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Project updates:

- Ambassador Playground – The new playground equipment was fully installed and opened for use in April. Quotes have been received for the installation of a border surrounding the wood fiber with installation planned for later this summer when site conditions are drier. Other site amenities are currently in development (sidewalk, bench, picnic table).
- Sundial at Sunpoint Park – An interpretative sign is the only outstanding work item; this sign is currently being fabricated with installation planned for June.
- Upper McCorkle Playground – All new playground equipment has been installed and the site is open for use. No additional site improvements are planned at this time.
- Price Road House and Parking Lot – Design contracts (architect, MEP, site engineer) are being finalized to allow for re-bidding of all site improvements in Q3 of 2024. Construction is currently anticipated for 2025.
- Aquatics Master Plan – Brandstetter Carroll INC. has initiated the evaluation phase of the plan. Staff have submitted the requested data for the consultant review.
- Academy Park Improvements – The selected consultant, POD Design, is under contract and a project kickoff meeting was held on May 23. Upcoming work items include site survey and soil borings.
- Action Park – A Request for Proposals was published on May 7. Submittals are due on May 31.
- Golf Course Cart Path – An amendment with the design engineer (American Structurepoint) is being finalized to update the drawings to resolve contractor questions and improve constructability of the new cart path.
- Woodside Green / Hannah Park Pond Improvements – Preliminary recommendations have been received from the consultant, Kimley-Horn, and are under review by City staff.

Recreation:

Adult & Senior Center

- Golf League: 74 participants
- 5/3 Spring Fling: 57 participants
- 5/7 Car Care: Staff helped 12 senior center members by cleaning out cars, filling wiper fluid, and checking their tire pressure
- 5/23 Senior Prom: The first ever “Senior” Prom had a total of 27 attendees. The night was full of fun and included a light meal, a DJ, and photobooth.
- May Day trips:
 - Columbus Clippers Game (5/16) 15 attendees
 - Hocking Hills Trip (5/31) 20 attendees
- June trips: Lion King is sold out with 20 attendees and Reds Game has sold 12 spots



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- 499 total members of the Senior Center

Adult Programming

- New classes: Clay Workshops with Bea, Yoga Based Movement, Chair Yoga, and Paint Your Pet
- Pickleball Lesson – The May section of adult pickleball lessons began on May 6. It runs every Monday and Friday with sessions for both beginner and intermediate levels. 3 out of 4 sessions are sold out.
- Cornhole League – The Summer Cornhole League was cancelled due to low enrollment.

Aquatics & Safety Programming

- Lifeguard classes scheduled for May 2-5 & 16-19 certified a combined 21 new Lifeguards. More are scheduling as we do interviews. All participants are staff for this summer.
- We recertified 10 Lifeguards over two courses in May. All current LG certified staff that did not attend a Lifeguard course in May attended the course as their pre-season in-service training.
- CPRO courses are scheduled for May 5 & May 16-17. Final registrations = 10 including 1 resident.
- WSI course is set to run May 26-30. Course dates were adjusted due to scheduling conflicts. There are 6 candidates in the class.
- Swim Instructor positions are being lowered to a minimum age of 15 (previously 16) to align with new Red Cross standards.
- We closed positions with 185 total applications across all aquatic positions. 128 have accepted offers.
- Splash pad opened May 1. It will be open 8a-8p until GSP opens on May 26.
- Hunters Ridge opened May 25, GSP will open May 26.
- Swim Lesson registration will open on May 20 for June courses. We have 810 spaces for swim lessons this summer across our various types of lessons. (2023 total was 510)
 - Current registrations (June only): 212
- Swim Team registration opened on May 1.
 - Current registration: 35
- Memberships sold to date: 483

Special Event & Paddle Programs

- Tyler Wilson joined the team on 5/13 as the Recreation Coordinator II



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- Event + Boat Orientations took place on: 5/9, 5/13, and 5/15
- Chelsea + Krista taught CPR/AED training on 5/18 to 16 staff members
- Event + Paddle Boat currently have 7 seasonal staff, 3 of which are minors, and 1 seasonal coordinator
- Paddle Gahanna opened on 5/24/2024 for the season.
- The first Kayak 101 is scheduled for 5/30
- The Memorial Day Ceremony took place on 5/27 at Veteran's Park.
- Chelsea and Tyler participated in the log jam cleanup on 5/29.
- Creekside Live will be back on 6/7 beginning at 5pm on the Plaza at Creekside
- 6/21 is the first Cinema Under the Stars for the Season- The Super Mario Brothers
- 6/21 is the first Celestial Paddle for the season and is currently full with 12 participants registered.

Golf Course Programs

- Sips and Tips FORE! Ladies programs starts May 7
 - Total attendees for both levels of Sips and Tips - 20
- Total rounds – 3,088
- Total memberships - 177

Youth & Family Programming

- 92 participants in our free Earth Day Coloring Contest
- Summer Camp Training took place 5/20, 5/21, 5/23, 5/24
- Summer Camp Open House for families was held on Wed, 5/22
- Snow cones at the Splashpad is scheduled for Fri, 6/14 at GSP from 10am-11am
- Youth Pickleball Try-it-Clinic is scheduled for Sat, 6/1 from 1pm-3pm at Hannah Park (currently has 10 enrolled)
- Mini Soccer Stars is scheduled for SAT 6/1 - 7/6 at Lower McCorkle for ages 3-4, 5-7 and 7-9. (currently has 30 enrolled)
- Amazing Athletes is scheduled for WED 6/12 - 7/17 at the Golf Course Clubhouse for ages 1.5 - 3 and 3-5. (currently has 9 enrolled)
- Karate Zoo is scheduled for SAT 6/15 - 7/20 at the Golf Course Clubhouse for ages 3 – 4 and 5 – 6. (currently has 15 enrolled).
- In House Summer Day Camp enrollment numbers are as follows:
 - Camp Hannah – 100% FULL (883 campers enrolled)
 - Camp Friendship – 97% FULL (510 campers enrolled)
 - Camp Thrive – 100% FULL (52 campers enrolled)
 - Camp Begins – 78% FULL (112 campers enrolled & increased the weekly max from 12 to 18 campers to accommodate demand)



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- STEM in the Park took place Fri, 5/3 at Friendship from 2pm-3pm in partnership with COSI. This small pop-up science event attracted 33 people!
- Spanish youth classes scheduled to start 5/14 were cancelled due to low enrollment
- Bally Sports T-Ball classes that started 5/2 - 40 kids
- Bally Sports Baseball classes that started 5/7 - 22 kids
- Parents Night Out at the Golf Course scheduled to take place Friday, May 17 was cancelled due to low enrollment.
- Contractual Camps enrollment for the summer are as follows:

Bally Sports Camp - 24271

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
301	33	33	100%
302	33	32	97%
303	33	33	100%
304	33	14	42%
306	33	24	73%
307	33	33	100%
308	33	17	52%
309	33	21	64%
Total	264	207	78%

Jump Bunch & Amazing Athletes Camp - 24261

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
302	12	4	33%
302a	12	7	58%
307	12	9	75%
307a	12	6	50%
308	12	11	92%
308a	24	17	71%
Total	84	54	64%

Girls of Destiny Camp -24283

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
301	20	9	45%
302	20	7	35%
303	20	5	25%
Total	60	21	35%

Art Camp - 35321

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
301	15	9	60%
Total	15	9	60%

Beginner Archery Camp - 74291

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
301	16	2	13%
302	16	0	0%
Total	32	2	6%

Intro to Acting - 35322

Section	Max Count	Total Enrolled	% Filled
301	20	18	90%
Total	20	18	90%

Arbor/Horticulture

- Landscape bed weeding
- Mulching
- Sunpoint sundial planting event with girl scout troop
- Herb Day plant delivery and other event prep
- Continued landscape renovation work at Veteran’s Memorial
- Weekly community garden maintenance
- Weekly watering for flowers
- Flower installation at multiple park locations and bridge baskets
- Arbor Day 2024 celebration at High Point Elementary School
- Senior Center Street Tree Program Update (Julie and Kody)
- Final inspection of street tree planting project (WinnScapes) and distribution of mulching and watering door hangers
- Trail vegetation management at Cherry Bottom and Laurel Ridge, Gahanna Woods
- Volunteer honeysuckle removal at Friendship Park
- MGY planting day (May 18)
- Touch-A-Truck at Gahanna Community Congregational Church (Ben and Blake)

Since last report

Planted	29
Pruned	1
Removed	1
Storm/Emergency Cleanup	11
Hazard Inspections	0
Resident/Contractor Calls	21
Resident/Contractor Meetings	9
Zoning Application Reviews	23

Parks/Facilities

Safety

- Distracted driver training (all staff trained)
- Boiler inspections at both pools
- Scheduled CRASE training with Lt. Kissel for early June

HR

- PT Coordinator onboarding (1 coordinator)
- MWI & MWII onboarding (4 total)
- Part time team member onboarding (1 team member)
- Seasonal onboarding (6 total seasonals)



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Software

- City Works
 - 3 SR closed in last 30 days
 - 17 SR currently open
 - 37 WO closed or completed in last 30 days
 - 113 WO currently open

Project/Ongoing Park tasks

- Power issue Woodside completed
- Gahanna Golf Course Deck
 - Work scheduled 2nd week of July to commence, 2-3 week construction expected
- Communication panel project with Schools
 - Working with sign consultant on design of panel, expect to order by July 1
- Completed roof repair Herb Center carriage house
- New stainless fixtures installed at Friendship shelter bathrooms, awaiting flush valve install (internal)
- VFW
 - Installed new markers for brick locations
 - Power washed pavers
 - Cleaned memorial monument
- Contractor repaired lights on Creekside Island
- All water fountains turned on for season

Creekside/110 Mill

- Installed new lights in rock fountain at Creekside
- Caulked & repaired lower waterwall at Creekside
- Vacuumed lower & upper lagoon at Creekside
- Creekside waterwall minor repairs, paint
- Paint & repair rock fountain
- Started PM's for Blues & Jazz (Electrical outlets, pavers, concrete work etc.)

Pools

- Concrete slabs around pool decks at all 3 pools were raised because of trip hazards (A-1 concrete leveling)
- GSP
 - Completed installing AC in concession/ Guest Service
 - Worked with IT to update camera wiring and installation
 - Painted front and back pool
 - Prepared alternate parking areas
 - Power washed drains
 - Columbia Gas enclosure at GSP cleared of vegetation



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- Re-Installed Pump Motor and Installed DE Filters
- Re-Installed Rock Wall & Lifeguard Chairs
- Repaired Back Pool Boiler
- Splashpad
 - Ongoing operations and daily water testing
- HRP
 - Opened on 4/24
 - Ongoing operations and daily water testing
 - Painted pool
 - Installed sunshade
 - Power washed drains
 - Re-Installed Pump Motor and Installed DE Filters
- 2024 & 2025 capital equipment
 - 2 new trailers requested for mowers
 - 1 new 72" z-turn delivered 5/28
- Recreation program support
 - Prepared and installed paddle boats for season
 - Repaired kayak slip at Creekside
 - Assisted to prep Hannah park storage areas for camp
 - CBJF planning
 - Boat scheduling and planning
 - 825 ground breaking support
 - Sr. prom supply delivery
 - GMAC cleaning and prep
 - Memorial day support

Parks

- Repair & install glider at Sunpoint

Athletic fields

- Dragged fields, sprayed for weeds
- Athletic field operations
- All leagues began season (Soccer, LAX, Baseball, St. Matthew)

Playgrounds

- Inspections
 - McCorkle Park
- Trapp slide repair, slide in awaiting repair
- Ongoing stabilization repairs at Rathburn
- Sunpoint Park (regular play equipment issues due to high use)
- Added playground mulch to Rathburn
- Obtaining quote to replace safety surface at Rathburn



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Volunteer events

- Provided supplies for 30 volunteers to clean around MS west and Mccorkle

Weekly items

- Mowed and trimmed 32 properties
- Trash and restrooms

Monthly items

- Building inspections
- Pond treatments
- Broom bike paths

Golf Course

- Weekly safety meetings
- Applied spring fertilization (4000 lbs of product)
- Course operations
 - Train new rangers
 - New cart path planning with Parks Project Manager
 - Cart maintenance through Fleet Dept.
- Course maintenance
 - Weekly items
 - Rolled greens, repaired divots, mowed all areas 2 times per week, blow off debris
 - Water as necessary (through system and hand watering)
 - Daily tasks
 - Trash, bathrooms, clear debris, cut greens, spray for weeds, bunkers
 - Irrigation head cleaning
 - Sprayed weeds
 - Irrigation pump maintenance
- Weather
 - Course closed due to rain 5/8, 5/10, 5/17
 - Course closed due to flooding 4/11-4/14
 - Unclogged drains
 - Monitored cleanliness of Golf Course Clubhouse. Addressed concerns with contractor, contractor performing better.