

TOWN OF WHITSETT NORTH CAROLINA

February 25, 2019

HELLO RESIDENTS

We are writing you because we desperately need your input!

The Town is in the process of applying for a State Parks and Recreation Grant. This grant is a dollar for dollar matching grant to be used to add to, and enhance the Town's existing recreation facilities. We have, for the past two years, been improving the ball field and we realized that there was a considerable amount of space that is not being used. When we received a \$25,000 small town grant, we explored ways to maximize the impact to the Town.

We found the State Parks and Recreation Grant. We evaluated the budget money we had to act as a match, and we were able to use the value of a lot that was partially donated to the Town as matching funds. These items plus the grant money we already have, will allow us to apply for approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 in grant money and, with our match, we are anticipating having \$120,000 to \$140,000 to spend on items you residents let us know you would like to see. Some items we are considering are listed below:

- 1. A 24'x32' picnic shelter with grills, picnic tables and a prep and serve table.
- 2. Pickleball/volleyball court.
- 3. Horseshoe pit.
- 4. A small pavilion for concerts.
- 5. A restroom on the back of the concession stand.
- 6. Paving a sidewalk to activity areas for accessibility.
- 7. Restoring and expanding the old walking track by paving it for accessibility. Also adding skill and exercise stations.

What we need from you are ideas for any other activities that you would like to see. Your input is crucial!! We have included a stamped return envelope along with a form to list your suggestions. Please return this form quickly as time to get our application in is rapidly approaching.

We also want to invite you to a meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall for further information and to hear any comments you may have. At this meeting, we will draw two returned surveys. The first one drawn will receive a \$50 gift card and the second drawn will receive a \$100 gift card. We will have refreshments. Please come as your input is valued and necessary. Thank you all!

Town of Whitsett

PARKS AND RECREATION RESIDENTS SURVEY

- 1. Do you feel that the town should pursue this grant? (Yes) No
- 2. Please explain why. Fronche a nice area for kills + Periors to get outdoors + merciese
- 3. Should any items on the list of improvements or additions be eliminated? Yes (No)
- 4. If Yes, which ones?
- 5. What activities or additions would you like to see?

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- 6. What of the existing or proposed activities would you or your family use? not sure, maybe track, hench to sitem
- 7. Do you use any of the recreational facilities now? Yes (No) Toron's ~ NO Like Lake McIntesk trails of Swings to site in

If you have any additional comments or suggestions, please enter them below. For questions, call 336-263-4774 or 336-449-3380.

Please complete the following demographic questions:

How many in your household? 2How many under the age of 18? - over 65? 2. How long have you lived in Whitsett? 37 years Do you own your home? Rent?

Please provide the following to be eligible for the drawing:

Evelyn Butkoski Your Name Your Physical Address 7001 Dow DR Whitsett NC 27377 Your Contact Phone 336 149 4389