

## Director's Report

### **Parks and Rec programming, including pools:**

Yesterday, the Ohio Department of Health [ODH] issued a new "Stay Safe Order" that extended portions of the previous Stay at Home Order. Among other things, the new Stay Safe Order, which is in effect through May 29, 2020, prohibits parades, public events, the operation of day camps and pools, and gatherings of more than 10 people.

Based on the limitations of this Order, we will be unable to open our City pools on Memorial Day weekend, as previously planned. All recreational programming, including camps (only planned camp programming in May was May 28 & 29), also is cancelled through May 29.

We will continue to evaluate options for operating pools and camp programming after May 29 as we receive further direction from the ODH and Governor DeWine. As always, the health and safety of our community remains our priority, and more details will be communicated as soon as more information becomes available to us.

Although a final decision on camps and pools has not been made at this time, it is clear that, even if allowed to operate, alterations to programming will be needed in order to adhere to the Stay Safe Order issued by the ODH. Because the pool season and camp programming will not be able to operate as originally planned and promoted, fees and memberships will be refunded. Processing of refunds will begin Monday, May 4.

If camp programming should be allowed to go forward, re-registration will be required. This re-registration will be opened to the currently-registered families only. Please keep in mind that there may be fewer spots available due to social distancing requirements and other limitations that may be extended beyond May 29. If the pools are able to operate safely, memberships will be prorated or altered for the remainder of the season.

### **City Hall and other City Facilities:**

Pursuant to the Stay Safe Order, the following city facilities will remain closed through May 29: City Hall, Senior Center, park tennis courts, playgrounds, bathrooms and shelter houses.

### **Golf Course:**

Golf Course will open May 8, with online tee time registration preferred. This is open to current members and non-members.

As the health and safety of the community remains our priority, the following restrictions and precautions will be in place to best limit community spread and protect our staff and customers:

- Riding carts only available to individuals with a medical condition or handicap and proof of such (i.e., doctor's note, handicap placard, etc.)
- Limit one person per cart
- Maintaining social distancing of no less than 6 feet for the duration of your time on the course
- Course is open 7 AM – 8 AM only for golfers 55+. General public hours are 8 AM – 8 PM
- Bunker rakes and ball washers have been removed from the course
- Online scheduling <https://webtrac.gahanna.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/SPLASH.html> or calling 614-342-4270, to book tee times is preferred. All members and guests are required to check in at service window with ID and/or proof of purchase prior to play
- All transactions will take place through a service window connected to the Pro Shop. Pro Shop will be closed to entry.
- Please do not participate if you are, or have been in close contact with someone, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

## **Golf League Participants**

In order to adhere to the Stay Safe Order, all league play through the month of May has been suspended. These restrictions are temporary and will be re-evaluated as the COVID-19 situation progresses and as we receive more guidance from the Governor and the Ohio Department of Health. Necessary adjustments will be made to league schedules (extend or shorten league dates) and payments will be handled to reflect any adjustments made, as we work to get you back out on the course as quickly and as safely as possible.

If you have any questions, comments or other concerns please reach out via email at [krista.johnston@gahanna.gov](mailto:krista.johnston@gahanna.gov) or phone at 614-342-4270.

March 2020

### Arbor

- 3 tree consultations with resident
- Tour of arboretum at Whetstone Park of Roses
- 4 zoning application reviews
- Columbus Tree Sub-Commission Meeting
- Filmed Creekside restoration video with Marketing team
- COVID-19 duties (empty trash cans, check parks, disinfect parks and shop)
- Invasive removal with CAT rental equipment and by hand (Friendship Park, Creekside Island)
- Flood walls installed at Creekside
- Cleaned up split tree at Woodside Green
- Storm cleanup
- 1 tree removal
- Community Gardens prepared for April 1 opening

### Facilities

- GSP pool office ready for new carpet
- Flood walls installed
- Closed shelter houses, Basketball and tennis courts and all bathrooms.
- Monitoring Creekside, Parks and trash in all areas

### Parks

- Golf Carts
  - Installed two rears seat assemblies
  - Changed rear brakes on golf cart
  - Painted metal canopy parts on golf cart
- Checked for flooding and closed paths as needed
- Broomed paths of flood debris and mud
- Removed flood debris from Shull park fence
- Put up 2 umbrellas at Pizzurro in big dog area
- Assembled 5 tables for Creekside café deck
- Delivered 5 tables and 20 chairs to Creekside café
- Inspected split rail and replaced as needed
- Sanitized Shelter restrooms and tables
- Sanitized Parks lunch room and restrooms
- Disinfected playgrounds and trash can lids

- Started clearing brush at Friendship park with forestry clearing machine
- Cleared brush at Creekside Island with forestry clearing machine

April 2020

#### Arbor

# planted: 0

# pruned: 0

# removed: 12

# Resident calls: 23

#### Facilities and Parks

- Rebuilt bridge handrails from flood damage
- Cleaned up Island from flooding
- New carpet installed in the manager's office at the Swim Club

#### Golf

- Prep for May 8<sup>th</sup> opening
- Flood Clean up