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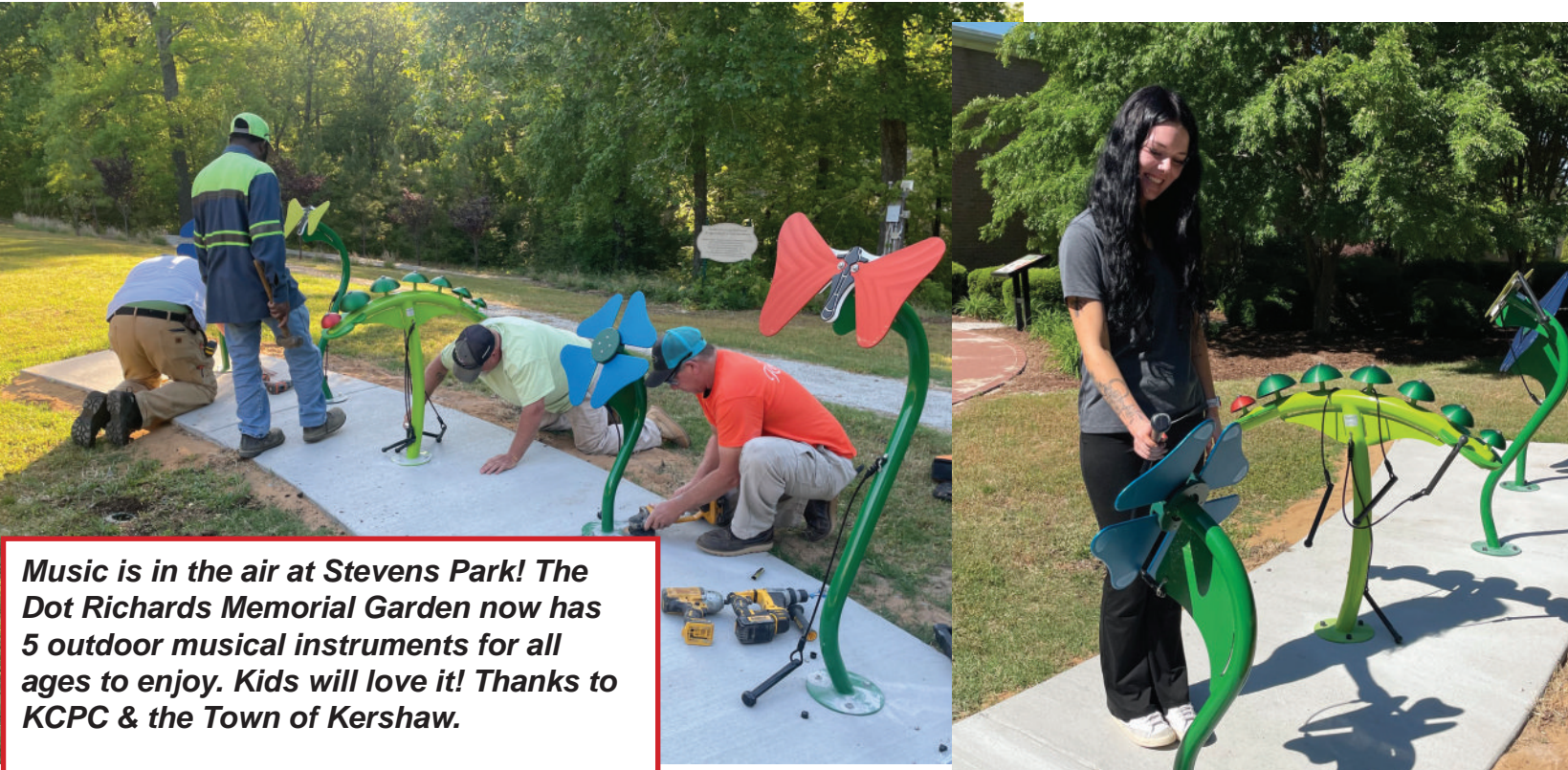
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Music is in the Air at Stevens Park! Dot Richards Memorial Garden



Music is in the air at Stevens Park! The Dot Richards Memorial Garden now has 5 outdoor musical instruments for all ages to enjoy. Kids will love it! Thanks to KCPC & the Town of Kershaw.

"They make very nice music. We tested them before placing them in. The Park Council(KCPC) is very excited about having these in Steven's Park also. We hope everyone enjoys making lovely music with them!" said Beverly Timmons of Kershaw Community Park Council.

Pictured is Courtney Carter playing the flowered and butterflies musical instruments.



Council Honors DeBruhl for 5 Years of Service



The Kershaw Town Council recognized Clerk Alicia DeBruhl for 5 years of service to the Town of Kershaw at Monday evening's Town Council meeting. Councilwoman Wendy Duncan said that DeBruhl has been invaluable with working with her on getting up to speed with issues regarding the town since joining Council in January.

Town of Kershaw, LCWSD ask customers to voluntarily limit water usage as dry conditions persist

The Lancaster County Water Sewer District has asked its customers, including those on the Town of Kershaw water system to voluntarily reduce water usage.



The Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) announced today that extremely dry weather conditions have placed the Catawba-Wateree River Basin in Stage 1 of the group's Low Inflow Protocol (LIP). As a result, voluntary water conservation is requested by all water users across the basin, including customers of the Lancaster County Water & Sewer District (LCWSD).

into moderate drought conditions. Prior to that, it had only labeled 11 counties as moderate and 35 as incipient, which is less severe.

During drought, Duke Energy's hydroelectric plants continue to operate but at reduced levels to preserve water storage in the lakes. Duke Energy is requesting lake neighbors who withdraw water from the Catawba-Wateree lakes for irrigation voluntarily limit watering to Tuesdays and Saturdays and only use the minimum amount of water necessary.

"We are in the eighth consecutive month of rainfall that is below the long-term average, and tributary stream flows remain very low—some areas receiving less than half their median levels," said Phil Fragapane of Duke Energy and the CW-DMAG coordinator. "We will continue to monitor conditions and provide updates as needed to help protect the shared water supply for our communities."

Overall, it is hoped to achieve a 3-5% voluntary reduction in water consumption through stage 1 of voluntary reductions.

The LCWSD requests that customers consider avoiding lawn, garden or other heavy irrigation if possible. If you must water, please use the following schedule: Even number addresses: Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2 am until 10 am
Odd or un-numbered addresses: Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 am until 10 am, and avoid non-essential uses such as refilling of pools and vehicle washing.

Local lakes are seeing water levels depleted as the drought persists. Lake Wylie is down 1.1 feet from its target level of 97 feet.

At Its April 15th meeting, the South Carolina Drought Committee moved all 46 counties

There is also a statewide burning ban in effect.

Sandy Grove United Methodist Church Breaks Ground



Sandy Grove United Methodist Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new fellowship building on Sunday, April 19 at 5810 Mt Pisgah Rd, Jefferson, SC. After some past fires, the church is ready to celebrate this new beginning chapter for the church community. (Gwynn Leaird Photography)