

Department of Parks & Recreation

○ Projects

- Splash pad: A ribbon cutting event took place Friday, May 20 to officially open the amenity to the public. Shade structures are expected to arrive in July.
- Parking lots: The Woodside Green parking lot and Trapp Park trail have been approved by engineering. The Woodside Green parking lot will be on agenda to be approved by Planning Commission before a formal bid process commences.
- Academy Park Mountain Bike Trail: A proposal is under review to design and build a mountain bike trail at Academy Park.
- Playgrounds: Ashburnham playground received a new border to contain the replenished playground mulch. A new basketball goal and improvement to the court surface is also scheduled to take place. A new dome climber (playground equipment) were installed at Hunter's Ridge and Bryn Mawr playgrounds.
- Headley Park Drainage: The drainage project at Headley Park is complete.
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Focus groups, facility evaluations and staff interviews have taken place as part of the first phase of data and information gathering. A survey will be mailed to Gahanna residents, as well as made available on the city's website in June to provide an additional avenue for public input.
- Pickleball Courts: In partnership with the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation, the tennis courts at Friendship Park were transformed to dedicated pickleball courts. The courts are now open to the public.
- Trails: OHM has been selected to determine alignments and provide cost estimates for trail connections from Hannah Park to Headley Park as well as Shull Park to the Columbus Metropolitan Library – Gahanna Branch.

○ Recreation

- The Senior Center held two special events this past month. The Spring Fling was held at Hannah Park on May 5th with 65 members in attendance. The annual Ice Cream Social was held at the Senior Center on May 24th with 40 members in attendance.
- On May 16, the first kayak float of the season took place with 4 instructors/staff leading 15 participants from Friendship Park to Pizzurro Park.
- 612 Pool Memberships have been sold including 1,837 individuals as of 6/3/22.
- Both Hunters Ridge Pool and the Gahanna Swimming Pool opened for the season on Saturday May 28th.
- Paddle Gahanna opened for the season on Saturday May 28th. Individuals can book appointments for 30 min kayak or paddleboat rentals for \$10/each. Reservations are made online at paddlegahanna.com.
- Registration for Summer Day Camps are still open. Below are the current registration numbers as of 4/30/22. Camp spaces are still restricted due to low staff numbers:
 - Camp Hannah (ages 6 – 12) – 5 of 9 weeks are sold out with 60 registrants weekly, the remaining weeks have 8 or less spaces available
 - Camp Friendship (ages 6 – 12) – 8 of 8 weeks are sold out with 30 registrants weekly.

- Little Adventurers Camp (ages 4 – 6) – 6 of 6 weeks are sold out with 12 registrants weekly.
 - Bally Sports Camp is contracted programming at Woodside Green and has 3 of 8 weeks sold out with 33 registrants weekly, the remaining weeks have 8 or less spaces available.
- The teen program Level Up! was cancelled due to low enrollment. A contracted camp opportunity called Girls of Destiny will take place at the golf course Clubhouse with 13 participants registered weekly.
- Applications are now closed for all our Pro Shop, Event & Boat Crew, and all Aquatics seasonal positions. The camp staffing numbers are still too low to increase camper spaces. Applications are still being accepted in the hopes of recruiting additional camp counselors.
- The Recreation division still has 3 vacant positions: Recreation Coordinator II (Special Events), Recreation Coordinator II (Senior & Adult Programming), and PT Recreation Coordinator I (Senior Center). An offer has been accepted with an anticipated start date for the Special Events Coordinator. Both positions at the senior center have been reposted.
- Parks, Facilities & Golf
 - Conducted weekly park maintenance trash/bathrooms/cleaning
 - Conducted weekly mowing and string trimming
 - Conducted routine building inspections
 - Event planning – CBJF logistics, Independence Day, Herb Day
 - 2 New doors installed in pump room at the Gahanna Swimming Pool
 - Prepared paddle boats for season start-up
 - Bathroom renovations were completed at the Gahanna Swimming Pool. The restrooms at Woodside Green, McCorkle Park and the new restroom at the Gahanna Swimming Pool are near complete. Parts are on backorder and expected to arrive any day in order to open the facilities.
 - Responded to 18 resident concerns or questions.
- Arbor/Horticulture
 - Planned and executed an Arbor Day Celebration at Jefferson Elementary
 - Prepped Creekside planters for spring planting
 - Planted baskets and installed at Creekside
 - Planted Vet's Memorial/bridge bed
 - Coordinated Spring into Volunteering event in partnership with Make Gahanna Yours
 - Programed a field trip at Sunpoint Park for Royal Manor
 - Mowed and trimmed community gardens
 - Built 4 and planted 4 planters for Hunter's Ridge Pool
 - Trees planted: 17
 - Trees pruned: 2
 - Trees removed: 2

- Trees resident/contractor calls: 25
- Trees resident/contractor meetings: 3
- Trees zoning application reviews: 11
- Hazard tree inspections: 5
- Storm/emergency clean-up/removal: 1