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FALL Fish for Fun



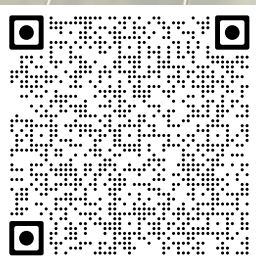
Must check in and attend
a safety orientation
before fishing

SEPT. 12
9AM - 12PM

Granite Lake Park
500 N Salisbury Ave.

**NO FISHING
LICENSE
REQUIRED**

Register
Today!



A FREE COMMUNITY FISHING EVENT

17 years old and younger must
be accompanied by an adult



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL **HALLOWEEN** **TRUNK OR TREAT**

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 31** 5-8PM

Granite Quarry Fire Department
143 N Salisbury Avenue



Want to Decorate A Trunk?
Call 704-279-5596



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QUARRY**



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Police Star Award

Police Officer Colby Richardson was recognized during the August 10th meeting of the Granite Quarry Town Council where Police Chief Todd Taylor presented him with the Police Star, one of the Granite Quarry-Faith Police Department's highest awards. The Police Star recognizes exceptional service demonstrated through courage, initiative, skill, selflessness, and professionalism.

Richardson was honored for his actions during a June 6th apartment fire where he put the safety and well-being of residents ahead of his own. Chief Taylor described the circumstances surrounding the incident and highlighted Richardson's courage, determination, and compassion during the emergency. When an emergency unfolds, the first few moments can make all the difference. While in the area of Rowan Summit Drive and Julian Road, Richardson noticed heavy black smoke rising from a nearby apartment complex. He immediately responded to the scene, alerted Rowan County Communications, and began helping residents get to safety during a dangerous apartment fire.

Richardson's efforts included escorting a mobility-impaired resident from the third floor and reuniting her with her daughter. According to Chief Taylor, body-camera footage showed Richardson coughing as he moved through the building, but, as Taylor emphasized during his remarks, "HE DID NOT STOP" despite smoke moving into the stairwell. Richardson continued to confirm apartments were empty, comforted residents who were distressed and overwhelmed, and sought out the residents who jumped from the third floor windows to make sure they had been seen by medical professionals.

Richardson's response exemplifies the fearlessness, compassion, and commitment to service that Granite Quarry is proud to recognize in its police officers. Congratulations to Officer Colby Richardson on being the recipient of the Police Star award.



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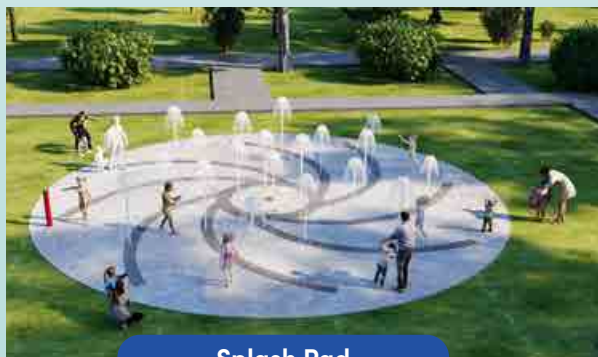
INVESTING TODAY FOR GENERATIONS TO ENJOY



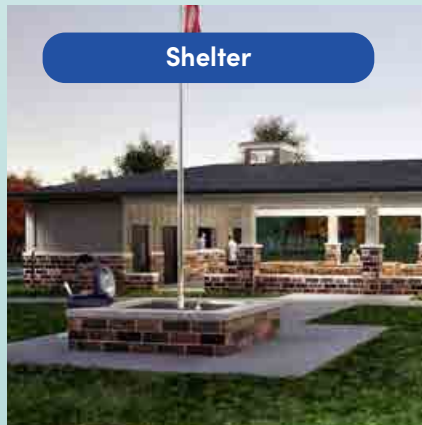
FINAL CONCEPT



SCALE 1"=30'



Splash Pad



Shelter

Granite Quarry CIVIC PARK Master Plan



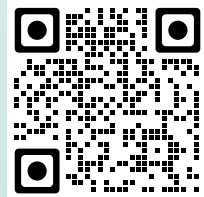
CIVIC PARK RENOVATIONS: PHASE 1 IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

The transformation of Granite Civic Park is officially underway! Phase 1 construction is now in progress and is expected to be completed in spring 2027.

Phase 1 includes an upgraded picnic shelter and restrooms, a new playground and splash pad, basketball court renovations, and a new tennis and pickleball area.

Want to follow the project? Scan the QR code to visit our Civic Park Capital Campaign webpage to explore the complete vision for both phases, learn how you can support the project, and follow construction progress through updates and photos.

Be part of the legacy of Granite Civic Park as we invest today for generations to enjoy.



Playground

Check out our new website! www.GraniteQuarryNC.gov

#GQSOLID Award



This quarter, the Town is proud to recognize
Firefighter Alex Crowley
as the #GQSOLID Award recipient.

The Town of Granite Quarry continues to recognize exceptional employee service through the #GQSOLID Award, a quarterly program honoring individuals who go above and beyond in their roles. The award celebrates employees who exemplify the Town's core values of Growth, Quality, Streamlining communication, Operating with accountability, Leading with honesty & integrity, Implementing teamwork, and Demonstrating enthusiastic engagement.

This quarter, the Town is proud to recognize Firefighter Alex Crowley as the #GQSOLID Award recipient. Firefighter Crowley is known for his dedication to the fire service, his willingness to support fellow first responders, and his compassionate

commitment to serving others during their greatest times of need. The peer nomination highlighted Crowley's extraordinary response during a mental health crisis involving a young man seeking help. Firefighter Crowley took the time to speak with the individual, offer words of hope, encouragement, and faith that helped bring comfort during a deeply emotional moment. The encounter concluded with prayer and reassurance, leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved.

In addition to his compassion, Firefighter Crowley is recognized for his unwavering commitment to professional excellence. His nominator praised his dedication to learning the fire service, noting that he consistently holds himself to a high standard and is always willing to assist other departments whenever needed. Firefighter Crowley is described as someone who leads through service, integrity, and with a genuine desire to help others. Whether responding to emergencies, supporting fellow employees, or simply being available when someone needs guidance, he exemplifies the spirit of Granite Quarry's core values.

The Town of Granite Quarry encourages everyone to join in congratulating Firefighter Alex Crowley on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his outstanding service, compassion, and dedication to the community.

Halloween *DECORATING* Contest

The Community Appearance Commission is excited to host Granite Quarry's annual Halloween Decorating Contest!

All residents of GQ are eligible to enter. If your house is selected, you could win gift certificates, baskets, and other fun goodies from our sponsors.

Participation is easy:

- Decorate your house in a Halloween Theme
- Fill out the form on our webpage to enter with photos
- Entries must be received by October 18th

Fan Favorite Contest

To participate in the Fan Favorite contest, you must enter by October 18th. A vote by fans will be held ONLINE with winner announced October 23rd.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!





TOWN SERVICES CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

BRUSH & SMALL LIMB PICKUP

YEAR-ROUND SERVICE

Small limbs and brush are picked up the 1st and 3rd week of each month throughout the year.

LEAF PICKUP

SEASONAL SERVICE

Curbside leaf collection is provided will begin on the second week of October (13&14) and continue on the 2nd and 4th week of each month thru February.

PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES

Place items neatly at the curb and keep materials clear of mailboxes, vehicles, and other obstacles.

RESOURCES

Town of Granite Quarry:
Town Hall, Public Works,
Planning/Zoning: 704-279-5596

Police Department
(Non Emergency):
704-279-2952 (GQ Office)
704-216-8500 (Dispatch)

Fire Department
(Non Emergency):
704-279-5597

Rowan County Animal Control:
704-216-7768

Post Office:
704-279-4500

Rowan County Tax Administration Office:
704-216-8544

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities:
704-638-5300

Waste Management:
704-982-1224

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor: Brittany Barnhardt

Mayor Pro-Tem: John Linker

Council Members:
Doug Shelton, Laurie Mack,
and Rich Luhrs

Town Manager: Jason Hord

Town Clerk: Aubrey Smith



Friday, **Nov. 6th**
9am-3pm &
Saturday, **Nov. 7th**
9am-1pm



UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

SEPT 12 Fish for Fun

OCT 4-10 Fire Prevention Week

OCT 21 Halloween Decorating
Contest

OCT 23 FD/PD BBQ
Fundraiser

OCT 31 Trunk or Treat

NOV 11 Veterans Day

NOV 26 Thanksgiving

The Town Council meets
at 6PM on the 2nd
Monday of each month