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TOWN OF APEX
NORTH CAROLINA

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

APPLICANTS AT A GLANCE

Requested Action(s):

Recommendations needed on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Committee for three (3) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2026.

Both Mary Blatchford and Thomas Colwell are eligible for reappointment.

Applicant(s)	Status	Resident Status	Notes
Blatchford, Mary	Active Current Member	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Reappointment
Colwell, Thomas	Active Current Member	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Reappointment

Applicant(s)	Status	Resident Status	Notes
Croom, Jeremy	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
DeLoatch, Bryan	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Ramsey, Natalie	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Shook, Jessica	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Williamson, Elizabeth	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment

APPLICATIONS

ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT

- Blatchford, Mary
- Colwell, Thomas

Entry #: 540 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission**Status:** Reviewed**Submitted:** 1/12/2023 9:12 AM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Current member

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Mary Blatchford

Preferred First Name

Mary Lee

Address

433 Parkfield Dr, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No

Email

mblatchford@msn.com

Mobile Phone

(443) 286-2762

Alternate Phone (work/home)

(919) 363-2016

Background Information

Current Employer

Retired

Current Job Title

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I am completing my first term on the PARCR Advisory Commission and would like to continue that work to bring services to our diverse and growing population.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

Extensive involvement in the programs at Apex Senior Center, prior professional experience in program development, delivery and assessment, career experience in serving needs of children, outdoor lover, user of Apex parks.

If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.

Current member Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission, April 2021- June 30, 2023

Entry #: 561 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 5/8/2023 9:37 AM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Currently on APRCR commission

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Thomas Colwell

Preferred First Name

Address

315 Pate Street, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No

Email

tcolwe@gmail.com

Mobile Phone

(919) 730-0865

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

Cisco

Current Job Title

Senior Director

Tell us why you would like to serve?

It has been an honor to serve on the APRCR commission for the last several years. I am passionate about Apex and want to continue to give back to the community through this program. Specifically, I would like to see us finalize the next Parks, Rec & Cultural Resources master plan, be available to the staff to support the opening of Pleasant Park and would like to continue to Chair the Public Art Committee.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

I have 25+ years of experience creating strategies, developing designs, delivering construction projects and managing operations for the workplace in the technology industry. This experience translates well to understand the complexities of developing master plans, executing on projects and managing operations for a growing town like Apex.

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Apex Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission - 12 years

Apex Public Art Committee - 5 years

APPLICATIONS

ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT:

- Croom, Jeremy
- DeLoatch, Bryan
- Ramsey, Natalie
- Shook, Jessica
- Williamson, Elizabeth

Entry #: 552 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Reviewed **Submitted:** 2/23/2023 12:41 PM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Town Website

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Jeremy Croom

Preferred First Name

Address

104 Tracey Creek Ct, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

Yes

Email

camden2131@hotmail.com

Mobile Phone

(910) 297-5437

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

The Governor's Institute

Current Job Title

Addiction Medicine Special Projects Coordinator

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I live in Apex with my wife, son, and baby on the way. We love our town! We spend considerable time enjoying our local parks and look forward to participating in recreation programs as our kids grow up in Apex. We walk from our home downtown to Hunter Street Park and downtown weekly and take the quick drive to Salem Pond Park several times a month. We love mixing in park time at other locations as well and explore all that our wonderful town has to offer. We are fairly new (two years) to the area and I believe my time living in other areas of our state, as well as time spent in outside of NC, could diversify town perspectives when it comes to considering parks and programs design. I personally have considerable experience interfacing with parks and recreation programs as a participant, coach, and volunteer and appreciate how important park and recreation resources are for families and overall health. I'd also love the opportunity to learn from others within the committee and town government as a whole and look for ways to use my education and experience to support town strategic goals -- short and long term. Additionally, in roughly 20 years of work with children and families who've experienced trauma (working with day treatment programs, group homes, churches, trauma-informed training for behavioral health providers, and now substance misuse prevention and Tx training), I bring a unique perspective on just how valuable parks and recreation programs can be in helping citizens develop a sense of belonging and overall health. I'm happy to meet and share more if needed.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

I have an MPA (Master of Public Administration, with Public Management Concentration) and a BA in Therapeutic Recreation. I've coached, volunteered, participated in parks and recreation programs for youth and adults for most of my life and have the education to support those experiences, especially for families with special needs or historically marginalized populations. I'm an outdoor enthusiast - love to hike and exercise and have experience with baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer as a coach or participant. I've also directed or served in kids camps and adventure programs as part of church programs or in my role as a recreation manager for at-risk youth. Please see my LinkedIn profile for a summary of my experience: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeremy-croom-mpa-80233272/>

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N/A

Entry #: 556 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 3/4/2023 11:12 AM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Town Website

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Bryan S DeLoatch

Preferred First Name

Address

633 Metro Station, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No

Email

deloatch6@msn.com

Mobile Phone

(919) 271-1799

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

Retired

Current Job Title

Retired

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I would like to provide insight, counsel and perspective on the future growth of Parks and Recreation activities and services in the Town of Apex and surrounding areas.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

30+ years of business experience as a finance and accounting professional. MBA from Duke University, B.S. in Accounting from Castleton University. Student-Athlete. Academic All-American in Basketball and Soccer. Currently actively involved in youth sports - Travel Fastpitch Softball coach, J.V. Assistant Softball coach at Apex H.S. Married, Father of 4.

Past Volunteer of the Year winner for the Town of Apex. Previously volunteered coaching various sports (soccer, basketball and softball) in the Town of Apex Parks and Recreation programs.

If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.

N/A

Entry #: 546 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Reviewed **Submitted:** 2/13/2023 7:39 PM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Town Website

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Natalie Ramsey

Preferred First Name

Natalie

Address

2250 Broadstone Way, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No

Email

natalieramseyhk@gmail.com

Mobile Phone

(919) 616-0223

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

Current Job Title

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I would like to get involved in the community.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

I attended East Carolina University. I majored in professional theater and communications. I worked as an operations manager for a laser tag and sports facility for adults and kids 8 years old and up. My main focus was on design for 8,000+ square feet. I believe my experience could be very useful towards park and recreation.

If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.

N/A

Entry #: 538 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Reviewed **Submitted:** 1/10/2023 2:31 PM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Allen Coleman

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Jessica H Shook

Preferred First Name

Address

3453 Jordan Shires Dr, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

No

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

Yes

Email

jessica.shook@townebank.net

Mobile Phone

(919) 618-0371

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

TowneBank

Current Job Title

Merchant Services Advisor

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I'm interested in being more involved with the town. I chose Parks and Rec. as a good starting advisory commission as I have twin 5 year old boys and the parks are very important to all of us.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

My degree is in Interpersonal and Public Communication. I have been and continue to be active within the community that I work and live. I've had an interest in Town Council for sometime but did not have the capacity in my schedule till now. I'm happy to send my resume for a more in depth look at my community involvement.

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Cary Chamber Ambassador from 2015 to 2017

Entry #: 533 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission **Status:** Submitted **Submitted:** 10/26/2022 9:49 AM

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Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Town Website

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name

Elizabeth Williamson

Preferred First Name

Elizabeth Williamson

Address

101 Cypress View Way, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

Yes

Email

Elizabeth.Williamson018@gmail.com

Mobile Phone

(704) 771-0601

Alternate Phone (work/home)

Background Information

Current Employer

None

Current Job Title

Stay at home mom

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I would love the opportunity to serve as a voice for the opinions of our parents in Apex. My children and I use Apex Parks daily, if not two times a day. We are so thankful for the recreational events and hard work that goes into making Apex an optimal place for families to raise their children. We love looking at the parks noticing what we love and noticing what can maybe be different to make it more suitable for children of all needs/ages and easier for parents to safely supervise all of their children at the playground.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

I previously worked in sales for a large healthcare company and beginning this year I started staying home to my two children who are both toddlers. I'm an active part of a large playgroup of moms across Wake county who have children of different ages, abilities and interest.

If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.

I have never served on any Town boards commissions or committees.