

CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS

Winter 2017

New Year Brings New Recreation Opportunities

Thank you for sharing 2016 with the Creedmoor Recreation Department by participating in our new programs and activities. We hope you're ready, because your recreation staff and CPRC committee are busy planning more fun for 2017!

In the coming year, Creedmoor residents will be able to enjoy programming options for both adults and children. Some of the highlights are listed below, and registration information will be updated soon. We hope to see you out in the parks and at our programs in 2017 as we work together to build community through people, parks and programs.

moor. Registrants will be able to bring their favorite bottle of wine to a two-hour class and create memories that will last a lifetime. Sessions are scheduled to be held at "The Rack" on Main Street on January 27, February 27, and March 31, 6 to 8 p.m.



Pickleball players gather twice a week at the gym to enjoy friendly competition.

Pickleball Tournament

Pickleball is currently played every Wednesday and Friday at the Creedmoor Gymnasium & Activity Center. Join the fun and friendly competition in the inaugural Pickleball Tournament coming in March.

Adult Volleyball

Continuing our successful partnership with FBC, plans are underway to offer an adult volleyball series (for ages 18 years or older) on Tuesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the FBC gym.



First Fridays in Creedmoor

First Fridays returns as our scheduled monthly fun night! For 2017, family night and game night will be combined to rotate monthly with movie night. Don't miss January's *First Fridays in Creedmoor* FAMILY NIGHT on Friday, January 6, where players can win door prizes donated by local Creedmoor businesses in a friendly game of bingo, or test their skill at Gaming Unplugged's incredible mobile gaming truck.

WATCH FOR MORE SPRING REC!

More details about the programs listed here, as well as spring sessions of the popular *Sports Camp*, nature-focused and other programs under development may be found at cityofcreedmoor.org/Programs.

To stay even more informed, download the latest city services and programs guide at cityofcreedmoor.org/TheCreedmoorConnection.

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Merlot & Van Gogh

Acclaimed local artist Alma Burke is partnering with our recreation staff to bring the latest trend in adult painting classes to Creed-



Creedmoor PD: MORE THAN OFFICERS OF THE LAW

A day in the life of a Creedmoor police officer is not always as you may expect.

In addition to conducting criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, tracking down suspected thieves, and defusing domestic situations, the Creedmoor Police Department is a tight-knit group of professionals serving an engaged community in other ways as well. The department has worked diligently the past few years to increase officer and community interaction and overall visibility through both independent and joint initiatives with city administration and recreation staff.

Involving young citizens

On a recent fall day, two of our Creedmoor youths had a conversation with Sgt. R. Varn when he saw them tossing a ball

around and stopped to talk to them about football. He learned their ball was almost flat and their pump was broken. The next day Varn returned with his own pump and took the opportunity to toss the football with the boys and enjoy the new friends he made.

The boys' mom saw them playing and posted a picture on Facebook, which was then shared and followed by an avalanche of comments and compliments of Varn and the entire police force.

Varn humbly praises the actions of other officers who also have taken time to get to know the youngsters they serve, although they may not always receive recognition for it.

"It is critical for us to continue to build relationships within our community and

to teach our youngest citizens that we are here to help when they need us," said Police Chief Keith King.

Events promote togetherness

Creedmoor's size and population provide its 15 full-time officers great visibility and an opportunity to get to know the residents not only on a day-to-day basis, but also during special events throughout the year.

Events like National Night Out, National Day of Play, Walk-to-School Day, and CPD Bike Rodeo allow officers to interact with the City's youth and their families in a non-traditional police role. This type of interaction is conducive to developing trust and building relationships with Creedmoor residents. Other special events allowing the officers and community to

engage on a personal level include the annual music festival, numerous parades, and Main Street trick-or-treating.

New equipment

In order to better serve the entire community, the police department added a drone and patrol truck to its fleet in 2016. The department was able to purchase the drone without the expenditure of tax dollars by using drug/asset forfeiture funds. Since acquiring the drone, the department has used it in a missing persons search and it has been a great asset during special events for observing and estimating crowds.

With minimal cost difference than that of a standard police car, the patrol truck is more visible and has already added tremendous versatility and benefit to the city. The four-wheel-drive vehicle will not only enable the department to tow its traffic safety trailer and haul bicycles and other larger recovered stolen proper-

ty, but also will be invaluable when responding to calls on treacherous winter road conditions. In addition, the truck's higher profile allows officers to access areas previously avoided due to rough terrain and lack of clearance, and will prove even more beneficial as the City's Cross City Trail and sidewalk projects are completed.

Accomplishing the mission

At the end of the day, the truck and the drone are valuable assets, but the officers find even greater value in building relationships with residents of all ages.

"Trust is more quickly built during these casual interactions between our youth, their families, and our officers," said King. "We are hopeful the trust will last a lifetime. Each member of the Creedmoor Police Department holds these same beliefs and works diligently on a daily basis in pursuit of this mission."

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The police department is tentatively planning a Citizens Police Academy for February/March 2017. This approximately eight-week, one-night-a-week program exposes citizens to the highlights of the criminal justice system and the duties of an officer. Sessions include elements of criminal and traffic law, crime scene investigation, firearms, and other topics. More details will be announced soon.



Sgt. Varn tosses the football with Jaiden and Jordn Torain of Creedmoor.



Special events like Walk-to-School Day, National Night Out, and parades provide opportunities for officers to interact in positive ways with local youths.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

For more information, visit us online at cityofcreedmoor.org

HOLIDAY YARD OF THE MONTH

Homer & Janice Grause
506 Lake Road



The Grauses' display of dozens of oversized Christmas ornaments (and much more) looked festive even in the daytime, and earned them a \$25 gift card to Southern States Creedmoor. Congratulations, Grause family!

Snow Removal Reminders

Winter weather inevitably includes the possibility of snow or ice events for our area. While NC DOT is responsible for all state roadways, the Creedmoor Public Works Department provides snow removal for city-maintained streets and roadways when snow accumulation amounts to about one inch in depth. The plowing schedule and route are determined based on total accumulation, prevailing conditions, and near future forecasts. **Residents need to participate in achieving effective snow removal operations by moving their vehicles off the street during snow events.** Clearing streets curb-to-curb results in better quality snow removal and less rework after parked cars are moved. Timely plowing minimizes the quantity of residual ice and snow on the roadway that results when compaction occurs because plowing is delayed in those areas.

New Lake View a Welcome Sight



To view "before" photos, visit cityofcreedmoor.org/WTP



MEET YOUR CITY STAFF

Daniel Snipes

Position:
Public Works Director

Years with the City: New



Each issue, we highlight a Creedmoor employee, their role and contributions to our community.

In late September, the city’s management team welcomed Daniel Snipes as the new Public Works Director. Daniel earned a Bachelor’s of Business Administration with a minor in Marketing from Campbell University before beginning his career as the Town of Morrisville’s Project Coordinator & Street Crew Leader and then transitioning to the Town of Elon as the Assistant Public Works Director. He brings to the position years of experience in streets, stormwater, heavy equipment operation, and facilities maintenance. Since his start date, he has been busy getting up to speed on current projects, managing in-house stormwater repairs, working with the public works crew on holiday preparations, and overseeing the planning phases for upcoming citywide street improvements. With his conscientious approach to safe roadways and infrastructure enhancements, Daniel has already demonstrated a commitment to keeping the Creedmoor community a great place to live.

If you have a question or need Public Works assistance, please call Daniel at (919) 764-1036 or send a message to publicworksdirector@cityofcreedmoor.org.

CITIZEN Q&A

Q: How do I dispose of my Christmas tree?

A: Discarded Christmas trees are collected in conjunction with the regular yard debris pick-up schedule on the first and third Wednesday of the month (in January, the dates are January 4 & 18). The usual requirement to call ahead to be placed on the collection list does not apply for tree collection. Residents are simply asked to place the undecorated tree at the street curb and it will be collected along with regular yard debris for the month.



Q: How will I know if City Hall is closed due to inclement weather?

A: When adverse road conditions or other severe weather events threaten the safety of employees and other motorists, the City Manager may make a determination to close or delay opening of city offices. In such cases, every effort is

made to notify the public including posting to www.cityofcreedmoor.org, the city’s Facebook page (City of Creedmoor, NC), Twitter (City of Creedmoor), and media outlets WRAL, WTVD, and TWC News.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS Keep up with City news on Facebook (City of Creedmoor, NC), Twitter (@CityofCreedmoor) and Instagram (City of Creedmoor)

ONGOING

FIRST FRIDAYS IN CREEDMOOR

Family-fun! January 6/February 3/March 3, 6-9 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/FirstFridays

OPEN GYM

Middle/High school students hoop-it up at the City Gym every Tuesday/Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGym

OPEN GYM THURSDAYS

Creedmoor youth (ages 9-12) hit the court every Thursday, 3-5 p.m. at the City Gym.
cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGymThursdays

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY

City Gym, every Wednesday/Friday, 12:30-2 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/Pickleball

UPCOMING

MERLOT & VAN GOGH

January 27, February 24, March 31, 6-8 p.m.
The Rack
cityofcreedmoor.org/MerlotVanGogh

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays, January–March TBD 5:30-7:30 p.m.
FBC Gym
cityofcreedmoor.org/AdultVolleyball

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Date in March TBD
City Gym
cityofcreedmoor.org/Pickleball

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:



NEW YEARS DAY
January 2
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
January 8

For more information and a complete list of events, visit cityofcreedmoor.org/EventCalendar

CITY GOVERNMENT

Find us online at cityofcreedmoor.org

MAYOR
Darryl D. Moss

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Archer Wilkins, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE
Ernie Anderson, Thomas C. Jackson
Del Mims, Herman B. Wilkerson



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE*

Work Session: The first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting: The third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

*Schedule is subject to alteration. Approved schedule is published annually in the local newspaper and posted on our website.

Stay informed about City events and happenings—sign up for **e-Notification** at cityofcreedmoor.org/Enotification