

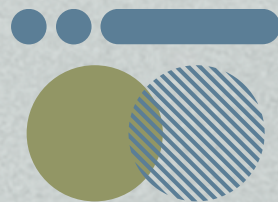
DIRECTORS REPORT



Gahanna

PARKS & RECREATION

FEBRUARY &
MARCH 2026



— HAPPY — Retirement

- Ellen Orre - May
 - Administrative Assistant Parks
- Jim Ferguson- March
 - Parks Foreman

Administrative Updates

OFFICE

Recreation

- Met with Gahanna Gaming Company about a potential partnership
- Interviewing for seasonal positions
- Finalizing Volunteer Policy & Handbook
- Attending local job fairs to recruit seasonal staff
- Enhanced the Gahanna.gov website to improve overall user experience and accessibility
 - Expanded and refreshed content, including updated links, new images, and clearer, more user-friendly rental pricing information
- Standardized and updated all rental forms to create a more cohesive and polished look across all materials
- Initiated the design of the new mobile app to improve the user experience
- Organizing for the move to 825 Tech Drive

Parks

- Central Ohio Greenways Committee
 - Representing Blueways
- Reviewing seasonal applications
- 2 engineering review meetings
- Developing an interdepartmental process to improve basic equipment safety
- Competitive Sealed Bid Street Tree Planting
 - Scope of services under review
- Prescribed fire meeting at Gahanna Woods
 - Planning to burn this spring
- Arbor Day meeting - Marketing
- Tree Planting event meeting - Marketing & Engineering
- Bee City USA Annual Report - submitted
- Planning for 2026 CBJF & IDC
- Completed soundtrack for IDC Fireworks
- Continued work on establishing Key Loan system
- Developing park inventory list
- Working on plans to update nature playground at Woodside Green



THANK YOU

Good luck on your
new adventure!
Nichole Butler

Welcome Zoe Zesing
as the new Adult &
Senior Coordinator III!

WELCOME

Administrative Updates

OFFICE

February & March

Staff Development

- Attended OPRA Regional Training
- Attended the OTF Conference & Trade Show
- NRPA Maintenance Management School
- Tri-State Green Industry Conference
- American Red Cross Training
- MORPC BLOOM
- GGSAA Conference
- Diesel engine training with FLEET
- Attended the Association of Aquatics Professionals conference
- NRPA Director's School
- APO Certification
- ISA Arborist
- MFI

Weather Safety

- Tornado required training (Full Parks Division)



- Seasonal interviews started for Parks
- Reviewed Administrative Assistant applications - scheduled interviews (Parks)
- Scheduled Parks Foreman & MWI interview days

Equipment Updates

- New Equipment
 - Arbor lift and truck - obtaining second quote
 - Golf cart replacement - order placed
 - Gator for golf course
 - 2 new trucks - order placed
 - Trailer for ABI
 - 3 new trailers
 - Boom brush cutter for Avant - recieved quote

Weather Damage

- Trailer damage to rear of trailer
- Wind Event
 - 10 called in with 22 street trees cleaned, 42 park and trail trees
- Minor flooding event - Creekside closed



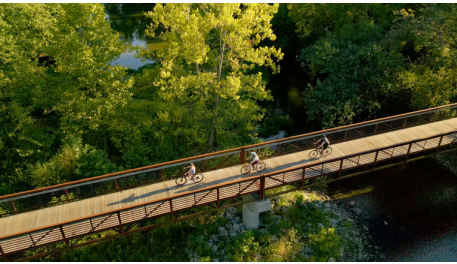


MORPC Technical Assistance Grant

- MORPC transferring dashboard to Experience Builder.
- Met w/ MORPC to discuss additional questions around data migration

Price Road House - Exploration Center

- Construction began 9/16
- SWPPP inspections are ongoing
- Drywall - **complete.**
- Rough framing - **complete.**
- Mudding and Sanding on second floor - **complete.**
- Primer and 1st coat of paint on second floor - **complete.**
- Second-floor interior door installations - in progress
- Casework installations - in progress
- Flood vent installations - in progress
- Window installation - in progress
- Electrical panels & breakers - **complete.**
- New main electrical and run to barn - in progress
- Structural repairs (helical piers) - in progress
- Permit status - all approved
- Change orders:
 - Vinyl Siding – Rejected due to fund prioritization
 - Change in Sanitary lateral because of install methods – Complete
 - Mold Abatement – Complete
 - Electrical panel conflicts – Complete
 - Plumbing and electrical conflicts – Complete
 - Helical Piles – Accepted
 - Door heights 2nd FL - Accepted
 - Electrical conflicts with sidewalk – Accepted
 - Infill Door 200B - Accepted
 - Window Return - Accepted
 - Door Heights 1st FL – In Review
 - Structural Wall – In Review
 - Add'l blocking for footers



CIP Preparation

- 2027 Preparation – Parking lot and trail assessment underway

Link to Literacy Trail

- Substantial redesign of trails at approximately 30% been completed.
 - The project has been divided into two phases:
 - Phase I from Walnut to the Library
 - Phase II, Library to Hamilton - OHM has completed a very high-level environmental assessment of the streambank along Phase II, which has triggered a significant setback and realignment of that section of the trail.
- Initial Meeting with Library signals acceptance of realignment; will bring to their board.
- Approached ODNR with potential alignment just extending to Shull Park; while ODNR would like to see feasibility of entire alignment determined, but will hold funding until that milestone is complete.

Trail Signage

- TAP Grant awarded for \$136,500 for signs along Big Walnut
- Revising Agreement with ODOT
- LPA training in progress
- Project Map sent to ODOT so that they can begin Environmental Assessment

Academy Park Improvements

- Received next draft of designs (close to 100% but will need a round of cleanup); City is reviewing
- Received next draft of Budget; City is reviewing
- Waiting on final budget draft of Playground design
- CA/CI RFP will release playground March 25th for April 22nd response
- Permit Status:
 - Development Plan - resubmitted again
 - Stormwater Variance - approved by Planning and Council
 - Request for Variances- - approved by Planning Commission
 - Major Development Plan - approved by Planning Commission
 - Request for variances - resubmitted and on Planning commission agenda
 - Floodplain Use Permit - submitted

Woodside/Hannah Pond Improvements

- Without receiving further coordination from new leadership, we have rescinded agreement with Kleinfelder
- Will revise RFP and release in April or May



Parks Updates

Parks/Facilities

Projects

Academy Park

- Reviewed plans

Aquatics planning

- HRP flooring improvements completed
- Finished painting the inside of Hunters Ridge Facility
- Installed heating unit in the Hunters Ridge pump room
- Received quote for awning installation at Hunters Ridge Pool

Ashburnham

- Beginning concept with Midstates
- Developed a survey with Marketing
- Survey mailed, 47 respondents as of March 26 (300 mailed)

BWT Bridge

- Bridge re-decking is anticipated to begin the week of April 13.
- PreCon meeting on 2/25

Creekside retaining wall

- Will provide 2 proposals, one to mitigate any additional failures, second to rebuild

Friendship Park Playground

- Received Gametime funding
- Presented to Kiwanis requesting financial support
- Concept redesigned to reduce tree impact, reviewing updated design
- Reviewing Omnia pricing and contract
- Prepared T-mobile grant

Proposals

- Athletic field fertilizing - Reviewing quotes
 - Porta Johns - Portakleen selected
- Line Painting
- Contracting for soccer lining
- Leasing a robot liner for other facilities

Holiday Lights - 2026 Display

- Met with the contractor

Golf Course - drainage issues

- Scheduled, anticipated completion early March

MTB Trail

- Final signs delivered

Parks Garage Renovation

- Awaiting lockers for the locker room

Trails and Parking Lots

- Golf course to be sealed Q1 2026, weather dependent

Woodside South Pond Aerators

- Aerators
 - Final electrical install for internal line - completed
 - Plan to install aerators March
- Considering options to improve water quality
 - Options include further pond assessments to better inform on best management practices



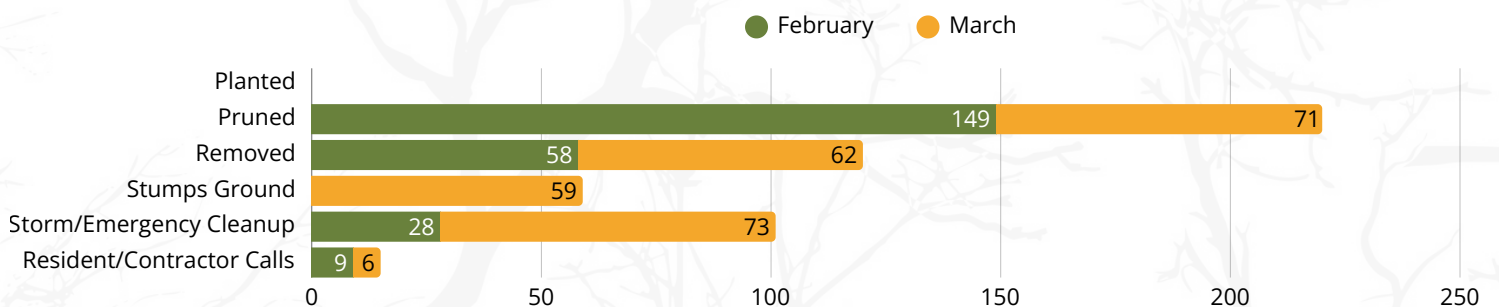
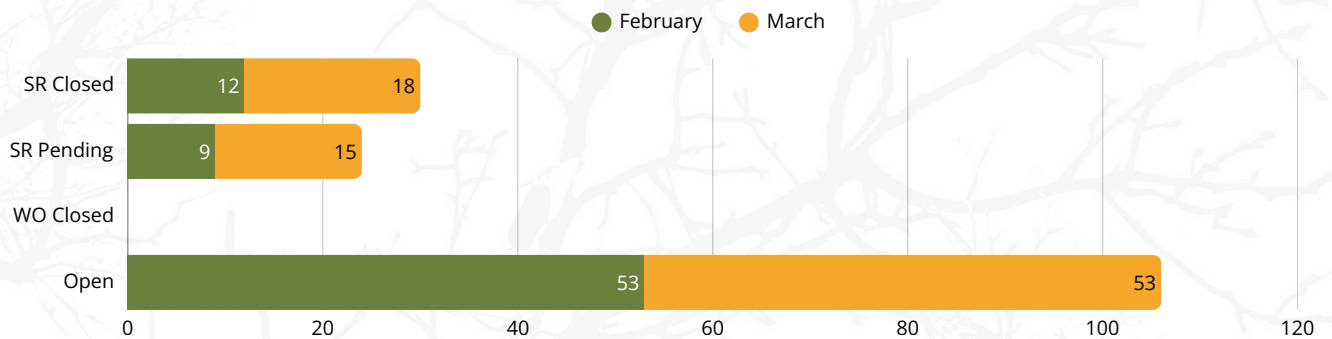


Parks Updates

Parks/Facilities

Team Work

- Inspections
 - Monthly Facility Inspections
 - Monthly AED Inspections
- Repairs
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Painting inside the Clubhouse
 - Repairs at the Herb Center back door
 - De-rusted various tools and hardware
- Parks Garage Renovations
 - Added heat to the tool room area
 - Changed out the garage bay lights
 - Added an extra outlet to the tool room
- Safety equipment training
- Planning 2026 CBJF & Goblin Fest
- Contractor
 - HRP bathroom partitions update
 - Irrigation installation backflow at golf course
 - Awning installation at Hunters Ridge Pool
- Garage prepped for power washing
 - Replacement parts for playground
 - Park benches
 - Sunshade parts
 - Miscellaneous structure parts





Parks Updates



Golf Course

Administration

- Chili Bowl donation requests
- Seasonal staff interviews
- Meeting with John Deere battery for the rough mower
- Discuss cart trades with Fleet
- Organize leagues and outings
- Met with Toro about irrigation audit and SitePro software
- Golf staff met with Fleet staff on equipment and servicing needs
- Updates on Golf Course webpage

Programs

- Chilli Bowl

OPENING
SOON

**Opened on
March 31st!**

Operations

Pro Shop

- Epoxy Floors refinished - shop restroom
- Handwashing sink installed
- New baseboard in men's restroom
- Repaired wall behind toilet
- Furnace blower replaced
- Installed new desktop in Pro Shop
- New double door cooler ordered for pro shop - delivered and installed on
- Pro Shop carpet cleaned

Clubhouse

- Pergolas removed - new lighting bollards installed
- Painting in the Clubhouse
- Shelves built in Clubhouse - storage and cleaning supplies
- New Cart purchasing - new quote received
- Work on electric/lights for flag
- Power wash steps

Course

- *Snow removal at course*
- *Drainage work on #5 tee box prepped for landscaping*
- *Ground maintenance began mowing, Sprayed weeds, seeding,*

Miscellaneous

- Seasonal interviews
- 4th of July meeting - potential timelines
- IT meeting for upgrades
- Contractor Roto-Rooter to replace the downspout
- Part of fencing damaged - working on replacing it
- New yardage signs ordered
- T-mower cutting reels to Century for maintenance
- Winterization of carts - ongoing
- Overflow in #2 pond
- New foot valve for irrigation pump installed



Recreation Updates

Aquatics & Safety

- Gateway signs advertising pool memberships up for two weeks
- CPR Recertification course for City Staff - 5 staff members recertified in First Aid/CPR/AED
- Memberships YTD - 758 (2025 - 166)
 - Resident 75%
 - Non-Resident 24%
 - Corporate - 1%
- 2026 Revenue: \$38,103.25 (2025 \$17,236.50)
- Lifeguard instructor course in partnership with the Hilliard Recreation & Parks Department.
 - Two seasonal Pool managers certified

Special Events & Paddle Program

- Egg-hunt registration opened - 4 time slots filled - *may add additional*
- The GMAC re-wrap project has been completed.
- Egg-hunt 579/630 spots sold (*as of 3/23*)
- The GMAC Rental Application live on OpenGov
- Continued work on volunteer policy
- Fireworks soundtrack sent to American Fireworks to build the show

Adult Programs

- Slow Flow Yoga - 6 participants
- Chair Yoga - cancelled - low enrollment

Youth & Family

- Storytime at the Library
 - February 25 kids
- Gahanna High School Mental Health Day with Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition - 40 kids stopped by
- Puzzle Palooza - 9 families
- Summer Camp Registration opens for Residents on 2/26
- Storytime at the Library - 37 kids
- Junior Rangers Class - 12 kids
- Vernal Pool Salamander Exploration - 15 participants
- Homeschool Rec Club - 26 kids
- Playground Pop Up - 26 kids
- Partnered with High Point Elementary School to lead a station at Super Saturday
- Summer Camp Registration
 - Camp Hannah - 99% full
 - Camp Friendship/Thrive - 100% full
 - Camp Begins - 93% full





Recreation Updates

Senior Programming

February

Bank of America - Fraud, Scams & Identity Theft	18
Lunch Bunch - Pies & Pints	30
Alzheimer's Association - Dementia Conversations	12
Birthday Bash	15
First Light Home Care - Home Care vs Home Health	17
Wednesday Lunch - 2 dates	116
St. Patrick's Day Party	40
Morning & Afternoon Bingo - 2 dates	64
Supper Club - Brio Easton	18

March

Lunch & Learn with My Medicare Network-Medicare	6
Prime Tours 2026 Trip Preview	11
Souper Bowl Party - 6 soup participants	39
Wednesday lunch	125
Bean Bag Baseball	16
Valentine's Day Party	80
Mardi Gras Party	66
Bingo	70
AARP Presentation-Online Relationship Scams	8
The Sound of Music at the Ohio Theatre	17



- Event Coordinator spot filled
- 15/20 Event/Boat staff hired
- Aquatics Coordinator posting is being finalized
- 139 seasonal Aquatics applications
- 26 offers made for seasonal positions with Aquatics
- 50 seasonal staff hired by Youth and Family

