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MEETING TYPE: Board of Alderman

DATE: October 12th, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica St. Martin, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEM TYPE: Report

AGENDA SECTION: Departmental Reports

SUBJECT: **Monthly Report**

DETAILS:

Events

- The 125th Anniversary Celebration held on August 29th was a huge success. The community came out and enjoyed the booths, vendors, activities, and live entertainment.
- During Rowan County Creek Week, September 12th-19th, Lake Corriher hosted “Lake Corriher Rocks”, a rock painting event where children were invited to decorate designated rocks to add to our creek beds and rock gardens. This was held on September 18th from 4:00-6:00. Staff passed out free ice pops during this event. We had 22 kids in attendance. On September 19th from 9:00am-5:00pm, we offered Free Kayak Launches to anyone bringing their own personal kayaks.
- The Parks & Recreation partnered with the Police and Fire Departments to combine a community night out with Touch A Truck on September 25th from 5:00-7:00. Trucks and equipment were on display from Public Works, Police, and Fire. We would like to Thank Gatton’s Towing, Xylem Tree Service, and Price of Freedom for bringing their trucks and equipment to display. Free Hot dogs, drinks and chips were provided by Par 3 Insurance. The Parks Department passed out 100 treat bags to children in attendance.
- The Senior Luncheon and Bingo is scheduled for October 7th at 12:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church. BBQ, side, and dessert is on the menu.
- Fall Festival is on October 24th from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Applications are being accepted for vendors and Trunk or Treat Participants through October 10th. Event will feature a Mobile Farm, Pony Rides, Kid’s Activities, Food and Craft vendors, pumpkin patch, DJ Music, and a Community Trunk or Treat!

Event Calendar 2026

Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat- October 24th

South Rowan Parade / Tree Lighting- November 24th

Campfire Christmas- December 12th

Park Operations

- The Beaver St. Playground fencing has been completed. A new 6ft bench seat and trash can were added to the playground within the fence.
- Two new Full-time employees have been hired.
- October 1st Park Hours 8:00am-5:00pm.
- Kayak rentals run through October 31st.

Pool Operations:

- September 7th was the last day of pool operations. A brief summary of membership totals and survey results is attached.
- Off-season maintenance continues.

Community Engagement / Staff Interactions:

Park Office Walk In – 1,417

Park Office Call In – 150

Apps/emails – 9

Issues / Complaints – 0

Campsite Reservations: 26

Annual Passes Sold: 4

Shelter Rentals: 4

NC State License: 12

Daily Fishing Passes Sold: 461

Boat Registration: 4



