

# REC ROOM

GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION - MARCH 2025

## KUDOS CORNER

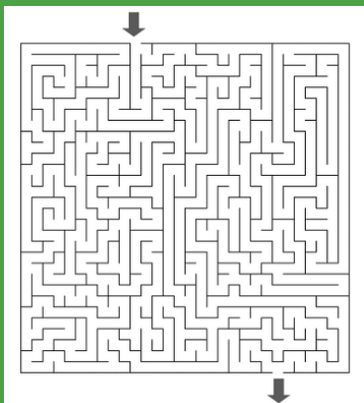
Staff from the AIR section would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who helped with their office redesign and move. **Ken Free, Herb Hairston,** and **Michael Farrington** had the vision to re-design the office to make it more welcoming to our participants, have a better workflow, and create more space. They also provided invaluable support in relocating various furniture pieces and many of the small projects that come with moving. **Chad Duncan, Will Faulk,** and **Tyler Trull** were a huge help by collecting items from surplus and delivering them to the Sportsplex.

Gwen Alston, NAACP MLK Parade Committee member, commended **Gina Fisher** and the Special Events team on their amazing work on this year's MLK Day Parade.

Did you know that Parks and Recreation has been updating the user fees and charges assessed for many programs and facilities? Generating additional revenue is a key part of the department's strategy to address deferred maintenance, and most fees have not been updated in years. A committee led by **Tonya Williams**, Strategic Business Solutions Division Manager has been working through this process. Thank you, Tonya and team!

## BRAIN BREAK

See how fast you can complete the maze below!



Congratulations to **Steve Phipps** for correctly guessing last month's Brain Break.

## STAFF NEEDED FOR SENIOR GAMES

The Greater Greensboro Senior Games will kick off in April, and we need your help! With supervisor approval, staff can sign up to help with various events during the games. Staff who lend a hand will receive a t-shirt and many thanks from the Active Adults team. Use the registration form attached to sign up, and reach out to [Jennie Matkins](#) with any questions.

## XTERN SOFTWARE GIG PROJECT

Did you know that the department has engaged with local software studio, Xtern Software, on a technology project to benefit the department? Xtern started a [year-round internship and professional development program](#) called GIG. It includes a fully-paid summer internship for computer science majors at UNCG (with plans to expand to other local schools in the near future). The cost of the project is donated and has two components:

1. A [dashboard](#) that aggregates all kinds of data about the department's Rec Centers, with plans to add more department assets. This will help the department demonstrate its value to various stakeholders, such as city council, grant-making agencies, and the public.
2. A survey platform that department employees can use to easily create surveys to capture data in circumstances where there is a dearth of information. The plan is to pilot using it for program evaluations, where more data would show ROI, which is especially helpful for the department's national accreditation.

Every summer, a new crop of interns will enhance the project. Currently, Xtern Software has donated \$21,800 worth of work to the department.

Questions? Want to learn more? Contact [emilyl@xternsoftware.com](mailto:emilyl@xternsoftware.com)

## FEBRUARY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RECAP

The February Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission meeting took place on February 12 at Brown Recreation Center.

**Shannon Teamer**, Recreation Superintendent, presented information about the Brown Recreation Center. The presentation highlighted the history of the facility, notable partnerships, as well as recent site upgrades to the walking trail and playground.

**Phil Fleischmann**, Director, **Kobe Riley**, Deputy Director, and **Erin Kennedy**, Planning and Project Coordinator, shared updates on the unfunded maintenance projects that Commission championed last year. Many projects have been completed or are in progress since their advocacy efforts in the last budget preparation cycle.

ChesKesha Cunningham-Dockery, PRC Chair, requested nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2025. ChesKesha Cunningham-Dockery was voted in as Chair, and Cecile Crawford was voted in as Vice-Chair.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12 at 5:30 pm at Warnersville Recreation Center.

## CITY COUNCIL RECAP

On February 18, City Council authorized the construction contract for Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex building. Demolition of the existing center is expected to begin in late March with site preparation, mobilization, and construction to follow. The new facility is expected to open in 2027.

## JOB POSTINGS

View the [City's Job Board](#) for current internal and external postings!