

CREEDMOOR HAPPENINGS

Fall 2016

Celebrate Fireman's Day October 8

A Creedmoor tradition since 1959, the Fireman's Day parade rolls down Main Street on Saturday, October 8, at 3:30 p.m. The procession features the Fire Department Honor Guard, the entire fleet of firefighting vehicles with lights flashing, firefighters throwing candy to the kids, marching bands, floats, hot rods and more.

The department's only fundraiser of the year, the day's events also include a boot drive and the sale of Brunswick stew and barbecue. The anticipated \$25-35,000 raised on Fireman's Day supports day-to-day operations and pays for new equipment and general expenses. A rookie training program has been implemented for all new firefighters, according to Fire Chief Jimmy Minor.

"Over the past 12

BRUNSWICK STEW SALES

Brunswick stew and barbecue will be sold at the Volunteer Fire Department, 101 Elm St., all afternoon Oct. 8. Your purchase of \$8.00 supports the CVFD and includes either:

- A plate with stew, barbecue, and coleslaw;
- A quart of Brunswick stew; or
- A pound of barbecue.

months, the fire department has spent \$500,000 on a new engine and equipment for it," said Minor. "Two firefighters man the station daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., all with the support of the



Excited youngsters enjoy the best seat in the house during a past Fireman's Day parade in downtown Creedmoor.

community. Without that support, there would be no way to provide the services we do."

Cash donations will be collected in fire boots from passersby on Main Street beginning around 9 a.m. T-shirts commemorating the event will be sold for \$15 at the fire station.

The sale of Brunswick stew (made from scratch from a recipe used since the first Fireman's Day) is traditionally the biggest money-maker of the day.

This year's sale will take place at the Fire Department and food will only be available "to go." The price of \$8.00 will remain the same this year.

Large crowds are expected for the parade, and attendees are urged to arrive early for the best viewing locations.

For more information on the Creedmoor Volunteer Fire Department or Fireman's Day events, email Chief Minor at jhminorjr@gmail.com.

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Major Projects Move Forward

YARD OF THE MONTH



JULY WINNER

Virgil and Jo Ann Douglas
2109 Orchard Court

Well-manicured grass, neatly edged lines, and two plants at the front of the yard provide a welcoming appeal to those who pass by the Douglas home.



AUGUST WINNER

Gregory McKnight
1625 Irving Place

The front porch and surrounding landscaping, along with an impeccably edged driveway and sidewalks, made the McKnight yard a winner in August.



SEPTEMBER WINNER

Erin and Linwood Waller
603 Lake Road

A variety of beautiful tropical plants, lush green grass and a palm tree are not easily missed when driving past the Waller residence on Lake Road.

Yard of the Month winners receive a \$25 gift card to Southern States of Creedmoor. The contest takes place each year from May to September. Visit cityofcreedmoor.org/yom for more information.

**COMING IN DECEMBER —
YARD OF THE MONTH
HOLIDAY EDITION!**

INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS A TOP PRIORITY

If it seems you've been hearing about the cross-city trail project for a while now, that's because it's been on the drawing board for over six years. Phase 1, from Main Street to Food Lion, was completed in 2012. The good news—it won't be much longer before Phases 2, 3, and 4 will be finished, and 2 1/2 miles of new sidewalk will wind along NC 56 and US 15. When complete, the path will connect Lake Rogers on the west to the Golden Pond and Paddington neighborhoods on the east, for a total distance of more than four miles.

The project has progressed through the easement acquisition phase and the final design is almost complete. Construction plans are scheduled to go out for bid in November, and the building phase should begin in early spring 2017.

Road Fix. The need to improve infrastructure was high on the priority list at the Board of Commissioners retreat in February. Therefore, the City



Phase 1 of the cross-city trail sees a lot of use, especially in the school zones.

has budgeted an estimated \$1.62 million to repair and pave streets deemed to be most in need in nearly all areas of the community. Engineers have been walking the streets and marking areas under consideration. The cost for the project will come entirely from the Capital Project Fund (funds allocated from proceeds of the water/sewer sale to SGWASA) and state Powell Bill funds dedicated to street maintenance. Repairs may begin late this year, but will be dependent on the winter weather.

NC DOT also recently completed a repaving project on NC 50 between Wilton Avenue and the Wake County line, including a portion of East Church Street, Dove Road and Beaver Dam Road.

Stormwater Repairs. Also taking shape are much-needed stormwater and street repairs. Four areas of dire need are included in the fixes—along Williamsburg, Crescent Heights, and Mayview Drives, and East Watson Street. The project is in the design and permitting stage, and construction is scheduled to start after the first of the year.

Water Treatment Plant Demolition. In the coming weeks, the obsolete water treatment plant at the Lake Rogers Dam is scheduled to be demolished, making way for a nicely landscaped grassy area with an unobstructed view of the lake.

As with all construction projects, inclement weather may cause delays and your patience is appreciated.

For additional information, visit cityofcreedmoor.org or call (919) 528-3332.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS



WINCH SYSTEM KEEPS BOATS IN SUSPENSE

The dated floating dock at Lake Rogers Park has been replaced with a new stationary aluminum docking system featuring individual boating slips and a mechanical winching system. The winch system, which allows the boats to safely and efficiently be suspended above the water for storage, improves maintenance access and increases each vessel's lifespan. The Granville County Tourism Development Authority provided funding over a two-year period to complete the project.

Get hooked on recreation

Creedmoor's Recreation Department staff have developed several fall programs to keep kids active even after the weather turns cool. The programs are offered either at low or no cost to parents, and provide an often much-needed break from hitting the text books. The goal of these programs is to present opportunities for Creedmoor youth and teens to enjoy interactive and educational activities with their peers while having lots of fun in the process!

FISHING

Designed for 8 to 12 year olds, *First Catch* instills a new passion in first-time fishermen while helping young anglers improve their skills. The South Granville Vikings Competitive Bass Fishing Team provides hands-on instruction in this two-session program taking place Saturday, October 8, and Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake Rogers Park. All bait and tackle are included in the \$5.00 per session registration fee. Visit cityofcreedmoor.org/FirstCatch for details and registration forms.

BAKING

A long-time favorite stop for sweet treats, Grammie's Kitchen in downtown Creedmoor is hosting a baking academy for young students on their way to becoming master bakers! Stu-

dents will have fun creating (and eating) cookies, pies and brownies. Each session is unique, so participants may sign up for one or all three. *Grammie's Baking Academy* sessions take place October 6, November 8, and December 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Grammie's Kitchen, 209 N. Main Street. Registration is open for youth ages 5 to 8 for a fee of \$10.00 per session. Visit cityofcreedmoor.org/GrammiesBakingAcademy for details and registration forms.



VOLLEYBALL

In partnership with First Baptist Church of Creedmoor, the Parks & Recreation team introduces a new open gym program for teens to practice their volleyball skills or enjoy the game with friends. *Open Gym Volleyball* will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church facilities every Thursday through December 8. The program is free for teens ages 13 to 18. Visit cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGymVolleyball for details and registration forms.

Advance registration is required for fee-based programs. Registration forms are available online or in person at Creedmoor City Hall.

For additional information, visit cityofcreedmoor.org/Programs or call (919) 764-1003.

FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

First Catch

Ages 8-12
October 8 & November 12 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Lake Rogers Park
cityofcreedmoor.org/FirstCatch

Grammies Baking Academy

Ages 5-8
October 6, November 8, December 8 5:30-7 p.m.
Grammie's Kitchen, 209 N. Main Street
cityofcreedmoor.org/GrammiesBakingAcademy

Open Gym Volleyball

Ages 13-18
Thurs 6:30-8:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 102 N. Main Street
cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGymVolleyball

First Fridays in Creedmoor

Family fun on the first Friday of the month
6-9 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/FirstFridays

Open Gym

City Gymnasium
Middle & High School Students
Tues & Thurs 5:30-7:30 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGym

Open Gym Thursdays

City Gymnasium
Youth Ages 9-12
Thurs 3-5 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/OpenGymThursdays

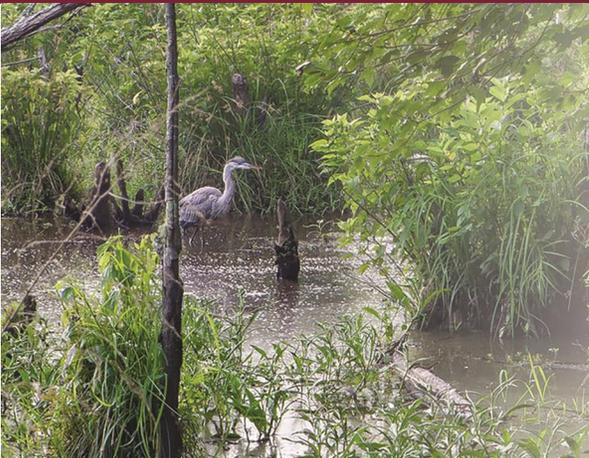
Tropical Dance Movement

City Gymnasium, Fri 6-7 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/tropicaldancemovement

Pickleball Open Play

City Gymnasium, Wed & Fri 12:30-2 p.m.
cityofcreedmoor.org/pickleball

For more information, visit us online at cityofcreedmoor.org



IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR A HIKE!

A guided hike is planned for October 29 at 10 a.m. on land recently acquired by Tar River Land Conservancy (TRL) along Robertson Creek east of the Creedmoor Commons Shopping Center at 5177 E. Wilton Avenue. Over half of the land is located in the floodplains of Robertson and Cedar Creeks, which converge on the property. To register for the hike, email events@tarriver.org.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE AMENDED

The Board of Commissioners recently voted to amend Creedmoor Code of Ordinances *Chapter 97: Animals*. A copy of the ordinance pertaining to the regulation of backyard fowl, livestock prohibition, beekeeping, and pet waste may be seen in the City Clerk's office or online by visiting cityofcreedmoor.org/Animals.



MEET YOUR CITY STAFF

Crystal Grant

Position:
Code Enforcement
Years with the City: New



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

Crystal Grant joined the City of Creedmoor in July as a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. In this position, her job is to investigate complaints and ensure compliance of city zoning ordinances.

Crystal graduated with a degree in criminal justice from North Carolina Central University in 2001 and is currently attending grad school for her master's in social work.

With two children ages 4 and 10, she is very involved in the Creedmoor community. Crystal stays busy with Girl Scouts and softball, while also working with the PTSO for Mount Energy Elementary School, the VGCC Advisory Committee, and Granville County Safe Kids. Along with all that, she still finds time to enjoy traveling with her family.

"I am thrilled to have a person back in the role of Code Enforcement," said Planning Director Mike Frangos. "I urge the citizens of Creedmoor to call Crystal if they have a complaint related to tall grass and weeds, trash, debris, abandoned or junk vehicles, or zoning or minimum housing inspections."

Welcome to the team, Crystal!

For additional information regarding the code enforcement process, visit cityofcreedmoor.org/CodeEnforcement or call (919) 764-1062.

COMMUNITY SHOWS SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS



Officer C. Warren, along with the rest of her department, enjoyed "breakfast for lunch" recently, one of many meals delivered by Creedmoor residents and businesses as a way of expressing gratitude for the efforts of the department.

Over the past few months, the Creedmoor community has expressed their appreciation for local law enforcement officers in a multitude of ways, from cards and children's artwork to meals and thankful handshakes on the street.

"The outpouring of support has been wonderful and greatly appreciated, said Chief Keith King. "These gestures confirm what we have always known—the majority of our citizens believe in and support the mission of the police department and the officers who serve within."



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! The **First Friday** of each month, 6-9 p.m. Visit cityofcreedmoor.org/FirstFridays for details.

OPEN GYM

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

OPEN GYM THURSDAYS

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

October 5

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

October 8

FIREMAN'S DAY PARADE

Main Street Creedmoor, 3:30 p.m.
Brunswick Stew/BBQ sale follows at the fire station

December 2

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

City Hall, 7 p.m.
*This event pre-empts First Fridays in Creedmoor

December 3

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Main Street Creedmoor, 11 a.m.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

November 11

Veterans Day

November 24 & 25

Thanksgiving

December 23, 26, & 27

Christmas

January 2

New Years Day

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

Del Mims, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Ernie Anderson, Thomas C. Jackson
Herman B. Wilkerson, Archer Wilkins



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