



Proclamation



Recreation and Parks Month

WHEREAS, the US House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month, and the National Park and Recreation Association designated the theme of this year's celebration as "Where You Belong" (hashtag #WhereYouBelong); and

WHEREAS, this year's theme — "Where You Belong" — celebrates the many ways parks and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities, because they help establish and maintain good quality of life, they contribute to the health of residents, and they support the economic and environmental well-being of the community and the region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs promote healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation for residents with disabilities, and improve the physical and emotional health of all residents; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, add to the ecological beauty of the community, and provide spaces for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro strives to maintain safe and healthy park amenities for all ages; and, the Town strives to offer a comprehensive recreation program, including youth and adult classes, youth and adult athletic leagues, camps, workshops, clinics, and community events such as Carrboro Day, the Freight Train Blues Concert Series, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration, the July 4th Celebration, the Carrboro Music Festival, the West End Poetry Festival, the Halloween Carnival, and the Carrboro Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department is committed to advancing racial equity and is evaluating its programs, facilities, and services using the Racial Equity Assessment Lens within the One Orange Racial Equity Framework; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated employees of the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department have an average of 18 years of service in providing excellent programs and amenities to grow our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2024 to be Recreation and Parks Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to enjoy our parks and natural areas, to take advantage of classes, camps, programs, and events provided by the Recreation, Parks & Cultural Resources Department, and to share appreciation and thanks with the department's many dedicated employees and volunteers.

This the 18th day of June, 2024.


Barbara M. Foushee

