



Gahanna  
PARKS & RECREATION



**DIRECTORS  
REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2025**



# Project Updates

## Price Road House - Exploration Center

- Rough Grading Complete
- Gravel Course over Parking Lots Complete
- Sanitary Sewer Lateral delayed due to Soil Conditions
- Current change orders
  - Vinyl Siding - In progress
  - Rotting at the header above the fireplace - Resolved
  - Extension of Sanitary lateral to keep boring machine out of wetland - in progress
  - Mold Abatement-Complete
  - Doorway heights conflict with roof soffit - in progress
  - Structural issues in basement - in progress
  - Electrical conflicts with sidewalk - in progress
  - Electrical panel conflicts - in progress
  - Plumbing and electrical conflicts - in progress
- All Permits are approved

## Academy Park Improvements

- 90% Submittal by POD (still in review)
- Development Plan
  - Will address requests for variances
  - Stormwater variance under review
- Technical Status of design elements:
  - Civil: 75% Design
  - Building: 90% Design
  - Playground: 75% Design
- Development Plan still under review

## Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Kickoff Meeting will be in mid-January.

## MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC is transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.

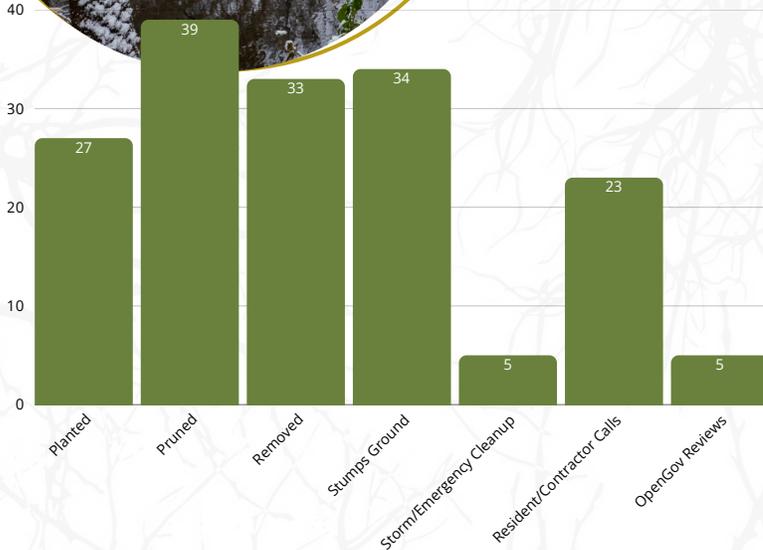
## Trail Signage Repair

- TAP Grant awarded for \$136,500 for signs along Big Walnut

## Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

- 2027 Preparation - Parking lot assessment underway





## Arbor/Horticulture

- Link to Literacy walk-through
- Fall annuals removed
- Winter greens installed
- Holiday Lights prep, setup, and teardown

## Community Gardens

- Winterized water supply, pulled hoses, and watering cans

## Golf Course

### Course and Program Operations

- Service repairs of z mower and fairway mower
- Borrowed z mower from Parks department while equipment was down
- Winterization of course complete
- Quotes on epoxy floor refinish/install for Pro Shop restrooms
- Work completed on badge reader install on clubhouse doors

**Golf Course  
closed  
for the season**

## Weather/Closures

### Rain

- October 31
- November 9
- November 18 - November 19
- November 22
- November 25

**Received approximately 2" of  
rainfall in November**

### Snow

- November 10 - November 12



# Parks Updates



## Parks/Facilities

### Park/Facility Projects

#### *Friendship Park*

- Ongoing, received 2 concepts
- Site evaluation and mapping complete
- Evaluating alternative grant funding

#### *Academy Park*

- Playground concept planning ongoing

#### *Creekside renovations*

- Meetings with consultants and project team.

#### *Bridges*

- Woodside green bridge repairs completed
- Addressed rotting boards on BWT section 4 bridge.
- Provided quotes to city administration

#### *Woodside South Pond Aerators*

- Electric work passed inspections, awaiting AEP installation

#### *Trails and Parking lots*

- VFW, Friendship and GSP lots completed
- Creekside path on east side of Mill race repaired

#### *MTB Trail*

- Final signs approved

#### *Parks garage renovation*

- All Superintendent and Foreman offices are complete.

#### *Signage and Kiosks*

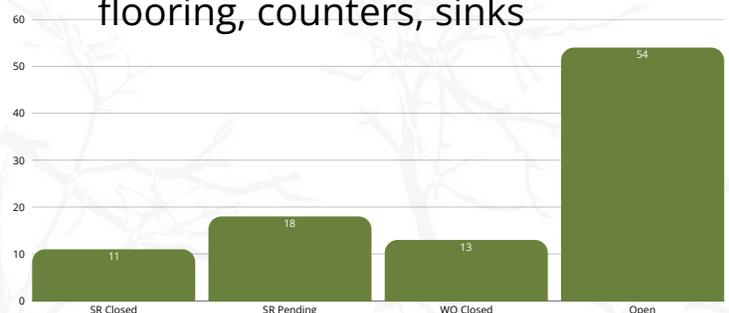
- No updates

#### *Holiday Lights*

- All teams assisted in set-up, completed prior to opening event on 11/2

#### *Aquatics planning*

- Began renovations at HRP, demolition of concession and bathrooms
- Plan to install new partitions, flooring, counters, sinks



# Parks Updates



- USW negotiations
- Assist with preparation/setup/tear-down for the Holiday Lights
- Snow/Ice Control on 11/10
- Patched holes in bridge decking BWT bridge section 4
- Plumbing repairs at various locations
- Electrical repairs at various locations
- Painted the inside of Headley's Athletic Facility
- Began scanning asphalt trails with Vialytics

**Awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
OPRA award for  
Mountain Bike Trail**

## Staff Development

- OPRA leadership training
- OHPELRA leadership, Zac presented on a panel
- Planning for 2026 CBJF
- Future Leaders Mentor Meeting
- Central Ohio Canopy Conference
- Gametime inclusive playground and grant education session



# Recreation Updates

**The Senior Center is switching to online registration and has completed 3 Sessions with 72 attendees.**

**572 Current Members**

- 36 people driven in vans
- Approximately 100 miles driven
- 16 Sponsored Events
- \$1810 In-Kind Donations
- 6 Free or Reduced Cost Meals
- 1 Day Trips
- US Air Force Museum: Nov 4- Cancelled due to Gov't shutdown
- Some Like It Hot-Ohio Theatre Nov 19

## Senior



Program Name	# of Participants
Women's Health Presentatiom	11
Alzheimer's Association- Caregiving	6
Wesley Hospice- Hospice 101	9
Get the Scoop on Medicare	15
Social Security Scams	12
Casino Night	7
Veterans Day Breakfast	43
Thanksgiving Meal- SOLD OUT	80

## Adult

- Slow Flow Yoga: 9 participants
- Chair Yoga: 6 participants





# Recreation Updates

## Aquatics & Safety

- Blended Learning Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED
  - Canceled due to low enrollment.
- CPR Course
  - Seven full-time Gahanna employees passed the course
- Babysitting Basics
  - Canceled due to low enrollment.

## Youth & Family

- Fall programs
  - Kinderdance began with 5 registrants
  - Kindertots started with 7 registrants
  - Excell Volleyball – Began November 3<sup>rd</sup> with 33 participants

## Special Events

- November to Remember Event took place on 11/14 at Hannah Park. This pop-up style event saw about 50 in attendance.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony took place on 11/11.
- Holiday Lights took place on 10/23.



# Recreation Updates



## Staff Development

- Attended OPRA Leadership Summit
- Attended the ACA Virtual Ohio Day Camp Connections meeting on November 10th
- Attended the OHPELRA Supervisor Training
- Attended the PRADCO Leadership Development Workshop
- Attended the OPRA Leadership Summit
- Participated in the OPRA Awards Judging
- Lauren created an online registration training guide for seniors

**ODNR Grant Report  
was submitted  
on 10/31**

**Transportation Grant  
was submitted with the  
support of the Grant  
Management Analyst**

