

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting September 21, 2022

Johnny, Aaron and I met on Wednesday and worked out some ideas for Critters by the Creek. First, thank you for welcoming me back to the board! I understand Johnny is working on Kona ice, the balloon art man, pony rides, prizes, donations, face painting and more. Aaron is gathering volunteers to help work the event in addition to collecting tennis balls we can give out.

I asked Frank (my husband) to work a photo booth, he agreed. Can anyone help obtain a couple hay bales, corn stalks, fun scarecrows, or any other fall foliage to create a setting for photos?

I reached out to the library and Savannah Kitchens is very interested in having a booth at the event where she can issue library cards and share books about pets, pet care, animals in general. She will check with her staff and get back to me.

My daughter is on a rodeo team and their instructor is willing to do a couple rodeo demos at Critters. She asked if it would be ok that the rodeo team ask for donations for their upcoming events. I wanted to check with the board. What do you all think? I thought a 15/20 minute demo at 1:30 and another at 2:30 would be fun. In between, the team can show the horses in their full rodeo regalia. She knows we cannot offer to pay her, but could we perhaps give \$75 gift card for the hauling and doing the event. I'm going to see if she can bring an announcer to MC the rodeo. If not, Rusty, want to MC a rodeo? :)

I will call the Shelby Humane next week to see if/how they could participate. I will look into contacting two-by-two rescue. I was thumbing through photos from past Critters and we have had the following vendors, Montevallo Bulldog house, Parks did Popcorn, Fays Frills, the library, perhaps MJCC can do cotton candy.

Another idea, Target has several options of milk bone mini treats that come in containers like the pictures attached. The link below is another option. We could do a 'count the treats in the jar' give away. Whom ever comes close, gets the treats.

<https://www.target.com/p/milk-bone-marro-snacks-with-real-bone-marrow-dog-treats/-/A-53478374?preselect=47984375#lnk=sametab>

Aaron, would you have a student/volunteer who would manage this activity?

Another idea was to have an automated bubble blower, puppies love bubbles! Johnny, would we have enough in the budget to pick up a bubble blower? Aaron, would student/volunteers want to blow bubbles?

I believe the next Parks Board meeting is Wednesday Oct 5th at 5pm at the Senior Center. Does this work for everyone?

Thanks!
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Thanks all!

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