

Department of Parks & Recreation
Directors Report
April 2016

PARKS DIVISION

- Mowing grass at all park locations on a daily basis; this is 85% of their current work activity
- Landscape crew working diligently in flower beds mostly weeding and applying pre-emergent
- Repairing split rail fence at multiple park locations
- Daily trash pick-up and restroom/shelter house cleaning

FACILITIES DIVISION

- Granville Bridge murals prep work
- Seasonal pool work for May opening
- De-winterizing outdoor facilities
- Painted lagoon pool, de-winterizing water lines
- Built new story book trail display units

Arbor Crew

- Reforestation planting of 200 tree saplings at Price Road location; where sanitary sewer line went in
- Ongoing invasive Honeysuckle removal from various park locations; Woodside Green, Golf Course, Gahanna Woods, and Creekside Island
- Planted 15 trees at Sycamore Run basin
- Started planting trees according to planting plan along Olde Ridenour Road
- Removed 153 hazardous or invasive trees
- 30 trees pruned; street trees and park trees

Volunteer Event

On Sunday, April 17 Peace Lutheran Church volunteered approximately 135 people to complete the following tasks;

- Paint 420 L.F. of four board fence at the golf course
- Removal Honeysuckle at Woodside Green Park
- Construct new wood trellis at Woodside Green Park and demolish old one
- Give Herb Center a good spring cleaning
- Spring prep work in flower beds at Creekside Park
- Paint guard rails and clean shelter at Hannah Park
- Plant 200 tree saplings at Price Road property in effort to reforest area that was clear cut for new sanitary line installed

Senior Center – The senior golf league has 48 registered participants to start the season, almost doubling last year's participation!

Camps are filling (Hannah Park location is full, Friendship is roughly 70% filled)
Staff training is going on and programs are mostly planned!

Pools – Early Bird Membership Deadline extended to April 29th
Sites are being set up, pools are being painted, lifeguard stands at GSP back pool were replaced, 2 new diving boards were purchased, new chemical monitors are purchased, and

Upcoming Events

Senior Center Open Houses

Come visit the Gahanna Senior Center during our monthly Open House events held every first Monday (except holidays) from 10am-6pm. (May 2, June 6, July 11, and August 1)

If our Open House times are not conducive to your schedule, stop by anytime during our normal business hours for a tour.

An Herbal Affair

Friday, May 6 from 7-9pm Ohio Herb Education Center, 110 Mill St.
Preview and select your herbs early at An Herbal Affair, now in its second year, while sampling local brews, wines and spirits paired with hors d'oeuvres and desserts. This event is presented by the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation. Purchase tickets (\$30 pp pre-buy: \$35 pp day of event) now at OhioHerbCenter.org.

Herb Day

Saturday, May 7 from 9am-4pm

Creekside Plaza, 117 Mill St.

Herb Day is a one-day, annual celebration of all things herbal for the local Gahanna community and the region. Headlined with a plant sale with over a 100 different varieties of herbs, it is a free learning event with six different speakers who cover topics of culinary, craft, traditional medicines and gardening. Forty local vendors, a majority who make their own herb based products, sell their products to the public. This event is presented by Andrea Taylor, State Farm Agent; James Hardie; Ohio Herb Education Center; Gahanna Parks & Recreation and the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Herb N' Arts Fair

Saturday, May 7 from 12 – 6pm

Veteran's Memorial Park

The GLHS Community Art is organizing an arts fair to coincide with Herb Day. Students from all eleven Gahanna Jefferson Schools will be showcasing their talents at the fair. Additional information at

<http://www.glhscommunityart.com/herb-n-arts/>

Also on May 7

Angling with an Officer

Paddle Boats open

Creekside Paddle Boat Hours of Operation			
Cost: \$5 per boat / 1/2 hour	Pre-Summer Hours May 7-May 29	Summer Hours May 30-August 14	Fall Hours August 15- September 25
Mondays	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tues, Wed, Thu	CLOSED	4pm-8pm	CLOSED
Friday	5-8pm	12-8pm	CLOSED
Saturdays	11am-8pm	11am-8pm	11am-3pm
Sundays	12:30-4:30pm	12-4:30pm	12-4:30pm

*Schedule is weather dependent. Hours may vary for special events, holidays and/or other conditions

Glow Golf

Friday, May 20, dusk

Gahanna Municipal Golf Course, 220 Olde Ridenour Rd.

Enjoy 9 holes of Glow Golf under the stars! Each golfer will receive 2 glow in the dark golf balls, some glow swag, and 9 holes of golf with a cart. This event is a 4 player best ball scramble that is fun for golfers of ALL abilities. Prizes are available. Cost is \$30 per player, call 614.342.4270 to reserve your spot!

Pool Opening Day

Hunters Ridge Pool opens Wednesday, May 25 at 11am

Gahanna Swimming Pool opens Saturday, May 28 at 12pm

Story Trail Opening

Friday, May 27 at 6:30pm

Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave.

Gahanna Parks & Recreation has collaborated with the Columbus Metropolitan Library and Art Garden Studios to present the Gahanna Story Trail. The new story trail provides an engaging opportunity for visitors to learn the value of being good stewards of our environment as they walk and read the story. The story trail is also a part of the Gahanna Library's Summer Reading program encouraging families to engage in the outdoors through reading.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 30 at 1pm

Veterans Memorial Park, 73 W. Johnstown Rd.