



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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TO: Gahanna City Council  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

FROM: Jeff Barr, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: October 19, 2017

**RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, October 23, 2017**

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**ACTION ITEMS**

Nothing at this time

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

Director Barr would like to speak to Council regarding the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation Grant Award.

**Deputy Director**

Stephanie Bernard Ferrell, Deputy Director for Parks & Recreation starts on Monday, October 23, 2017.

**Ohio Herb Education Center**

Precision Slate & Tile Roofing Co. will begin roof replacement and chimney repairs at the Ohio Herb Education Center on Monday, October 23. We expect work to continue through November 1, weather dependent. The current roof is estimated to be the original slate roof from 1910 and the replacement will also be slate. Two different substantial roof repairs have been made in the past six years and contractor recommended both times for total roof replacement. Slate roofs have a life span of 80 to 100 years. The herb center will remain open during this work and patrons will be encouraged to park at the Creekside garage or public lot at Town & High. Latta Alley will be blocked as needed. We plan to communicate this work to city employees who may receive questions, through yard signage and herb center and P&R social media. Supplemental funding of \$20k, 44% of total cost, was secured by Brooke S. and Alan Little from Ohio History Connection through a private endowment set up by the original homeowner for ongoing repairs and maintenance. Total project cost is estimated at \$45k. As you may know already 110 Mill Street has been on the National Register of Historical places since 1999.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

**Veterans Day Ceremony**

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am

## Veterans Memorial Park

Recognize the veteran in your life by purchasing a brick in their honor. Bricks are available for purchase until October 1<sup>st</sup> for the November 11<sup>th</sup> dedication. Applications available on [www.Gahanna.gov](http://www.Gahanna.gov).