



DIRECTORS REPORT OCTOBER 2025



Project Updates

Price Road House - Exploration Center

- SWPP Inspection Complete
- Evacuation and Sanitary Install began 10/20
- Current change orders
 - Vinyl Siding – In progress
 - Rotting at the header above the fireplace – In progress
 - Extension of Sanitary lateral to keep boring machine out of wetland – in progress
- All Permits are approved



Academy Park Improvements

- 90% Submittal by POD (still in review)
- Development Plan
 - Will address requests for variances
 - Stormwater variance under review
- Technical Status of design elements:
 - Civil: 75% Design
 - Building: 90% Design
 - Playground: 75% Design
- Development Plan still under review

Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Kickoff Meeting will be in early November.

MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC is transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.

Trail Signage Repair

- TAP Grant awarded for \$136,500 for signs along Big Walnut

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

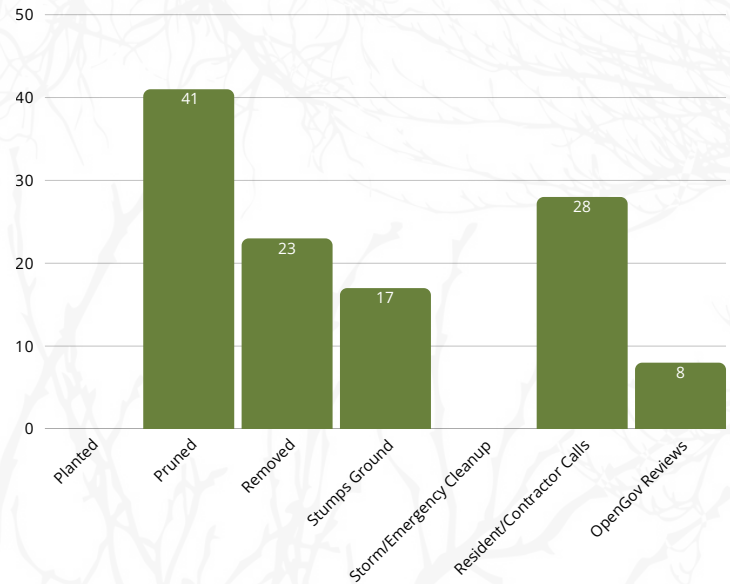
- 2027 Preparation – Parking lot assessment underway





Arbor/Horticulture

- Contracted landscaping work is ongoing
- Community gardens' weekly maintenance
- Fall tree planting
- Prairie annual mowing and re-seeding
- Hall Memorial Garden Project-cleaned up and first coat of primer
- Vietnam Traveling Wall prepped for event
- OUPS (Nathaniel & Miranda)
- Ropes, Ohio LTAP DOT, and stump grinding training
- Fall Décor & Displays at Geroux and Creekside
- Goblin Fest prep, setup, teardown



Golf Course

Course and Program Operations

- Planning
- Greenskeeper's Revenge Oct 4 & 5
 - 130 total participants
- City employee golf outing
- Weather/Closures
 - Closed 3 full days and 2 half days
 - Received 2" of rain in October





Parks Updates

Parks/Facilities

Park/Facility Maintenance

- Zac, passed CPSI
- 2026 Budget Planning
- Completed renovations for Superintendent and Foremen offices
- Will continue renovations for Forestry Superintendent office

Park/Facility Projects

Friendship Park

- Met with group of therapists and teachers from Gahanna Schools and County Board of DD

Academy Park

- Playground concept planning ongoing

Creekside renovations

- Meetings with consultants and project team.

MTB Trail

- Reviewing drafts of signage.

Bridges

- Installation of mesh railing on bridge at Woodside Green is scheduled for last week of October
- Addressed rotting boards on BWT section 4 Bridge.

Woodside South Pond Aerators

- Review of site in progress to establish a power source for future aerators

Trails and Parking Lots

- Meeting on 10.29 to begin implementation of Vialytics-AI powered road management system
- Gathering quotes for crack fill and sealing on 6 parking lots-scheduling early Nov
- Shull demo completed
- Creekside path on east side of Mill race repaired (uneven sidewalk panels)
- Rice Ave deck scheduled for last week of October
- Obtaining quotes for golf course drainage issues
- Working with new vendor for the winter light show



Recreation Updates

Senior

Upcoming:

- Thanksgiving Meal Nov 20

2 Day Trips

- US Air Force Museum: Nov 4
- Some Like It Hot-Ohio Theatre Nov 19

- 58 people driven in vans
- Approximately 46 miles driven
- 12 Sponsored Events
- \$2805 In-Kind Donations
- 7 Free or Reduced Cost Meals
- 581 Current Members



Program Name	# of Participants
Medicare 101	10
Ohio Attorney General Shop Smart	18
Medicare 101	5
Holiday Safety taught by Blair Thomas, CLO with GPD	19
Fall Fireside Feast	70
Murder Mystery Dinner-SOLD OUT	60
Halloween Party	67

Adult

- Greenskeeper's Revenge Oct 4 & 5 - 130 total participants
- City employee golf outing





Recreation Updates

Aquatics & Safety

- Blended Learning Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED October 8
 - Canceled due to low enrollment.
- Babysitting Basics October 11
 - Canceled due to low enrollment.
- Upcoming programs
 - Blended Learning Adult & Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED is scheduled for Nov 20
 - Full In-Person CPR Course is scheduled for Nov 23
 - Babysitting Basics is scheduled for Nov 22-23

Youth & Family

- Fall programs
 - 10/2- Backyard Biologists - 25 participated
 - 10/9 - Storytime with Parks and Rec - 45 kids attended
 - 10/19- Cool Girls Tech- TechnoChallenge - CANCELLED due to low enrollment
 - 10/19 Bally Sports Little Ballers- 22 kids registered
 - 10/19 Bally Sports Shooting Stars - 19 kids registered
 - Spook Up Gahanna - 26 houses participated
 - Participated in Gahanna Preschool's Trunk or Treat
- Upcoming programs
 - Kinderdance begins on November 3rd
 - Kindertots begins on November 3rd
 - Excell Volleyball – Begins November 3rd
- Staff Development
 - OPRA Leadership Summit – November 18-19
 - ACA Virtual Ohio Day Camp Connections meeting – November 10th
 - OPRA Awards Judging



Recreation Updates



Special Events

- Campfire in the Park
 - Sunpoint, 10/1, 120 in attendance
 - Hunters Ridge, 10/8, 50 in attendance
 - Ashburnam, 10/15, 85 in attendance
- 10/2-10/6 Vietnam Traveling Wall was installed at Veterans Memorial Park.
- 10/4, Get your Rear in Gear 5k, using Route B.
- 10/5, Columbia Vision Walk, using Route B.
- 10/11 Basset Fest, Pizzurro
- 10/11 Creek Cleanup Volunteer opportunity, 6 in attendance
- 10/11 Spooky Shuffle 5k, using Route B.
- 10/12 Shour Your Class 5k, using Route B.
- 10/24 Great Gahanna Goblin Fest took place, roughly 4,500 in attendance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ODNR Grant Report Due
- November to Remember Event
- Veteran's Day Ceremony
- Holiday Lights



Paddle Gahanna

- 10/6 final Celestial Paddle of the year, 11 in attendance.