

Recreation Facilities and programming:

Liveries:

- The Liveries were busy with the warm weather over the long Labor Day weekend.
- As the weather cools, we are looking forward to the colors changing along the river and continuing to offer all our boating options with reduced hours.
- On the horizon we have the trick or treat paddle to cap off the Boating season on October 15th.

Buhr Park:

- Finished our pool season on Labor Day and had a busy and full last couple of weeks with swim lessons and day camp.
- Buhr is continuing to rent the rink during the off season to roller derby and others.

Fuller:

- We close for the season on Sept 17.
- We gave over 1000 private lessons this summer.

Mack:

- We open for the season on Sept 25.
- We have 156 swimmers registered for the octopods swim team and that is the most we have ever had at the Mack location.

Vets:

- Veteran's Memorial wrapped up its summer season on August 27th
- The staff have been hard at work preparing for the fall and winter seasons.
- The ice is now in and we are scheduled to open on September 17th.

Senior Center:

- In October we will be doing a lantern walk as welcoming a new artist exhibit to our Gallery Room featuring local painter David Frankel.
- September 16th, we partnered with OSI and it's 10,000 Trees Initiative to plant trees outside of a resident's window who missed seeing branches and leaves when the previous tree was taken down because of sickness.
- This fall we've also introduced an Italian language class, and a Phone-tography class to teach how to use cameras in cell phones better.

GIVE/AAP:

- On September 12th, the Elizabeth Dean Fund approved funding for a resident-driven Adopt-a-Park tree planting project at Buhr Park (\$4,550). The planting will include 12 trees (seven Kanza Japanese cherry trees and five 'Autumn Brilliance' serviceberry trees) to expand on an existing Cherry tree tribute (to sister city Hikone, Japan). The planting is scheduled for this fall. (see attachment if interested in more details)

Golf:

- Rounds and revenues at Leslie Park are up \$50,000 over 2022's summer months, while Huron Hills is up about \$40,000.
- Leslie Park hosted the City Amateur Senior Tournament in late August that was attended by more than 100 of the area's best senior golfers.

Cobblestone / Rentals:

- Wrapping up the summer, we had nearly 300 park rentals over the summer (estimated to be almost 30,000 people.) This does not include almost the same number of people using the soccer, baseball and soccer fields, through Rec and Ed.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market:

- In August we hosted another of our largest Food Truck Rallies at the market, with 20 food trucks and carts participating, plus live music provided by local bands Blue Sky Jazz & Sam Olive. We had a pretty good turnout incredible turnout with a thousand attendees over the course of the event. Our next Rally will be Wednesday September 20, 5-8pm, and we have 19 trucks and carts signed up plus live music from Blue Chops Jazz, Blue Sky Jazz, and Sam Olive. We will also have a rally on & October 18 with 20 trucks and carts signed up plus live music.
- On September 13, we concluded our successful 2023 Cooking with EdibleWOW magazine cooking demonstration series. Chef Peyton Richardson from Greener Pastures Market in South Lyon prepared a melon and cucumber salad featuring produce from 4 of our farms present at yesterday's Wednesday market. We received a grant from the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) to include Food Safety information on the recipe cards we distribute during each demo.
- On September 14, we hosted the 2nd Annual Local Food Festival, presented by the City's Office of Sustainability and Innovations, in partnership with us and Argus Farm Stop. The event runs 5-8pm and will feature tastings of melon and cherry tomatoes grown by our farmers, vendors, food trucks, games, info booths, and live music by local band Ain't Dead Yet.
- Wednesday Market is our 'Community Day', where we host local educational organizations, non-profits, and City departments to provide information about their programs and get the public involved. So far this season we have hosted: Ann Arbor Greenbelt/Buy Protect Sell Program, Ann Arbor Senior Center, Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels, Ann Arbor Water, Clear Computing, Ecology Center, Fresh Start Clubhouse, Growing Hope, Judson Center, Michigan Farmlink/Washtenaw County Conservation District, MSU Extension, Samaritas, Supportive Connections, Washtenaw Community College, UM Dietetics & Public Health, UM Social Minds Lab, UM Wolverine Street Medicine, Washtenaw County Health Department, Washtenaw ISD Head Start, & ZeroWaste.Org
- Our Saturday Markets have been packed with vendors, food trucks, and live music for most of the summer! In August, we averaged 85-90 vendors each market day, with market stalls into the parking lot area with vendors, prepared food, and food trucks. We continue to have very large turnouts on Saturdays, with thousands of visitors attending each week.

Conservation Operations

Natural Area Preservation (NAP)

- NAP is leading the oak wilt remediation effort at Bird Hills Nature Area, coordinating closely with Forestry, Park Ops, Public Works and neighboring private property owners to quickly implement an effective remediation protocol. In all, it is expected that fifty-five (55) red oaks will be removed from the remediation site to contain the spread of the infection through Bird Hills.
- NAP crew and select volunteers attended a day and a half long [ISA](#) tree felling workshop. Thanks to a grant from MIOSHA, this training was provided to us at a reduced cost.

Land Acquisition (Greenbelt)

- The Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell RFP was picked up by additional media outlets, including [ClickOnDetroit](#), [MLive](#), and the Observer's A2View email.