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**DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Lake**

**REPORT DATE:**

**PREPARED FOR:**

October 28, 2021

Town Manager

**I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Current Parks, Recreation, and Lake Projects:**

1. Boy's Camp Rd. Campground – <i>New master plan has been adopted</i>	2. Luremont Trails – <i>Trail scouted; permits filed; Plan approved by Parks and Rec. Board, legal opinion received; working on next steps</i>	3. Marina Phase II and Amphitheater Funding – <i>Working with TDA/ Rutherford Bound to keep projects moving forward</i>
4. Monetization Schedule for P&R Assets and Facilities – <i>New ideas being considered</i>	5. Updating Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan – <i>Working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay on updates</i>	6. Morse Park Walking Path Expansion Grant – <i>To expand the pavement back to town hall</i>
7. Morse Park Master Plan update which includes the design of the amphitheater and additional parking	8. Replacement of boardwalk/seawall at the gazebo – <i>Applying for permits</i>	9. Buffalo Creek Park parking lot expansion – <i>Not selected for grant funding; researching other grant options</i>
10. Permit for Filling in Half of Pond in Morse Park – <i>According to the Morse Park master plan</i>	11. Deep Water Launch – <i>Applying for permits</i>	12. Finishing the paver walkway from the small beach house to the big beach house
13. Island Creek spoils site	14. Lake access for dredge equipment	15. Storm Damage Repair

### **PR&LD ACTIVITIES:**

1. Oversee daily operations for Parks, Rec, & Lake
2. Attended multiple staff/public meetings
3. Attended multiple project meetings
4. Picked up the new work barge
5. Worked on multiple projects
  - Dredging
  - Island Creek Rd. silt disposal site
  - Deepwater Launch
  - Walkway pavers in front of beach
  - New seawall at gazebo
  - Mining permit
  - Boys Camp Rd. plans
  - Police in-service training
  - New permitting soft ware
  - Assisted Police department due to staffing shortages

### **PR&TC ACTIVITIES:**

1. Was sworn in as a Lake Lure law enforcement officer on 10/19
2. Mailed commercial boat licensing renewal letters
3. Began checking the renewal applications we received and filing them
4. Continued working on project permit applications
5. Made reminder phone calls to people with boats still in the marina about the lake drawdown
6. Ordered the 2022 boat permit stickers
7. Began working on the 2022 dredging grant application
8. Continued training the new AmeriCorps member, Samantha Brooks
9. Updated the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department Standard Operating Procedures
10. Continued research for a new permitting software company
11. Continued lake debris clean-up efforts
12. Recruited volunteer to help with lake debris clean-up - 1 volunteer; 16 volunteer hours
13. The trail boss for the Weed Patch Mountain Trail walked the trail, cleared several trees, and reported issues on 10/10 – 1 volunteer; 8 hours
14. The trail boss for Buffalo Creek Park and the AmeriCorps member walked the trail and reported issues – 1 volunteer; 4 hours
15. Led Buffalo Creek Park workday on 10/12 to repair erosion and remove a large tree blocking the trail – 5 volunteers; 30 volunteer hours
16. Led Weed Patch Mountain Trail workday on 10/13 to remove fallen trees – 6 volunteers; 48 volunteer hours
17. More trees were cleared from the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 10/18 – 2 volunteers; 12 hours
18. Erosion issues were repaired on the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 10/21 - 1 volunteer; 6 volunteer hours
19. Fallen trees and storm damage was reported on Buffalo Creek Park and the Weed Patch Mountain Trail on 10/26 and 10/27. A fallen tree and other debris was removed from the trails – 2 volunteers; 16 volunteer hours
20. Recruited volunteers for a Dittmer-Watts workday on 10/27 to repair minor erosion and remove a tree from the trail – 2 volunteers; 6 volunteer hours

21. Planned upcoming trail maintenance days and recruited volunteers to help
22. We will check trail counters on 11/1 and continued training Samantha on the process
23. Checked Buffalo Creek Park, Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails, and Weed Patch Mountain for damage
24. Utilized volunteer to collect water samples from streams – 2 volunteers; 12 volunteer hours
25. Took water samples to EQI for testing
26. Utilized a total of **158 volunteer hours**
27. Attended several meetings

### **P&R Maintenance Activities:**

1. Helped with storm damage clean-up
2. Performed regular ground maintenance activities at all areas
3. Cleaned parks, boat ramp, and marina
4. Sprayed playground equipment and picnic tables with bleach
5. Put up/took down arts and crafts festival and library banners

### **Lake Activities:**

1. Debris pickup
2. Storm debris clean up
3. We now have the new work boat and barge here

## **1. FOLLOW UP**

1. Open Space Plan: Will continue working with Ed Dittmer and Moe Bay to update the Open Space Plan
2. Luremont Trail: Plan has been approved by Parks and Recreation Board; legal opinion received; working on next steps
3. Boys Camp Road: Not selected for PARTF funding.
4. Dredging Grant: \$637,500 grant awarded, applying for 2022 grant
5. Naming Rights Policy: Continuing to gather information for Naming Rights Policy for Town properties
6. Lake Lure Trails: Work days held on Lake Lure trails each month to ensure they are properly maintained

## **2. OTHER**

1. Marina Slips Available: 0