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Patrick Cummings

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Safety and security of players and parents at HYAA Collins and Exchange fields.

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**\* Signature of requester**

Patrick Cummings



HYAA President <president@hyaabaseball.org>

**Re: \*NEW SUBMISSION\* Contact the Board of Commissioners**

**HYAA President** <president@hyaabaseball.org> Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 4:09 PM

To: Mark Bell <Mark.Bell@hillsboroughnc.gov>  
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Thank you, Mayor Bell. I have reached out to Sarah as you've asked. Thank you for the recommendation!

Patrick Cummings  
President  
Hillsborough Youth Athletic Association  
[president@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:president@hyaabaseball.org)  
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On Wed, Mar 4, 2026 at 3:38 PM Mark Bell <Mark.Bell@hillsboroughnc.gov> wrote:

Hi Patrick, thanks for your feedback, and FYI, we provide 3 min. for comments relating to items NOT on the agenda such as this, which may not provide the type of forum you desire for this topic. In other words, there will not be time for follow-up questions, back and forth, comments from the Chief, etc. If you would like to have this type of flexibility, please reach out to the Town Clerk, Sarah Kimrey, and she can guide you through the process to be placed on the agenda for a more detailed conversation without a specific time limit. Just a suggestion.

Mark



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**From:** HYAA President <[president@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:president@hyaabaseball.org)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 3:32 PM

**To:** Jason Winn <[Jason.Winn@hillsboroughnc.gov](mailto:Jason.Winn@hillsboroughnc.gov)>

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Thank you, Chief Winn. And thank you for the conversation regarding the issues we face as a league that exceed the single individual mentioned above. I intend to attend the Town board meeting on Monday to share the volume of issues we have faced on the record and make request for some sort of relief that doesn't include calling 911 everytime we face a similar challenge.

Patrick Cummings

President

Hillsborough Youth Athletic Association

[president@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:president@hyaabaseball.org)

On Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:48 PM Jason Winn <[Jason.Winn@hillsboroughnc.gov](mailto:Jason.Winn@hillsboroughnc.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I want to start and say I empathize with your concerns. We want everyone in our community to feel safe and be able to move freely with their daily life without interruption. We have a special case here with an unsheltered individual who has mental health needs.

The subject in question has worked with our departmental social worker, Yazmin Washington, and now has an ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) team. This service provides him with 24/7 assistance, specifically targeting individuals in need of mental health care. This provides him with resources through UNC providing doctoral assistance and they have assigned him another social worker. Another area they work with him on is housing. He told Yazmin on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> that he knows that he needs to move, but the ACT team is the group that will be working with him on this.

As part of him looking for housing, he was working on getting all the information together when his tent was ransacked and he lost his birth certificate and other documents. In response to the concerns presented in your emails, Yazmin reached out to his ACT team yesterday. According to his ACT team, he is back at square one in that process. They are set to meet with him later this week. During that meeting, they plan on telling him he must work hard to get everything together for housing because he needs to leave the area as soon as possible.

We have not had any reports of him being violent to the general public, and he frequents the police department from time to time to get snacks and speak with Yazmin.

To help ease concerns, we will make continuous effort to meet with him and encourage him to get his processes moving so he can get more stable housing. We will also share the concerns presented about children/families and

baseball practice and games.

I hope this information has been helpful and I'll be happy to answer any other questions you may have for me.

Thank you,

**Jason Winn**

Chief of Police

Town of Hillsborough

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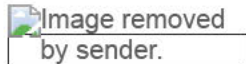
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**From:** Mark Bell <Mark.Bell@hillsboroughnc.gov>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 1, 2026 2:12 PM

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By all means, please share with whomever you feel would benefit. Also, I did a site visit this afternoon and saw one encampment in the woods that appears to be inhabited adjacent to the future train station site. I didn't see any activity and there could be other encampments on the town's property, but I mention it here for reference to HPD and town staff for their information.

Mark



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**From:** HYAA President <[president@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:president@hyaabaseball.org)>  
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Mayor Bell-

Thank you so much for the prompt response. Do you mind if I share your response with our board?

Patrick Cummings  
 President  
 Hillsborough Youth Athletic Association  
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On Sun, Mar 1, 2026 at 12:19 PM Mark Bell <[Mark.Bell@hillsboroughnc.gov](mailto:Mark.Bell@hillsboroughnc.gov)> wrote:

Hi Patrick, thanks for your message and sharing your observations and concerns. I'll ask Chief Winn to respond with feedback and guidance on this situation since this is in the town's jurisdiction, but he may need to check in with Orange County DSS and NC Railroad to get a comprehensive answer because they are parties to this situation as well. The HPD social worker will also be important to helping assess the situation and make recommendations.

In the meantime, please call 911 at any time if you or anyone feels unsafe or sees something like a machete as you describe below, which is very concerning. Thanks for bringing this to our attention and look for a response from HPD shortly.

Mark



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**Message**

Hello commissioners! I am the president of HYAA. I am reaching out regarding the growing homeless population creating an encampment at Collins Field. I received the email below from one of our families. We really need these individuals and their encampment removed from the field where children and families spend their time. ----- Forwarded message -----

From: Brent Thomas ██████████ > Date: Sun, Feb 15, 2026 at 8:10 PM Subject: HYAA Baseball Collins Field To: <[president@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:president@hyaabaseball.org)> Cc: <[tball@hyaabaseball.org](mailto:tball@hyaabaseball.org)> Dear HYAA From the discussion at the MP 30 and TBall coaches meeting today,I became aware of folks living in the woods just off collins field. The message shared by commissioner Travis was that the HYAA and the Sherrifs department are aware but it doesn't seem that much can be done as they are living on rail road property. However, one of the coaches shared his mother in law had been approached and a few other coaches have had similar experiences. Additionally it was shared these folks are using the HYAA porter johns. It was also shared that one of these individuals living there also carries a large machete. As a coach and parent- I am concerned about this. What if a kid has to use the bathroom in the middle of practice/game? What if one of these individuals confronts a kid? What happens if a young mother is confronted? I know there are a lot of what ifs.. Travis also talked about his desire to grow the HYAA, and in my opinion, things like this hinder growth and it definitely would if something bad was to happen. I'm not tryin to say these folks have ill intentions, but this a situation that needs to have proper precautions in place. Coaches need guidance, understand what HYAA directive is and how to manage if one of these what ifs arise. I appreciate your response for how this will be properly managed by the HYAA and sheriffs dept. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,  
**Town of Hillsborough, North Carolina**

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