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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager
DATE: July 29, 2020
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Don Octigan, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks, providing a Recreation & Parks fall program update

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Attachments



RECREATION AND PARKS

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Don Octigan, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Subject: Recreation & Parks Fall Programming Update

Recreation and Parks staff have been conducting research on safety measures and requirements to help determine the direction of the department for fall 2020. The programming this fall will look different, but staff are committed to providing safe and quality experiences for the Greenville community.

Below is an overview of some of the program offerings being planned by staff:

- **Fall Day Camps at Various Facilities** - Day camps are being planned at various GRPD facilities for the fall and will align with Pitt County School's approach of one week on and one week off for students. The program, which will have strict safety measures in place similar to the summer day camps, will provide academic support, while also providing care for parents when their child is not attending school. Recreation and Parks staff are partnering with the Greenville Police Department and the P.A.L. Program to provide an educational, active and enriching program throughout the fall semester. The planning for the program is still on-going, but specifics will be shared with the public next week.
- **Fall Athletics** - Athletic Staff are still in the planning stages of several leagues and will continue to research guidance provided by the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services and monitor any decisions made by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Details on certain leagues are below:
 - *Fall Soccer* - Staff plan to offer a modified fall soccer season with safety measures implemented along with limited participation. Registration will begin the second week of August. Soccer clinics are being planned as a back-up in case a league is not feasible.
 - *Fall Flag (Youth & Adult) Football* – Staff continue to research safety measures for this program. Due to the equipment used and close contact of the sport, major modifications will be needed if program continues.
 - *Adult Softball* – Staff are gaining feedback from participants to determine feasibility of the program. Some concerns are equipment being shared, sponsor availability for teams and the restriction on the number of spectators.
- **Art Programs** – Various youth and adult art programs will be offered this fall at the Jaycee Park Center for Arts & Crafts. These programs, which include ceramics and dance, will follow all safety guidelines and most will require face coverings to participate.
- **Aquatic Programs** – Modified swim lessons for youth will be offered at the Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center, as long as pool restrictions remain constant or loosen. Each program will have

limited participation due to pool capacity numbers and all instructors will be equipped with various safety equipment.

Other modified programs, including nature based services, are being researched as staff do their best to adapt to the new safety measures required for programming. As guidance is provided, staff will make necessary changes to the programs mentioned, which could include cancellation. These programs and more will be included in the departments fall program guide, which will be available on-line the week of August 13th.

Please let me know if there are questions.