek but when they get close to greenway, they become our problem. Council has given us money to try to get ahead of it and currently there are 5 places where fallen trees are impacting the greenway. When trees fall so close and root ball is out in the creek, the water swirls behind the tree trunk, starts eating the creek bank away and gets to the greenway. First, we want to take out trees before they fall but at least when they do fall, to remove them before those cyclones start forming behind them
- Greenway Extension from Marconi to Union Hill – they are really making progress. This was a massive project and they divided it up into 5 projects with 5 separate teams. Entire project will probably completed early 2021 rather than mid 2021
- Greenway Boardwalk – section of boardwalk recently fell down. As many times as we go out there, we can't see what's going on beneath this poorly designed boardwalk. We are working with our on-call trail folks to re-engineer a design that can be retrofitted when we need for it to be. You can't marry the helical piers and the wooden piers so we're working with both of our trail companies to see which plan is best and that we can afford. We're going to fix this section using the old design, but we know it's a bad design. We are hoping to get something that at least will not have to be replaced again
- September Commission Meeting and Workshop – due to Labor Day holiday, Mayor and Council moved their September meeting to Tuesday, September 8th, which was our next date to meet. I suggest that we combine workshop and commission meeting on September 15, with workshop at 6:00 pm and commission meeting at 7:00
- Wills Park Maintenance Barn – progress is being made. Consultant revisited wetlands issues and found not as wet as everyone said it was. We are kind of back to original spot, which saves us a lot of money and doesn't take any parking away. Will not be exactly in the original spot as we will be moving building closer to the front
- Equestrian Center Phase 1 – also making progress. Met with Pond, the contractor, and asked them to pare plan down a little. We have half a million dollars to build arena up front and the parking lot. I'm hoping we have something to bring to commission in August on Maintenance Shop and something in September on Equestrian Center

C. City Council – none

VIII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Rand. Second by Dana Davis.
- **All in favor. Motion carried**
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm
- Next Commission meeting: September 15 at 7:00 pm

Recreation Commission Proposal



Mackenzie O. Alizota

Mackenzie “Mack” Alizota

- ❖ Age 13 [DOB: 04/11/2007]
- ❖ Teammate on Alpharetta '07 Fire
- ❖ 20 AYSA seasons
- ❖ Milton resident
- ❖ High School: Alpharetta



NOV 2006

NOV 2008



JAN 2014



JUNE 2020

Impact Statement

I firmly believe that once you hear what I have to say, you will without a doubt support my proposal because:

- ❖ The facts that I provide will show that your current residency requirement is no longer realistic;**
- ❖ The '07 Fire Families' contribution to the City of Alpharetta is beyond comparison; and**
- ❖ It's the right thing to do!**

Alpharetta '07 Fire Family

Anna Setterlind #10

Kate Brennan #3

Annie Womack #1

Kelly Johnson #23

Bridget Davis #24

Mack Alizota #25

Claire Bagwell #35

MG Searfoss #27

Claire Meeks #21

Paige Winchester #28

Harper Mattox #9

Piper Patellis #6



Head Coach: Sal Barcia

Asst Coaches: Matt Searfoss, Tricia Alizota, and Kristi Bagwell

' 07 Coaches Contributions

Coach Kristi Bagwell & Coach Matt Searfoss

- ❖ Coached in the AYSA program at the Rec, Allstar, and travel levels

Coach Tricia Alizota

- ❖ Coached AYSA multiple seasons of Rec, Allstar, and travel levels
- ❖ General member on AYSA Board
- ❖ 10U Age Group Coordinator [multiple seasons]
- ❖ 12U Age Group Coordinator [multiple seasons even after daughter moved up to travel and out of rec]
- ❖ Provided off-season open workouts to practice/improve between seasons
- ❖ Currently coordinating the Jr Umpire Program [Fire girls giving back to the City of Alpharetta residents by umpiring (for free) the 6U and 8U rec games]

' 07 Coaches Contributions

Head Coach Sal Barcia

- ❖ Coached multiple Rec, All-star and Travel seasons over a 14 year period from 2006-2020
- ❖ Coached 3 travel teams out of North Park
- ❖ 2 of the travel teams and 1 All Star team were over an 8-year period without having a daughter on the team
- ❖ Served on the AYSA Board for 2 years
- ❖ He was more than a coach.. a mentor, confidante, and family friend

"...this is much bigger than softball, and much bigger than money. These are **girls who have placed their trust in their coaches and an organization at a time in their lives when it is hard for them to trust anyone or anything.**" "...pulls them away from their team, teammates, coaches and friends with whom they have played their entire lives. These are lifelong relationships that city officials are about to shatter. Years after I coached players, I have been invited to their high school graduations, college graduations, weddings, baby baptisms, etc. Inevitably at every one of those life defining events I see softball teammates with whom they are still close. I have coached girls through the most troubling times of their lives (divorce, bullying at school, self-doubt, depression, etc.) and watched them successfully come out the other side. Every one of these girls (and their parents) say their softball team helped them get through those difficult times. **When their lives seem out of control, softball and their softball teammates provide unconditional acceptance and security.** What we do as coaches is so much more important than just teaching the game. City officials need to think back to a time when mentors played an important role in their lives and consider the types of mentors they would like their children to have. We spend countless hours every season devoted to coaching these incredible young ladies **because we love what we do and we understand how important it is in the lives of our players and their families.**"

-Coach Sal Barcia

' 07 Players/Family Contributions

- ❖ Of 12 families, 12 parents have coached teams for AYSA
- ❖ I personally have provided several bunting and sliding clinics for various younger age groups with my mom, Tricia Alizota;
- ❖ All of the players have volunteered in various ways such as running stations, working concessions, field setup, scoring, opening ceremonies, evaluation day, and helping with clinics for the AYSA program
- ❖ Players decorated, participated, and placed 2nd in the City of Alpharetta's *Old Soldiers Day Parade* float (2018)
- ❖ All non-resident families happily pay their yearly non-resident fees which benefits the city
- ❖ At least 50% of the team has already signed up for the recently announced Junior Umpire Program
- ❖ At least 8 years of walking advertisements for the City of Alpharetta on a weekly basis!

The Numbers that Matter

'07 Fire – est. July 2019

2019 Residency

- ❖ Alpharetta – 3
- ❖ Johns Creek – 2
- ❖ Milton – 6
- ❖ Roswell – 1

11 "residents" / 1 non

91.67%



In Compliance

2020 Residency

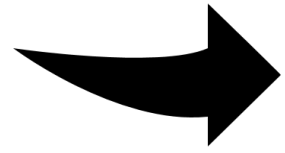
- v Alpharetta – 3
- v Johns Creek – 2
- v Milton – 6
- v Roswell – 1

5 "residents" / 7 non =

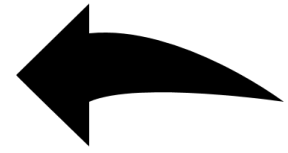
41.67%



Out of Compliance



WHAT SETS US APART



When the '07 team was established it was the only (and maybe first ever) AYSA Fire team to consist

100%

of players that have participated in the AYSA Recreational program for multiple seasons!

REC - ALLSTARS - TRAVEL

No less than 5 and as many as 20 seasons,
the '07 players have a combined

139

seasons played with AYSA!

REC - ALLSTARS - TRAVEL

of Seasons by City ('07 Fire)

Alpharetta/JC

Claire B – 6

Kate – 12

Kelly – 5

MG - 11

Piper - 12

Milton/Roswell

Anna - 11

Annie – 15

Bridget - 12

Claire M – 8

Harper - 15

Mack – 20

Paige - 12

Total seasons per area: 46

93

Average # of seasons per player: 9.2

13.3

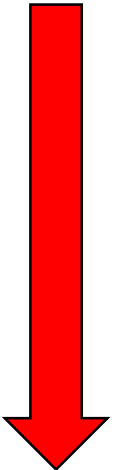
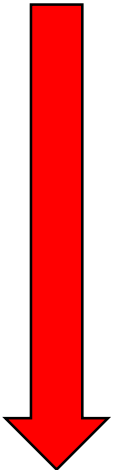
Percentage of seasons per area: 33.09%

66.91%

Current FIRE Residency Compliance Status 2006-2010 Teams

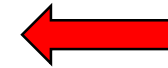
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2019-20 compliant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2020-21 compliant	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
intent to stay/leave	✗	✓	✗	✗	?	✗

Why the Percentage Doesn't Work

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- ❖ Alpharetta HS Feeder team (6th, 7th, 8th graders):
unable to field a feeder team with *3 grade years* without borrowing players from out of area
 - ❖ Alpharetta High School:
2018 - Varsity and JV team
2019 - Varsity only
2020 - Varsity only
 - ❖ Alpharetta area schools – Alpharetta, Centennial, Johns Creek HS:
not one of these Alpharetta schools has enough players to form both a Varsity and JV team this fall (out of *4 grades*)
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Point>> Alpharetta alone cannot field a competitive team without including more of the surrounding Alpharetta area non-residents.

The Alpharetta Recreation and Parks Department strives to promote the highest quality recreation programs and park facilities to our citizens consistent with our core values of Excellence, Stewardship, Integrity, Service and Loyalty



****Hold that thought!****

AYSA Mission Statement

The AYSA Volunteer Board strives to provide a quality softball program to the girls in Alpharetta and the surrounding area. The objectives of the program are to:

- Develop playing skills for all players,
- Teach good sportsmanship,
- Promote physical fitness and safety, while contributing to the quality of life the City of Alpharetta and the surrounding area by ensuring access to team sports for girls 4 to 18 years old.

MISSION STATEMENTS

Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept

"The mission of the Department is to provide quality programs and services to the citizens of Alpharetta. Youth select athletic programs provide high level athletic competition and opportunities for young people. Residency requirement guidelines ensure travel/select/elite teams are formed in the best interest of the City resident participants, to ensure City residents are fairly represented on these teams, to ensure City assets and resources are utilized in the best interest of City resident participants, and to foster long term success of the Association's competitive youth athletic program."

SUMMARY POINTS

- ! COUNTLESS HOURS donated by '07 Coaches and families benefitting the City of Alpharetta residents!**
- ! 139 seasons of loyalty (and fees paid) to the Alpharetta Youth Softball Association! 100% AYSA players on '07 Fire team!**
- ! Lower Alpharetta participation trend shows lowering residency expectation would still be a fair representation for residents of the City of Alpharetta!**
- ! High percentage of Milton residents contributed greatly to the success of the AYSA program!**
- ! Raised AYSA, representing the City of Alpharetta – want to continue to be proud to be AYSA!**

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

1. Reduce the current residency requirement to 35-40%.

OR

2. Keep the current residency requirement at 50% and include 1 or more of the following exceptions:

- the percentage of player participation in AYSA Rec program is 75% or greater
- Milton residents on teams formed prior to July 2020 (and in compliance at time of formation) are grandfathered as residents
- non-residents zoned for Alpharetta HS in the City of Alpharetta are counted as residents



AMENDMENT OPTION

Proposed amendment (Legal and Organizational Requirements, Item #13 City Residency Requirement for Travel/Select/Elite Teams):

City of Milton residents who participated in the Alpharetta Fire travel softball program for the 2019-2020 season and were previously considered “residents” of Alpharetta, and whose team was in compliance when formed, will be permanently grandfathered as “Alpharetta residents” for the Fire travel program.

- **Milton residents would still be required to pay the non-resident fee.**
- **The team on which the Milton resident played must have been in compliance at the time the team was formed.**
- **Grandfathered residents must still attend the yearly open tryouts and be chosen for a team; grandfathered residency does not guarantee a spot on a team.**

Remember those CORE VALUES?

Service -an act of helpful activity; help; aid:

Excellence - the fact or state of excelling; superiority; eminence:

Integrity - adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character;

Loyalty - the state or quality of being loyal; faithfulness to commitments or obligation;

Stewardship - the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving:

"I have learned many of these values both on and off the field. A travel team must be made up of players with strong principles and work ethic to be able to excel. We worked our tails off to make this team. Our coaches and families have gone beyond in service and loyalty to the city of Alpharetta. The only option for our team to meet residency requirement is for our Coach to cut one of the "non-residents". After 20 seasons with AYSA I have too much integrity and loyalty to hope that one of my teammates get cut to ensure my position on the team. So as sad as it would be, I will hang up my Fire jersey and walk away – hand in hand with my entire team. Please don't make us go. Let us continue to represent Alpharetta – *we're worth caring for and preserving*. Let us play ball." **-Mack Alizota '07 Fire**





Recreation Commission
August 11, 2020

Community Services Report

Alpharetta Events Update

- Farmer's Market returns to City Center
- Art in the Park returns to Brooke Street Park
- All other events cancelled through September
- Planning for Scarecrow Walking Tour
- Wire & Wood 2020 cancelled



Community Services Report

Community Agriculture

- Donating roughly 500 pounds of produce to NFCC each week



- Volunteer Program is growing, with new volunteers joining each week



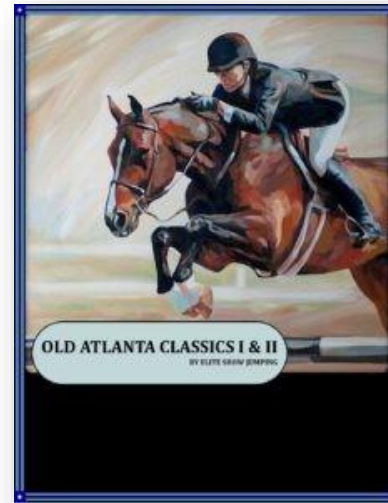
- Community education classes begin this month, with limited in-person, and unlimited Zoom participation
- Planning cyber lessons and CSA program for Ag Business students from CHS



Wills Park Report

Wills Park

- Elite Show Jumping Old Atlanta Classics was a success
 - Over 300 horses for the 3 week competition
 - Largest show we have had this year, requiring us to bring in temporary stalls for the extra horses
- Grand Pavilion officially open
 - Staff added sod, mulch and irrigation to enhance the area
 - Looks really nice and has been well received from park users
- Hosted USSSA Baseball Tournament in mid-July
 - Replaced Braves tournament this year
 - 2 day tournament had a good turnout with 120 games played
 - Staff did an excellent job in preparing for the event



Recreation Services Report

Programming Update

- Summer Camps



- Wills Park Pool



- Fall Activity Guide



- School Year Plan
 - YMCA Partnership Micro-Learning Centers
 - Micro-learning Center at ACC 7th & 8th Grades
 - Drop-in After Camp

Recreation Services Report

Youth Athletics Leagues

- AYSA/Proposal
- AYBA, NAFL, Ambush



Upcoming Event

- Drool in the Pool



Park Services Report

General Projects

- Re-did brick coping on 3 tier fountain located by Mercantile Social
- We have taken over ground maintenance to include landscape contracts at Thompson Street Park, Encore Park and a ¼ mile section of Alpha Loop. These are highly visible areas that need a high standard level of maintenance in the downtown area

Before



After



Park Services Report

General Projects

- Started clean up process over at Old Milton High School stadium fields
- Although very busy with pedestrian traffic in all parks, trails and downtown areas, it has been business as usual



Cultural Services Report

Upcoming Cultural Happenings

- *Art Americana* – Arts Center Gallery
- *Music Match* – Look at ACVB Music Listing Page

Arts Center

- Camps – Successful & Safe Summer Camp Season
- Alpharetta Arts Center – New Community Mural “Create”
- Fall & Winter Class Programs – Offering New Live Virtual Programs
- *Take Out Art* – Arts Alpharetta Free Drive Thru Take Out Art – July
- *Art Studio on the Go-Go* – 2 weeks with Free Art Projects and Ongoing
- *Hide & Seek Art* - Ongoing



Cultural Services Report

History Update

- Log Cabin
 - Certificate of Occupancy
 - Boy Scouts working with AOMHS
- Museum
 - Open for Individuals / Docent Tours on Hold
- Historical Archives
 - Moving to Log Cabin

Music / AMPS (Alpharetta Music Project Strategy)

- Awarded (3) Grants/Fulton County COVID Virtual Programming
 - \$16,000 – “A Song Can Change A Life” Podcast
 - \$3,500 – Forage & Flourish Contemporary Music Festival & Workshops
 - \$7,000 – Alpharetta Community Chorus
- Music Match Program
 - Reopened Program to Businesses

Public Art

- Arts Alpharetta / Chalk Artist draws 3-D Shark Downtown
- Planning Community Room Gallery / City Hall
- Union Hill Pop Up Skate Park Mural

