
To: Mayor & Town Council
From: Mike McLaurin, Town Manager
Date: March 18, 2022
Subject: Manager's Report: Week Ending March 18, 2022



The next report is scheduled for Friday, April 1.

Upcoming Events

- Friday Flicks: Friday, March 25, at Crooked Creek Park. Activities and concessions will be available beginning at 6 p.m. The movie will begin at dusk.

Administration

- The first of two Council budget workshop meetings was held for fiscal year 2023 on March 12. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 12. The Town Manager and his staff continue to review and revise the budget in preparation for that meeting.
- An offer was extended for the Recreation Program Coordinator position.
- Interviews are being held for the Code Enforcement Officer position.
- Six part-time positions were filled for Parks and Recreation.
- Training for "Recognizing and Resolving Conflict" has been scheduled for all staff.
- The Red Cross was able to collect 37 units during the March 8 blood drive. This equals up to 111 lives saved!
- On March 17, Mayor Cohn was interviewed by Invest: Charlotte magazine, a yearly publication that highlights economic development in the region.
- The March 18 Facebook Live was postponed due to the Duke Energy power outage. It has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday, April 1.

Finance

- Overall collection is 99.23% (tax revenue budget: 103.30% collected; stormwater revenue budget: 98.76% collected).

Parks and Recreation

- Touch-a-Truck was a success with approximately 5,000 people in attendance.
- The Student Art Show was a success, bringing 550 people into Town Hall to view the artwork.
- HITS After Six debuted for 2022 on Thursday, March 17, at Crossing Paths Park with the band New Kids.
- Field reservations opened for residents on March 17 for dates July 1-Dec. 31. Registration for non-residents opens April 1, giving two additional weeks for Indian Trail residents to submit dates. All reservation requests are due April 30.
- Programs continue to be positively received in the community. These include art programs, archery, senior activities and more.

Planning

- Lowe's Home Improvement has submitted for Conditional Rezoning for Outdoor Storage for Tool Rental Equipment – project has been put on hold based on site inspection revealing code violations.
- Moore Farm Phase 3 (Waxhaw Indian Trail Road) has submitted for site plan approval.
- Harris Teeter Fuel Center site submitted for Plat Review.
- Metrolina Christian Academy Soccer Field and Parking Lot expansion was submitted for Site Plan Review.
- Continuing to issue new residential construction permits in Harper's Run, Oakshire Springs, Northgate, Heritage, Sagecroft and Braeburn.
- The Grove at Chestnut is on hold for any additional permitting in order to confirm possible setback issues.
- Planning & Engineering met with another Light Industrial business pursuing development of a lot off Technology Drive.
- Staff attended Quasi-Judicial training the evening of March 15 in partnership with the Town of Waxhaw and the Town of Stallings. Four of our Board of Adjustment members were in attendance, and this valuable training was provided at 1/3 of the cost due to the Towns working together.
- Planning staff attended Generational Diversity training on March 17.
- Met with potential consultants for scoping ideas for the Downtown Masterplan Update.
- Code Enforcement continues to be as proactive as possible. Currently Code Enforcement is working on a large scale dog breeding/fighting case in a Single Family Residential Zone.

Engineering

- **NCDOT Update on U4714B Old Monroe Widening Project (R/W Acquisition Phase):**
 - Total Parcels—194
 - Parcels Settled—27
 - 5 of these parcels are awaiting deed of trust releases prior to closing.
 - 22 of these are awaiting final reports/recordings/checks for payment etc.
 - Parcels Closed—8
 - Remaining Appraisals Requested—122
 - Appraisals Approved—59
 - Appraisals in review—27
 - Appraisals Outstanding—36
 - Parcels on Hold due to revisions on sheets 16-19—Approximately 45 Parcels
 - The right of way process was initiated in June 2021. Please keep in mind that the first 6-8 months are spent establishing contacts with each owner and ordering appraisals. You may not see a high amount of parcels settled initially, because it takes 4-6 months to get appraisals back once they are ordered. However, going forward this number should increase more rapidly as the right of way process gains momentum.

Public Works

- Solid Waste:
 - Contract negotiations are ongoing with Waste Connections on the new contract.
- Parks:
 - Routine maintenance including out-parcels.
 - Completed weekly reports.
 - Several repairs have been needed due to vandalism over the past several weeks.
 - Equipment has been or is being repaired due to the age and amount of use.
- Streets:
 - Handicap ramp repair in Crismark.
 - Sidewalk repair(s) in Colton Ridge.
 - Sidewalk repair in Brandon Oaks.
- Buildings/Grounds:
 - Refresh of grounds is underway for spring.
- We are working on long-term projects related to Hwy 74, Town Hall and park upgrades.