

Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

NAP:

- Environmental Education programming continued through Forest Fridays and Nature Crafts and partnerships with AADL K-5 nature events and Community Action Network summer camps.
- Summer is a little bit of a slower season for volunteer restoration workdays. We seem to have made good progress over the years getting summer invasives that are hand pulled under control.

Greenbelt:

- One of the Greenbelt's land preservation partners, Webster Township, closed on the 29-acre Heydon conservation easement on July 22, with financial support from the Greenbelt and WCPARC's Natural Areas Preservation Program.
 - This property is adjacent to a nature preserve, has a Huron River tributary, floodplain forest, and hay fields.

Liveries:

- The liveries continue our river-based programming through August including:
 - Weekly Argo and Gallup River Camps
 - River Kids
 - Kayaking for Seniors
 - River Woman
 - Kayak Instruction Level 3
- We also have a few different instructor lead Adapted Kayak groups scheduled.

Fuller:

- Group lessons wrapped up Aug 11 with 238 participants
- We have extended our private lesson offerings through Sept 15 and will have given over 1450 private lessons
- Day Camp wraps up next week. We have cared for over 850 campers this summer.
- Our continued partnership with GeroFit and the VA will be carrying over and joining us at Mack.

Veterans:

- Our group swim lessons session 2 finished up in August
- Our private swim lessons are completely full, and will end August 21st
- We have some projects in the coming weeks to get the ice arena updated and ready for the upcoming season
- We opened up our registration for our Masters Draft Hockey League, and have many people signing up already

Buhr:

- Swim team finished their season on July 26th after 95 of our swimmers competing in championships
- Second session of week-day group lessons finished on August 8th and Sunday lessons finished August 11th
- Private lessons wrapped up on August 8th with a busy last few weeks
- Day camp was at capacity for the last couple weeks of camp and will finish on August 16th

- The last day of the season is Labor Day and we will move to reduced week day hours once APPS returns to school on August 26th but will continue to offer are normal weekend swimming opportunities

GIVE/AAP:

- Ninety-one Concordia Cardinals Football players came out to three parks to weed and spread engineered wood fiber at the playgrounds on August 9th.
 - This is their 10th year volunteering with us and unfortunately will be the last as their athletics program is closing.
- Bike park signage and trail markers similar to those found at ski areas are being installed and community and regionwide interest is growing with an active following of volunteers.
- We are set to reach a record amount of trash removed this season from volunteer River Cleanups.
- A new mural designed by the Youth Art Gallery was painted by volunteers at Fuller Park.

Huron Hills:

- Several different Junior Camps, classes and adult instructional programs have had more than 100 students this month participate to learn and grow the game of golf.

Leslie Park:

- Leslie Park successfully hosted two major golf events
 - The AJGA - 100 of some of the world's best golfers for a four-day AJGA Junior Golf Competition.
 - There were 17 different states and five different countries represented in this international event.
 - Victor and the grounds staff had the course in impeccable condition.
 - The City Amateur event.
 - Locally we hosted 93 of some of the best local golfers for this 3-day event.
- Both events were well attended with great reviews from the participants.

Senior Center:

- New workshops include:
 - What to Do When Hearing Aids Are Not Enough
 - Hospice 101
 - Planning Your Wellness goals.
- New programming:
 - Travelogues with George: Edinburgh, Glasgow, and London
 - New artist exhibit and reception for local senior Esther Bar-Shai
 - August Drive-Through, Creamsicles and Summer Safety
 - Tech Talk: Digital Playground
 - Park walks very successful (27 registrants one week).
- Collecting Back-to-School donations for Community Action Network (Bryant and Northside Community Centers).

