BUNCOMBE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting - March 10, 2026
Report Out

- **Director's Report** – Allison Dains, Director
  - Acquisition of Deaverview is set for March 2026
  - Presenting Woodfin Greenway update to Town of Woodfin - March 17
  - FY27 Update – Will provide update at Meeting

- **Programming & Events Update** – Liz Hoekwater, Recreation Division Manager
  - Programming
    - CORE – Grovemont Park, Tuesdays, 3-5pm
    - 55+ Club – Great start to 55+ Club programming
      - Next up is Fishing Workshop on March 18th
    - Birding starts March 7th at Lake Julian (first and last Saturdays of the month)
    - Fishing Club starts March 12th
    - Events
      - Winter Warm-Up, Lake Julian Park, March 14th
      - Dog Eggstravaganza, Buncombe County Sports Park, March 28th
      - Spring Family Campout, Lake Julian, April 11th, September 19th
      - Spring Festival, Lake Julian, April 25th
      - Kid's Fishing Tournament, Lake Julian, May 2nd, October 3rd
      - Swannanoa Family Festival, Grovemont Park, June 6th
      - Bike Rodeo, Buncombe County Sports Park, September 12th
      - Fall-o-ween, Lake Julian, October 17th
  - Special Olympics
    - Polar Plunge February 28th
      - 51 Plungers
      - Over $11,000 raised for Special Olympics Buncombe County
    - Spring Games- May 7th at TC Roberson; May 21st at AC Reynolds
    - Swimming, Cheerleading, and Gymnastics are underway with Basketball, Bowling, and Athletics starting in March

- **Park Projects and Parks Status Update** – Joseph Guseman, Parks Division Manager
  - The first community event for Charles D. Owen park will be March 30th at Owen Middle school from 6pm - 8pm.
  - Alexander and Karpen park rebuild contracts are underway

The mission of Buncombe County Recreation Services is to improve the quality of life within our community by providing high quality recreational facilities, opportunities for social interaction, and programming which encourages health and wellness through active lifestyles.

- Turf Field project is staying on schedule with the fields looking like they will open early May
- New updated site amenities are continuing to be added to park locations