



Town Manager's Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | AUGUST 21, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Way Meal Packing Event: For the second year in a row, the Town of Hope Mills will be joining forces with United Way for their annual Campaign Kickoff Meal Packing Event. While last year was a huge success in reaching the goal of preparing 35,000 meal packets, this year the United Way has a new goal of packing 60,000 meals packets at the Crown Expo Center on Thursday, August 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Town of Hope Mills elected officials along with our staff will be representing the Town as "Team Hope Mills".

NCDOT Town Hall Meeting: Officials from NC Department of Transportation will be facilitating an information session to update Hope Mills residents on current and future roadway projects and will be available to answer questions from the community. Questions will be collected by Town staff who will provide them to NCDOT. The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at Hope Mills Recreation Center, 5766 Rockfish Road.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training: The Town of Hope Mills has concluded our mandatory DEI Training which was conducted through the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department. Over the past 3 months, each department within the Town of Hope Mills participated in this training which will be conducted on an annual basis. We would like to thank the staff at the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department for their tireless commitment to ensuring that we are equipped with the skills to address DEI challenges and opportunities within our municipality.

Walk With a Cop: Remaining dates for our Walk with the Cop Program with the Hope Mills Police Department are August 30, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and August 31, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please join our officers on the Hope Mills Walking Trail to engage them as they work to continue to build trust within the Hope Mills community.



Team Hope Mills: Town of Hope Mills Staff will join forces as "Team Hope Mills" on September 15, 2023, to clean portions of Golfview Road, Hope Mills Road, and Rockfish Road that abut the Town of Hope Mills Government Complex. The endeavor is being facilitated to allow staff to participate in a town wide event in an effort to show leadership to our citizens.



Community Cleanup Events: Fall Litter Sweep will take place town wide on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with our Fall Community Yard Sale taking place town wide on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration is required for both events. For more information, please contact 910.426.4109.

9/11 Tribute

Monday, September 11, 2023
John W. Hodges Public Safety Center Monument Garden, 5788 Rockfish Road
• 8:30 a.m.

The Town of Hope Mills will facilitate a 9/11 Tribute from 8:30 a.m. to 9:03 a.m. on Monday, September 11th in tribute to our first responders. The event will begin with a welcome and include two moments of silence to recognize the points in time that each of the World Trade Center Towers were hit. This event is open to the general public.



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HERITAGE PARK TIMELINE

Master Plan Phase – On July 15, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved the proposal from McAdams to complete the Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application for the Phase I development.

- On September 21, 2020, Governor Cooper sent out a letter announcing the Town of Hope Mills was one of 16 recipients of the 2020 PARTF grants.
- On October 20, 2020, the Town received the promissory note and agreement to accept \$300,000 of grant funding from PARTF, and the Board approved the agreement on November 16, 2020. The Board also adopted the final Master Plan for Heritage Park
- November 16, 2020 – The Board of Commissioners accepted the PARTF grant from the North Carolina Division of Water Resources (NCDENR), and authorized the mayor to execute an agreement for Phase I construction.
- December 7, 2020 – The Board of Commissioners approved a contract amendment with McAdams to continue with the design phase of the project, and allow McAdams to proceed with design development and construction documents for Phase I of Heritage Park, which was a condition of the PARTF grant.

Construction Documents Phase – On July 15, 2019, the Board of Commissioners approved the proposal from McAdams to complete the Master Plan and PARTF grant application for the Phase I development.

- December 7, 2020 – The Board of Commissioners approved a contract amendment with McAdams to continue with the design phase of the project and allow McAdams to proceed with design development and construction documents.
- November 3, 2021 - McAdams completed the design development phase and site plan for Phase I Construction. The site plan was approved by the Town's Planning Committee. During this time, the Town was awaiting approval and recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Phase I Archaeological Study.
- March 21, 2022 – The Board of Commissioners approved the contract with the McAdams Company for the provision of engineering drawings for Phase I construction bidding.
- June 20, 2022 – The Board of Commissioners approved the design-build purchase for the design and construction of the Heritage Park Comfort Station (restroom building).
- November 2, 2022 - NCDENR awarded the Town a grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the construction of the flume storm water feature.

Archaeological Data Recovery – September 12, 2022 – SHPO and the North Carolina State Division of Parks and Recreation directed the Town to stop the construction process pending an in-depth Archaeological Data Recover Report.

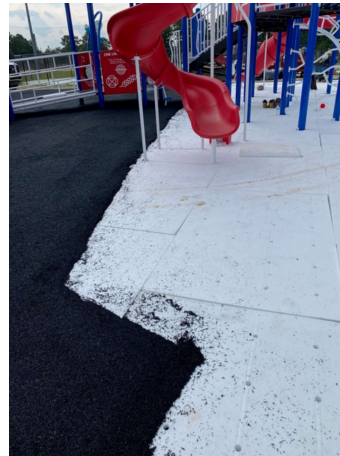
- On September 19, 2022, the Board of Commissioners approved the contract with Richard Grubb & Associates (RG) to perform the data recovery field work and report. The field work for this phase of the project took approximately 6 months to complete and another 90 days to complete the report.
- In July 2023, RGA completed the Archaeological Data Recovery report and submitted its finding to SHPO. The report revealed that no significant historical artifacts were found, and recommended the Town be released to begin construction. The Town of Hope Mills is currently awaiting approval from SHPO before we can move forward with construction bidding.
- July 14, 2023 – The Town of Hope Mills received notification from Congressman David Rouser's office that we had received an EPA grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the reconstruction of the historic flume.

MUNICIPAL PARK ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

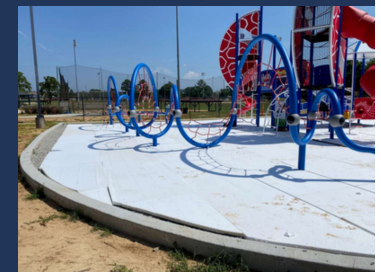
The playground contractor is currently installing the poured-in-place safety surfacing for the new playground area. This phase of the project is critical as it is the sole element that makes the entire playground ADA compliant. It is a three-tiered process that has to be done systematically and with precision which is why this process is so time consuming and critical to the playground installation.

- Step One: Once the surface area of the playground has been graded and leveled, the contractor installs a 3" layer of gravel as the sub-base for the rubber.
- Step Two: After the base of the playground has been properly graded and all the subsurface drainage structures have been installed, the contractor then installs a series of Styrofoam sheets on top of the sub-base as the padding layer.
- Step Three: The contractor mixes recycled shredded rubber, mixed with an epoxy adhesive to form the wearing layer of the playground surface. This layer is approximately 2 ½ " thick.
- Step Four: The final step is the ½ top layer of the poured-in-place safety surfacing. This is the stage of the project where the contractor is able to mix different colors of rubber to create custom designs into the surface.

This entire process takes approximately three days to complete and must be allowed to cure for three days without any foot traffic or equipment. Below is a cut section of what the poured-in-place layers look like.



Inclusive Playground



Heritage Park renderings



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