

*Department of Parks & Recreation
August 2023*

Projects

- The Upper McCorkle playground as well as the Ambassador Commons Playground will go to Planning Commission for review and approval in September.
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan: The Master Plan along with the Capital Improvement Plan were formally adopted by City Council.
- The Price Road House/Exploration Center – The single bid that was received for the renovation of the house exceeded the engineers estimate by 10%. The engineer's estimate is being reevaluated by another architect prior to readvertising for formal bid.
- Woodside Green Parking Lot – Construction of the full replacement of the parking lot began on August 28.

Senior Center

- 8/2 Matter of Balance Class – The Senior Center is hosting a 6-week long class that aims to help seniors build their strength and confidence in their balance. The class is taught by representatives from the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging.
- 8/21 National Senior Citizen's Day– Senior Center members were invited to a cookout style lunch to celebrate National Senior Citizen's Day. Sponsors Right at Home Healthcare, Capital Health Homecare, and Sunrise Senior Living provided a meal to over 50 seniors.
- 8/30 Coffee and Connect – Zac Guthrie, Parks Superintendent, Julie Predieri, City Forrester, and Miranda Gessner, City Horticulturist, visited with seniors to talk about current projects they are working on with the Gahanna Parks Department. 15 seniors attended.
- 8/31 Pool Party – The Senior Center hosted an end of year pool party at Hunters Ridge Pool with sponsor, Our Homes New Albany, who provided meals for the 20 seniors who attended.
- Day Trips – 3 senior day trips were offered in August:
 - The Ohio State Fair (10 attendees)
 - The Columbus Fun Trip (11 attendees)
 - Scioto Downs Casino (19 attendees)

Golf

- Sips & Tips – Irons, Woods and Driver (August 8) – 30 participants
- Love Birdies – Classic Golf (August 18) – 4 participants
- Golf Memberships – 191
- Golf Rounds to date – 20,870

Aquatics

- 2023 Pool Memberships to date – 750
- Swim lessons - 456 kids
- Dive-In Movie – Located at Hunter's Ridge – 50 participants

General Recreation Programs.

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- 8/1 Moonlight Paddle- Moonlight paddle at Hoover Reservoir – 6 participants.
- 8/5 Car Show- Two Events + Boats employees assisted with the set-up and tear down of the car show. The event was well attended.
- 8/5 Columbus Symphony Event- Two Events + Boats employees assisted with set-up, parking, and tear down of the event.
- 8/4 & 8/18 Creekside Live- The Last Creekside Live took place on 8/18 with two local bands performing. – 1,000 participants .
- 8/11 Kayak 101- Staff taught kayak techniques and played games to perfect skills – 7 participants.
- 8/25 Cinema Under the Stars- The Incredibles – 100 participants
- 8/26 Touch-A-Truck and Supporting Gahanna Together Day- Touch-a-Truck saw approximately 300 families in attendance throughout the day. SGT day hosted several volunteer opportunities including picnic table painting, creek clean-ups, and litter pick-ups. The evening ended with a make-up Creekside Live and block party.
- 8/30 Moonlight Paddle- 7 participants.
- 9/2 All day float down Morse through Pizzurro- Due to water levels the float was adjusted to go from Creekside to Pizzurro. – 13 participants

Summer Camp Data

Camp Friendship			9-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
348	345	8	62
Camp Hannah			9-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
648	624	6	21
Little Adventurers			8-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
117	52	0	0
Bally Sports Summer Camp			8-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
268	227	1	1
Jump Bunch/Amazing Athletes			3-weeks
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
72	61	2	7
Girls of Destiny			2-sessions
Max Attendance	Camper Spaces Sold	Weeks Sold Out	Total Waitlisted
50	18	0	0

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September

Senior Center Programs

- 9/1 OSU Tailgate – To celebrate the start of the OSU football season, the Senior Center is hosting a Tailgate Party with sponsor Sunrise Senior Living.
- 9/7 Senior Expo – The annual Senior Expo is back. This year it will be held at 825 Tech Center Dr. and will feature over 35 vendors, 7 sample classes, and a free meal. The event is free and open to the public.
- 9/8 Baking with Lauren – Starting in September, the Senior Center will be offering a new baking class where Coordinator Lauren Gregory will guide a class of seniors through a new recipe.
- 9/18 Project Interact – The Senior Center is partnering with Gahanna-Jefferson Schools to bring back Project Interact, a monthly program where students visit the Senior Center to show off what they have been working on and enjoy lunch with seniors.
- Hand and Foot – A new weekly recurring program is starting at the Senior Center on 9/5. Hand and foot is a card game similar to canasta and will be held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
- Day Trips – There will be 2 senior day trips offered in September: Cleveland Museums and Little Italy (9/13) and the Columbus Zoo (9/25).

Golf Events:

- 9/5 and 9/12 Sips & Tips FORE Ladies (Putting it all together)
- 9/15 Love Birdies Night Out (Superhero's and Villains)

Special Event & Paddle Programs:

- 9/16- Hops and Vines
- 9/24- Flea Market
- 9/29- Sunrise Paddle

Aquatic Programming

- Hunter's Ridge Pool last day of operations is Monday, September 4 and will close for the season on September 5.
- Doggy Dip will be held at HRP on Sunday, September 10
- First Aid/CPR/AED Adult & Pediatric – September 24

Upcoming Youth / Family programming

- 9/8-10/13- Bally Sports Youth Soccer
- 9/10-10/8 Youth Pickleball Lessons
- 9/14-10/12 Bally Sports Youth Baseball and T-Ball
- 9/17 Sunflower Watercolor Class

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Parks, Facilities & Golf

- Conducted weekly park maintenance trash/bathrooms/cleaning
 - 32 Properties maintained
 - Repaired split rail in 2 parks
 - Removed half pipe at Shull Park
 - Redecked bridges at Hannah Park
- Event support/planning
 - 2 GMAC Deliveries
 - Creekside Live
 - Cinema Under the Stars
 - Mud Run
 - Supporting Gahanna Together Day
 - Moonlight Paddle
 - Touch A Truck
 - National Night Out
 - Car Show
 - Columbus Symphony
 - Taste of Gahanna
 - Columbus Academy Volunteer Day
 - 200 volunteers at 12 park locations
- Athletic fields
 - Began aerating athletic fields
 - Opening season prep for fall baseball
- Golf Daily operations
 - Trash, debris pick-up, blowing off areas, gas carts, divot repair, watering
 - Painted 150 markers
 - Cleared storm damage – 7/20
- Golf Weekly operations
 - Mowing
 - Rolling greens
 - Cut cups
 - Spraying weeds
 - Bunker maintenance
 - Fertilize greens
 - Cart maintenance (battery and tire changes)
 - Turf fertilization
 - Irrigation startup and regular maintenance

Arbor/Horticulture

- Trees and flowers watered
- Community garden maintenance
- Cut back weeds and brush at James Rd bridge
- Cut back Nob Hill trail near Cherrybottom Rd.

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- Cleared log jam in creek at Creekside bridge
- Trimmed back sightline issue at RT 62 and Commission Dr.
- Placed memorial plaque at Creekside
- Arbor training for maintenance workers
- Gahanna Woods trail maintenance
- Chipped honeysuckle at Academy Park
- Sightline clearing corner of 62 and Riva Ridge
- Addressed trash truck damage to trees
- Hauled wood chips to Golf Course
- Cleared Headley beds for fall planting
- Ambassador sign bed and playground maintenance
- Marked new Woodmark Reserve trail
- Ordered and picked up fall perennials
- Ash tree removals completed, stump grinding in progress (Joseph Tree)
- Spray and weeded at 24 park and bed locations
- Installed stormwater rain garden at Trapp Park

	Cur Month	YTD
Planted	0	39
Pruned	65	134
Removed	13	77
Inspected	2	11
Resident\Contractor Calls	31	283
Resident\Contractor Meetings	9	40
Storm\Emergency Clean-up\removal	17	69
Zoning Application	3	70