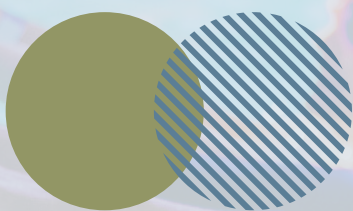




MARCH 2025 DIRECTORS REPORT



Project Updates

Price Road House

- Tree removal complete.
- Permit Status:
 - Submitted 3rd revision of Arch/MEP for Building in response to official comments
 - Engineering completeness review complete; now under review
 - Floodplain use civil – approved
 - Floodplain use building - Submitting 3rd revision of Arch/MEP for Building in response to official comments
 - Development Plan – approved
 - ROW Permit will begin when engineering review is complete
- Bidding - expectation to bid project in spring 2025

Academy Park Improvements

- Issues with completion of civil site as well as foundation of facility was identified by City in mid-March; waiting on resolution from consultant team before progressing with design.

Academy Mountain Bike Trail

- Some signage from builder installed. Additional warning signage and rules to be added by Park Operations. The official grand opening is scheduled for June 6 at 4:00 PM.

MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC has set up tech projects in layer; Private development projects have been submitted; Parks and Engineering continuing to update information for MORPC.

Aquatics Master Plan

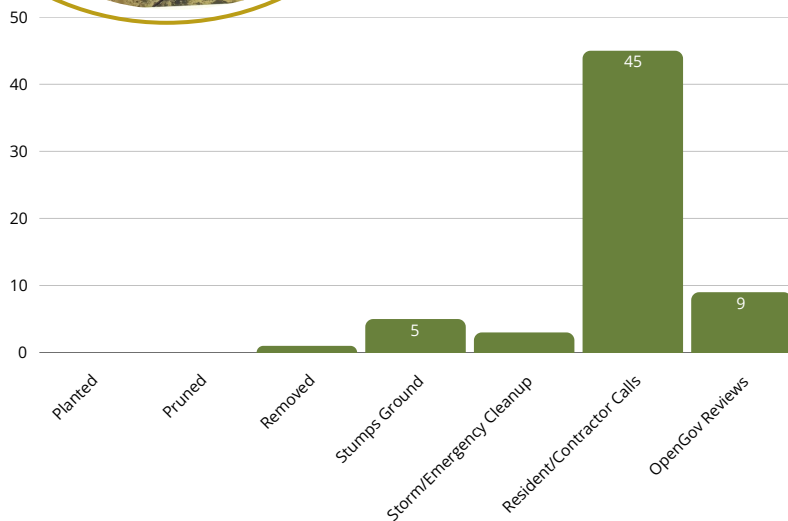
- Final draft of plan received from Brandstetter Carroll for staff review.





Parks **Updates**

Arbor/Horticulture

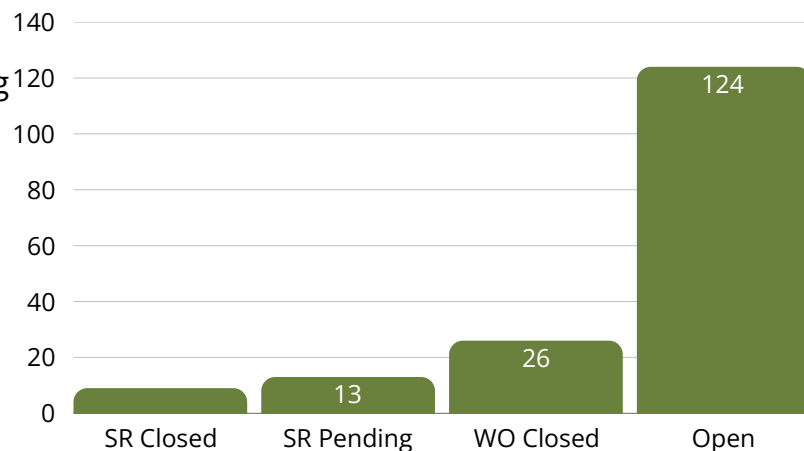


- Gathered information for IRA Forestry Grant Application
- Hosted urban forestry networking event at the Golf Course
- Contracted landscaping edging and cleanups
- ROW maintenance began with contractor
- Prepped baskets and planters for spring annuals
- Early spring flower planting at Creekside
- In-house trainings: Chainsaw/Knot tying

Parks/Facilities

Facility Maintenance

- Shade canopies installed at playgrounds
- AED Devices Have been installed in the following locations:
 - Friendship Park
 - Creekside Plaza
 - Upper McCorkle Park
 - Sunpoint Park
 - Woodside Green Park
 - Academy Park
 - Headley Park
 - Hannah Park
 - Shull Park
- Rt 62 bridge rail scheduled for week of 4/14
- Athletic fields
 - All fields lined
 - Aerated Headley
 - Turf chemical applications (pre-emergent on sport fields)
- HRP Sewer line repair complete



Park Maintenance

- Installed dugout screens
- Ground repairs at multiple parks, regrade, seed and straw
- Baseball diamond prep, chemical weed applications

Golf Course

Course Operations

- Opening day 3/10/25
- Pepsi contract in place and received new cooler
- Updated chemical reporting process to align with Park Operations
- Irrigation pump removed for repairs
- Strawser redid hydroseeding from cart path replacement



Recreation Updates

Senior

New Programs

- 3.13 Meals for One - Coordinator, Lauren, taught attendees how to make a variety of meals with just a few ingredients. (11 attendees)
- 3.20 Board Game Bonanza - Participants can bring in their own board game to share and play with friends. (8 attendees)
- Educational Presentations: 3
 - 3.6- Lunch & Learn (23 attendees)
 - 3.20-Active Shooter Training taught by CLO Blair Thomas and Lieutenant Matt Kissel (29 attendees)
 - 3.24-Tech support (24 attendees)



- 3.4 Mardi Gras - Attendees enjoyed a Cajun-inspired meal and Mardi Gras fun with friends. (60 attendees)
- 3.17 St Patrick's Day Party - Attendees enjoyed a light lunch and celebrated St Patrick's Day together. (74 attendees)
- 6 free or reduced cost meals were offered
- 3.25 Werner House Trip- (9 attendees)

Upcoming:

- 4.17 Casino Night - Attendees will experience all the fun of a casino! Partnering with VIP Casino Events, the Senior Center will be transformed into a working casino featuring slot machines, roulette, poker, and blackjack. Participants will play for fake money and trade it in for prizes. (33 registered).
- 4.10 Cocktails at the Conservatory
- 4.15 OSU Baseball Game
- 4.23 The Neil Diamond Musical - SOLD OUT with 20 registered

- 25 people driven in vans
- Approximately 58 miles driven
- 10 Sponsored Events
- \$1025 In-Kind Donations
- 515 Current Members

Adult

- Chair Yoga: 4 registered
- Slow Flow Yoga: 7 registered
- Pickleball lessons started in March. 4 sessions were offered: 2 beginner and 2 intermediate.
 - Monday Beginner: 19 registered
 - Monday Intermediate: SOLD OUT with 16 registered
 - Friday Beginner: 11 registered
 - Friday Intermediate: SOLD OUT with 16 registered





Recreation Updates

Aquatics

- Space was secured for the Lifeguarding and Water Safety Instructor courses with the Gahanna YMCA. Simmons and Gill met with Carrie Anders, Executive Director of Aquatics for the YMCA of Central Ohio, on 3.14 to discuss the ongoing partnership with the Department and the YMCA
- 3.8 & 3.9 Babysitting basics course (3 participants).
- Attended Gahanna-Lincoln for their summer job fair on 3.13 to talk with Gahanna students about summer opportunities.
- Simmons attended the inaugural meeting of the Columbus Alliance for Preventing Drowning, a coalition of Aquatics professionals and first responders in Central Ohio to review drowning statistics and implement water safety education and legislation on 3.19. This will be an ongoing project to bring these water safety items back to Gahanna to educate the public on how to be safe in, on, and around the water.
- The first Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor courses will be held 3.29-3.31 and 4.1 - 4.3 respectively. Partnering with Grove City Parks & Recreation to ensure we have enough participants to run these courses to the American Red Cross minimum participant requirements.



**54% of staff applicants are
returning employees
202 Applications to date**

▶▶▶ 142 Memberships to date



Special Events

- The 5K / Special Event application is changing to an online process through a City owned software, Open Gov. This has the capacity to share information and request tasks, interdepartmentally. Other applications will be transitioned to this format once piloted program is finalized. Expected to go live on 4.2.2025 for the Gahanna Market Vendor Application and the 5k Application.
- Registration for the Egg Hunt went live on 3.3.2025 current enrollment **473**.



Recreation Updates

Summer Camps

Camp	Overall Enrolled	Max Enrollment
Camp Begins	125	128
Camp Friendship	541	540
Camp Hannah	989	990
Camp Thrive	96	96



58% of staff from 2024 have accepted positions to return in 2025.

100% of Summer Camp Leadership positions are full



Summer Day Camp Open House

The 2nd annual Summer Day Camp Open House on Wednesday, May 21 from 6 – 7 p.m. at both Hannah Park and Friendship Park. This serves as a time to meet the Camp Staff, tour the shelter house, and help campers get set up for success for the summer! Campers will be busy with activities so parents have plenty of time to ask questions. The Open House is for the in-house day camps only to include Camp Friendship, Camp Hannah, Camp Begins and Camp Thrive.

- Friendship Park will host families looking for more information on Camp Friendship and Camp Begins.
- Hannah Park will host families looking for more information on Camp Hannah and Camp Thrive.

Youth and Family

- 3.31-4.4 Bally Sports Spring Break Camp (15 participants).
- Kinderdance begins 4.7 with a full class of 12 participants at the Senior Center.
- The Earth Day Coloring contest submission ends on 4.22. Currently 29 submissions.
- Skyhawks Sports Multi-Sport and Lacrosse programs are scheduled to begin on 4.17

