

*Department of Parks & Recreation  
Director's Report for June 2021*

- Projects
  - Splash pad: Vortex equipment will be delivered by July 20. Notice to bidders was advertised June 24 and July 1.
  - Playgrounds: Woodside Green installation is complete. Headley Park playground will be scheduled late July.
  - Price Road Renovation: M&A has provided multiple designs for staff to review. The mechanical, electrical, and plumbing designs are now being completed.
  - Parking lots: The project kickoff has begun with StructurePoint for the design and engineering for Price Road House parking lot, Woodside Green parking lot and Trapp Park walking path.
  - Big Walnut Trail Section 8: StructurePoint has presented multiple alignments to be considered. Staff has engaged with ODOT to discuss the preferred alignment in coordination with the bridge replacement.
  - Community Wide Trail Plan: MORPC intern from the Easton Future Vision Fellows has begun working with the Department to assess the impact and feasibility of current trail concepts as well as identifying disparities within the trail system throughout the City. Trail heads have been identified in the effort to establish trail service areas and detect deficiencies in accessibility for any residential areas. A survey will be released for public feedback regarding current and future trails.
- Recreation
  - Outdoor Adventure day is August 8 at Friendship Park. Explore the outdoors with 20-minute sampler sessions of activities such as kayaking, creeking, fire safety complete with smores and wildlife identification.
  - Creekside Glow Run has been postponed to a fall date.
  - Paddle Boats and Kayaks are open for reservation at Creekside and Friendship Park.
  - Summer Rec Club- The program offers a partial day camp experience for youth and families who may not need or want a full day and week camp option. Campers will enjoy themed and instructed play to keep them active and engaged this summer.
  - Summer Teen Club is for youth ages 12-15. Campers will gain experience with golf, kayaking, biking, swimming, and diving.
  - 520 pool passes have been sold to date.
  - Summer camps began Tuesday, June 1 at Hannah Park and Friendship Park
    - Due to guidance from the American Camp Association in which both Camp Hannah and Camp Friendship are accredited, and the CDC recommendations, many COVID protocols, as originally planned, are still in place.

- The Senior Center will reopen on July 15 for in person programs and activities. Outdoor activities such as a walking club, golf league, gardening club and parking lot bingo are actively in progress.
- Headley Park will host a series of 4 movies throughout the summer starting on June 4. The concert series begins June 12 at Headley Park. The concerts will then move to Friendship Park starting July 10.

- o Arbor

- Installed bridge baskets
- Planted 6 planters at Creekside
- Managed poison hemlock at Gahanna Woods/BWT
- Certified prairies at Brookhill and Wally Field as Certified Wildlife Habitats – installed signs
- Identified golf course ash trees for treatment
- Trees planted: 21
- Trees pruned: 10
- Trees resident/contractor calls: 18
- Trees zoning application reviews: 4
- Hazard tree removals: 2
- Storm damage clean-up: 3

- o Parks & Facilities

- Installed new pump at back pool of GSP
- Sunburst herb garden renovation at Creekside
- Creekside Perennial Bed Renovation
- Drained millrace to repair and patch waterfall
- Finished mulching Geroux Herb Garden with the help of Academy Volunteers - Headed up by Kathi Kemper
- Installed new shrubs and perennials in rectangle bed at City Hall front entrance
- Installed playground & shelter shades at Sunpoint Park
- Responded to 46 resident questions or concerns