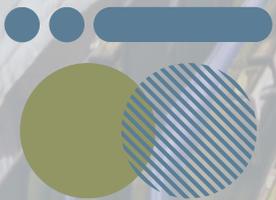




# Gahanna

PARKS & RECREATION

# DIRECTORS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025



# Project Updates

## Price Road House - Explore Center

- Construction began 9/16. Demo underway, SWPPP and site stage underway.

## Academy Park Improvements

- 90% Submittal by POD and first round of Development Plan submitted.
- Technical Status of design elements:
  - Civil: 75% Design
  - Building: 90% Design
  - Playground: 75% Design

## Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Kickoff meeting scheduled 10/21.

## MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.
- Trail layer updated with both ATP recommendations and existing trail segments. Submitted to MORPC and Burgess and Niple for inclusion in both MORPC dashboard, MORPC map page and Comprehensive Transportation Mobility Plan.

## Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

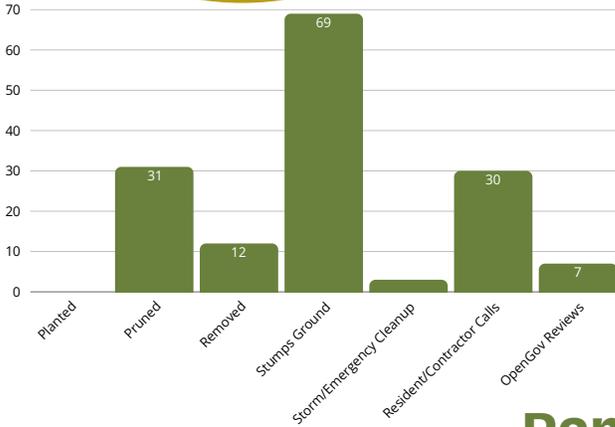
- 2026 Capital Improvement Plan revision underway.





# Parks Updates

## Arbor/Horticulture



- CDL exams passed by Miranda and Ben
- Fall Annual Planting: Creekside baskets, Creekside lagoon, Golf Course planters Senior Center planters and sign beds
- MGY volunteers planted at Creekside
- Royal Manor 3rd Grade Field Trip to Creekside
- Creekside Cottage School Field Trip
- Quotes for contracted tree work (Granville St., various street tree work, additional tree planting)

## Parks/Facilities

### Park/Facility Maintenance

- 2 damage reports
  - Broken door hinge on Kubota
  - Nature Play post broke off while installing wood chips
- Awaiting schedule to install mesh railings at Woodside
- Woodside South Pond aerators
  - Power scheduled for install week of 9/29
  - Aerators purchased
  - Will then have AEP hook up
- Selected vendor to renovate deck at Rice Ave pond, awaiting scheduling
- Continued restoring kiosks and message centers at various parks and trailheads
- Blue-green algae bloom at Woodside south
  - MAD scientist took water samples for testing, results came back with no major active blooms
  - Current issue resolved
- Re-paint baseball foul lines in all fields
- Power washed Creekside Plaza and around Lagoon
- Added parts to the Ashburnham slide to get rid of the entrapment hazard and reopened structure

### Park/Facility Maintenance

- Replaced rotted board on Creekside Lagoon bridge
- Secured failing concrete structures along walking path at Creekside
- Coordinating with Horticulture crew on memorial project at the Golf Course
- Coordination with Midstates to get various playground repairs and equipment shipment scheduled
  - Aeroglider at Hannah has been reinstalled



## Golf Course

### Course and Program Operations

- Planning meeting on memorial garden for Hall family
- Final day of Senior Golf League - 84 total players
- Hosted Gahanna Moose Outing - 68 total players
- Weather/Closures
  - Closed 2 full days and 1 half day
  - Received 2.5" of rain in September
  - All rain received between 9/21 and 9/22

# Recreation Updates

## Senior

Program Name	# of Participants
Responding to Dementia	18
Declutter and Downsize Presentation	20
Lunch and Learn: Oasis Senior Advisors	15
Meet with the Mayor	24
Medication Management	15
Senior Expo	130



### Upcoming:

- New: Murder Mystery Dinner Party 10/23. Guests will enjoy a dinner and interactive show at this Murder Mystery party! **SOLD OUT** with 60 registered
  - 10/9 Fall Fireside Feast at Hannah Park
  - 10/31 Halloween Party
- 3 Day Trips
- 10/2 Amish Country
  - 10/15 Football Hall of Fame
  - 10/28 Pine Tree Barn and Smucker's



- **54 people driven in vans**
- **Approximately 99 miles driven**
- **13 Sponsored Events**
- **\$3100 In-Kind Donations**
- **5 Free or Reduced Cost Meals**
- **581 Current Members**

## Adult

- September/October Pickleball Lessons started 9/8. An additional intermediate level class had to be added due to high interest.
  - Monday Intermediate: **SOLD OUT** with 19 attendees
  - Monday Intermediate: **SOLD OUT** with 18 attendees
  - Friday Beginner: 15 attendees
  - Friday Intermediate: **SOLD OUT** with 18 attendees
- Pickleball League: **SOLD OUT** with 16 attendees
  - NEW Pickleball Tournament on 9/27. This one-day tournament will allow players to enjoy the fun of pickleball without committing to lessons.
- September/October Yoga Classes started 9/9
  - Slow Flow Yoga: 7 attendees
  - Chair Yoga: 5 attendees





# Recreation Updates

## Aquatics & Safety

- Hunters Ridge closed for the season on September 2.
- Doggy Dip took place on September 7. We saw 94 dogs over the three hours.
- The Splashpad will remain open 8am-8pm daily until Oct, weather permitting.
- Both CPR courses in September were canceled due to low enrollment.
- Blended Learning Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is scheduled for October 8.
- Babysitting Basics is scheduled for October 11.

## Youth & Family

- Fall programs started after Labor Day
  - Bally Sports mini Soccer Stars- 28 kids
  - 9/8 Kinderdance starts - 7 kids
  - 9/10 Drama Kids - 9 kids
  - 9/11 Bally Sports Little Sluggers TBall – 19 kids
  - 9/11 Bally Minor League Baseball – 10 kids
  - 9/20- Toads Abodes with Mad Scientist - 16 kids
  - 9/27 Lego Robot BattleBot/Robot Academy - 6 kids
- Upcoming programs
  - 10/2- Backyard Biologists
  - 10/9 - Storytime with Parks and Rec
  - 10/19 - Cool Girls Tech- TechnoChallenge
  - 10/19 - Bally Sports Little Ballers
  - 10/19 - Bally Sports Shooting Stars



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# Recreation Updates



## Special Events

- 9/6 Creekside Hops and Vines
- 9/20 Touch a Truck at Hannah
- 9/24 Final Gahanna Market for the year
- 9/28 Flea Market

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Campfire in the Park
  - Oct 1 – Sunpoint Park
  - Oct 8 – Hunters Ridge Park
  - Oct 15 – Ashburnham Park
  - Oct 29 – Make Up Date
- 10/24 Great Gahanna Goblin Fest

**GREAT GAHANNA  
GOBLIN FEST**

TIME: 5:30 – 9:30 P.M.  
DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25  
LOCATION: ACADEMY PARK

Gahanna

Presented by: **KEMBA**  
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## Paddle Gahanna

- 9/7 Last day of operation for Paddle Gahanna, we saw 819 total rentals in 2026.
- 10/6 last Celestial paddle

