

## Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

### PAC Update

#### Vets Pop-up Dog Park

- 1464 estimated visits since Feb 16. 9912 estimated visits since the pop-up started in November.

#### Mack/Fuller

- Spring swim team has opened for registration and for a 5 week no meet session, we have over 100 swimmers signed up.
- Our last group swim lessons session has started, and we are doing more and more private lessons.
- We are starting the hiring process for Fuller. We will have at least 75 returning staff joining us again this summer.

#### Buhr

- With the sudden closure of Vets we were able to absorb some of their groups and offer more day-time skating options to the public
- The rink is expected to finish up the season on March 23 and we will be gearing up for the summer season

#### Activation

- For each week in April, staff will pick one City park to a K-5 nature craft event, an outdoor story time and a toddler 'move and groove'.
- Staff will continue the adult art and nature series, nature nerds book club and have multiple K-5 nature events during spring break!

#### Senior Center

- New programming includes: Travels with George – Southeast Asia; Brunch & Learn: Normal Aging vs. Memory Loss: How to Tell the Difference, Music Therapy Benefits for Seniors, Stay Resilient and Independent – Move with Confidence!; Workshops: Learning in Retirement with Elderwise, Cooking: White Chicken Chili & Cornbread, All About Acupuncture, What Are the Different Levels of Assisted Living?, Make Your Own Simple Birdfeeder; Lunch & Learn: Aging at Home with Dignity, How to Communicate with Someone who has Dementia, ; Drive-Through – National Eat Your Noodles Day; Tech Workshop: Hacks & Scams. The facility has also ramped up as a community center for other Parks educational programs throughout the month in the evenings and on weekends when non-senior programming is taking place.

#### Natural Area Preservation

- Consultants from GEI completed forestry mowing projects at Black Pond Woods and Furstenberg, clearing significant acreage of invasive shrubs. Their crews also continued invasive shrub removal efforts by hand at Oakwoods and Argo Nature Areas.

#### Cobblestone, Park Rentals & Field Rentals

- Fuller and Olson field rentals begin April 13.
- The siding replacement project on the north side of the Cobblestone Farm house is nearly complete and ready for Park Operations to paint.

#### Farmers Market

- Saturday Market 8am-3pm Winter Hours continue. March average: 40 vendors, 1 food truck, and 1 food cart. More vendors returning as spring approaches. 2 community groups also participated in March.

- As Dunbar Tower residents move in, we partnered with Avalon to connect residents on food assistance to market. We also created vouchers that new residents can exchange for a \$5 market token, as part of an initiative the Kerrytown District Association initiated to welcome them to the neighborhood.

### Greenbelt

- The first Bluebelt project, “Davenport,” was approved by Council and closed a week later. Mill Creek and an additional tributary flow through it. It is a fee acquisition, expanding Scio Township’s Sloan Nature Preserve.
- The 24-acre Moehrle farm easement closed. Ann Arbor Township is the easement holder.

### Liveries

- All seasonal positions have been posted aside from Attendant I/II

### Huron Hills & Leslie Park golf courses

- Interviewing for a Recreation Supervisor position to support the golf courses.
- Huron Hills is partially open when the weather permits. Holes 1-7 on the north side of Huron Pkwy.
- Both Huron Hills and Leslie Park are projected to be open by the end of the month.
- Seasonal positions are posted.

### Veterans

- Collecting quotes on repair/replacement of Ice Plant.
- Ice arena refunds are nearly fully complete.
- Ice Rink punch passes have been updated, moving forward all punch passes will last 1 year from purchase rather than only lasting until the end of the skating season.
- Looking to find opportunities for rink usage. AAPD and the Washtenaw County Crisis Negotiation team is going to use the rink for crisis negotiation training scenarios.

### Snow Match

- 119 registrants
  - 33 matches (16 households, 1 household requires 2 volunteers)
  - 8 homeowners are out of city limits or do not have sidewalks
  - 1 volunteer is under 18 and is not qualified to be matched

### Volunteerism

- Wrapped up the 2026 Citizen Pruner season in partnership with Forestry. Volunteers pruned over 100 trees with 9 unique volunteers across 4 workdays in the neighborhoods around Allmendinger Park. Six volunteers had participated in years past, 3 of the volunteers were new this year. Despite several extremely cold workdays, volunteers remained dedicated with positive attitudes.
- Hired 1 new staff person to assist with event planning and leading
- Partnering with Activation to host a volunteer event at each of the parks they are planning events at during April.
- Adopt-a-Park is outfitting a trailer as a “garden shed on wheels” with help from Park Ops. This will greatly improve efficiency leading volunteer events in parks and will also be utilized for other volunteerism events.
- **Upcoming Public Volunteer Opportunities**  
 Check out the Ann Arbor Parks Volunteer Program [website on VolunteerHub](#) to register for upcoming volunteer events.
  - \* Sunday, March 22, 1-4pm. Kuebler Landford Nature Area invasive shrub removal
  - \* Saturday, April 4, 8am-12pm. Costume Activity Stations at “Hop, Skip, Spring!”
  - \* Thursday, April 9, 10am-12pm. Allmendinger Park Love a Park Day

- \* Saturday, April 11, 1-4pm, Mary Beth Doyle Park invasive shrub removal
- \* Saturday, April 16, 10am-12pm, Foxfire North, Love a Park Day
- \* Sunday, April 19, various times, LSNC Earth Day Festival
- \* Sunday, April 19, 1-4pm. Furstenberg Nature Area invasive shrub removal
- \* Sunday, April 19, 3-5 p.m. Turtle Steward Training and Kickoff