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Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways Announce Fundraising Achievements and Skate Contest/Kid Business Fair on October 21

The Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the community through fundraising for parks and greenways, are proud to announce they have signed the contract for the Skatepark Expansion project slotted to be completed this winter and plan to celebrate with another Skate Festival and Kid Business Fair. The event will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the CB Skatepark from 3-7pm and the kids fair from 3-5pm. Food trucks will be available and three to four bands will be playing as well as a best trick skateboard contest. Local kids, ages 10-16 will be setting up vendor booths for the 2nd time to sell their creative wares ranging from arts and crafts to food, services, jewelry, plants and more and as of this release, over 50 kids have signed up to participate.

“With the amazing support of our local community, generous local business sponsors, and the continued collaborations with the Town of Carolina Beach, the Friends of CB were able to achieve our first goal of 350k putting us on track to break ground winter of 2023-24,” said Nick Hahn, Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways board member and skate park committee chair. “While some costs have gone up and more street features have been added to the master plan, the ToCB has signed the contract with Artisan Skateparks to get started with the funds that are in hand with the understanding that ongoing fundraising effort will be raised in order to complete the entire master plan.”

Fundraising efforts were led by a skatepark subcommittee that created a series of Sk8 Festivals starting in early 2022. The events were designed to bring the community together to enjoy the CB Skatepark and all that surrounds the skateboarding scene, including music, art, and food.



These events led to the attention of many generous supporters, including Ben Wingrove, a local father of four and business owner. He was so excited about what the community was doing that his company Schedule Pop made a donation of \$135,000 to become the naming sponsor for the skatepark and launch us to the goal. Additional sponsorships have continued to come in and have helped the committee add more street features as requested by the skaters and the community.

“We might not get the chance to improve or update the skatepark for another 15 years, so we are aiming to get the whole master plan done with this expansion,” explained Hahn. “We will continue to fundraise till we hit our goal or Artisan has to move onto their next park.”

The proposed plan doubles the size of the existing park which now gets crowded during popular times of the day. This plan expands the park’s concrete features to include multiple areas so skateboards, BMX bikes and scooters can all ride more safely at the same time. New skate features such as street skating obstacles, a mini bowl and a pump track are planned along with dedicated areas designed for relaxing, spectating and hosting more skate festivals. Repairs will also be done to the 15-year-old park during the project.

The full master plan expansion costs \$475,000. The Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways committee has raised over \$207,000 plus the Town of Carolina Beach has dedicated \$175,000 which has the current total standing at \$382,000. With additional sponsors, in-kind donations and continued efforts, the Friends of CB hopes to raise the remaining \$93,000 by the end of the year.

To see the current plans for the skate park, developed by Pillar Design and Artisan Skateparks visit <https://www.friendsofcbparksandgreenways.org/skatepark>

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