



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 9, 2024

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
5:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from March 12, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission meeting minutes from March 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
 - b. **Approval of Recreation Commission Minutes from March 27, 2024**
Approve, as written, the Recreation Commission work session minutes from March 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Recreation Severe Weather & Refund Policies**
Approval of the revisions to the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services current Registration, Procedures and Refund Policies as presented during the March 27, 2024, Recreation Commission work session.
6. **STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORK SESSION DISCUSSION**
 - a. **DIVISIONS**
 - i. **Community Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.
 - ii. **Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024**
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 - iii. **Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024**
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 - iv. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) - April 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.
 - v. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) - April 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.
 - vi. **Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - April 2024**
Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Park & Cultural Services Department.
 - b. **DIRECTOR**
 - i. **Director's Report - April 2024**

Monthly director's response to the Recreation Commission's questions regarding any staff presentations and wrap-up of the latest events, initiatives, and/or projects set forth by the department in an effort to meet the City's vision for recreation, parks, and culture.

- 7. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amber O'Dwyer
Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

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Recreation Commission Members – Present

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- Derek Kaighin
- Paul Slavik
- Karla Piedrahita
- Shuntel Beach
- John Norton

Recreation Commission Members – Absent

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- Brad Bowers

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 03.12.24 - RC Minutes (Unofficial)



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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2024

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- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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• Staff

- James Drinkard, Assistant City Administrator
- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Downtown Districts), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager (Western District & Equestrian), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Commission Minutes from February 13, 2024

❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion.

- Vice Chair Saha offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from February 13, 2024, Recreation Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.

❖ The motion was approved (6-0-1 with Commissioner Norton abstaining).

V. STAFF PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Services Division Monthly Report – March 2024

- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The first plant pick-up for 2024 began Saturday, March 9th and the plants look great! Timing was perfect as everything is just the perfect size.
- Asparagus is up which is usually the first sign of spring. The Cambridge High School Ag-aretta boxes included nice bundles of asparagus.
- The greenhouses are over capacity and the plants are growing fast.
 - Everything from the grow room had to move into the greenhouse. As a result, instead of tables, there is now four-level and five-level shelving as staff adapt to make the space work.
- Staff are excited to be working with Summitt Hill and Alpharetta Elementary Schools to help them develop their school gardens.
 - An information session was held at Summitt Hill last week and had a great parental turnout.
 - The teacher at Summitt Hill will be spearheading the program.
- Swarm season is approaching. The first warm happened today. Last year there were six swarms. Staff hope to catch swarms soon in the white swarm boxes in the peach trees.
- February classes were a hit! Classes continue to get better and better, and the division is continuing to plan further out.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The Think Globally. Plant Locally. Grant Program launched February 1st and filled within a few days with 25 households seeking pollinator certifications from the World Wildlife Foundation.

- There are two classes offering and participants will receive a 6-pack of native pollinator plants at the class, all of which started from seed at Old Rucker Farm.
- The Alpharetta Community Compost Program will launch April 1st.
 - The City officially received its Permit-By-Rule (PBR) from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division last week, so the City is now permitted by the State as a Category 2 composting collection site. This means the City's Community Agricultural Program may collect household food waste, but the program will ONLY accept dehydrated food waste – no raw compost such as kitchen scraps.
 - The first information session for the new program took place today.
 - The program includes the provision of at-home countertop food dehydrators for program participants to return compost to the City for crops and chicken feed.
 - Often, cities are unable to implement a composting program on account of the smell, attraction to pests, etc. The food dehydrator program eliminates all of those issues and illustrates Alpharetta's use of cutting-edge technology to advance the City's community agricultural vision.
- The seed library program is launching soon, and the equipment and signage are at both the Alpharetta and Milton libraries successfully promoting the program and proving to gain attention.
 - Seed library resemble old-style card catalogs and contains flower, herb, and vegetable seeds.
 - People are allowed to check out seeds for free.

ii. Cultural Services Division Monthly Report – March 2024

- Kim Manning, Cultural Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department was not in attendance to present the item. Commissioners were asked to review the agenda packet for details.

iii. Recreation Services Division Monthly Report – March 2024

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Summer registration for Wills Park Day Camps ages 6-10 broke records.
 - Registration opened on February 28th at 8:00 a.m. and all 85 spots were completely filled in 15 minutes.
 - Staff have worked to make a few more spots available to accommodate some of the registrations.

- Open registration begins tomorrow, and the hope is that many can find alternatives through specialty camps or other all-day camps offered through the Cultural Services Division's art camps or the Community Services Division's agricultural camps.
- There were two opening days for City partnered youth athletic associations.
 - The Alpharetta Youth Softball Association (AYSA) had opening day on February 24th and the Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association's (AYBA) opening day was the following week but unfortunately was rained out.
- Christine Young highlighted the Tot Time program which had a Dr. Suess birthday on March 1st and on March 16th will have a St. Patty's Day themed celebration.
- Music & Movement, another preschool program which occurs on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, has started back given the nice weather.
- Staff, specifically Angel Cornista, have introduced a new Health & Wellness program; the Alpha 5K Series.
 - The program, open to runners and walkers alike, is run at Wills Park on Sunday mornings to minimally impact those walking and enjoying the park.
 - Three runs are planned for the year, and the first one, titled "Dog & Jog" was March 2nd. The next two events are the "Summer Hustle" on June 30th and "Think Pink" on October 6th in support of breast cancer awareness.
 - The series has five sponsors (Viva Chicken, My Laps, Pure Barre, Lift Yoga, and Northside Hospital).
 - A professional timing system was acquired to help with the race runs.
- Kilometer Kids is another program which introduces kids to running and gets them prepared for participating in such programs as the Alpha 5K Series.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- Additional information pertaining to Health & Wellness programs may be found in the newsletter posted on the City's website beneath the activity guides.
- The biggest focus is now on the Taste of Alpharetta which will be May 9th. Early bird tickets are on sale and buyers have the opportunity to enter into a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.
- Other upcoming events include the Farmers Market opening April 6th, the Food Truck Alley beginning April 25th, and the Home By Dark Concert Series beginning April 27th.
- Christine Young shared staff achievements in continuing education. A few she highlighted included:
 - Alan Sanders achieving his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certificate (CPRP).
 - Angel Cornista and Tali Kehler achieving their Certified Pool Operator Certificates (CPO).

- Christine Young achieving her Certified Park and Recreation Executive Certificate which was the next level up from the CPRP.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Alpha 5K Series

- Q Are all three runs in the series taking place at Wills Park? (Kaighin)
- A Yes. It seems to be a good location for the runs but is currently being beta tested. Though the first event proved to not have any issues, if in time staff finds issues are raised, an alternative location will be considered. (Young)
- Q How many signed up for the first 5k? (Slavik)
- A 50 people signed up. The max number permitted is 100 to avoid overburdening the park. (Young)

RE: Health & Wellness Newsletter

- Q Is this a pushed newsletter? (Piedrahita)
- A Not currently. It is only on the website, but staff are working on ideas to determine how to push it out residents. (Young)

RE: Pool Staffing

- Q Is there any trouble staffing the pool for the summer and when does the pool open? (Norton)
- A No trouble yet. Applications are coming in slowly but surely but usually it is 3-4 weeks before the pool opens before it is fully staffed, which is the same with summer camps. The pool opens Memorial Day weekend. (Young)

RE: 2024 Taste of Alpharetta

- Q How many restaurants have currently signed up for the Taste of Alpharetta, what is the goal, and does it look like you will hit it? (Saha)
- A 30 restaurants have signed up, the goal is 60, and yes, staff believes the goal will be reached. (Young)
- Q Will the high school bands be providing drinks for this year's event? (Saha)
- A No. We have a concessionaire that is managing drinks for the 2024 Taste of Alpharetta. (Young)

iv. Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) – March 2024

- Eric Milley, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Staff are currently finalizing the chipping and removal of the debris pruned in all the parks from the last two months.

- Staff are also preparing the athletic fields; dragging, chalking, packing home plates / batter boxes, and painting foul lines and soccer field game lines at all the parks except for the Greenway.
- Greenway trails are constantly being cleared and reopened from flooding. This includes removing dangerous trees and limbs as well as working to control erosion along the trail and creek banks.
- Most of the decorative fountains are de-winterized and running.
 - Staff will be replacing the feature pump for the fountain at the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau and will be replacing one of the 3-tier fountains across from Nest Café or in front of Thrive - whichever is in worse condition.
 - The fountain in the little pond at North Park was replaced and is now up and running.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Staff are focused on enhancing low voltage decorative lighting and lighting at all park ballfields, courts, parking lots, Alpha Loop, and fountains.

v. **Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) – March 2024**

- Matt Casey, Park Services Division Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Unfortunately, the Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association (AYBA) opening day ceremonies were canceled due to weather, but the association is working to catch up on games as the spring season begins.
- The batting pavilion had all of its nets reconfigured and replaced all of which was funded courtesy of the AYBA.
- Horse shows have been well attended this past month.
 - The new sound system for the covered arena has been wired and should be operational within the next week or two.
 - The sound system will include 16 stadium speakers when complete, which should provide ample sound.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Staff are continuing ongoing maintenance of fields and common areas throughout the park.
- Arena 2 and the schooling arena, still natural footing arenas, will be laser graded in the upcoming weeks which has been delayed due to the rain.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Equestrian Arenas

Q Are the renovated arenas with the new footings holding up well despite the rain? (Mitchell)

A Yes, they are. There is not a puddle on them. Staff cannot wait to complete the remaining two arenas to discontinue the laser grading process. (Casey)

vi. Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report – March 2024

- Kurt Kirby, Senior Operations Manager for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Kurt Kirby mentioned it was an honor to work with the department's staff.
 - Kurt Kirby mentioned noticing a park worker pumping an athletic field knowing the weather was predicted to be unfavorable. Such work showed how committed and dedicated staff are to ensure the fields are ready to play regardless.
 - Kurt Kirby also expressed gratitude for two unsung heroes which are the administrative support for the department: Ruby Flynn and Amber O'Dwyer.

PARK ENHANCEMENTS:

- The Webb Bridge Park Dog Park is ahead of schedule.
 - Swings are installed, columns are ready for signage, and the last element remaining is installation of the fence.
 - Staff hope to have a ribbon cutting come the first of May.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS:

- The pole removal and lighting upgrades at North Park Turf 2 (Project Woodpecker) are moving along.
 - Progress has been delayed due to bad weather and equipment malfunctions.
 - Staff realizes the delay is impacting the park's parking and hope to get the poles up as soon as possible.
- The construction for the replacement of the Webb Zone playground at Webb Bridge Park has been moved up from May 1st to April 8th.
 - Staff are excited because the playground will be provided as an alternative play structure during the reconstruction of Wacky World.
- The Miracle League field construction is scheduled to begin in August.
 - Staff are working around the Miracle League's schedule and when products can be delivered.
 - Staff hope to have the project complete by the fall start of the Miracle League season.

- In the meantime, upgrades to the field's surrounding area, such as new fencing, are underway.

BOND PROJECTS:

- Waters Road Park construction is progressing well.
 - The driveway construction is now complete.
 - The playground and picnic shelters have been installed.
 - The installation of the parking lot is the last major element and is scheduled to begin this Thursday, weather permitting.
- The date of installation for the Mid-Broadwell Park playground has been confirmed and the playground should take about two weeks to construct.
- The Wills Park Proper bid related to the Wacky World area and restrooms was delayed three weeks.
 - Only one bid was received so staff are extended to window of time to collect additional bids from competitors.
 - Staff are still hopeful of breaking ground in May.
- The sewer installation for the Webb Bridge Park synthetic turf field is in the contract phase and should be seeking City Council approval soon.
 - The Request for Proposals for the design/build construction of the park's turf field posted on February 15th.
 - If all goes well, construction will begin in November after the Miracle League finishes its season.
- Kurt Kirby mentioned it was fun to attend the Annual Family Dance at the Alpharetta Community Center on February 10th.
- In addition, the opening day for AYSA's Spring season on February 24th was the perfect day because weather has been poor every Saturday since.
- Kurt Kirby mentioned he was honored to speak at the North Fulton Rotary Club on February 27th. The topic of the day was, "Top Ten Reasons Why We Are the Department of Fun!"

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Webb Zone Ribbon Cutting @ Mid-Broadwell Park

Q Is there a date scheduled for the ribbon cutting? (Piedrahita)

A Nothing has been released officially but staff is looking at the fourth week in April. Staff guarantee there will be a ribbon cutting for Mid-Broadwell Park before Waters Road Park. (Kirby)

RE: North Fulton Rotary Speaking Engagement

Q What was reason number one for the "Top Ten Reasons Why We Are the Department of Fun!"? (Piedrahita)

A The community partners are awesome. (Kirby)

b. DIRECTOR

i. Director's Report – March 2024

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department came forward to present the item.
- Morgan Rodgers stated, it should be noted for the detailed minutes, Kurt Kirby guaranteed Mid-Broadwell Park would happen.
- Morgan Rodgers reported that the new section of the Wild Wings Boardwalk connecting to the Greenway will be ready for a ribbon cutting on the third week of April.
- Morgan Rodgers informed the Recreation Commission that the department would be losing Amber O'Dwyer in April and delivered accolades for her hard work on behalf of the department.

VI. RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

RE: Online Volunteering

Q In terms of eagle scout projects, on social media a form is available for volunteering online. Is the form expandable to ensure requests are submitted to the proper park divisions (specifically eagle projects)? (Saha)

A In response to the numerous requests for eagle projects and volunteer opportunities, the Community Services Division generated an entirely separate form to accommodate the interest. Kristen Thigpen Orr, the division's contracted Education & Volunteer Coordinator was hired to specifically address such requests. When the Community Services Division cannot accommodate a request, for whatever reason, staff will send the information to other park managers or supervisors to see if they can fulfill the request.

While forms are not currently in place for direct submission to each division because the need hasn't been proven to outgrow the current process, the need to *organize* the requests has, so Community Services staff implemented the form. (Musilli)

Q Have you had submissions via the form as a result? (Saha)

A Yes. (Musilli)

RE: Arts Center Concerts

Q Will staff reconsider concerts at the Arts Center? For Black History Month, the venue proved too small, and the acoustics were off. (Saha)

A This coming summer, there will be three concerts (June, July, and August) under the eclectic concert series on the lawn of the Arts Center. Regarding indoor concerts, staff recognizes

acoustics are great in The Black Box at the center but not outside its doors. As a result, staff is trying to limit the number of concerts at the facility, but an alternative location is not available yet. (Rodgers)

Q What about Innovation Academy's theater as a possibility? (Slavik)

A The school is under the umbrella of Fulton County Schools which uses a program known as "School Dude" which proves complicated for bookings. Staff are having conversations with the school system regarding the complex regulations to try and make better use of the space. The city is having a dance recital in the school's theater soon and the Alpharetta Youth Symphony recently held a concert in the theater.

Q Do the community stage or Alpharetta Music City initiatives promote alternative indoor concert venues?

A While the community stage is not intended to serve as a concert space, the Music City Venues such as the Velvet Note, Roaring Social, etc. do offer concert space. (Rodgers)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & REQUESTS

- Chairman Mitchell requested commissioners brainstorm on better ways or new ideas to make meetings more exciting or engaging. The hope would be to have those answers ready for discussion at the next work session. (Mitchell)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no public comments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ❖ Commissioner Piedrahita made a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Kaighin seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).
- ❖ With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber O'Dwyer
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

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- Staff

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- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amber O'Dwyer, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. WORK SESSION ITEMS

a. Recreation Severe Weather & Refund Policies

- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
- Staff is proposing a few minor changes to the department's current severe weather and refund policies.
- The current policy for severe weather is based on the decisions set forth by Fulton County Schools. (If the schools are delayed or closed, City programs are as well.)

- Staff are introducing the following revisions to the department's current severe weather policy:
 - Inclusion of the word "delayed" within the policy to align with Fulton County School's delayed regular school openings *or* teacher workdays due to severe weather/road conditions. Currently the City's policy references closings only.
- Staff are introducing the following revisions to the department's refund policy:
 - Discontinuing the ability for registrants to call in by phone for camp cancellations, limiting cancellations to email only.
 - Often registrants will state they called and either did or did not leave a message leaving staff with no documentation to dispute.
 - The change would allow staff to have a written record of requests, eliminating any confusion that may occur with verbal notifications.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Recreation Severe Weather & Refund Policies

- Q What about unusual things, such as the eclipse, that are not severe weather, that are treated as excused absences. How does this policy apply? (Saha)
- A This policy applies to severe weather only. (Young)
- Q Would you reschedule programs if there is a delay or school closing? (Rand)
- A The policy specifies that programs will be rescheduled by the instructor. (Young)
- Q Is this revision initiated by staff to improve the policy or on account of complaints? (Kaighin)
- A Initiated by staff to clarify the current policy. The current policy does not specify "delays", so we are adding this into the verbiage. (Rodgers)
- Q Section 5 of the refund policy seems very specific as opposed to the general language of the rest of the document. Might I recommend trimming out the example to keep the document streamlined? (Saha)
- A The specific example in that section exists to specify that people can call in if the computer system is down for any reason. (Young)

b. Brooke Street Park Concert Series Update

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
- Originally there was a parameter on how often concerts could be allowed on the town green and at Brooke Street Park, however the popularity of concerts in Downtown Alpharetta has greatly increased and City Council seems to be approving of the increased usage.

- Last year, the Alpharetta Rotary Club hosted a concert in Brooke Street Park with several local non-profits benefiting from the sponsorships and tables sold.
- The Club has requested to host four (4) additional concerts in 2024 in Brooke Street Park.
- Events in Brooke Street Park must be city-sponsored events, so the Club's request was discussed as a work session item during the February 5, 2024, City Council Meeting.
 - Based on the comments from this work session, the Club's request to hold four (4) concerts in Brooke Street Park in 2024 was approved.
 - The City will work with the Club to ensure that all policies and park rules are followed during the set-up, the concert, and the cleanup.
 - The City will also determine if the weather conditions require the cancelation of the concerts at Brooke Street Park. If the concerts are canceled, the concerts will be held at Union Hill Park under the event venue pavilion.
 - The concert series will be called "Summer Evenings in the Park" and is currently scheduled for May 25th, June 22nd, August 24th, and September 28th.
 - In addition, the 7th Annual Home By Dark Concert Series will also be held in Brooke Street Park in 2024. Dates for 2024 are May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, and September 14th.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Brooke Street Park Concert Series Update

- Q Home by Dark is also using Brooke Street Park? I thought all their concerts took place at Union Hill Park. (Rand)
- A There are two sets of concerts; one series at Brooke Street Park (which is a partnered event) and free to the public, and one series at Union Hill Park (managed privately by Home By Dark who only rent the space from the City) and those are ticketed events. (Rodgers)
- Q How is the City handling proper spacing of these event performances? (Rand)
- A Staff strategically works to make sure that the concerts do not conflict with each other and are designed to allow attendees to hop from one location one week to another the next to enjoy as many of the performances as possible. (Rodgers)
- Q How does the Alpharetta Rotary Club fundraise from the concerts? (Saha)
- A The Club sells tickets to reserve concert tables. (Rodgers)
- Q Is alcohol permitted at the concerts? (Saha)
- A The concert must be a permitted event which allows people to bring alcohol but does not permit the sale of alcohol during the event. (Rodgers)
- Q Is food able to be sold during concerts? (Mitchell)
- A No. (Rodgers)

Q What is the concern around the number of concerts permitted on the town green or at Brooke Street Park? (Piedrahita)

A The concern revolves around how many is *too* many. The space is still a public park, and it is vital to leave opportunities for park patrons to simply enjoy the park for leisure some weekends. (Rodgers)

Q What is the percentage of occupancy? As in, when does the town green or Brooke Street Park sit idle as compared to when hosting concerts? (Piedrahita)

A The City works hard to plan that a park hosting a concert on any given Friday night would not host an event on that same Saturday. This is intentional to allow for balance between entertainment and park leisure. (Rodgers)

c. **Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services - Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Outlook**

- Morgan Rodgers, Director for the Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department introduced the item.
- Morgan Rodgers stated that when the item was added to the work session agenda, the hope was that the meeting with the City Administrator regarding the current status of the department's Fiscal Year 2025 budget would have taken place, however it is scheduled for tomorrow. That said, the current information available is as follows:
 - All departments have been asked to "hold the line" in terms of Operating Fund and Capital Fund initiative requests.
 - The Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Services Department did initially request additional funding and still hope to receive funding for the following initiatives:

Operating

- The replacement and purchase of AEDs for all parks.
- (5) additional employees including (1) Greenway supervisor, (2) parks maintenance workers, (1) community agriculture coordinator, and (1) administrative assistant.

Capital

- The replacement and upgrading of wooden light poles at various athletic fields to include led lighting.
 - Recurring park improvement and maintenance (Greenway, park security, facilities, etc.).
- Staff stated more details should be available for the Commission at the next meeting if the drafted budget has been reviewed by the mayor by that time.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A:

RE: Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Outlook

Q Is the Greenway supervisor's role 90% maintenance? (Bowers)

- A The supervisor's role is more likely 50% maintenance and 50% forward thinking. (Rodgers)
- Q Is the plan to hire from within? (Norton)
- A If the department gets the position, staff will determine if internal adjustments can be made to hire from within and then look externally for the lower-level position that would be vacated given the promotion. (Rodgers)
- Q Are all poles in downtown the City or GDOT's responsibility? (Slavik)
- A GDOT's. (Rodgers)
- Q Is the wall built along Hwy 9 remaining grey? (Mitchell)
- A Unfortunately, that question is outside of our scope, as again, that is a GDOT project. (Rodgers)
- Q Are we placing AEDs in all parks? (Mitchell)
- A Yes. Currently, while AEDs are at all parks, they are unfortunately not that accessible. The goal is to provide more *and* to make them more accessible. To add, there are three different types of AEDs currently in the parks, so the goal is to also make them all consistent. (Rodgers)
- Q Historically, when told to "hold the line" in terms of budget requests and a department asks for a slight deviation, what ends up becoming of that request? (Piedrahita)
- A Historically, we've been able to get the standard increases in our day-to-day operating funds, but the initiatives (both operating and capital) are tied to a specific pool from which all departments are vying for funding. In the end, the City Council decides what requests take priority. (Rodgers)
- Q How do you envision securing the AEDs in the parks given the equipment are high dollar items? (Saha)
- A The AED sends an automatic alert to Public Safety notifying them that the equipment has been accessed. In addition, staff plans to install the AEDs in high traffic areas. (Rodgers)

d. **Recreation Commission Review**

- Dennis Mitchell, Chairman of the Recreation Commission introduced the item.
- Chairman Mitchell asked for feedback from the commissioners regarding the current meeting process and whether a new approach should be introduced to better advance the commission's purpose for the City.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A, COMMENTS:

RE: Recreation Commission Review

- C Commissioner Beach stated she believed the current process was efficient.

- C Commissioner Norton stated the number of children participating in gymnastics and the number of boys coming to play basketball dumbfounded him.
- Q Would it be possible for the Commission to hear more from the supervisors (or those involved in the day-to-day operations) regarding programs and the number of program participants? (Norton)
- A Numbers for registration programs are easy to provide. Unfortunately, the number for those for open play activities is a little harder to track. (Young)
- C Commission Piedrahita stated that with such amazing leadership, the Commission would love to hear from the people who are truly the heartbeat of the department. Highlighting them also fosters a sense of community and support.
- A Staff can certainly bring supervisors before you. Perhaps that would be best in the work session setting so they feel comfortable and not on display. Rodgers believed it was a great idea to have the commission hear from the those who are actually running various programs. (Rodgers)
- Q Are there survey results that perhaps could be brought to the Commission's level for discussion and review? (Kaighin)
- A Staff can certainly bring the results from our camp surveys to commissioners for review. (Young)
- Q Does anyone want to go back to tour facilities, such as the Adult Activity Center, during the workday to see how the center operates? (Mitchell)
- A Staff can try to plan accordingly. If a date is selected than those who can attend can attend. (Rodgers)
- C Commissioner Rand stated she would still like to hear updates from those who partner or offer some service/program through our parks during a Commission meeting.
- Q Did anything come of the archery program at Innovation Academy? (Norton)
- A The program organizer opted not to follow through given the restraints set forth by Fulton County Schools. (Rodgers)
- Q Each commissioner was initially assigned to be a liaison for a specific interest group but when commissioners reached out, there was a struggle to align schedules with staff. Perhaps the Commission could explore that concept again? (Piedrahita)
- A If provided the list, staff would love to extend an invitation to the assigned commissioner to better include them in the details. (Young)
- C Commissioner Kaighin stated he was under the impression that as a commissioner the role would be more actively engaged in the planning process of programs, etc. and less of a passive role being informed of the department's functions in hindsight.
- C If commissioners are interested in being assigned as a liaison again, please provide a list of one or two top areas of interest to help pair commissioners

accordingly. This approach did exist at one time, but as commissioners came and went, the idea slowly dissolved. (Mitchell)

Q How do we know when a musician is City sanctioned or someone who just showed up to play? (Bowers)

A There are 5 specific locations around town, as sanctioned by the Cultural Arts Commission, and each artist must display a sign while performing. (Rodgers)

Q So we charge them to play? I thought we had a program with the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau (ACVB) for musicians. (Beach)

A The Park Performance Permit differs from the Wire & Wood event which is a partnership with the ACVB. And those two programs differ from Music Match in which the City partners with a local business to sponsor a performer. For the Park Performers, the musician must pay an application fee to perform. (Rodgers)

C I understand Councilmember Hipes is our City Council liaison. I would love to have an avenue where the Commission has visibility with him, as our advocate, and vice versa to ensure that recreation is top of mind. What are his goals, and priorities for recreation as compared to ours? (Piedrahita)

A I have two regularly scheduled meetings with Councilmember Hipes every month and he is always engaged and interested in hearing what we have to say. He definitely advocates for the department. (Rodgers)

Q What do we need to do more as a commission to help you with your programs, promote recreation, etc.? (Mitchell)

A I recommend smaller, two-on-one meetings to have more in-depth conversations to drill down to the level you wish to see. Formal meetings and work sessions can make it challenging to get into the details you desire. (Rodgers)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

❖ Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber O'Dwyer
Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Christine Young
Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Severe Weather & Refund Policies

Approval of the revisions to the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services current Registration, Procedures and Refund Policies as presented during the March 27, 2024, Recreation Commission work session.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

BACKGROUND:

Programming for Severe Weather:

The current policy for severe weather is based on the decisions of Fulton County Schools. The addition of "delayed" allows for staff to follow the policy in the event Fulton County postpones the start of school or a teacher's workday until a later time than normally scheduled due to weather/road conditions.

Refund Policy:

Omitting calling in by phone to cancel camps, and requiring email cancelation requests allows staff to have a record of parents' requests. This eliminates any confusion that may occur with a verbal request.

RECOMMENDATION EXPLANATION:

1. Insert delay of programming based on Fulton County School's schedule for both teacher workdays and student days, to stay consistent with the current policy of following FCS protocol in the event of severe weather.
2. Omit phone cancelations for camps and require email cancelations only to provide a clear record and to lessen the possibility of miscommunication and disputes. Should a call come in to cancel a camp, an email will be provided by staff for official cancelation of said camp(s).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy-Registration and Refund - Revised
2. Policy-Registration and Refund - Final



Registration and Refund Policies and Procedures

REGISTRATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Amanda Musilli
Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Community Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Community Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Summer plant pick up begins April 13 for program participants. This will include tomatoes, eggplant, okra, basil and pepper plants, along with squash and cucumber seeds for vegetable growers. For flower growers, this includes zinnia, cosmos, marigold, and red basil plants, and sunflower seeds.
- Swarm season is still underway, and we have had three swarms at the farm, two which we have captured for the farm's apiary. We have been contacted by over a half dozen residents who have had bee issues, and we have been able to get them into contact with local bee rescue experts who've helped them.
- March classes were well attended:
 - Compost in a Jar (self-serve for no school days) on 3/11 and 3/12
 - All About Compost on 3/12
 - Pollinator Garden with NWF on 3/16
 - Pollinator Garden (Virtual) on 3/19
 - How to Grow: Root Vegetables on 3/21
 - Book Club (virtual meet up) on 3/25

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Mold remediation will begin this month in the facility at Old Rucker Farm. Once complete, we will begin putting the facility back together and planning for fall programming.
- Summer camp planning is under way and registration looks good for each week in June.
- Hiring for summer staffing is under way with excellent candidates this year for both camp staff and the maintenance team.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission during the previous meeting that warranted a follow-up response from the Community Services Division.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

April Classes

- Planning a Cut Flower Garden 4/10
- Growing Herbs 4/11

- Summer Garden Planning 4/16
- How to Grow Tomatoes 4/24
- DIY Plate Birdfeeders 4/25
- All About Community Composting w/ Dehydrator Demonstration Date TBD

May Classes

- How to Grow: Peppers 5/2
- Chicken Care 5/10
- Composting 5/14
- Backyard Garden Irrigation 5/15
- Organic Gardening Basics 5/29
- Soap Making with Herbs Date TBD

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Kim Z. Manning

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Cultural Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Cultural Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Park Performance Permit – 5 New Applicants
- Upcoming Alpharetta Arts Center Classes

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- The Visitor Redesigned – Public Art Unveiling / Brooke Street Park behind City Hall / April 11 at 12:30pm
- Bi-Yearly Outdoor On Loan Exhibit Agreement with Arts Alpharetta – Council Meeting April 15
- The Spotlight Community Stage MOU with North Point Mall – Council Meeting April 15

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission during the last meeting that warranted a follow-up response from the Cultural Services Division staff.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

- **Arts & Culture Online Calendar:**
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/cultural-services>
- **Alpharetta Music City -- Live Music Calendar:**
<https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/calendar/category/alpharetta-music-city-live-music/>
- **Exhibit by Mohsen Gharib** / Community Gallery at City Hall / Through April 19
- **Studio Gallery Exhibit: Artists Broderick Hester** / Alpharetta Arts Center March 5 – April 22
- **The Art of Movement Gallery Exhibit** / Alpharetta Arts Center / March 3 – May 4 / Opening Exhibit Reception on March 16 at 5pm
- **Alpharetta Garden Club Plant Sale** / Mansell House / April 13 from 9am – 3pm and April 14 from 12 - 3pm
- **Rummage Sale** by Alpharetta & Old Milton County Historical Society Archives / FFA Log Cabin 200 Milton Ave / April 16, 17, & 18 from 10:30am - 2:30pm / Donations Accepted
- **Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5** presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra / Alpharetta Methodist Church / April 19 at 8pm / Tickets <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/tchaikovskys-symphony-no-5>
- **Dr. Esther Morgon-Ellis Workshop** presented by the Alpharetta Symphony Youth Orchestra / April 28 at 5:30pm / To find out more visit: <https://www.alpharettasympphony.org/>
- **Paint the Town 2024 - Plein Air Painting** presented by Arts Alpharetta / Event from May 7 – 11 / Gallery Reception May 11 – June 8
- **Paint the Town 2024 - Gallery Reception and Award Ceremony** presented by Arts Alpharetta / Alpharetta Arts Center / May 11 at 5pm

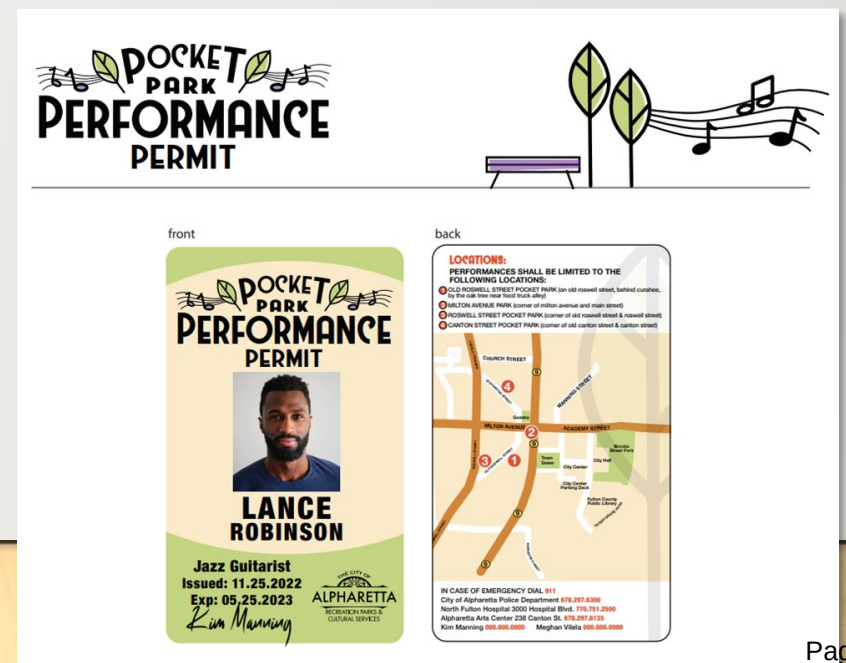
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cultural Services Presentation - April 2024

Alpharetta Recreation Commission Cultural Services April 2024



| Park Performance Permits



Alpharetta Arts Center

April 27
Sat 11am - 12pm

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Age 16+

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**OPEN CALL
FOR ARTISTS!**

"Birds of Feather
in the Community
Art Garden"



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BARRE+ART

WITH PURE BARRE ALPHARETTA

Free Community Kid-Friendly Event!
Saturday, 4/27 10:30AM
barre class + kid's art activity





The Visitor

Geemon Xin Meng

Fiberglass, acrylic paint

"The Visitor" is a slight departure for the artist, a sought after portrait sculptor, who has created commissioned works for well-known figures such as Neil Young and Pierre Trudeau. With the tilt of the bear's head, the placement of the paws on his belly and the words scrawled across his body, one can, almost hear him say "Hello. Come talk to me." The endearing qualities are enhanced by the deliberate misshapen form that suggests furry heft. "The Visitor" personifies the welcoming nature of Alpharetta.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A PUBLIC ART UNVEILING

◆ **THE** ◆

VISITOR

REDESIGNED

JOIN US AS WE

REINTRODUCE OUR BEAR TO THE COMMUNITY

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2024 @ 12:30PM

Brooke Street Park behind City Hall

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Allura Nathan Pierce

Stainless steel,
Acrylic

Allura plays on the colors of the surrounding environment. As the metallic stainless steel reflects the hues of the landscape, the neon ribbon flows to add motion for the viewers eye to follow, creating a medley of movement and color.



Hill Climb Jim Collins

Aluminum

This sculpture pays homage to the revival of the green revelation in travel. The only sounds heard by the bikers are the sounds of wind and their innermost thoughts. The viewer can stand back and look at this sculpture and remember the joy of bicycling and be inspired to return to a quieter time.



Ribbon Arch Jim Gallucci

Painted aluminum

The sculptor usually incorporates gateways that invite viewer participation. He believes gates and arches give viewers a literal entry into the work, a portal to an aesthetic journey.

"I'm excited to see my work in Alpharetta, and to have public art serve as a gateway for all of the activity in the park."

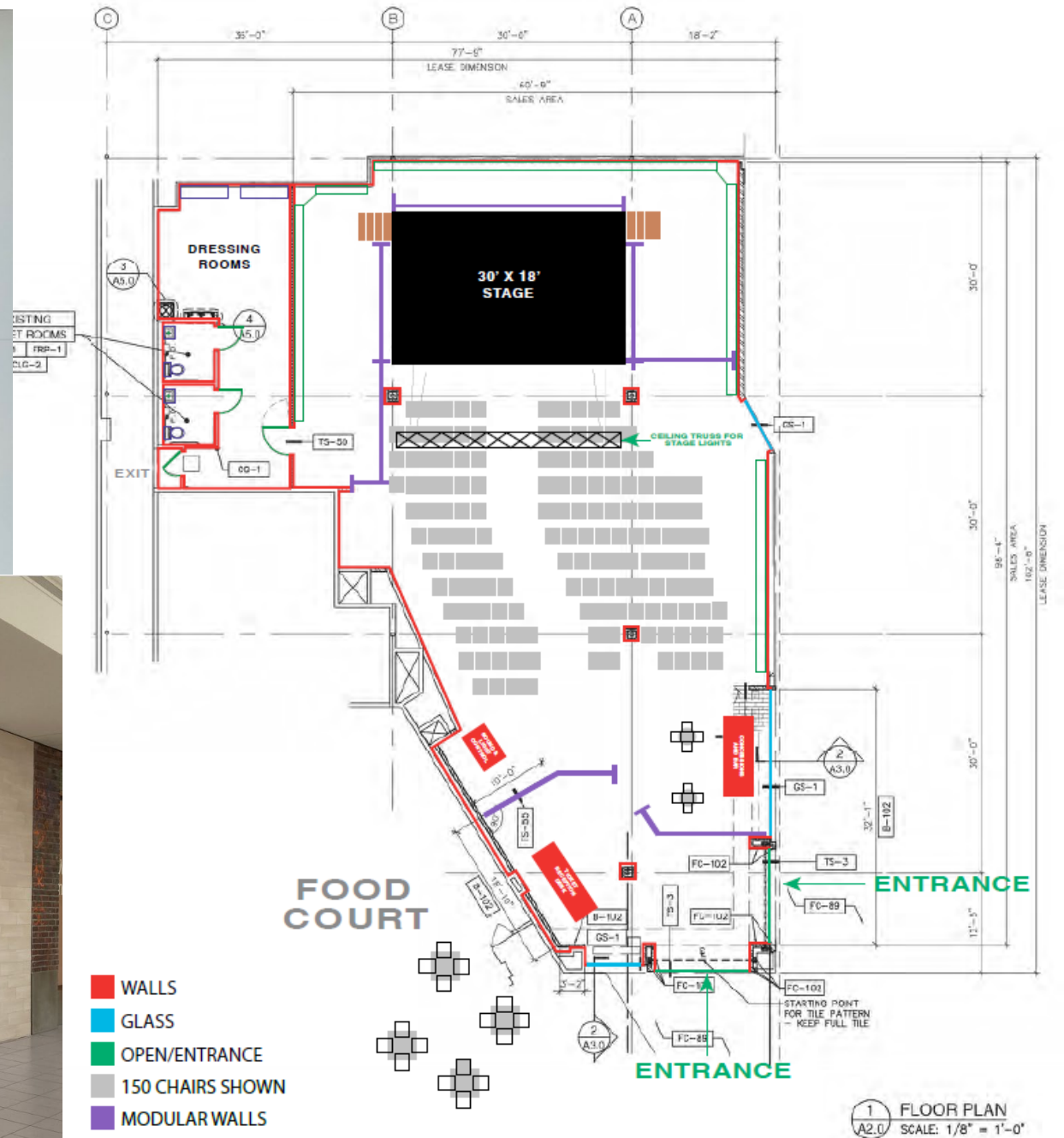


Tree Gus & Lina Ocamposilva

Aluminum, enamel paint

"Tree" is a sculpture that makes people wonder about its meaning. People perceive very different impressions from the piece. It is constructed of pieces of metal intertwined and painted in a bright color that looks soft and fluid in harmony with one another.





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Alpharetta and Old Milton County
Historical Society
Archives

RUMMAGE SALE

Shop for finds like these:

- Jewelry
- Furniture
- Clothing & Shoes
- Accessories
- Household Items
- Tools
- Antiques
- Historical Items

10:30am - 2:30pm
April 16th, 17th, 18th

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Alpharetta, GA

**All Items Sold Will Benefit the Historical Society
Archives Department and Museum**

**The Archives will happily accept cash donations (any amount) and/or office supplies such as copy paper, toner, etc.*

***Artifact donations are welcome but are subject to approval by our Archives committee to determine if the artifact(s) fit into our museum collections and displays.*

****All items not sold after the last day of the sale will be discarded or donated to charity.*

Plant Sale

Saturday April 13th..... 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday April 14th..... Noon - 3:00pm



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ALPHARETTA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta GA, 30009
(404) 613-6735

Join us for an all-day event with multiple programs surrounding the storytelling theme for adults and children.

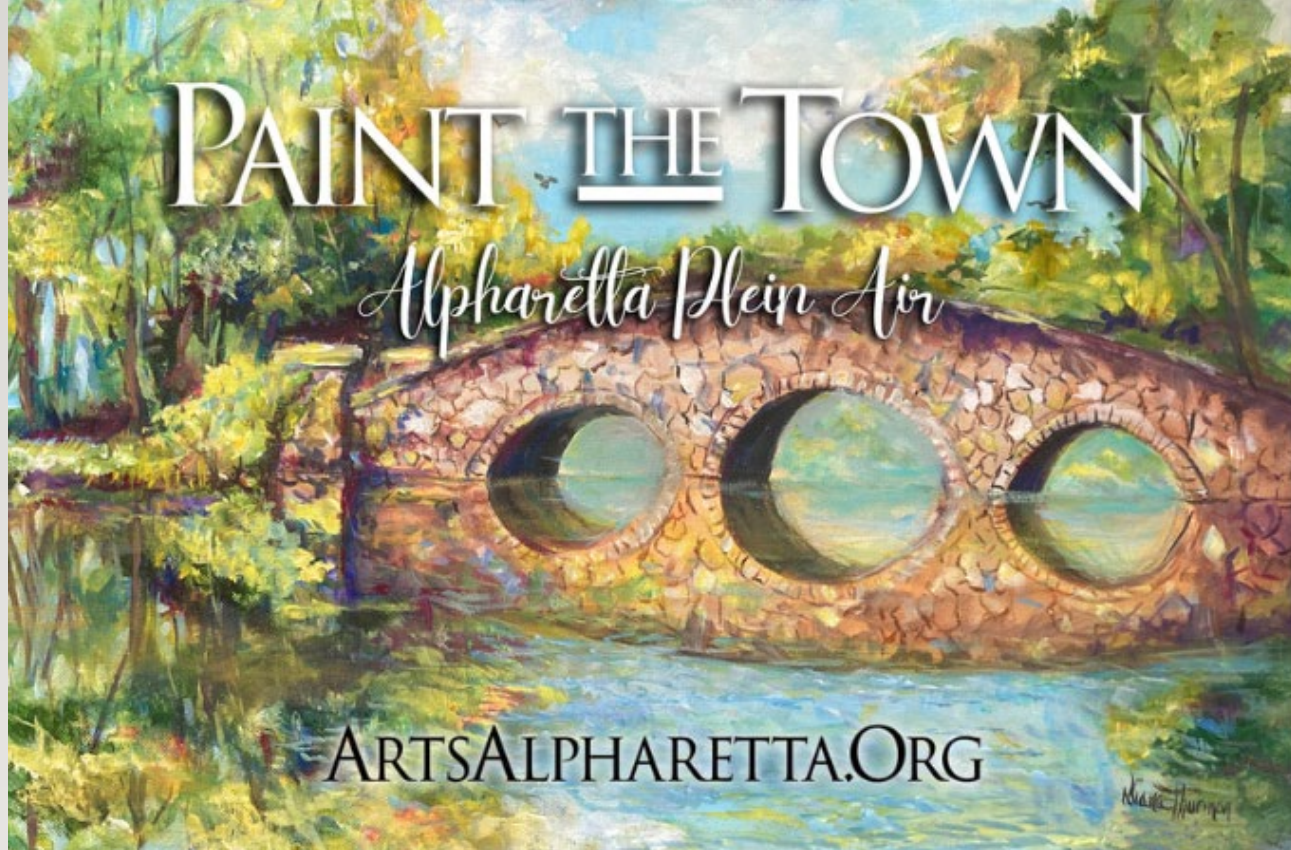
Time	Meeting Room	Children's Area	Storytime Room	Auditorium	Porch	City Hall
10:30 am		Storytime with Bonnie Busbin				
11:00 am				Puppet around the World presentation		
12:00 pm		Balloons animals	Puppet Craft		Chalk art storytelling	
1:00 pm	Zine Workshop (1:30)	Balloon animals	Puppet Craft		Chalk art storytelling	Shakespeare Tavern
2:00 pm	Zine Workshop (2:30)					
3:00 pm	Typewriters and poems		Soda making workshop	Author talk with Carlie Walker		
4:00 pm	Fiction workshop					
5:00 pm	Fiction workshop			Poetry Open Mic		

Saturday, April 27, 2024
10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

All programs are free and open to the public.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Workshop: Less is More (\$140 residents, \$210 non-residents)

5-Day Invitational

Artists' Welcome and Networking Dinner (\$25)

"Night Paint"

Quick Draw/Paint

Quick Draw/Paint Judging

Awards Ceremony and Exhibition Reception

Exhibition Dates

Art Removal Deadline

May 6

May 7-11

May 7, 5:30 PM @ **Smoke Jack**

May 7, 6:30 PM - dark

May 10, 9-11 AM

May 10, 11:30 AM (**Town Green at City Center**)

May 11, 5-7 PM

May 11 - June 8

June 10



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Christine Young

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Recreation Services Division Monthly Report - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Recreation Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Farmer's Market opened 4/6
- AARP Tax Services at PRCC continues through April
- New lights in ACC Gymnasium
- Summer Hiring

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- Commissioners posed questions pertaining to presentations from official and nonofficial partners facilitating programs throughout City parks. Staff across all divisions are working to schedule presentations accordingly.

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

AAAC May Outings:

- **May 3-4, 2:30 p.m.: "Challenges of the Golden Years!"**. The North Park Pretenders Drama Club will present nine suspenseful, hilarious tales of seniors confronted with computers, artificial intelligence, and criminal minds. Compelling skits show how wily seniors conquer the confusion and chaos of the contemporary world as they search for justice, meaning, and connection. Come to the AAAC to witness this saga of seniors solving some "challenges of the Golden Years." Registration required. Free.
- **May 11: Georgia Renaissance Festival- Leaving at 9:30am**. The Georgia Renaissance Festival in Fairburn, GA recreates England's renaissance for entertainment purposes. The time period for the festival is set as the 16th century, during the reign of King Henry VIII. With nearly 1,000 characters wearing period costumes, the renaissance festival offers visitors a variety of activities from jousting tournaments to glass-blowing demonstrations to swords wallowing shows. Eat lunch on your own at the fair. Lots of walking. Bus will head back at 4pm. \$32
- **May 21: Nantahala River Rafting in Bryson City, NC- Leaving at 7am**. White water rafting with a guide. All equipment included. Bring shoes that can get wet, a change of clothes and sunscreen. We will stop at Chick-Fil-A for breakfast, bring a sack lunch. \$58

Special Events:

- Farmers Market: Saturdays, beginning April 6th, Downtown
- Alpharetta Wine Festival: Sunday, April 14th, 1-5pm, Downtown
- Garden Faire: Saturday, April 20th, 9am-3pm, The Grove at Wills Park
- GrillFest: Saturday, April 20th, 1-6pm, Union Hill Park
- Art in the Park: Saturday 9am-4pm & Sunday 12-4pm, April 20th -21st, Brooke Street Park
- Children's Entrepreneur Market at Art in the Park: Saturday, April 20th, 9am-2pm
- Home By Dark Concert Series: Saturday April 27th 7:30 PM, Brooke Street Park
- ACC Plant Giveaway: Saturday, April 27th from 11am-2pm, Town Green
- NFCC Pickleball Tournament: Sat/Sun, April 27th-28th, 9am-7pm, North Park
- ACT1 Shakespeare in the Park: Fri/Sat, April 26th-27th, Resthaven/Innovation Academy
- Food Truck Alley: starts Thursday, April 25th, 5-9pm, Downtown
- Wacky World Demo Party: Sunday, April 28th @ 3pm, Wills Park
- City Center Concert Series: 1st and 3rd Fridays, starting May 3rd, 7-11pm, Town Green
- Home for Dark at Union Hill Concert Series: starts Saturday, May 4th @ 8pm, Union Hill Park
- Paint the Town: Plein Air Festival: May 7th-11th, Downtown
- Taste of Alpharetta: Thursday, May 9th, 5-10pm, Downtown
- ACC Mother's Day Chain Stitching: Saturday, May 11th from 11am-2pm, Town Green

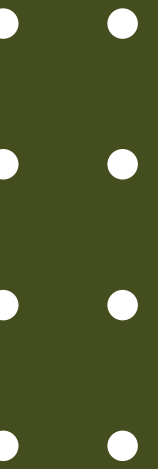
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Recreation Services Presentation - April 2024

March
2024

Recreation Services
Division

Flag
Football
at NP





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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

8:30am - 12:30pm

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AARP at Preston Ridge

through April

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AARP Foundation® Tax-Aide volunteers provide in-person tax preparation help and e-Filing, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

You can sign up for appointments to get help with your Federal and GA tax returns from local Tax-Aide volunteers. For appointments at the new Tax-Aide site at the Preston Ridge Community Center, go to: tinyurl.com/PRCCTaxAide or Scan this QR code:



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STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
Submitted By: Eric Milley
Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part I) - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for the parks located within the northern, southern, eastern, and downtown districts of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nothing new to report other than park maintenance continues as staff get ready for seasonal events in all the parks.
- The new Downtown Supervisor, James "Brett" Gratz, became part City Staff last October. Staff wish to allow him the opportunity to formally introduce himself to the Recreation Commission.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- Lighting is still an initiative this month for safety prior to all events at all parks.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission during the previous meeting that warranted a follow-up response from the Community Services Division staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Matt Casey

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Park Services Division Monthly Report (Part II) - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Park Services Division of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services Department for Wills Park Proper, Wills Park Equestrian, and parks located in the western district of the City of Alpharetta.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Staff have done an excellent job preparing ball fields for play this month. The weather has been challenging as it seems to rain leading into every weekend.
- New windscreens were replaced at all fields. Also, the custom sail shades over bleachers between Fields 7&8 were replaced.
- Staff continue ongoing maintenance of fields and common areas throughout the park.
- Arena 4 and open field schooling arenas were graded this month.
- Staff are continuing to thin underbrush in key areas of the park to continue visibility during the spring growing season.

MONTHLY INITIATIVES:

- We will be adding mulch to the Wills Park Rec Center Playground, Waggy World Dog Park, and The Grove this month.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q & A:

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission during the previous meeting that warranted a follow-up response from the Community Services Division staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



STAFF REPORT

Department: Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

Submitted By: Kurt Kirby

Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Senior Operations Manager Monthly Report - April 2024

Report on the latest updates, projects, events, and/or initiatives from the Senior Operations Manager of the Recreation, Park & Cultural Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for Recreation Commission discussion and information purposes. No vote or formal action is requested at this time.

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Updates for projects and program initiatives through March 2024.

PARK ENHANCEMENTS AND REPAIRS:

- **Webb Bridge Park Dog Park:** Work is scheduled to be completed in the second quarter of 2024. The ribbon cutting is set for May 5 at 2:00 pm.
- **North Park Turf 2 Pole Removal and Lighting Upgrades:** Installation of the replacement poles and lights began on March 4 and is still in progress. Weather has played a factor with completion.
- **Webb-Zone Playground Replacement:** Construction will begin May 1. Concrete repairs were completed for the secondary entrance.
- **North Park Pickleball/Tennis Center Improvements:** Pathway and viewing areas have been added around the area.

BOND PROJECTS:

- **Mid-Broadwell Park:** Construction of the playground is scheduled to begin installation April 8th. Final touches are being completed on the park as we wait for the playground. Our Cultural Services team is working with some very creative minds in the community to add some flair to the park. The grand opening has not been officially set.
- **Waters Road Park:** The parking lot installation has been completed. Landscaping is in progress. The grand opening has not been officially set.
- **Wills Park Proper:** The bid process for the Wacky World is complete.
- **Webb Bridge Synthetic Turf:** The sewer installation is in the early stages of construction. The RFP for the design/build for the turf installation is currently in the negotiation phase with the potential vendor.

DID YOU KNOW:

- We have had 105 pickets claimed from our Wacky World Claim Your Picket Program.
- There have been 7 memorial amenities installed in 2023 (3 swings and 4 benches).
- As of June, we will have added 4 new playgrounds to our inventory since 2020. Bringing the total number to 11.

RECREATION COMMISSION Q&A

- There were no questions posed by the Recreation Commission during the previous meeting that warranted a follow-up response from the Senior Operations Manager.

ATTACHMENTS:

None