



# DIRECTORS REPORT AUGUST 2025





# Project Updates



## Price Road House - Explore Center

- HGC contract executed; PreCon Mtg 8/29, NTP 9/8.

## Academy Park Improvements

- 75% Submittal comments and page turn complete.

### Project Status:

- POD: as of 6/15 has invoiced 91% of their funds for design contract; Invoiced 52% of their sub design funds.
- Technical Status of design elements:
  - Civil: 50% Design
  - Building: 75% Design
  - Playground: 30% Design

## Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Kickoff meeting Scheduled 9/30

## MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.

## Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

- Preparing the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.



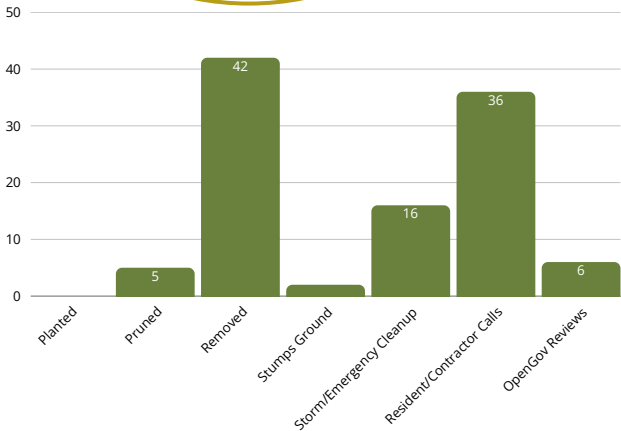




# Parks updates

## Arbor/Horticulture

- Street Tree location curb marking completed for fall 2025
- Meeting with OSU Extension (Tim McDermott) to discuss partnership possibilities and connection with schools
- ODNr Urban Forestry Grant application completed and submitted
- Community Gardens
  - donated to GRIN: 9 lbs zucchini, 2 lbs tomato, 7 oz green onion.
  - Collaborating with GRIN and lease holders about donating excessive yields.
- End-to-End Pruning and buffer clearance of Mountain Bike Trail at Academy. Potential CO-OP in discussion with CA scholastic MB team for future trail maintenance.
- Golf Course Memorial Garden planning started
  - Discussion opened between GC, facilities, maintenance, and horticulture teams outlining initial concepts and responsibilities moving forward. Completion of install projected for spring 2026.



## Parks/Facilities

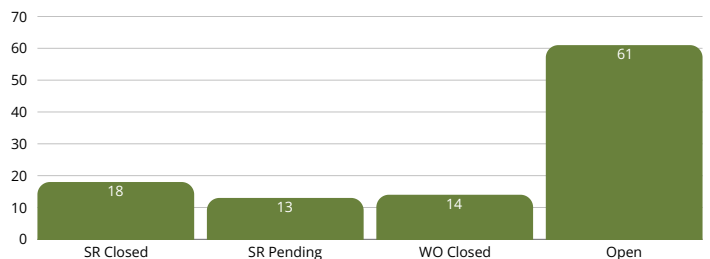
### Park/Facility Maintenance

3 damage reports

- Broken window from loading truck with arbor mats
- Damaged ramp from loading loaner lift onto trailer
- Dented light, trailer became unhitched while transporting pump in yard of garage
- Shull demo started 8/25, likely to be completed by second week of September
- Holiday lights - Working with new vendor for light show
- Blue-green algae bloom at Woodside south
  - Sent warning notices, installed signage
  - Reported to Franklin County Dept. of Health, consulted on process
  - Jones Lake Management installed temporary aerator and treated algae
  - MAD scientist took water samples for testing, expect results around 9/10
  - Aglae believed to be improved, Jones removed aerator

### Park/Facility Maintenance

- Built carport to maximize the life of new kayaks
- Replaced wire fence at Foxwood Reserve
- Replaced fence posts at Headley and Hannah Reserve
- Began winterizing procedures for GSP pools
- Ashburnham & Bryn Mawr Playground Audit
  - Ashburnham Entrapment Hazard Found
  - Bryn Mawr slide failed after inspection
- Academy Teacher Volunteer Day Logistics, Preparation, & Support
  - Playground Mulch at Various Parks
  - Paint Fencing & Structures at Various Parks
  - Invasive Removals and Trail Clearing at Various Parks
  - Clean trash in Big Walnut Creek



## Golf Course

### Course and Program Operations

- 50 Year Anniversary Weekend
- Sips and Tips - 35 total participants
- Last session for year was 8/26/2025
- Hosted memorial outing for family on 8/2
- Goats back on #1 hillside
- Weather/Closures -No days closed- Received 3/8" inches of rain in August





# Recreation Updates

## Senior

Program Name	# of Participants
Senior Sense: Activity and Nutrition	18
AARP Government Imposter Scams	22
Lunch and Learn: Athletico Physical Therapy	17
Meet with the Mayor	31
National Senior Citizens Day	66
OSU kickoff Tailgate	19

- 45 people driven in vans
- Approximately 306 miles driven
- 9 Sponsored Events
- \$2,650 In-Kind Donations
- 6 Free or Reduced Cost Meals
- 583 Current Members



### UPCOMING:

Gahanna Senior ————— 2025

**EXPO**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**  
11 AM - 2 PM  
GAHANNA SANCTUARY

Visit with vendors and learn all about community resources!

**FREE  
FOR THE  
PUBLIC!**

## Adult

- The July-August session of Pickleball finished August 29
  - Monday Intermediate Class: SOLD OUT with 20 participants
  - Friday Intermediate Class: SOLD OUT with 20 participants
  - Monday Beginner Class: 12 participants
  - Friday Beginner Class: 11 participants
- A second pickleball league started 7/16 due to high demand
  - League 1: SOLD OUT with 16 participants
  - League 2: SOLD OUT with 16 participants





# Recreation Updates

## Aquatics

- Back to School Bash took place on August 2 at HRP, featuring DJ Matt Ryan. Attendance was sparse due to low temperatures.
- Swim Lessons concluded for the season on August 8. Private swim lesson packages are wrapping up Labor Day weekend for a handful of clients.
- Group Lesson Enrollment:
  - Total – 653 (418 unique participants)
  - 13% increase from 2024
- Private Lesson Sales -53 packages
- The Gahanna Swimming Pool closed for the season on August 14.
  - **2025 visits at GSP 25,610**
  - 14% increase from 2024
- The Splashpad is operating 8am-8pm daily now that the Gahanna Swimming Pool is closed.
- The Hunters Ridge Pool began back-to-school hours of 11am-7pm Saturday and Sunday only starting August 16 through Labor Day, September 1.



## Youth & Family

- Snow cones at the Splashpad was held on August 8th and 95 snow cones were passed out.
- We're Going Creeking program was held on August 16th and was full at 50 participants.
- All summer camps are wrapped up for the season. Breakdown of total unique participants throughout the summer:
  - Camp Begins – 62 kids
  - Camp Friendship- 130 kids
  - Camp Hannah – 257 kids
  - Camp Thrive – 32 kids

### Upcoming Programs

- Toads Abodes 9/20
- Bally Sports/KinderDance and Drama Kids all back for fall!





# Recreation

## Updates

### Special Events

- 8/2 Corvette Car Show taking place in Creekside. Seasonal Event Staff were onsite to assist.
- 8/2 Columbus Jazz Orchestra at Headley Park. Seasonal Event Staff were onsite to assist.
- 8/5 Supported the Police Department for National Night Out Event at Headley Park
- 8/8 Creekside Live saw an attendance of about 1,000
- 8/12 Columbus Academy Day. Chelsea and Tyler assisted with different volunteer activities. Chelsea and Shunnye organized the event.
- 8/15 Cinema Under the Stars, This was the final Cinema Under the Stars and saw an attendance of 100. (storms were in the area prior to the event)
- 8/17 Muddy Miler, 450 people were registered to participate, 353 ran the race, and about 75 spectators.
- 8/22 Creekside Live, The last Creekside Live (Pop Gun) of the season. Saw an attendance of about 2,000.
- 8/27 Gahanna Market



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/20 Touch a Truck at Hannah
- 9/24 Final Gahanna Market for the year
- 9/28 Gahanna Flea Market

### Paddle Gahanna

Program Name	# of Participants
8/9 Celestial Paddle	6
8/12 Celestial Paddle	12
8/23 All Day Float	6

