



Directors Report  
October 2016

**RECREATION DIVISION**

**Senior Center**

**Senior Membership Growth in 2016**

Increased involvement amongst existing membership

Increased number of new members: average of 15 new members monthly

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| Dec 1, 2014 – Nov 30, 2015          | 430 members |
| Dec 1, 2015 – to September 30, 2016 | 483 members |

**Active Senior Expo 2016 @ Senior Center**

Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>

> 300 people attended the event

> 30 vendors participated.

12 new members

Numerous first time visitors went away with an increased awareness of our senior services

Received great feedback from all participants and vendors.

**2016 Active Senior Golf League concludes**

Thursday September 29th: last outing and season-end banquet

2016 league more than double in size,

**55 golfers** register in May

To date we continue to have a strong showing of 35 golfers every Thursday morning

**Gahanna Active Senior Advisory Committee: all seats filled and By-Laws updated**

Meeting: Oct. 19, 2016, 3:30pm

Next action step: Reviewing roles and structure of sub-committees to ensure effectiveness in promoting program growth and development

This year has been a great year for program growth, and much progress has been made with reorganization of the Program for future success. We are seeing increased excitement among our Active Senior participants and the program appears to be gaining momentum.

**Herb Center**

2016 YTD site revenue: \$65,482.53; Expenses \$69,886.26

2015 YTD site revenue: \$63,268.69; Expenses \$76,594.51

**Events**

**Hops & Vines**

650 attendees

Expected \$16,000+ in net fundraised

**Creekside Live**

6550 estimated attendance

Generated \$24,500 sponsor commitments

Foundation to carry over net proceeds of beverage sales for 2017

To date Gahanna Parks & Recreation involved in 87 events, over 100,000 expected to be in attendance  
(Includes city events, 5k's, fundraisers, tournaments, partner events, pool events)

#### **Paddling Grant Update:**

- Trained:
  - Through ODNR Division of Watercraft
  - 1 canoe instructor
  - 2 kayak instructors
- Purchased:
  - Kayak trailer
  - Smaller canoe trailer
  - 6 additional tandem canoes
  - 10 solo kayaks
  - 2 tandem kayaks
  - Kayak paddles and kayak specific life vests
  - Additional life vests and canoe paddles to round out current inventory
- Provided Programs:
  - 2 Active Adult canoe floats
  - 3 family canoe/kayak floats
  - Middle School Adventure Days for all middle schools
  - Hannah Park, Friendship Park, and CORE campers had canoeing days (160 campers total)
  - 4 part evening Paddling Series workshop for youth
- Submitted request to extend our grant into 2017 in order to incorporate Adaptive Paddling training and programming for participants with special needs.

#### **PARKS DIVISION**

##### **Facilities**

- Painted HR Pool
- Finished painting buildings at GSP
- Jet and Camera of main drain at GSP
- Started Winterization of pools

##### **Parks**

- Seeded and aerated all sports fields
- Fertilized all sports fields
- Filled and leveled low areas in turf at Pools with pulverized topsoil and seeded

##### **Arbor**

- Removal of 3 large ash trees on golf course
- Storm damage clean-up
- River clean-up at 270 bridge south of Price Rd

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:****Creepside Festival presented by  
Schneider Insurance**

Put on your costumes, dress up the kids and join us for the annual Creepside Festival. 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.

Date: Sat, Oct 22

Time: 1-5pm

Cost: FREE!

Location: Creekside Park & Plaza, 117 Mill St.

**Fright Night Glow Golf**

Enjoy 9-holes of \*spooktakular\* glow golf, 2 glow in the dark golf balls and riding cart. The event is a 4 player best ball scramble that mixes glow golf with a Halloween theme. The format will be enjoyable for golfers of all abilities. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Players are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Halloween costume and prepare for scares on the course. Begins at dusk.

Date: Fri Oct 14

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: \$30 (per person)

**Location:** Gahanna Golf Course