

- *Department of Parks & Recreation*

- Projects

- Splash pad: Vortex equipment has arrived at the Gahanna Swimming Pool. Excavation and installation has begun.
 - Playgrounds: Woodside Green is complete and open to the community. A play structure appropriate for ages 2 – 5 will be included to the Woodside Green playground this fall. Headley Park playground rebuild has been delayed due to a fire that occurred in the distribution center's warehouse. The installation has been delayed.
 - Price Road Renovation: M&A has provided multiple designs for staff to review. A code review has been completed with city staff as well as Mifflin Fire. Additional surveying is being completed to determine if structure's lower level is in the 100 year flood way. The scope of survey will also include planning to address stormwater issues with rear service road and sanitary alignment for sewer service to the building.
 - 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. Trapp Park will be completed this fall. The potholes and damaged drive were repaired at Gahanna Woods.
 - Big Walnut Trail Section 8: The RAISE grant has been submitted in coordination with Franklin County and MORPC.
 - Community Wide Trail Plan: MORPC intern from the Easton Future Vision Fellows completed his project 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. Prince Kwarteng-Crooklynn has received special recognition on the success of his project and will be representing the City of Gahanna as he shares his presentation at the MORPC state of the region.

- Recreation

- The Goblin Trail will return to Academy park from 6:00 – 9:30 pm October 21 and 22. Tickets are on sale starting October 1.
 - The Parks and Recreation Foundation hosted the 7th annual Hops and Vines event on Saturday October 2 at the Creekside Park and Plaza.
 - The Hunters Ridge Pool closed on Labor Day, Sept 6th, wrapping up the 2021 pool season. Throughout the year, we offered 10 different aquatic programs/classes with 626 total participants. This included lifeguard and water safety courses, swim and dive team, swim lessons and Aqua Blast fitness classes.
 - Supporting Gahanna Together Day, Sept 4th – Various community service projects were completed throughout the city including litter clean-up, painting, and horticulture work with over 65 volunteers and partnerships with the Historical Society, Gahanna Rotary, and Make Gahanna Yours.

- Parks & Recreation staff partnered with educators from Royal Manor elementary school to offer a field experience at Creekside on September 3. Approximately 75 3rd grade students visited Creekside Park & Plaza for a rotation of activities that included a stream study with the Youth & Family Programming Coordinator and Recreation Supervisor, an arboretum investigation with the City Forester and Horticulturalist and a self-guided sketching and writing unit with materials provided by ODNR.
 - Gahanna Middle School East and Middle School South held their annual "Middle School Adventure Days" at Hannah Park on September 10th (East 6th & 7th grade – approximately 400 students), 16th (South 6th grade – approximately 200 students) & 17th (South 7th grade – approximately 200 students). Parks & Recreation staff provided a kayaking experience and a fishing program (East) or loan of fishing equipment (South) to facilitate fishing with their volunteers.
 - Senior Center resumed activities 5-days-per-week beginning on September 7. Over 2 activities are currently being offered on a weekly basis, with additional special events/activities nearly every week. Special monthly activities include Lunch Bunch, Pinterest Club, Armchair Travel, Bingo, Crafts & Mixology, Senior Truth Empowerment program and more.
 - The Grandparents & Grandfriends Pancake Breakfast took place on September 9. Around 40 members visited for some pancake flipping fun!
 - Parks & Recreation team members provided a "Moonlight Paddle" on the Big Walnut Creek for a group of 25 Cub Scout participants/parents on September 11. Participants kayaked from Friendship Park to Pizzurro Park on a moonlight paddle experience.
 - The next big off-site event for the Senior Center will be the Fall Fireside Feast at Hannah Park on October 14 at 12pm. Guests are welcome and should RSVP to Annette.Rundio@Gahanna.gov.
- o Parks & Facilities
- Purchased new trail cameras for remote sites. Installed at Upper McCorkle.
 - Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival set-up/planning/logistics
 - Hops & Vines logistics and operations planning
 - Prepped the Senior Center flower beds for renovation
 - Contracted Suburban Steal to weld rear pool gutters at Gahanna Swimming pool
 - Purchased feeder fish to stock ponds at Hannah and Rice Ave.
 - Sprayed and removed weeds and perennials at Geroux Herb Garden.
 - Redesigned and installed fall-focused perennial bed in Cafe Creekside Wedge
 - Planted Creekside planters with the help of Make Gahanna Yours volunteers
 - Assembled and installed new dugout benches for Academy park
 - Assembled and installed new furniture for Creekside

- Cleaned and repaired damages from vandalism at McCorkle Park, Sunpoint Park, Academy Park and Friendship Park
- Responded to 22 resident questions or concerns
- o Arbor
 - Community garden maintenance
 - Creekside Arboretum field trip with Royal Manor
 - Ordered fall trees/shrubs
 - GIS collection for 2022 sidewalk program area
 - Trees pruned: 66
 - Trees removed: 6
 - Trees resident/contractor calls: 47
 - Trees resident/contractor meetings: 3
 - Trees zoning application reviews: 14
 - Hazard tree inspections: 7
 - Storm/emergency clean-up: 9