

## Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

### PAC Update

#### Buhr

- Summer programming officially starts June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Swim team has started preseason at Mack Pool and will move over to Buhr and Vets on Monday June 15
- Extended summer hours will start June 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Mack/Fuller

- Fuller added some weekday group lessons to ensure that if Vets didn't open, we would have additional lessons for the public.
- Day camp shelter is behind but making slow progress.
- Day camp begins on June 15 and we are sold out.
- Group Swim lessons begin on June 21.
- In the three weeks that we have been offering private lessons, we have given over 150 lessons
- We have been busy preparing for the season by providing specialized training for our swim instructors, day camp staff, and front line staff. All training is developed by our recreation supervisors and is grounded in theories that maximize learning and growth.
- Gayle was recently interviewed by NPR's Weekend Edition to discuss the job market for teens, as well as best practices for hiring and employing young workers. <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/nx-s1-5824413>

#### Veterans

- Veterans Memorial Pool is officially opening for the season on 6/10
- In the less than 24 hours from announcing the opening of the pool and opening swim lesson registration, we have had over 20 people register
- Swim lessons and swim team are slated to begin 6/15

#### Natural Area Preservation

- NAP's spring prescribed burn season ended at the end of May. Staff completed 13 burns across 47 acres during the course of the spring.
- Contractors from GEI continued invasive species treatment in select parks, including treating emerging herbaceous and woody invasives with herbicide.
- Staff are coordinating with the Washtenaw County Health Department to allow for the sampling of insects in select parks in order to monitor for insect-borne diseases like Lyme disease and West Nile virus. This partnership has been in place for several years.

#### Farmers Market

- 7am-3pm Wednesday & Saturday Market regular hours are in effect. June Saturday average: 80 vendors, 1 food truck, & 5 food carts. June Wednesday average: 27 vendors, 1 food truck, 2 food carts, & 2 community groups.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Asian Night Market is Friday June 12, 5-9pm, featuring Asian-owned local food and artisan business, cooking demos, live performances, food carts, and more.
- For the 4th year in a row, we received a food safety grant from Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) to fund our cooking demo series. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> demo of 2026 is June 10 at 11:00, featuring market vendor Miguel Larcher. The demos take place 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays through September, highlighting seasonal produce grown by our vendors.
- Little Roots Storytime joined market on June 3, with other June Wednesdays scheduled.
- We hosted a field trip from King Elementary so far this month, with June camps trips coming up.
- Construction fencing has been erected in the market for the redevelopment project at 303 Detroit Street. It covers approximately 1,000 square feet as a construction staging area.

### Huron Hills & Leslie Park golf courses

- Both Huron Hills and Leslie are operating at regular season rates, open sunup to sundown, 7 days a week.
- Huron Hill's Junior Golf Camps begin Monday June 15. Currently, 186 students are registered for this season's camps.
- Adult instruction programs are ongoing, with classes that run through the beginning of September.
- New Recreation Supervisor is set to begin with the department Monday, June 22.

### Liveries

- Full Summer Operations: Both Argo and Gallup liveries are fully open for the summer season, operating seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..
- River Camps : Weeklong summer camps kick off this month, at both the Argo and Gallup locations.
- Daily River Programming: The liveries are offering Instructor led river-based programming daily throughout June.

### Cobblestone, Park Rentals & Field Rentals

- Cobblestone Farm is rented 18 days in June for weddings U of M retreats and graduation celebrations.
- Fuller and Olson athletic fields end the Spring season on June 12 and start Summer season on June 5
- Park Shelter rentals are extremely busy this month, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, with graduation parties and other special events.

### Senior Center

- The variety of senior classes offered in June 2026 is 46% higher than that of June 2025.
- Ann Arbor Civic Band starts its concert season in Burns Park June 17.
- One of the facilities air conditioning units needed replacement mid-May. It was found the second AC unit is in similar condition and age so will need to plan for it needing replacement in the not so distant future.

### Greenbelt

- USDA NRCS awarded the Greenbelt a \$431,200.00 ACEP-ALE grant to fund purchase of a conservation easement on a 108-acre property
- Staff toured two potential Bluebelt properties

### Vets Pop-up Dog Park

- 3740 estimated visits last month. 20297 estimated visits since the Dog Park opened.

### Activation

- Huron River Day happened on May 16<sup>th</sup> and despite the rain in the morning, the day cleared up and we hosted around 500 people at the new site of Riverside Park.
- Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> we hosted our first Party in the Park of the 2026 season. After hosting just one in August last year we will host 3 this year in May, June and August. This first one was at West Park and featured all teen bands from the Neutral Zone and saw between 150 and 200 people. The next one on June 27<sup>th</sup> will be at Fuller Park on field 6.
- For Environmental Ed: each week we pick a new park to have a K-5 nature craft event and outdoor story time. We also host nature play on Thursdays, outdoor yoga on Wednesdays and have monthly adult art and nature programs, nature book club, Senior Center beginner birding and library events.

## Volunteerism

- Our popular River Clean Up events have returned this year, and we've added a new component for volunteers not affiliated with a group to volunteer.
- As part of the new Huron River Day River Hero's programming, volunteers removed 139.8 pounds of trash from parks along the river.
- There are many opportunities to volunteer this season which can be found at: [cityofannarbor.volunteerhub.com](http://cityofannarbor.volunteerhub.com).
  - Thursday, 6/18 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Meadowbrook Park
  - Saturday, 6/20 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Cranbrook Park
  - Sunday, 6/21 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Las Vegas Park
  - Wednesday, 6/24 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Bicentennial Park
  - Wednesday, 6/24 10am-noon, Gallup River Clean-Up
  - Thursday, 6/25 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Maryfield Wildwood Park
  - Friday, 6/26 8:15-10am, Love A Park Day at Bicentennial Park
  - Friday, 6/26 10:30am-12:30pm, Love a Park Day at Scheffler Park
  - Saturday, 6/27 11:45am-3:15PM, Party in the Parks at Fuller Park
  - Tuesday, 6/30 10am-noon, Gallup River Clean-up
  - Thursday, July 2, 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Landsdowne Park
  - Thursday, July 9, 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Evergreen Park
  - Friday, July 10, 10am-noon, Gallup Park Butterfly Garden workday
  - Friday, July 10, 2-4pm, Gallup River Clean Up
  - Saturday, July 11, 10am-3pm, Splash Pad Grand Opening
  - Tuesday, July 14, 5pm-7pm, Love A Park Day at Baxter Park
  - Thursday, July 16 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at The Ponds
  - Friday, July 17 3-5pm, Love A Park Day at Mixtwood Pomona
  - Saturday, July 18, 10am-noon, Love A Park Day at Cranbrook Park
  - Saturday, July 18, 1-3pm, Love A Park Day at Creal Park
  - Sunday, July 19, 9-11am, Love a Park Day at Pilgrim Park