

# CREEDMOOR



## Happenings



CITY OF CREEDMOOR

FALL 2020

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### MAJOR PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION

It has been impossible not to notice all of the construction activity in and around Creedmoor since early 2019. From the NC Department of Transportation projects to realign NC HWY 56 around its two intersections with US HWY 15, and the demolition and reconstruction of the Ledge Creek bridge on Northside Rd., to the City funded projects to construct the new fishing dock, boardwalk, nature trails, and picnic shelter at Lake Rogers Park, the nearly three miles of sidewalk constructed as Phases II, III, and IV of the Cross City Trail on Lake Rd., Wilton Ave., and Durham Ave., to the transformation of the old gym into the Creedmoor Community Center; we have definitely asked our citizens to “Pardon our Dust” quite a few times in the last eighteen months!

All of that hard work is paying off with these major projects entering their final stages! In November 2019, a ribbon cutting was held at Lake Rogers Park, and now the rest of these major capital investments are set for final completion by the end of fall 2020. Even with significant delays due to COVID-19, all projects are expected to come in on budget and before the final termination dates of the original contracts.

Over the past few years, the City of Creedmoor has made a major investment in our community by adding new amenities to Lake Rogers Park by nearly doubling the acreage usable by visitors. These improvements include new nature trails, an attractive new picnic shelter, renovated fishing dock, boardwalk, and lake-side fishing platforms. Additionally, the expansion of the Cross City Trail forms a true pedestrian transportation alternative, and connects much of the city’s residential development to our downtown business district with a safe walking route.

Slated for completion by the end of October, the Creedmoor Community Center will be a crown jewel facility for Granville County. We are creating a transformational community gathering space with a brand new senior center, event space, classrooms, exercise areas, indoor walking track, and full length basketball court. Once it is safe to open to the public, the Community Center will bustle with activity for citizens and visitors of all ages. Creedmoor citizens will have the chance to participate in the final piece of the construction puzzle by participating in a monument sign design contest.

We want to thank the citizens of Creedmoor for their patience, and invite everyone to enjoy the fruits of these years of labor by city staff, elected officials, and all members of our community past and present.



### Creedmoor's Got Talent

Calling all students, artists and inspired community members!

It's time to put your talents to use and enter the...

#### DESIGN-A-SIGN CONTEST

The City of Creedmoor needs your help with designing a sign for the new Creedmoor Community Center.

We are seeking creative Creedmoor residents who can design an attractive, innovative and professional sign.

The contest will be open to all age groups and prizes will be awarded.

The winner will have their photo taken along side the Mayor of Creedmoor in front of their fully constructed design.

Be on the lookout for more detailed information **coming soon.**

## CREEDMOOR PD REMINDS MOTOROSISTS TO “WATCH FOR ME!”

According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), approximately 3,000 pedestrians and 850 bicyclists are hit by cars on North Carolina streets each year. Watch for Me NC is a comprehensive program, run by NCDOT in partnership with local communities, aimed at reducing the number of pedestrians and bicyclists hit and injured in crashes with vehicles.



The Creedmoor Police Department has been a participating member of the NCDOT’s “Watch For Me” pedestrian and bicycle safety program for four years running. With the completion of the Cross-City Trail, the added crosswalks, and rapid flashing beacons; it is important for all motorists to understand the importance of yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, and sharing the roadways with bicyclists.

The Watch for Me NC program involves two key elements: 1) safety and educational messages directed toward drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, and 2) high visibility enforcement efforts by area police to reduce violations of traffic safety laws. Municipal, county, or regional government staff with the involvement of many others, including pedestrian and bicycle advocates, city planners, law enforcement agencies, engineers, public health professionals, elected officials, school administrators, and others, typically lead local programs.

Over the last few weeks, Creedmoor Police officers have been handing out educational materials to motorists as they pass through the crosswalks, and issuing warnings to motorists who do not yield to crossing pedestrians. In the weeks to come, officers will move from warnings to traffic tickets. In accordance with NC laws, drivers are required to yield to pedestrians at marked crossings and unmarked crosswalks at intersections except where there is a traffic or pedestrian signal (§20-155). Additionally, drivers must stop for pedestrians at stop signs and flashing red lights, and must yield for pedestrians at flashing yellow lights (§20-158). Citations for these offenses could cost motorists \$223.

The Creedmoor Police Department is asking all motorists to do their part in ensuring our community does not become a part of the pedestrian and bicyclist crash statistics. Please “Watch For Me” in NC, and most especially in Creedmoor!

### ADVISORY BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The City of Creedmoor is seeking qualified applicants for Board of Adjustment (BOA) and the Parks and Recreation Committee (CPRC). The BOA is a quasi-judicial body that renders binding decisions, which considerably affect the value of properties, and the rights of individual citizens within the City of Creedmoor and its extra-territorial planning and zoning jurisdiction. The CPRC strives to maintain a well-rounded representation of Creedmoor. Consisting of ten members, the CPRC provides recommendations to the Creedmoor Parks and Recreation Department, the City Manager, and the Board of Commissioners regarding policies, fees, facilities, community programs, long-range planning, and acquisition/disposition of land.

For more information visit the City of Creedmoor website: [www.cityofcreedmoor.org](http://www.cityofcreedmoor.org).

### OPEN FOR BUSINESS LOAN OPPORTUNITY

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) has received final approval for the CARES Act Revolving Loan Award from the US Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration. Kerr-Tar COG was awarded \$1,110,000 to make 0% interest loans to existing small to medium businesses that have been negatively affected by the pandemic. Kerr-Tar COG knows that small and local businesses have been hit hard as a result of COVID-19 and wants to help. The Open for Business Loan Program is designed to help small to medium size businesses recover from the economic effects of this pandemic. Funds are intended for use as working capital (rent, payroll, utilities) and/or equipment during shutdown and reopening.

For more information visit [www.kerrtarco.org](http://www.kerrtarco.org)

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- 5-10 year, interest free loans
- Non-forgivable loans ranging from \$10,000-\$100,000
- Must demonstrate a direct loss of revenue as a result of COVID-19
- Can be used for working capital and/or equipment

Serving Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, and Warren counties

Funds are locally administered, funded by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration with funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Apply online today!  
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## OPERATION MEDICINE DROP // OCTOBER 24 (10AM-2PM)

On Saturday, October 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Creedmoor Police Department, in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy and the Vance Granville Community College Pharmacy Technician Program will provide the public an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Operation Medicine Drop helps to prevent substance abuse, accidental poisonings, and theft of medications. Community members are urged to bring their unneeded medications to CVS, 612 North Main Street, Creedmoor, NC and aid ensuring proper disposal occurs. This service is free, and no questions are asked of the citizens who participate.

Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of the N.C. Department of Insurance and Safe Kids NC, N.C. Department of Justice - Attorney General's Office, U.S. Department of Justice - Drug Enforcement Agency, N.C. Department of Public Safety - SBI, the Riverkeepers of N.C. and local law enforcement agencies. These agencies work together to provide assistance and support to our communities to aid in the proper disposal of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Operation Medicine Drop reminds parents and caregivers to do the following: 1) Keep medicines locked up and out of reach of children. 2) Always read labels, follow directions, and give medicines to children based on their weights and ages. Only use the dispensers packaged with children's medications. 3) Avoid taking medicine or vitamins in front of kids. 4) Medicine should not be referred to as "candy." 5) If you suspect poisoning and a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure, call 911. Otherwise, take the product to the phone and call the national Poison Help hotline at 1-800-222-1222. For more information about Operation Medicine Drop visit [www.ncsafekids.org](http://www.ncsafekids.org).

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE OPEN!!



Though most City of Creedmoor buildings are closed to the public, our beautiful parks and green spaces are open! Be sure to visit Lake Rogers Park, Harris Park, The Gauntlet, and utilize the Cross City Trail to stay active and healthy throughout the fall!

Walk or run the three-plus miles of the Cross City Trail along US Highway 15, Wilton Ave., and Lake Rd. Take a walk over Robertson Creek on our new boardwalk and pedestrian bridge, and then visit beautiful downtown Creedmoor to support our great local shops and restaurants, before making your way to Lake Rogers Park.

At Lake Rogers Park, enjoy a picnic in our beautiful new picnic shelter, rent a boat and paddle around the lake, take a walk on our new boardwalk and nature trails, spend some time with your kids on the playground, or spend a relaxing afternoon fishing on the lake or on one of our new lake-side fishing platforms.

Make your way over to Harris Park, and relax under the picnic shelter while enjoying the beautiful greenspace, and let your kids loose on another playground with lots of equipment to keep everyone happy.

Finally, let out your inner child at the Gauntlet and take on the challenging one-plus mile hiking trail along with ten exercise stations. See if you can make it across the monkey bars, lift railroad ties at the squat station, jump hurdles while surrounded by nature, and do a few pull-ups before deciding if you can make it around the trail a second time! For more information, visit [www.cityofcreedmoor.org/recreation](http://www.cityofcreedmoor.org/recreation).

## CITIZEN Q&A

### Q: Do I need to mow the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street?

A: If you live along the newly constructed Cross City Trail, you may have noticed you now have what the City Code of Ordinances refers to as a "parkstrip." The parkstrip is a small grassy area between the street curb and the sidewalk, and is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. The City Code of Ordinances requires that the grass be mowed regularly and stormwater drains be kept clear. When mowing your lawn, make sure not to blow grass clippings into the roadway. Not only are grass clippings a safety hazard for motorcyclists and bicyclists, the debris can also clog our stormwater system leading to flooding and other hazards. Compost yard waste, or place clippings in a biodegradable bag for free yard waste pickup by the City. Call 919-528-3332 to schedule your free pick-up.

### Q: Can I decorate the new parkstrip?

A: Since the parkstrip is in the road right-of-way, safety must be considered. Immovable items or structures such as decorative landscaping rocks, boulders, and brick décor pose a safety hazard to motorists. Decorative shrubbery and tall weeds can obstruct visibility. Keep grass and landscaping plants around mailboxes to a maximum of twelve inches (§156.24 C) to help keep the line of visibility clear for motorists.





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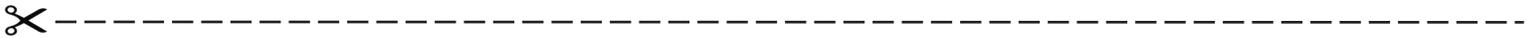
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Current program information is posted on the Calendar of Events page at [www.cityofcreedmoor.org](http://www.cityofcreedmoor.org), and on the city's social media pages.

**MOST PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY 2021 ARE CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19. VISIT THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.**

**CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MAY STILL MEET AS NECESSARY. TENTATIVE DATES ARE INCLUDED BELOW:**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS**

October 6 & November 2 // 6 pm

**PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS**

October 8 & November 12 // 7 pm

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING**

November 9 // 7 pm

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 27 // 5:30 pm

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:



## CITY GOVERNMENT

**MAYOR**

**Bobby Wheeler**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Kechia Brustmeyer-Brown, Georgana Kicinski, Del Mims, Ed Mims, Neena Nowell**



**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Board of Commissioners meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm\*

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

Sign up for **e-Notification** to stay informed about city events and news at [cityofcreedmoor.org/enotification](http://cityofcreedmoor.org/enotification).