

Recreation Facilities/Programs:

Liveries:

- The liveries will continue our summer hours until August 21st when we switch to our fall hours.
- Throughout the Month of August we have more River based programs including River Kids, Kayaking for Seniors and our level three Kayak Instruction.

Buhr Park:

- The Ann Arbor Octopods finished their first season and place 8th out of 18 teams.
- Buhr finished up their second session of swim lessons at the beginning of August.
- Private swim lessons have been booking fast and have received positive feedback from patrons.

Fuller:

- This summer we have given over 1000 private lessons to kids and adults in our community.
- We are piloting drop in water polo in the coming weeks.

Vets:

- Swim team wrapped up with a successful season, the Ann Arbor Octopods came in second place in our division and 8th overall in the conference.
- The ice rink compressors have been getting rebuilt this summer and looking forward to them running smoothly this upcoming ice rink season.

Senior Center:

- **August** at the **Ann Arbor Senior Center** – Our August “Out & About A2” will take place on **August 17**. We will meet downtown Ann Arbor and explore Ann Arbor’s many beautiful Public Art works and murals in the downtown area.
- **August 24** we are hosting another community blood drive through Versiti Blood Centers. For every attempted blood donation from our June and August blood drives, a \$10 donation will be made to Community Action Network (CAN) of Ann Arbor!
- **August** with **Community Action Network (CAN)** – City and Parks facilities (Senior Center, Vet’s, Buhr, Wheeler Center, and City Hall) are donation sites for a summer drive to collect day camp supplies and back to school items for students involved with CAN community centers. Residents can donate online at <https://linktr.ee/canwashtenaw> or in person at one of the facilities. The drive has also been shared with City employees, and Wellness Employees can earn a credit for a donation. Flyer attached.

Cobblestone Farm:

- 15 uses by 9 groups with approx. 1,260 people in attendance.

Park Rentals:

- 34 locations within 15 parks will be used 210 times by 132 unique groups and approx. 14,570 people in attendance.
- From these numbers, 8 unique groups will host 26 special events at 4 parks with approx. 7,840 people in attendance.

Athletic Fields:

- 16 locations within 5 parks will be used 101 times by 8 unique groups and approx. 8,920 people in attendance.

GIVE/Adopt-A-Park

- GIVE Gazette August edition
- 41 volunteer workdays on the calendar for August

Golf:

- Leslie Park and Huron Hills have been extremely busy and popular.
 - Rounds at both courses are pacing near record setting seasons.
- Leslie Park recent hosted two prominent golf events:
 - The first was the City Amateur Golf Championship where over 90 of SE Michigan's best golfers competed in a 3-day stroke play event.
 - The second event was a national American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) 4-day Junior golf tournament. Here we hosted more than 96 of the best junior golfers from around the world. We had competitors from Texas, Las Vegas, Chicago, China and even local juniors all challenging for a spot in the AJGA ranks.
- The reviews of the course and the service were all exemplary
- Leslie Park was recently featured on the Michigan Golf Live TV show that airs locally on Fox Sports of Detroit and the Bally Network. This feature has brought in many new golfers not only to Leslie Park, but to the area as it showcases Ann Arbor as a beautiful golf destination! Here is the link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CbnXHpWd8E&t=130s>

Ann Arbor Farmers Market:

- In July we hosted our largest Food Truck Rally ever at the market, with 21 food trucks and carts participating, plus live music provided by local band Ain't Dead Yet. We had an incredible turnout with a few thousand attendees over the course of the event. Our next Rally will be Wednesday August 16, 5-8pm, and we have 24 trucks and carts signed up plus live music from Blue Sky Jazz. We will also have a rally on September 20 & October 18 with the same number of trucks and carts signed up plus live music.
- We have had a great series so far of cooking demonstrations featuring local guest chefs and seasonal ingredients, in partnership with EdibleWOW magazine. Chef Ji Hye Kim from Miss Kim restaurant in Kerrytown conducted the August demo last week, making Royal Style Tteokbokki, a popular dish from her menu, with mushrooms and zucchini from market vendor Tantre Farm. Our last demo for the season will be September 13. We received a grant from the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA) to include Food Safety information on the recipe cards we distribute during each demo.
- Wednesday, August 30 will be the last installment of Ann Arbor Farmers Market Story Time for Kids with Adventure Crate for 2023.

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

Natural Area Preservation (NAP)

- NAP co-hosted a Stiltgrass workshop in partnership with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation. Staff discussed Stiltgrass identification as well as treatment options for homeowners.
 - NAP's Frog and Toad Survey concluded at the end of June. 30 volunteers made a total of 678 visits to their assigned observation points and submitted 450 observations of frogs and toads.

Land Acquisition (Greenbelt)

- The Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell RFP was picked up by additional media outlets, including [ClickOnDetroit](#), [MLive](#), and the Observer's A2View email.