

NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager
DATE: July 18, 2018
SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Gary Fenton, Recreation and Parks Director, regarding the 2018 Tournaments of State Champions to be held at Elm Street Park

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Attachment

Memo

To: Ann Wall, City Manager
From: Gary Fenton, Director of Recreation and Parks 
Date: July 18, 2018
Re: Tournaments of State Champions at Elm Street Park

Once again it's time for the City and Greenville Little Leagues to host two divisions of the *Tournament of State Champions* at Elm Street Park. The 8-10 year old division tournament will start on Friday, July 20th and the 9-11 year old division tournament will begin on the following Friday, July 27th.

This is the 5th consecutive time the 8-10 year old division tournament has been held in the Greenville community and the 9th consecutive time our City has hosted the 9-11 year old division event. We must be doing something right!

These tournaments bring a truly high level of baseball competition to Greenville, as participating teams have each earned the right to compete in Stallings Stadium by becoming the current year's state champions from their respective states. Those states include Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and, of course, North Carolina. These regional events are similar to the 10-12 year old division tournament held in Warner Robbins, GA. The winner of the Warner Robbins 10-12 division tournament advances to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA, in which the Greenville Little Leagues' North State team participated last year.

Both local tournaments will provide a significant economic boost to our City, as players and coaches are often accompanied by parents, siblings, grandparents and other family members. Players and their families will spend at least five days in local hotels, eating at area restaurants and purchasing gas, souvenirs and other items during their visit.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6:30 PM each Friday. Games follow each day Saturday through Wednesday, with the championship games currently scheduled to be played on Wednesday (7/25 and 8/1) at 11 a.m. Of course, weather delays are always possible.

The two events reflect well on Stallings Stadium, Elm Street Park and our community as a whole, and we are grateful to the many sponsors who have provided support for these high level tournaments.

We look forward to welcoming each team and their families to the City of Greenville.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Michael Cowin, Assistant City Manager