



Parks & Recreation Director's Report  
November – December 2020

**Golf**

Year	Nov. Revenue	Nov. Exp.	Nov. Golf Rounds	Nov. Cart Rounds	Days Open	% Days Open	Rounds per operating day	Golf Rounds YTD	Cart Rounds YTD	Total YTD Revenue	Total YTD Exp.
2017	\$ 6,175	\$13,879	327	68	20	67%	16	17,003	9,415	\$344,054*	\$333,614*
2018	\$ 1,637	\$15,361	98	26	5	17%	20	12,601	7,118	\$281,236	\$325,532
2019	\$ 3,718	\$15,583	243	83	17	57%	14	18,745	10,102	\$320,255	\$314,607
2020	\$ 25,274	\$17,370	1625	814	23	77%	71	25,749	12,844	\$400,224	\$232,633

\*2017 Total YTD Revenue and Expenses is the final YTD.

**Senior Center**

- Free meal program - 2945
- Bingo – 382 (Program currently suspended due to the stay at home advisory)

**Recreation**

- Outdoor Explorers – 34 total participants for Owls Night Hike
- Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt – 25 prize bags distributed
- P&R Foundation Year End Report - report attached

**Parks**

- Holiday decorations installed
  - Creekside Park & Plaza
  - Herb Center yard – village houses
- Replaced split rail fence

- Creekside
  - Set up heaters and fire pits in public areas
  - Installed light fixtures on the newest section of Boardwalk
  - Installed Bright Block – Bright Block is a partnership with the Gahanna Area Arts council to provide temporary art installations throughout the City of Gahanna Parks.
- Golf Pro Shop remodel
- Snow and ice removal

### **Arbor**

#### Trees

- Planted: 6
- Pruned: 100
- Removed: 2
- Resident calls: 3
- Resident meetings: 2
- Hazard tree evaluations: 3
- Zoning application reviews: 8

#### Other

- Invasive species removal
- Tree/limb storm cleanup
- Prairie Mowing
- GIS street tree collection



**2020 Foundation Report  
Over 14,000 People Served**

**Outdoor Explorers - \$500**

Owl Night Hike – (\$500)

32 Participants

Participants visited Woodside Green Park to learn about owl life, history, and behavior. Everyone received an owl pellet and dissection kit along with a field guide complete with audio educational resources from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Funds were used to purchase blue tooth speakers and head lamps, which will also be utilized for future programs, as well as the take-home owl pellet dissection kits.

**Remote Senior Programming - \$500**

**Senior Expo - \$500**

**Community Engagement - \$8,000 (\$330)**

Senior Parking Lot Bingo – (\$946)

382 Participants

Additional Sponsors –

Lew Griffin – Funding for meals

Lee Tucker – Funding for meals

City BBQ – 175 meals

Senior Center members had the opportunity to attend the Senior Center bi-weekly to enjoy a meal and participate in a popular program in a safe way, at no expense. All participants could remain in their vehicles as the BINGO game was called out from an outdoor speaker. Funds from the remote senior programming line as well as community engagement funds were used to supplement the meal component of this program. Several local business sponsors helped support the program as well by providing additional funding for meals along with Bingo cards and prizes. The Bingo program was suspended in November 2020 due to the public health stay home advisory and concerns of increasing local COVID-19 cases.

Holiday Card Mailing – (\$384)

286 Seniors served

A holiday card was created, printed and mailed using foundation funds in order to make contact with all senior member households with a print mailing. All cards were signed by senior center staff and were mailed in early December.

**Kayaks at Friendship and Creekside - \$1,750**

Paddle Gahanna – (\$1,750)

1,926 kayak/paddle boat rides

Kayaks and paddle boats were identified as a safe and fun way for Gahanna residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors and explore the water ways. Funds were used to purchase vests appropriate for frequent sanitation.

**Special Olympics Golf - \$300**

Logo Golf Balls – (\$300)

The Special Olympics golf program was suspended due to health concerns. The Foundation funds were used to purchase 14 dozen sleeves of logo balls for the course. These will be used as giveaways for future Special Olympics programs as well as golf outings.

**Camper Mailing - \$500**

Camp Birthday Mailer - (\$500)

350 Campers served

Foundation funds were used to create a birthday post card to connect with camp families outside of the typical camp season.

**Creekside Live – Drive-In Concerts - \$5,000****Gahanna Great Outdoors with Cinema Under the Stars - \$500**

Summer & Fall Drive-in Series – (\$5,500)

1,003 cars sold

2,434 attendees

Additional Sponsors-

Tina Wedebrook - \$4,000

KEMBA Financial Credit Union - \$4,000

Crew- \$1,400

Rob Matney - \$700

GSA - \$200

6 concerts, 6 movies, 2 crew games, 3 pro-musica orchestra performances were made available throughout the summer and fall. The events provided a safe option for people to attend a park and enjoy live entertainment or a popular movie. Participants were required to reserve a ticket to monitor and restrict large crowds. Programs took place at Headley and Sunpoint Park.

Foundation funds were used, along with presenting and supporting sponsors, for entertainment including bands, screen rentals, sound, movie licensing and portable restrooms.

**Community Engagement - \$8,000**

Supporting Gahanna Together Day – (\$2,275)

100+ volunteers

The City of Gahanna launched a new program aimed at bringing together community partners, organizations and residents, to provide resources to areas of the Gahanna community that have been impacted by COVID-19. Funding provided materials & supplies for over 100 volunteers for 12 total project areas. Projects include park clean-ups, creek clean-up, fence painting, school projects at Goshen and Middle School West, litter clean-ups, Gahanna Historical projects, and fall planter prep with Make Gahanna Yours (MGY). The Parks and Recreation departments received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association under the category Recreation Programs and Events for Supporting Gahanna Together. Hundreds of submissions are input throughout the state to be considered. The applications are judged by peers within the parks and recreation industry. To place is an honor and a representation of the best in Ohio parks and recreation.

Treat Truck Park Program – (\$3,500)

3,000 Residents served

A treat truck visited 9 total parks in Sept & Oct and provided free snacks to park goers.

Senior Meal Program – (\$1,632)

2,520 Seniors served

Additional Sponsors –

Ashford on Broad – Meals and distribution

Charlie Porter - \$250

City BBQ – 90 meals

A free meal has been, and continues to be, provided to Gahanna senior citizens every Friday since March. Ashford on Broad has donated the majority of meals provided for this program along with a vehicle and driver to deliver meals to seniors who may not have the ability to leave their homes. The Foundation funds were used to supplement meals when Ashford was unavailable. The funds were also used to provide a special Thanksgiving meal to the senior members.

Senior Holiday Drive-Through – (\$138)

52 Seniors served

The Senior Center members, in a normal year, looks forward to a holiday program with entertainment provided by the students of Gahanna Lincoln. P&R staff wanted to keep the tradition alive with an altered, drive through experience. Senior members were invited to the senior center to be greeted by senior center staff and receive cookies, cocoa and a craft to take home.

Opt Outside Park Scavenger Hunt – (\$125)

22 Participants

Additional sponsor -

REI - In kind donation

Opt Outside is a program originally created by REI to encourage people to get outside and explore the outdoors on black Friday. P&R offers programming in coordination with this initiative. A scavenger hunt within Friendship Park, Gahanna Woods, Hannah Park, and Woodside Green was created for 2020. Each park has candy canes with letters attached scattered throughout the park. The letters are then unscrambled to uncover a hidden word. Once the words are identified, the participants submit to P&R to receive a prize. The funds were used to purchase the materials and supplies for the candy canes, signage and giveaways.

**Muddy Miler - \$500/Glow Run - \$500**

Goblin Trail - (\$1,000)

720 cars sold (refunded 136 due to severe weather)

2,470 attendees

30,000 pieces of candy distributed thanks to the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation

Additional sponsors -

Schneider/Encova Insurance - \$3,000

KEMBA Financial Credit Union - \$3,000

Tina Wedebrook, REMAX - \$1,000

Rotary - \$1,000

Kiwanis - \$100

The Great Gahanna Goblin Trail was a drive through experience at Academy Park on 2 separate evenings. The event was pre-registration only and was sold out for both evening experiences. Vehicle occupants remained in their car throughout their time at the park while they drive through a half mile trail that included over 15 different performers, attractions and trick or treat candy stations. The Foundation funds, along with additional sponsorship funds, were used for entertainment, signage, light stands and portable restrooms.

**Camp Crates & Rec Club - \$4,000**

Rec Club - (\$1,981)

212 Participants

Rec Club was implemented in summer 2020 to offer abbreviated, in-person recreational programming while traditional summer camps were on-hold. A total of 190 “campers” joined summer rec club for games, science experiments, nature exploration and art projects. The experience was extended into the fall with “After School Rec Club” which had a total of 22 participants before ending in October. Funds were used to purchase program supplies. Supplies purchased will be included into the camp program inventory for future programming.

Camp & Rec Crates - (\$2,019)

120 Participants

Camp Crates were developed as a weekly subscription box to provide activities that might normally be experienced during our camps or other in-house recreation programming. Crates were mostly hand-delivered. Each crate was developed around a weekly theme and included 6-7 hands-on activities with detailed instruction cards, carefully curated materials, and a sample schedule. Crates included extra items such as coloring pages, workbooks, and nature guides. Staff leveraged free resources from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife (bird call CDs, field guides) and the Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association (mineral exploration kits with instruction booklets). This opportunity was extended to Rec Crates, a monthly activity box similar to the Camp Crates. In addition to making these resources available to the greater community, the City partnered with Gahanna Special Olympics to supply crates to many of their local youth participants. The Foundation funds assisted with the cost of production to keep the resources affordable while providing a wealth of engaging activities. The program will sustain throughout 2021.

**Parks & Trail Guide - \$1,500**

10,000 copies available for distribution – (\$1,500)

A new marketing piece (replacement of old trail map) was designed to highlight Gahanna’s Parks & Trails. Project included new graphic design, park & trail descriptions, photographs, and map layout and graphics. 10,000 copies were purchased for distribution, as well as electronic versions uploaded to the website. The community can request a guide to be mailed to them directly.

**Big Walnut Clean-Up - \$250****Arbor Day Celebration - \$500**

Arboretum Identification Markers – (\$750)

Both Arbor Day events were cancelled due to COVID-19. These funds were used to purchase identification markers necessary to complete the Creekside Arboretum scheduled to open Spring of 2021. The City Forester provided the content for the signage and the Gahanna Jefferson High School Fab Lab is fabricating the markers.

**General Recreation Program Scholarships - \$2,000**

These funds will remain available as scholarship opportunities for 2021 programs.



DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>Programs</b>	
Outdoor Explorers	\$500
Remote Senior Programming	\$500
Kayaks at Creekside & Friendship	\$1,750
Special Olympics – Golf	\$300
Camper Mailing	\$500
Camp Crates & Rec Club	\$4,000
The BIG Walnut Creek litter clean-up	\$250
<b>Events</b>	
Arbor Day Celebration	\$500
Creekside Glow Run	\$500
Creekside Live – Drive-In Concerts	\$5,000
Gahanna’s Great Outdoors with Cinema Under the Stars	\$500
Muddy Miler	\$500
Senior Expo	\$500
<b>Scholarships</b>	
General Recreation Programs	\$2,000
Community Engagement	\$8,000
<b>Marketing</b>	
Parks & Trail Guide	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,800</b>

Pre Renovations – Pro Shop





