



# Gahanna

PARKS & RECREATION



# DIRECTORS REPORT DECEMBER 2025



# Project Updates



## Price Road House - Exploration Center

- Construction began 9/16
- SWPPP inspections are ongoing
- Rough framing is almost complete
- Rough electric is almost complete – waiting on electrical panels
- Rough plumbing is almost complete
- Rough HVAC installation underway
- Window install has begun
  - Vinyl Siding – In progress
  - Change in the sanitary lateral because of install methods – in progress
  - Mold Abatement – Complete
  - Doorway heights conflict with the roof soffit – in progress
  - Structural issues in the basement – in progress
  - Electrical conflicts with sidewalk – in progress
  - Electrical panel conflicts – in progress
  - Plumbing and electrical conflicts – in progress
- All Permits are approved

## Academy Park Improvements

- 90% Submittal by POD still in review
- Stormwater Variance has been approved
- Value engineering underway
- Technical Status of design elements:
  - Civil: 75% Design
  - Building: 90% Design
  - Playground: 75% Design
- Permit Status:
  - Development Plan: Comments Received

## Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Kickoff Meeting postponed, project lead is leaving company - date TBD

## MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC is transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.

## Trail Signage Repair

- TAP Grant awarded for \$136,500 for signs along Big Walnut

## Link to Literacy Trail

- OHM is working on redesign of trail

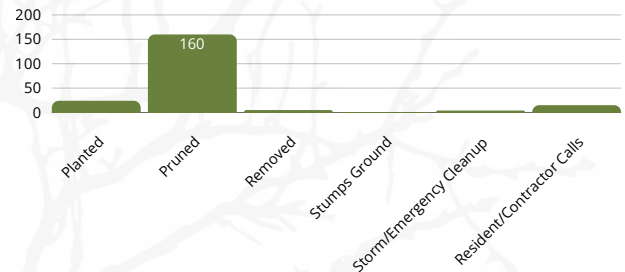
## Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

- 2027 Preparation – Parking lot assessment underway



## Arbor/Horticulture

- Contracted landscaping work
  - Goodman Landscaping fall cleanup
  - BrightView is continuing work in ROW
- Community Gardens
  - Winterized for the season
- Fall Tree Planting – Completed
- Dormant Tree Pruning – Ongoing
- Ornamental Tree & Shrub Removals
- Prairie Management
  - Mowing operations completed
  - Seed received and stored for spring
- Miscellaneous Horticulture Tasks
  - Transplanted perennial stock from Academy to Sunpoint
  - Dug up canna stock and stored for the season
  - Perennial cutbacks ongoing
  - N Stygler Rd corridor clearance, pruning, and cutbacks
  - Ongoing crew training and development
  - Pond banks at Woodside Green South cleared
  - Tool inventory, organization, and consolidation
- Street tree planting completed by the contractor
- Street tree collector street pruning completed by contractor
- Miscellaneous Arboriculture Tasks
- Checked trails after storms
- Combined tasks
  - Forestry mulcher rented for 2 weeks
    - Areas at Sycamore Run, Academy Park, and Academy cell tower were cleared



## Golf Course

### Course and Program Operations

**Golf Course  
closed  
for the season**

- Epoxy floors refinish on Pro Shop Restrooms- date set for 1/26
- Countertops for Pro Shop ordered and received - Install after January 1st
- Replacing flooring in Pro Shop - Started
- Lighting ordered - replace after January 1st
- Trees pruned along parking lot
- Winterization
  - Carts started
  - Golf course completed
- Drainage work on #5 tee approved
- Bi monthly chemical sprays on greens - address snow mold



# Parks Updates

## Parks/Facilities

### *Friendship Park Playground*

- Presented 3 concepts to Parks Board
- Sent survey to public with concepts, received 178 responses

### *Creekside Renovations*

- Meetings with consultants and project team.

### *Bridges*

- Addressed rotting boards on BWT section 4 Bridge.
- Approved contractor, materials ordered

### *Woodside South Pond Aerators*

- Electric work passed inspections
- AEP connection complete
- Will install aerators in 2026

### *Trails and Parking Lots*

- Golf course to be sealed Q1 2026, weather dependent

### *MTB Trail*

- Final signs approved

### *Parks Garage Renovation*

- All Superintendent and Foreman offices are complete.

### *Wayfinding and Trail Signage*

#### *RFQ preparations*

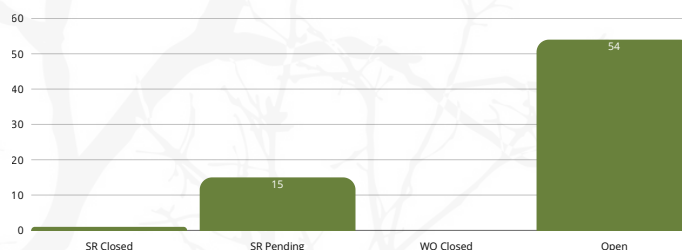
- Updated GIS assets

### *Holiday Lights*

- Tear down to occur beginning 1/7

### *Aquatics planning*

- Began renovations at HRP, demolition of concession and bathrooms
- Plan to install new partitions, flooring, counters, and sinks in 2026



# Parks Updates

## Parks Administrative



- Preservation zone meeting with residents
- Sealed bid training
- Work on MS4 Chemical Report
- Tree Inventory continued by the contractor
- Tree City USA and Growth Award applications submitted for 2025
- End of year budgeting and spending
- Golf Course Memorial Garden meeting with contractors
- 2025 review and 2026 planning
- Finished demolition at Hunters Ridge

- Completed old snow removal policies/guides
- Working on establishing a Key Loan System
- Met with Eagle Scout about project
- Trained Forestry Foreman on Bobcat Skid Steer
- Met with Parks Manager and Facilities Team to coordinate facility upgrades at Hunters Ridge
- Removed Sunshades from various parks
- Plumbing and electrical repairs at various locations
- Repaired Creekside furnace
- Replaced pool filters

## Staff Development

- Attended OPRA Regional Training
- Attended the OTF Conference & Trade Show
- Passed ISA Certified Arborist exam



# Recreation Updates



## Senior

- Approximately 380 miles driven
- End of the year shutdown, cleaning and planning for 2026
- Final GASAC meeting for 2025
- 4 Free or Reduced Cost Meals
- Holiday Cookie Contest - cancelled due to snow day closure
- Cambridge Christmas trip - cancelled due to low enrollment
- BalletMet Nutcracker - cancelled due to low enrollment

## Staff Development

- Preparing and training the membership to move to an online registration process.
- Humanity Scheduling Training
- Annette Baxter, Recreation Supervisor, is preparing to present as part of a panel at the OPRA Conference.
- ACA virtual Day Camp Convention on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>



Online Registration  
began - 40  
successful senior  
registrations!

Program Name	# of Participants
Holiday Trivia	23
Holiday Brunch - SOLD OUT	80
Scrooge at La Comedia - SOLD OUT	20
Lunch Brunch - SOLD OUT	18
Supper Club - SOLD OUT	18



# Recreation Updates

## Aquatics & Safety

- The CPR recertification course for December 11 was canceled due to low enrollment.
- Marketing for 2026 pool memberships began in December. Posts have increased on social media and in the winter program guide.
  - Passes go on sale January 1. Early Bird rates are good through March 31.
- American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED update information was sent out to instructors.

## Youth & Family

- Winter break camp was held from December 29th to 31st
  - 16 kids attended
- Story Time with Parks and Rec was held on December 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 45 kids attended
- Santa letters
  - Responded to 282 Santa letters

## Special Events

- The GMAC trailer will be updated with a new and modernized wrap. The coordination with Fleet and a third-party graphic design company is in progress.
- The Special Event policy and application are under review. The process will be made digital in 2026 through the existing City software, OpenGov.

