

*Department of Parks & Recreation
April 2023*

Projects

- Trapp Park Trail – Path was redone by contractor to the identified scope of work to meet ADA regulations. The project is still in progress. A sidewalk will be installed to connect the path to the playground. A retaining wall will also be installed to provide structural support.

Senior Center

- Coffee and Connect 3/29 – 7 seniors attended
- Emergency Family Binder 4/5 – 20 seniors attended
- Akron History Day Trip 4/11 – 20 seniors attended the day trip to Stan Hywet Hall and the McKinley Presidential Library
- Senior Golf League Kick-Off Meeting 4/13 – 75 seniors attended
- Senior Members - 312

Recreation Programs

- Foraging Hike – 7
- Flower Crowns - 10
- April CPR class – 6
- April Lifeguarding course at the Gahanna YMCA – 9
- New Certified Lifeguards – 13
- 2023 Sponsorship Dollars - \$59,500
- 2023 Pool Membership Sold - 272
- Golf Memberships – 186
- 2023 Golf Rounds – 2,622
- Summer Camp Data

Camp Friendship			9-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
348	336	8	43
Camp Hannah			9-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
648	559	2	1
Little Adventurers			8-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
117	42	0	0
Bally Sports Summer Camp			8-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
268	179	0	0

Jump Bunch/Amazing Athletes			3-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
72	54	1	3
Girls of Destiny			2-sessions
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
50	6	0	0

May

- Coffee and Connect 4/28 – Lauren and Annette will be meeting with seniors to discuss upcoming summer programs and trips.
- Walk in our Boots 5k taking place on 4/29 at Creekside Park. This event is in partnership with the VFW.
- Spring Fling 5/4 – The Senior Center is taking over Hannah Park for their annual Spring Fling celebration. A meal will be provided by sponsors Walnut Trace and Sunrise Senior Living with activities provided by Senior Center staff and Right at Home Care.
- Herb Day is taking place on 5/6 at Creekside Park. This event is coordinated by The Ohio Herb Education Center and Visit Gahanna.
- Herb n' Arts fair is taking place on 5/13 at Veteran's Park and is coordinated by GLHS.
- The Frist Kayak 101 will be taking place on 5/19.
- Love Birdies Night Out, the first event of the season at the Golf Course will be held on May 19th.
- Senior Center Townhall 5/26 –Senior Center staff and members of the Gahanna Active Senior Advisory Committee will be hosting a Townhall to talk about current programs and future projects.
- Spring Car Care 5/30 – Senior Center staff will be helping seniors check their tire pressure, refill wiper fluid, and clean the interiors of their vehicles.
- National Senior Health and Fitness Day 5/31 – To celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day, the Senior Center will be hosting a lunch in collaboration with sponsors Rittenhouse Village and NovaCare Rehabilitation. There will also be a month-long promotion during May to increase attendance at Senior Center fitness classes. For every 3 classes members attend, they will be entered into a raffle drawing at the May 31st celebration.
- Senior Center May Day Trips – There will be 4 day trips available to seniors in May: Breakfast and Topgolf, Spring Hike at the Columbus Park of Roses, Tranquility Salt Spa, and the Wilds Safari Park. So far, the Tranquility Salt Spa and Wilds Safari Park trips are sold out while Breakfast and Topgolf and the Spring Hike quickly filling up.
- Upcoming Outdoor Exploration programming:
 - Bird Migration Hike – 4/29
 - Flower Crowns (added class due to popularity and waitlist numbers) – 5/3
 - Pollination Nation – 5/10
 - Stream Exploration – 5/19

- Preserving Your Harvest (with speaker from OSU) – 5/20
- Spring Migration – 5/27
- Night Hike – 5/31

Parks, Facilities & Golf

- Conducted weekly park maintenance trash/bathrooms/cleaning
 - 32 Properties maintained
- Hiring
 - Maintenance Worker II interviews
 - Scheduled Maintenance Worker I interviews
 - Recruiting seasonals
 - Jack Biel retirement, offer made to replacement
- Flood preparation and clean-up (1 event)
 - Install barricades
 - Remove bridge rails
 - Sweep all areas of trails
- Event support/planning
 - Egg Hunt
 - Shred it day
 - Supplies for Make Gahanna Yours volunteer event
 - Supplied trash supplies to 30 volunteers from MS West
 - CBJF planning meetings
 - Parks & Rec planning meetings
 - Herb Day
- Aquatic Facilities
 - Cleaned and power washed all 3 pools
 - Painted HRP
 - Painted restrooms GSP
 - Painted entry doors HRP
 - Procured quotes & scheduled work for new concrete at GSP
 - Procured quote & scheduled work for new fencing (HRP & GSP)
- Athletic fields
 - Applied fertilization
 - Dirt infields sprayed
 - Rolled and patch Headley
 - Prepped baseball fields for season start
- Aerated splash pad turf area, seeded & strawed.
- Built and installed 20 new picnic tables (Friendship shelter, gazebo and Headley)
- Built and installed 4 new patio tables at Creekside Café
- Removed broken backboard braces at Sunpoint
- Inspected and installed split rail as needed
- Outdoor bathrooms opened at Friendship
- Installed InstaTurf and overseeded at Pizzurro

Arbor/Horticulture

- Forestry mulcher rental (Academy Park, Pizzuro Park)
- Planted early spring flowers
- Picked up spring trees and perennials from nurseries
- Patriot Prep field trip at Creekside Arboretum
- Planted perennial plants in sign beds
- Mulched and spring cleanup at Rock Park
- Planted annuals at Creekside
- Mowed and trimmed community gardens
- Hosted Goshen Lane Elementary field trip at Creekside Arboretum
- Tree City USA Awards in Groveport
- Kody observed prescribed burn at Cedar Bog
- Trimmed trails along McKenna Creek and between Morse Rd. and Academy Park
- Participated in Earth/Arbor Day Celebration at Goshen Lane Elementary School
- Organized a Free Tree Giveaway at City Hall
- Removed flower bed at GSP
- Installed exclusion fencing around trees at Goshen Elementary
- Miranda and Jason Strohmeyer observed prescribed fire at Deer Creek Metro Park
- Trees Planted: 18
- Trees Pruned: 15
- Trees removed: 3
- Trees resident/contractor calls: 46
- Trees resident/contractor meetings: 7
- Trees zoning application reviews: 21
- Hazard tree inspections: 1
- Storm/Emergency clean-up/removal: 12