

Recreation Facilities:

Liveries: Argo and Gallup liveries are both fully open with their summer hours. The second week of June is also the first week of the summer River camps at Argo and Gallup. We are excited to be fully open for the summer and keep our fingers crossed for rain at night to keep the water levels high enough to continue to offer all our river trips.

Buhr Park: Buhr Park's pool and tot pool are open for the season! The Buhr Park Day Camp is also officially open and is mostly booked through the summer.

Fuller: Fuller is in full swing with group lessons, expanded private lessons, rental groups and a robust public swim schedule. Our expanded day camp is full and the first few days have been great! Day camp started June 12. We have welcomed back our partners at Arbor Autism and the VA's Gerofit.

Vets: We have kicked off the season of the new Ann Arbor Octopods. Swim lessons have also started for the summer. Vets has full swim classes and we are hoping to add more classes next session with additional staff.

Senior Center: June at the **Ann Arbor Senior Center** is exciting – we are introducing a few new programs! 1) We are collaborating with NAP to host a Senior Park Stewardship Workday at Fuller Park. 2) We are also welcoming a community member, George Jabol, who will be hosting a monthly “Travels with George” program where he will share a grand tour presentation of his many breathtaking and fascinating world travels, each month featuring a new country. 3) A new senior meetup program called “Out & About A2” begins on June 16, which is a one-a-month excursion in Ann Arbor. Whether you are new in town or an A2 Townie, there's always something to explore! Meetups will include visits to the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Lantern Walk and Bonfire, African American Cultural Museum, and more! 4) Our June Drive-Through is partnering with Trinity Health and the AADL with goodie bags, snacks, and book rentals.

Elsewhere in the Parks, Senior Center staffer Marianne Fulton starts up the new weekly program “**Hike&Hang**” on June 6th: *Enjoy and explore Ann Arbor's parks while meeting new people! Path conditions may include paved, unpaved and boardwalks. Hikes will range from 2-3 miles depending on the park. All level of walkers are welcome.* On June 14th, the **Ann Arbor Civic Band** starts its 2023 concert season at Burns Parks. Concerts will continue every Wednesday through July 19 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lastly, **Project Grow** is hosting a 2023 Garden tour June-Aug. Tours are scheduled on every other Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m. Participants will drive to each site in the day's tour to learn about the history of the organization, key facts about that specific site's gardens and gardeners, and get a chance to meet site coordinators and gardeners. Addresses and approximate engagement times for each site and other detailed information will be sent by email the week of the selected tour.

Golf

- In May, Leslie Park had a 17% increase in rounds while Huron Hills has seen a 10% increase from May 2022.
- The Society of Civil Engineers named Huron Hills Golf Course along with the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioners Office recipients of "Michigan Section Quality of Life" Award. The awards recognizes the recent improvements to Benz Creek in Huron Hills.
- Leslie Park was recently featured on the Michigan Golf Live TV show. This episode featured Ann Arbor as a golf travel destination and our very own Leslie Park was the lead segment. You can see it here - [Ann Arbor - Exploring Golf, Life, and Fun - 2023 MGL TV](#)

Park Operations:

GIVE 365 –

- GIVE had 41 volunteer events scheduled in June—which include custom group events, Love a Park Days, River Clean Up events, and other special events.
- GIVE hosted two free bike clinics at Bandemer Bike Park. Over 50 people came out for the beginner’s clinic to learn how to jump and ride the course (see a few pics [here](#))
- A new master gardener has signed on for a short adoption of the Bryant Community Center ([EMG with A2parks](#))

Cobblestone Farm

- 22 uses by 12 groups with approx. 1640 people in attendance

Park Rentals

- 40 locations within 17 parks were used 205 times by 167 unique groups and approx. 12,929 people in attendance.
 - From these numbers, 8 unique groups hosted 12 special events at 6 parks with approx. 3,785 people in attendance.

Athletic Fields

- 18 locations within 3 parks were used 144 times by 9 unique groups and approx. 12,353 people in attendance.

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

Natural Area Preservation (NAP)

- NAP hosted our annual workday with Community High School, where 280 students pulled 2,540 lbs. of spring invasive plants from 7 different natural areas; over 8 pounds pulled per student.
- NAP staff have observed rare grassland birds, such as bobolinks, savannah sparrows, and eastern meadowlarks, nesting at the Ann Arbor Airport and the Wheeler Service Center.
- NAP staff and volunteers have observed a population of queen snakes along the river in Gallup Park. This is a species of special concern in the state.
- NAP volunteers and park visitors have reported sightings of eastern milk snakes at Oakwoods and Marshall Nature Areas. This species has never been observed in these parks before, according to NAP records.
- In partnership with the Office of Sustainability & Innovations and the Forestry Department, NAP submitted a \$1M grant proposal to the USDA Forest Service to support NAP’s efforts to prioritize management areas and activities that increase biodiversity, climate resilience and forest health.

Land Acquisition (Greenbelt)

- [City Council approved](#) the acquisition of the DeVine conservation easement in Scio Township. This forested property contains many vernal pools and is contiguous with a larger tract previously protected by the Greenbelt.