

DIRECTORS REPORT JULY 2025



Project Updates

Price Road House - Explore Center

- 5 Responsive bids received.
 - HGC apparent low bidder; request for contract award will go to COTW 8/11.

Academy Park Improvements

- 7/14 budget submittal under review.

Technical Status of design elements:

- Civil: 50% Design
- Building: 75% Design
- Playground: 30% Design

Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Anticipated notice to proceed 8/6.

MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

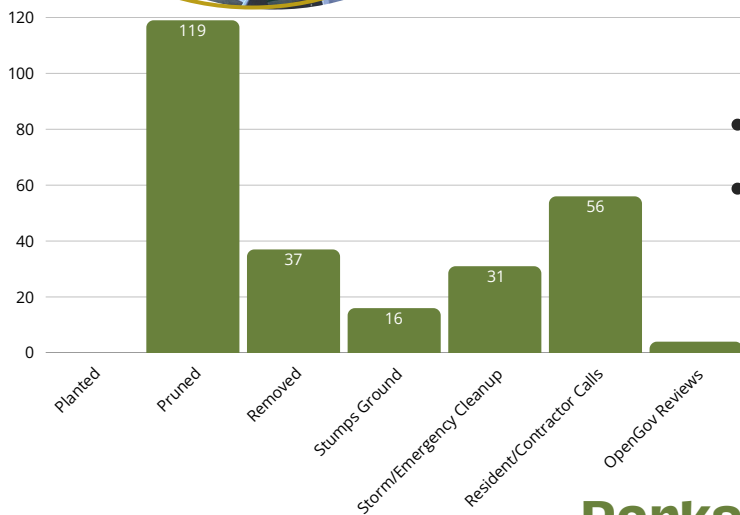
- Gahanna preparing to present at 6/30 MORPC Active Transport meeting. MORPC transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.





Parks Updates

Arbor/Horticulture

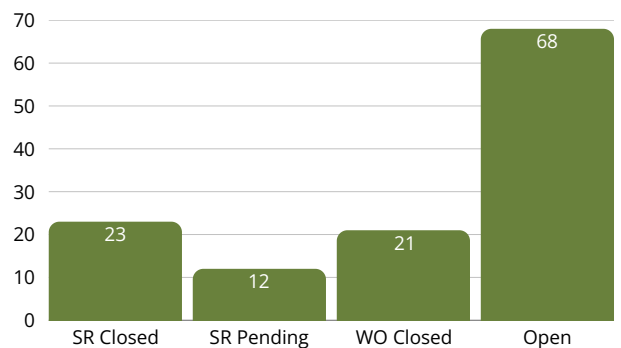


- In house CDL training- Miranda and Ben
- Vegetation management (cutting back large amounts of overgrowth or unwanted plants)
 - Bed on Olde Ridenour Rd. at Chapelfield dead end
 - Bridge at north end of Golf Course – cut back 5'-6' off trail
- Arbor team Collaboration with Camp THRIVE – nature walk and creeking at Woodside Green
- Pizzurro Park blitz project
 - Collaborated with Forestry and Parks teams to complete project
 - Removed vegetation growing through the fence around the dog park
 - Pruned trees inside the dog park for mower clearance, sunlight infiltration, and air movement to help dry turf

Parks/Facilities

Park/Facility Maintenance

- James Boston successfully passed the ODA Commercial Applicator Exam
- Registered Foreman and MWIs for CPSI Course & Exam in September
- Began restoring kiosks and message centers at various parks and trailheads & planning for future locations
- GIS Asset Planning
 - Developed fence layer, began collecting in field
 - Provided new vision for parks surface layer. Working with GIS to provide sample
- Bridges
 - Received inspection reports, all bridges passed and require minimal maintenance



Park/Facility Maintenance

- Successful pool inspections by Department of Public Health
- Replaced one pump for Hunters Ridge Main Pool
- Repaired pump for Hunters Ridge Baby Pool



Quotes

- Gathering quotes for crack fill and sealing on 6 parking lots
- Gathering quotes to remove old asphalt at Shull Park and return back to grass
- Gathering quotes to renovate deck at Rice Ave pond



Golf Course

Course and Program Operations

- Sips and Tips – 43 total participants
- SNAG Golf - Sessions ended July 24
- Hosted Whitehall Wrestling outing
- Police report filed for damage on #4 and #9 greens

Recreation Updates

Senior

Program Name	# of Participants
Senior Sense: Emergency Preparedness	15
Ohio Attorney General: Cybersecurity Help	20
Senior Sense: Fall Risk	20
Alzheimer's Association: Communicating	7
Wesley Hospice: Fall Prevention	15
First Light Home Care: Emergency Binder	23
Independence Day Parade	10
Summer Picnic	60

UPCOMING:

- 3 Day Trips scheduled for August: Outlet Shopping at Tanger Outlets (8/4), Scioto Downs El Dorado Casino (8/14), and Paddle at Alum Creek (8/28)
- National Senior Citizen's Day is August 21. The Senior Center will be hosting a lunch to celebrate.
- The Senior Center is hosting an OSU Kick-Off "Tailgate" Party on August 29 to celebrate the start of the Buckeye football season.

- 62 people driven in vans

- Approximately 153 miles driven

- 17 Sponsored Events

- \$2,450 In-Kind Donations

-6 Free or Reduced Cost Meals

- 581 Current Members

Adult

- Adult Pickleball Lessons started 7/7
 - Monday Intermediate Class: SOLD OUT with 20 participants
 - Friday Intermediate Class: SOLD OUT with 20 participants
 - Monday Beginner Class: 12 participants
 - Friday Beginner Class: 11 participants
- A second pickleball league started 7/16 due to high demand
 - League 1: SOLD OUT with 16 participants
 - League 2: SOLD OUT with 16 participants
- 7/26 Self Defense: Gahanna Police Department hosted a Women Only Self Defense class taught by Community Liaison Officer, Blair Thomas, that SOLD OUT with 24 participants.





Recreation Updates

Aquatics

- Noelle Dennison attended a Lifeguard Instructor Trainer Academy July 22-24 at the Dublin Recreation Center. She passed the course and attained her LGIT certification, allowing her to train the new generation of Lifeguard Instructors.
- SESL Summer Champs was host at GSP July 15 & 16. The internal Seahorses were the hosting team, allowing swimmers to compete against other local teams.
- Jr. Lifeguard (11- 14 years old) program ran July 21-25 at GSP. This program taught kids what it means to be a Lifeguard and give a demo of the skills they would learn in a Lifeguarding course. It was a huge success for being the first year. Kids left the course certified in First Aid, CPR, and AED use and got to take home a goodie bag of Lifeguard swag. 5 Participants
- Synchronized Swimming (run by Ohio Coralinas) will run July 8 – August 10. We will host their end of summer meet on August 10.

2025 Visits to date (July 31): GSP – 23,181 HRP – 15,958

Memberships sold to date: 914

181 are new memberships who have not been a member since 2019

Special Events

- 7/3 Independence Day Celebration took place. Staff worked throughout the week for set-up. Placer AI showed **8.2k in attendance**. Actual attendance likely ranged between **9-11k**.
- 7/10 Celestial Paddle had **9** people in attendance.
- 7/11 Creekside Live had an attendance of about **1,000** people.
- 7/12 Build, Explore, Play took place to celebrate Parks and Rec month. The event had an attendance of about **100** people.
- 7/18 Cinema Under the Stars saw about **200** in attendance.
- 7/23 Gahanna Market saw an attendance of **800**.

UPCOMING:

- 8/15 Cinema Under the Stars
- 8/17 Muddy Miler
- 8/22 Creekside Live
- 8/23 All Day Float
- 8/28 Gahanna Market



Recreation

Updates

Youth and Family

- Snow cones at the splashpad 7/11 saw around 70 participants
- Columbus Children's Theater Camp 7/21-7/25. The class was full with 20 participants but we worked with CCT to expand registration to 30. - 26 participants
- Bally Sports Soccer wrapped 7/12. - 46 participants

Upcoming:

We're going creeking! August 16

Summer Camp Wrap-Up

This summer our camps had so many opportunity's for enrichment! Some of the favorites were Kona Ice, Magic Nate, Kayaking (hosted by parks and rec staff) and Erica Carlson who brought along her friend Sedgie the Hedgie! We are so glad to provide fun for our campers right in our own parks by bringing the entertainment to them!

Summer camps will have their final week, the first week of August.

