

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Merrill Flood, Assistant City Manager *MF*

DATE: November 25, 2015

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Kevin Mulligan, Public Works Director, providing an update on resurfacing of City streets
2. Copies of letters to Congressman G.K. Butterfield and Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. regarding Support for HR2209 – Classify Municipal Securities as High Quality Liquid Assets. The Ferguson Group brought this matter to the City's attention and felt it would be beneficial to send these letters of support.
3. A copy of the Recreation and Parks Department monthly report for November

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Attachments

cc: Dave Holec, City Attorney  
Carol Barwick, City Clerk

# Memorandum

**To:** Barbara Lipscomb, City Manager  
**From:** Kevin Mulligan, PE, Director of Public Works  
**Date:** November 24, 2015  
**Subject:** Update on Resurfacing of City Streets

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Public Works, through our contractor, is nearing completion with the most recent resurfacing project. This project was awarded to Barnhill Contracting Company during the August 10, 2015, City Council meeting. During the past week, road rehabilitation was completed or is nearing completion with the roads listed in this contract. Rehabilitation of the roadways has included some of the following depending on the road: milling of the top layer (typically 2 inches) of asphalt, performing base repairs on the milled roadway, providing new subsurface materials, and resurfacing the roadway with 2 inches of hot asphalt. Where necessary, traffic striping will also be prepared.

The following roadways have been completed or are nearing completion:

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	STATUS
Horseshoe Dr.	Hooker Rd.	Street End	Near Complete
E. 4th St.	Forest Hill Cir.	Laurel St.	Complete
Sloan Dr.	River Hill Dr.	River Hill Dr.	Near Complete
Syme Cir.	River Hill Dr.	Street End	Complete
S. Elm St.	14 <sup>th</sup> St.	Greenville Blvd.	Complete
S. Elm St.	Charles Blvd.	Oakview Dr.	Complete
Churchside Dr.	Oakview Dr.	Red Banks Rd.	Complete
Oakview Dr.	S. Elm St.	Pinecrest Dr.	Complete

Should you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to let me know.

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November 20, 2015

The Honorable G. K. Butterfield  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2305 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Support HR 2209 – Classify Municipal Securities as High Quality Liquid Assets**

Dear Congressman Butterfield:

On behalf of the Greenville City Council, I am writing to ask that you cosponsor H.R. 2209, a bipartisan bill that will classify all investment grade municipal securities as High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA). This legislation is necessary to amend the 2014 Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) rule approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

The LCR rule established a minimum liquidity requirement for large banking organizations and identified acceptable investments – deemed HQLA – to meet this requirement, but it does not include municipal securities in any of the acceptable investment categories. In doing so, regulators overlooked core features of these securities that are consistent with all of the criteria proposed by regulators to be characterized as HQLA, such as limited price volatility, high trading volumes, and deep and stable funding markets. After U.S. Treasuries, municipal securities are the safest available investment, with state and local governments having nearly a zero default rate. Yet the rule classifies foreign sovereign debt securities as HQLA while excluding investment grade municipal securities.

Not classifying municipal securities as HQLA will increase borrowing costs for the City of Greenville to finance much-needed public infrastructure projects, as banks will likely demand higher interest rates on yields on the purchase of our bonds during times of national economic stress, or even forgo the purchase of our securities during these times. The resulting cost impacts for us could be significant, as bank holdings of municipal securities and loans have increased dramatically over the past five years.

The City of Greenville uses municipal bonds to finance critical transportation improvements and economic revitalization projects. On November 3, 2015, Greenville citizens approved a \$15.85 million bond for transportation and pedestrian improvements around the City. We cannot afford to incur additional bond issuance costs that will result from this shortsighted 2014 rule. Classifying investment grade municipal securities as HQLA will help ensure low-cost infrastructure financing remains available for Greenville to continue to build the infrastructure for commerce, public safety, job creation, and the development of an educated workforce that our citizens and regional economy rely on. For these reasons we urge you to cosponsor H.R. 2209.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your leadership on behalf of North Carolina's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

Sincerely,

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NOVEMBER 2015

## DIRECTOR

1. Efforts to identify potential parkland in the west and southwest sectors of Greenville continues. Staff met with the developer of WestPointe neighborhood near Stantonsburg Road with an eye on preserving some of the land in a yet-to-be-developed section for a five (5) acre park. A local realtor is watching for other 4-5 acre land acquisition opportunities farther south.
2. Beatrice Maye Garden Park will be impacted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Connector project, and some of the “base” of the triangular park (bordering what is currently Farmville Blvd.) will be lost to this improvement. The NC Department of Transportation recently removed several mature trees on this part of the park, which were all in a state of decline. New trees will be planted as a result. Staff is working with a group from the Chamber’s Leadership Institute on an improvement project for the park, and in the end, the future park will be better than today’s.
3. A “Golf ‘Fore’ All” Adapted Golf Clinic was held at Bradford Creek Public Golf Course on 10/24. About 50 people attended the event, including Mayor Thomas, as well as Recreation and Parks Commissioners Audrey Nealy and Jaimie Yahnker. Adaptations for making golf accessible to those with disabilities were explained and demonstrated. The event was sponsored by STAR, ECU’s Recreation Therapy program, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Vidant, the Vidant Foundation, and Puzzle Duck Golf. Please follow the link for an ECU article: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/adaptedgolf.cfm>.
4. Thomas Albritton recently completed an Eagle Scout project with the construction and installation of a “Little Library” at the Town Common.



*Instructor Anthony Netto, left, works with Recreation and Parks Commissioner and STAR President Jaimie Yahnker to help him use the Paramobile wheelchair.*

## In November and beyond. . .

1. 11/1-4 *Future Stars Soccer* tournament for age groups U8-U16
2. 11/1-8 *Adult Flag Football* post-season tournament
3. 11/1 *Basketball Skills* began at Sports Connection.
4. 11/2 Registration for *Youth Basketball* ended.
5. 11/4 *Young Potter’s Wheel* began.
6. 11/5 *Clay Gingerbread Houses* class began.
7. 11/6 Registration for *H. Boyd Lee Park Basketball Skills Clinic* ended.
8. 11/6-8 *Special Olympics Fall Games*
9. 11/7 *Third Annual Holiday Art Sale* at Jaycee Park Center for Arts & Crafts
10. 11/7 *Clay Castles Workshop* held at Jaycee Park.
11. 11/7-8 Two-day *Watercolor Workshop*
12. 11/8 *Couch to 5K* ends with the *River Park North Ramble 5K*.
13. 11/9 *Adult Softball* post-season tournament began.
14. 11/9 *Intermediate and Advanced Throwing* began.
15. 11/10 *Learn to Throw* began.
16. 11/10 *Fall Wellness Walk* held at the Town Common for COG and GUC employees.
17. 11/16-19 *Youth Basketball Skills Assessment* (9-12 year olds)



18. 11/17 *Community Recreation Forum* at Eppes Recreation Center; 6:00-8:00 PM
19. 11/21 *Youth Basketball* practices begin (5-8 year olds).
20. 11/30 *Youth Basketball* at Eppes Recreation Center begins.
21. 11/30-12/3 *Youth Basketball Skills Assessment* (13-18 year olds)
22. GAFC hosting *Annual Member Appreciation Month* activities.

## PARKS DIVISION

### PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

1. The decision was made to repurpose the inline hockey rink to a skateboard park. GRPD has been working with Greenville Advocates for Public Skateparks (GAPS) to make this effort possible. The first skateboard element (grind rail) has been installed. As GAPS continues their fundraising efforts, additional elements will be added to "The Rink."

### PARKS MAINTENANCE


1. Landscape crews – daily ball field maintenance with softball, baseball, soccer, and football; planted fall annuals; completed landscape improvements at the GAFC; and set up and support for Fall Festival at Five Points Plaza, girls fast pitch softball tournament, and Home Run Derby at Guy Smith Stadium.
2. Custodial crews – cleaning service and litter collection; annual floor maintenance service schedule created; and set up and support for *Specialized Recreation Halloween Festival* at the Drew Steele Center.
3. Technician crews – provided bi-monthly preventative maintenance services at all facilities. Small projects included removing of brick planter and creating seating area at GAFC, installing concrete pads under picnic tables and benches and replacing lighting in arcade area at H. Boyd Lee Park.
4. Weekend Support crew – litter collection, shelter service, and set up and support for ECU tailgate activities at Elm Street Park.
5. HVAC replacement projects are scheduled and active. Developing specs for drainage project at Eppes Recreation Center.

### RIVER PARK NORTH (RPN)

#### ● **October Activities**

1. 15 public programs; total attendance 544 (*Composting 101, United Way Fall Fest, Art Museum Festival, Pumpkin Carving and Exhibit, Backyard Campout, Family Campfire, etc.*)
2. 7 private/group programs; total attendance 258 (Birthday Party, Trail Guides, LAST Make a Difference, Wellcome Middle School, etc.)
3. 2 large/1 small shelter reservations; total attendance 70/L, 8/S
4. 2 drive-to/2 group campsite reservations; total attendance 2/S, 74/G

#### ● **October Highlights**

1. *October Catfish Contest* closed with heaviest catfish weighing 9 lbs, 10 oz.
2. Volunteers were active in October; volunteers built 120' of boardwalk, removed 500' of dead saplings, and completed multiple trail repairs. 
3. Trail Resource Specialists from NC State Parks assisted in an evaluation of current and future hiking trails at RPN.
4. 50 pumpkins from families, non-profits, and local businesses entered into the RPN pumpkin carving contest for use in the *Pumpkin Trail* evening program; 100 participants attended.
5. Approximately 200' of pond bank is being enhanced through removal of undergrowth, tree trimming, trash removal, and planting native plants.



#### ● **Coming in November**

1. 15 public programs (*NC Zoo Play Workshop, Theater in the Wetlands with ECU, 5K River Park North Ramble, Leaf Pile Learn and Play, etc.*)

2. 4 private/group programs; expected attendance 200+ (Birthday Parties, Offsite Visit to Children's Campus, etc.)
3. 3 large shelter reservations; anticipated attendance 150.

### **PARKS PLANNING**

1. Town Common Pier – The elevated pier and kayak landing projects are on hold pending permits from the Corps of Engineers and the City of Greenville. According to our engineer, the basic No-Rise Certification determination meets the requirements of a simplified certification without the necessity and expense of a full hydraulic study, however it seems to take longer to move projects through the permitting process than in years past. The state requires a full No-Rise Certification to permit this project, construction could be delayed an additional 60 days.
2. Town Common Improvements - The City interviewed three (3) firms that were shortlisted for the Town Common Phase I Design Development Project. The Town Common Development Committee selected Rhodeside and Harwell, Inc. as the preferred design firm for the project.
3. Town Common Accessible Playground - Staff is currently in contract negotiations with Trillium Behavioral Health to document the requirements and conditions of the \$750,000 inclusive playground grant. An RFQ was generated to solicit qualified companies for design and construction, and the RFQ was submitted to the Purchasing Division for distribution on 11/10.
4. South Greenville Recreation Center Architectural Design – The City received bids for the renovation on 10/29; the apparent responsive and responsible bidder was Stocks and Taylor Construction. The City is currently in contract negotiations with the firm.
5. South Greenville Recreation Center Asbestos Abatement – The City received bids for Asbestos Abatement on 11/10. It is anticipated the successful contractor for this phase will be awarded the contract in late November, beginning abatement on 12/1.
6. South Greenville Recreation Center Memorandum of Agreement with Pitt County Schools – The City has completed the final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement for shared financial responsibility for construction.
7. Tar River Park – The master plan and report for Tar River Park has been completed and was approved by City Council on 11/9.

### **BRADFORD CREEK PUBLIC GOLF COURSE**

1. October Revenues: \$42,631 Target: \$59,075
2. Rounds of Golf: 1,260
3. Weather or Maintenance Effected Days: 13
4. FootGolf Rounds: 93 Revenue: \$870
5. Total Revenue for Short Course/FootGolf fiscal year-to-date: \$2,565.78
6. **October Highlights:**
  - a. 10/4 PGA Junior League Golf; 120 participants
  - b. 10/7 AFLAC FootGolf outing; 52 players
  - c. 10/10 Clubhouse rental; 200 in attendance
  - d. 10/11 PGA Junior League Golf; 120 participants
  - e. 10/17 Clubhouse rental; 200 in attendance
  - f. 10/18 PGA Junior League Golf; 120 participants
  - g. 10/22 Chamber of Commerce; 40 in attendance
  - h. 10/27-30 PGA Get Golf Ready Clinic; 8 participants
7. **Coming in November**
  - a. 11/1 PGA Junior Golf Match; 120 participants
  - b. 11/8 PGA Junior Golf Match; 120 participants
  - c. 11/15 PGA Junior Golf Match; 120 participants
  - d. 11/20 Sigma Alpha Rental
  - e. 11/26 Thanksgiving – Course Closed

## RECREATION DIVISION

### AQUATICS & FITNESS CENTER (GAFC)

1. Hosted a group of recreation therapy professionals and their clients for an educational session on pickleball and badminton.
2. Landscaping upgrades were made at the front of the building. Entrance also received pressure washing.
3. Facility's parking lot was re-striped.
4. *Kids One-on-One Training Program* began at maximum enrollment.
5. 10/18 *Fall Intrasquad Swim Meet*

### EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

1. Four part *Wellness Workshop Series on Stress Management* concluded on 10/28.
2. 10/13-14 Flu shots offered to COG employees and retirees; approximately 200 vaccinated
3. 10/14 Red Cross Blood Drive at GAFC; received 78 viable pints.
4. 10/20 Try It Series: Bowling began.
5. 10/26 Try It Series: Adult Swim Lessons began.
6. 10/28 Fall Fruit Campaign (apples) provided to employees.

### ADULT ATHLETICS / H. BOYD LEE PARK

1. 5 picnic shelter rentals; total attendance – 200
2. 1 softball tournament; 30 teams
3. 7 cross country meets
4. 111 *Softball* games played; 32 teams and 511 total participants.
5. 21 *Flag Football* games played; 12 teams and 130 total participants.



### YOUTH ATHLETICS

1. 10/25 *Fall Baseball* ended (six volunteer coaches, six teams, and 70 participants).
2. 10/30 Last day of regular season for U4-U7 age groups in *Future Stars Soccer*.

### RIVER BIRCH TENNIS CENTER (RBTC)

1. 10/2-3 ECU Women's Tournament Reservation
2. 10/2-4 Tennis Supervisor attended NC Tennis Community Development workshop and Local League Coordinators Workshop in Greensboro.
3. 10/14 4A High School Girls Conference Tournament
4. 10/22 *Fall Youth Tennis* programs completed; 84 participants.
5. 10/23-24 1A High School Girls Eastern Regional Tournament
6. 10/24 *Aces for Autism* Tennis Tournament
7. 10/29 *Fall Adult Tennis* programs finished; 39 participants.
8. 13 individual tennis lessons given.



### SPORTS CONNECTION

1. 1,506 tokens sold vs 1,258 in October 2014.
2. Attendance: 2,300 vs 1,177 in October 2014.
3. 48 cage rentals vs. 35 in October 2014.
4. One (1) birthday party held.
5. 10/29 Registration ended for *Youth Basketball Skills*.

### DREW STEELE CENTER (DSC) / ELM STREET CENTER (ESC) / B.E.T. BUILDING

1. Ten (10) B.E.T. rentals; total attendance – 1,278
2. 11 DSC rentals; total attendance – 1,634
3. *Coed Adult Basketball*, M-TH, 6:00-8:00 PM
4. *Gymnastics* concluded; 44 participants.
5. 41 *Youth Flag Football* games played; 13 teams and 131 participants.
6. 10/13 *Fencing* began; 32 participants



### SOUTH GREENVILLE RECREATION CENTER

1. 10/24 Hosted the Sectionals of the NFL Punt, Pass, Kick program at JH Rose High School; approximately 30 participants and parents and 12 ECU service learning volunteers.
2. 10/29 Hosted "Throwback Thursday" event; 150 youth and adults attended.

### EPPES RECREATION CENTER/THOMAS FOREMAN PARK

1. 10/5 Darris Sawyer, Eppes' new Recreation Supervisor, began.
2. Computer Lab Instructor hired and planning for programs begins in November.
3. Registration for *Youth Basketball* continued; deadline extended to 11/9.

### SPECIALIZED RECREATION

1. 10/10 *Special Olympics Basketball* practice began.
2. 10/28 *Specialized Recreation Costume Party*; 293 in attendance

### ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

1. 10/1 *Fairy House Creations*, *Basic Acrylic Painting*, and *Music Together* Fall sessions began.
2. 10/7 *ABC's of Painting* and *Painting Studio* began.
3. 10/7 *Sewing 101* and *Addicted to Drawing for Adults* began.
4. 10/7-28 *Create a Creature* Youth Sewing Class
5. 10/8 *Beginning Drawing and Painting* began.



*Halloween Pottery*

### SENIOR ADULT SERVICES

1. 10/8 Hosted the final *Exercise in the Park* at the Town Common; 16 participants.
2. 10/13 Began fall *iPhone* classes at DSC.
3. 10/20 33 Seniors visited the North Carolina State Fair.
4. 10/21-23 Southside and Moyewood Senior Club members attended their annual state conference in Fayetteville, NC; 40 participants.
5. 10/23-25 Greenville played host to the *3-on-3 Senior State Basketball Tournament* held at ECU.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary N. Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks



*"Little Library" at the Town Common made by  
Eagle Scout Thomas Albritton*