

TO: Gahanna City Council Becky Stinchcomb, Mayor

FROM: Troy Euton, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: September 24, 2015

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, September 28, 2015

ACTION ITEMS:

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Hops & Vines took place last Saturday, October 19th, and was a great success. The Foundation had record breaking attendance of over 600 people. The "Fund the Need" auction raised over \$4,000, and the event will provide three artistic bike racks to the downtown area community. While expenses are still being tallied, this event promises to bring the Foundation's net profits to over \$18,000 this year.

On Friday, September 11, 33 freshman students at Columbus Academy and three adult counselors volunteered for 3.5 hours to plant 18 trees at Hannah Park. City Arborist Rob Wendling and his crew provided supervision and guidance to these volunteers and educated them on the importance and impact of trees in our community.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

The Department would like to invite members of Council to attend the upcoming open houses at the Center:

Open House: Active Adult & Senior Programs

Tour The Center to learn about our year-round program offerings. New visitors will receive information on programs and special events, a chance to win a gift card for attending, and are welcome to enjoy refreshments with our New Welcome Team and Program Supervisor. If Open House times are not conducive to your schedule, please contact the Senior Center to coordinate a tour during business hours. Who: Active Adults 55+ When: Every 1st Monday (except on holidays) Sept 14 • Oct 5 • Nov 2 • Dec 7 Time: 10am to 1pm & 3pm to 6pm And don't forget to support:

Big Walnut Creek Clean-up Canoe & Kayak Float *Saturday, October 3, 2015 9am-3pm* Woodside Green Park, 213 Camrose Ct.

Free but please pre-register

Show Your Class 5K *Sunday, October 11, 2015 Check in from 8-8:45am Fun Walk 9am* Creekside Park & Plaza, 117 Mill St.

The Gahanna Get Moving Team and the family of Bob Toopes invite you to the 6th Annual SYC 5K Walk at Creekside Plaza. Proceeds support experiential education and recreation wellness opportunities for the Gahanna Community. Come celebrate Bob's legacy with family and friends!

Creepside Festival Presented by Schneider Insurance Wednesday, Oct 21 4:30-8pm

Creekside Park & Plaza, 117 Mill St.

Put on your costumes, dress up the kids and join us for the 12th Annual Creepside event. This event is FREE and appropriate for all ages. Event highlights include: live music, games, activities, haunted trail, trick or treat with local organizations and plenty of candy.

Veterans Day Ceremony Wednesday, Nov 11 11am

Veterans Memorial Park, 73 W. Johnstown Rd.

Deadline to purchase Veterans Day brick is Oct 1.

Dedicated to all men and women who have served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces. To honor those who have served our country, buy a brick to be placed at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Park.