



Directors Report – from March 2017

ADMINISTRATION

City Website update

Staffing update

PARKS & FACILITIES DIVISION

- Water is on in all the parks and in the dog park
- Lagoon filled and water walls on
- Irrigation systems are all on
- Hosted several large volunteers groups for Earth Day weekend – approx. 200 volunteers
- Installed two new water fountains at the Golf Course
- Carriage House at the Herb Center
 - Installed power
 - Ramp and sidewalk installed
 - Graded and sodded rear lawn

RECREATION DIVISION

Recreation Supervisors Patrick, Sara and Zac attended an Adaptive Paddling workshop in SC April 23-26th. The workshop was included in the paddling grant the department received.

Herb Center

- Total people served at the Herb Center 102 (includes classes, rentals, shop-not outreach)
- 4 classes: 26 participants (17 Residents; 9 Non Residents)
- 1 facility rental: 15 participants

Aquatic Centers

- As of April 25, 2017 – 336 Memberships sold
- Interviewing for Supervisor, interviewing and onboarding pool staff

Senior Center

Impact	2015	2016	2017 (as of 4-19-17)	Recent Month (as of 4-19-17)
Membership (<i>*renewals expected to climb during Spring months with Golf League</i>)	396	520	380	20
New members (<i>First-time registrations</i>) (<i>*2017 focus on seeking to increase renewals of past members</i>)		186	71	6
% of membership having Gahanna residency	65%	62%	64%	-
% of membership - male vs female	22% vs 78%	14% vs 86%	22% vs 78%	-
Individuals served (Senior Programming)	10,061	12,409	3,600	800
Classes & events offered (Senior Center)	941	1,249	400	75

Classes & events offered (Off-Site/Satellite)	90	87	22	2
Classes & events offered (Combined Total)	1,031	1,336	422	79

- Senior Golf League preparations being made. Secured sponsors for League polo shirts. First Outing is May 4.
- Currently securing sponsors for remaining 2017 special events.
- Advisory Committee elections coming up in May. Starting to post profiles of those candidates interested in serving on the committee.
- Spring Fling event was a huge success with 50 people in attendance at Hannah Park on April 13th.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Story Trail Opening

May 26, 2017 at 6:30pm

Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Gahanna Parks & Recreation has collaborated with the Columbus Metropolitan Library, and Gahanna School students to present the Gahanna Story Trail. Join us as we kick-off a brand new story. 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 part of the Gahanna Library's Summer Reading Program encourages families to engage in the outdoors through reading.

Creekside Live presented by Low Griffin Insurance

The Creekside Live is a summer concert series with live entertainment headlined by popular bands from the Midwest. Bring your friends and coworkers to enjoy Creekside along with a variety entertainment, food and beverage sales that are oriented for active adults in the Central Ohio area on select Friday's during the summer. Event is supported by the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation along with other local organizations, sponsorships are available, contact zac.guthrie@gahanna.gov for more information.

2nd & 4th Friday's, June- August, 6-10pm

Creekside Park, 117 Mill Street

June 9 – McGuffey Lane (Country Rock) w/ Lee Gantt duo

June 23 – The Reaganomics (80's Dance) w/ JJ Snare

July 14 – Pop Gun (Classic Rock Tribute) w/ TBD

July 28 – The Ark Band (Bob Marley Tribute) w/ Andy Shaw Band (Reggae Rock)

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August 11 – Velvet Shake (Party Rock) w/ The Goldsberrys (Jamgrass)
August 25 – Soul Kitch’n (Soul & Funk) w/ Will Freed (Blues)

Music in the Park

Gahanna’s beloved live music tradition is back at Friendship Park thanks to Make Gahanna Yours and other community volunteers. Bring your blanket and picnic basket, sit back, watch the kids enjoy the park and listen to music at beautiful Friendship Park.

Thursday’s: June 1, 15, 29; July 6, 20; August 3, 17 from 6:30-8pm

Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Bands to be announced

Paddle Boat info

May 5-28; Fri 5-8p; Sat 11am-8pm; Sunday 12:-4:30pm

May 29 – Aug20; Mon - Wed 4-8pm; Thur & Fri 12-8pm; Sat 11a-8pm; Sun 12p-4:30p

Aug 21-Sept 24; Sat 11am-3:30pm; Sun 12p-4:30p

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