

## **Recreation Operations:**

### **Liveries**

- The liveries enjoyed a long busy holiday weekend over the 4th of July.
- We have many upcoming River programs including kayak instruction for novices, River women, Stand-up paddle board instruction and Kayaking for Seniors.

### **Buhr Park**

- Octopods had their first home meet that ended in a win and went over smoothly!
- Tot splash has really been picking up and has been popular on the nice days.

### **Fuller**

- Fuller gave 327 private lessons from June 12 to June 29. That number includes many differently abled swimmers for whom private lessons are the best option to meet their individual needs.
- Our day camp has been going great and we have also been able to accommodate several campers who are differently abled.
- The staff for both camp and swim lessons have done a phenomenal job assuring that all folks have access to these important recreational opportunities.

### **Vets**

- We are experiencing great turn out at the pool this summer.
- We are very busy weekdays between 1pm-3pm with group visits.
- The construction project happening in the ice rink is going well and is currently on schedule.

### **Senior Center**

- On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed local artist Toni Oliverio into the gallery room to exhibit her incredible work using pen, ink, watercolor, and mixed media. She has exhibited in several local venues, won juried contests, was selected in 2020 and 2023 as a winner in "Art Around Saline," and was showcased as the featured artist in the international magazine "Global Chic Lifestyle".
- On July 12th we host our monthly drive-through themed "Red, White, and Blue" in partnership with U-M Health Advantage. The event includes senior geared goodie bags, snacks, and socializing.
- Our July "Out & About A2" will take place on July 20th at Matthaei Botanical Gardeners.

### **Cobblestone Farm**

- 4 uses by 4 groups with approx. 250 people in attendance

### **Park Rentals**

- 30 locations within 13 parks were used 173 times by 129 unique groups and approx. 11,898 people in attendance.
- From these numbers, 5 unique groups hosted 9 special events at 5 parks with approx. 4,850 people in attendance.

### **Athletic Fields**

- 18 locations within 6 parks were used 147 times by 13 unique groups and approx. 12,225 people in attendance.

## **GIVE/Adopt-A-Park**

- [GIVE Gazette July edition](#) -
- The goats are back! Currently working at Gallup, heading to Broadway end of July. [www.a2gov.org/goatsatwork](http://www.a2gov.org/goatsatwork)
- 32 scheduled GIVE hosted volunteer workday events on the July calendar

## **Golf**

- HHGC – 11,745 rounds, nearly 27% over the same period last year, also a 60% increase in revenue, LPGC – 16,269 rounds, about a 3% increase
- Golf instruction classes are completely full for every session, both Adults and Juniors.
- The city championship took place July 14-16, and we're excited to be hosting the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) qualifier starting July 24th. This is a regional tournament for players between the ages of 12 and 19.

## **CONSERVATION OPERATIONS**

### **Natural Area Preservation (NAP)**

- NAP partnered with YMCA to host "Tuesday Trail" workdays this summer. They have been well-attended by YMCA youth campers and the public.
- NAP's new volunteer Nest Box Monitoring program was a great success, with almost all nest boxes fledging native bird species such as bluebirds, tree swallows, and chickadees. Volunteers monitored and maintained the nest boxes, preventing invasive bird species and predators from disturbing the nests.
- NAP staff have been busy following up on reports of turtles nesting in parks throughout the city. Several nests have been protected or relocated to safer areas.
- NAP staff have observed trumpeter swans, a state species of special concern, nesting on the large ponds at the Wheeler Service Center and the Water Treatment Plant.

### **Land Acquisition (Greenbelt)**

- The Greenbelt has issued its first-ever [RFP](#) for land-insecure farmers interested in purchasing affordable, protected farmland in the Ann Arbor area via the Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell initiative. As approved by City Council in May 2022, the first purchasing opportunity is located on Nollar Road in Northfield Township. The 54-acre farm is being sold in two parts: a 20-acre "North Parcel" and a "34-acre South Parcel." Applicants can submit proposals to purchase either parcel, or both. Proposals to purchase will be evaluated by the farm plan submitted by the applicants and their farming/business experience; the prices of the parcels are fixed. Proposal submissions are due Monday, September 11, 2023. The City's version of this buy-protect-sell framework is a culmination of ideas and the product of collaboration amongst Greenbelt Advisory Commission, Council, community partners, and staff from around the City.
  - CBS News Detroit aired [a segment](#) about the RFP release and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Greenbelt
  - WEMU/NPR will air a segment on "Issues of the Environment" on July 19<sup>th</sup>
  - [Open houses](#) will be hosted at the property