

Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

PAC Update

Buhr

- We continue to have more school groups out for field trips and after school events
- We were able to extend our hours and offer more skating opportunities over the AAPS midwinter break.
- We will be working with Vets to try and accommodate some of their rental groups and look into offering more skating opportunities while Vets is closed.
- Newer rental skates have arrived which will help us accommodate more people for our open skates and we will start going through our inventory and pulling skates that are at the end of their lifespan

Veterans

- On February 16th, Compressor #1 suffered a catastrophic internal failure last week, forcing an early end to the rink season
 - As a result, the pistons, crankshaft and valves were shattered.
 - All the refrigerant was lost, resulting in the ice melting.
 - We have been in contact with a company to get an estimate of repair costs and possible length of time the repair will take.
 - Staff have refunded all groups that would be using the ice between now and the normal closing date of late April. We are working to get as much rescheduled to Buhr as possible.

Activation

- Continuing weekly Spring Story Times on Tuesdays at Vets. Providing Environmental Ed events for K-5 students on days off school for mid-winter break and spring break. Continuing monthly: AADL park walks, Adult Art and Nature events, and Nature Nerds Book Club. Also providing art and cooking events at the Senior Center.
- Put on the K.I.S.S. Dance (Kids Invite Someone Special) for Valentine's Day
- Helped activate the Farmers Market with some Valentine's Day activities.
- Continue to host a monthly dance lesson and social dance for the public at Cobblestone Farm.
- Launched a Knitting 101 class at Burns Park Shelter.
- Hosting a ASL workshop as well as a Trivia Night for families to attend.
- Coming Up – Veteran's Memorial Dog Park display/focus day

Senior Center

- Movement For Joy; Zoom Mind Matters; Zoom Trivia; Scrabble; Travels with George – the European river Journey from Budapest to Amsterdam; Senior Mall Walks; Offsite Trivia at Cranbrook Apartments and Lurie Terrace Senior Living; Lunch & Learn – Where Are You at Risk of Losing Independence; Out & About Luncheon; Into to ASL Workshop; Brunch & Learn – How Tooth Loss Affects Overall Health; In-Person Trivia; Natural Skincare Workshop; Fiber Arts Class; Brunch & Learn – Legacy Projects 101; Drive Through - Lifelong Education

Mack/Fuller

- Our last swim session for the season is open for registration.
- By the end of February, we will have given 800 private lessons.
- Our Goldfish class for swimmers ages 3 and 4 that we launched last year has consistently filled up and has been one of our most popular lessons. Our next session is 100% full as of today.
- Following a community concern regarding air quality at Mack, we took immediate action by bringing in both the fire department and our Safety Services unit to conduct thorough testing. We're happy to report that all results came back clear. While this outcome was expected, we believe it's important to be

transparent and demonstrate our commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming facility for everyone in our community to enjoy.

Farmers Market

- Saturday Market 8am-3pm Winter Hours continue. 30 vendors, 1 food truck, and 1 food cart average in February. More vendors are returning as extreme cold has passed, increasing product diversity.
- Great foot traffic at 2/14 Valentine's Day/Pączki Day Market + Parks Activation Valentine's activities.

Greenbelt

- Staff submitted an application to the FY26 USDA-NRCS ACEP-ALE grant for \$431,200

Natural Area Preservation

- GEI Consultants continued contracted invasives removals, finishing up most of the acreage at Cedar Bend before moving on to Oakwoods.
- Staff presented the story of how Ann Arbor became designated as a Bird City to the Washtenaw Master Gardener Association.

Cobblestone, Park Rentals & Field Rentals

- Siding work on the north side of the Cobblestone Farmhouse will begin mid-February thru late March.
- We are beginning to receive and schedule athletic fields at Fuller and Olson. Fields are set to open mid-April.

Liveries

- We hired a full-time employee.
- Rentals of the meeting room continue to be busy.

Huron Hills & Leslie Park golf courses

- Closed for the winter, however Huron Hills (front 7-holes) will become available for use as the weather improves.
- Director of Golf, Doug Kelly retired at the end of January. At the start of the process of hiring a new full-time employee at the golf courses.
- In the process of implementing a new golf operations software.

Snow Match

- People Registered: 36 Recipients, 52 Volunteers, 17 Matches/Sidewalks Being Cleared by Volunteers

Vets Pop-up Dog Park

- 2816 estimated visits from Mid-January to Mid-February.
- 8449 estimated visits since the dog park opened.

Volunteerism

- We are working with IT to use CityWorks to track internal requests for volunteers in parks to modernize our tracking and integrate the platform the city is already utilizing.
- We are working with IT to update VolunteerHub to better reflect the unified volunteer program.
- Currently conducting interviews to hire 1-2 more temporary employees to assist with managing the volunteer program.
- Adopt-a-Park is compiling adopter inquiries from spring 2024 to date to discuss with Park Planners.

Upcoming Public Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the Ann Arbor Parks Volunteer Program [website on VolunteerHub](#) to register for upcoming volunteer events. All experience levels are welcome and we provide tools/supplies. Dress for the weather, wear closed-toe

shoes and bring water. Help beautify, maintain and steward parks and natural areas.

- * Tuesday, Feb. 24, 3-4:30 p.m. Farmers Market Spring Clean Up
- * Saturday, March 7, 1-3 p.m. Salamander Monitoring Training
- * Saturday, March 7, 1-4 p.m. Kuebler Landford Nature Area Shrub invasive shrub removal
- * Saturday, March 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Frog Monitoring Training
- * Saturday, March 14, 1-4 p.m. Furstenberg Nature Area invasive shrub removal