

Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

PAC Update

Veterans

- We are beginning our last session of skating lessons as well as our last session of draft hockey.
- We have begun the playoffs for our C-League level of competitive league hockey
- The past 2 seasons we have hit a record number of players in our draft league
 - Winter 2: 132
 - Spring: 143
- We also have more unique individuals signed up for our skating lessons this year than any previous year.
 - 742 between all 4 sessions

Buhr:

- Due to the warm weather, the rink season is rapidly coming to a close. Public activities have been cancelled, while we hope to continue with scheduled private rentals until our scheduled closing date of March 23rd.
- This rink season, 10,150 visitors attended open skate (+17% from last year). Drop-in Hockey and Sticks & pucks drew 1,360 participants (+39% increase from last year).
- Preparation for pool and camp season is underway.

Mack/Fuller:

- Ann Arbor Octopods will be competing in championships this weekend and we are hosting the meet at Skyline High school.
- Our spring Octopods season will begin March 24 and we have 99 swimmers signed up for this short season that focuses on technique and maintaining/building endurance.
- We are on track to give over 1000 private lessons this year and have had our lessons sold out for some time.
- Our 3rd session of swim lessons began on March 1. We have 217 participants in this session.

Senior Center

- New workshops include: Lunch & Learns (Advanced Directive Planning; How to Prepare for Home Downsizing or an Upcoming Move; Common Frauds and Scams). Workshops (Making Decisions About Assisted Living Care Residence; The Love, Lure, and Lore of the Laundry Line; Technology – Hacks and Scams).
- New programming: Travels with George (Aztec and Maya Cultures), Birding in Burns Park (NAP/Eleva Potter), Drive-Through (March into Good Skincare – dermatologists on site to answer questions and give out skin care samples).

Farmers Market:

- The market is currently open 8am-3pm Saturday winter hours. Regular season 7am-3pm hours & Wednesday Markets resume in May.
- The market averaged 30 vendors on Saturdays in March. The weather has been consistently below freezing on Saturdays so many vendors have not been attending, but more are returning this month.
- Our new online application launched in January, and we've received 40 new vendor applications so far. We admitted 3 of these applicants and are assessing and processing the others now.
- We also launched the online application for our summer Food Truck Rally series. We have received applications from 13 prospective vendors so far, 10 of which are returning vendors.
- We recently launched the online application for our Community Groups and have already received inquiries from 10 community groups looking to table at Wednesday Market.
- We converted our returning vendor application to online with some veteran vendors requesting to still use a paper version. Our returning vendor application deadline was March 1.

- The market office demolition project will commence now in late March after electrical work delays.
- Our facility continues to be heavily impacted by development construction surrounding the market. There are 2 active sites with 2 more starting later this year. We are concerned that the staging of the upcoming projects will be much more disruptive to market operations than the active sites have been.

Greenbelt

- Greenbelt staff joined its external partner organizations in presentations in Lyndon and Superior Townships to landowners/caretakers about how they can assess, manage, and preserve their land.

NAP

- Volunteer community science programs kicked off with Frog & Toad Survey training and Salamander Survey training in early March.

GIVE/AAP

- AAP is beginning to schedule spring events with adopters and updating adopter contact information for March rollout of a monthly adopter e-newsletter.

Environmental Education

- K-5 programming continues as well as monthly library park walks and Senior Center programs such as Birding Burns Park. Adult programming is being added in March and early childhood events in April.

Liveries

- The liveries are preparing to open for the season in April.

Huron Hills & Leslie Park

- Expect the golf courses to open up for the season.
 - Huron Hills early in March
 - Leslie Park late in March
- Golf Instruction programs opened for registration March 3.
- Golf Season Passes go on sale March 10.

Cobblestone, Park Rentals & Field Rentals

- Wood floors in the event barn at Cobblestone Farm were refinished in February.
- Park Rentals, Field Rentals and Special Events will begin for the season mid-April.