

Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming
PAC Update

NAP:

- Supported the City's [Bicentennial Tree Planting Ceremony](#) in the University of Michigan's Nichols Arboretum. The bicentennial tree was one of fifty-three trees that were planted by City and UM in an effort to restore the Arb after significant storm damage in 2023. Mayor Taylor and President Ono provided remarks celebrating the longstanding partnership between the City and UM to manage the Arb, where the City owns a portion of the land but the site is maintained and operated by UM.

Greenbelt:

- Applied for a Wetlands Conservation Program grant to fund a potential natural area conservation easement
- Joined WCPARC in site visits to properties that were recently nominated to the Greenbelt
- Met with Sonoma County, CA staff to share our best-practices and innovations with Buy-Protect-Sell acquisitions.

Liveries:

- After Labor Day the liveries have transitioned to our fall hours.

Fuller:

- Closing September 15 for the season.
- Shoutout to our phenomenal employees for a fantastic season!

Veterans:

- Veteran's Memorial Ice Arena opened to the public on September 8th
- Hockey Programming begins September 15: we currently have 6 draft hockey teams with 91 members signed up. We also have 6 C-Level hockey teams signed up for our competitive league.
- Learn To Skate Lessons begin September 30: We currently have 317 students signed up for lesson
- Eastern Michigan University Women's Hockey Team has started practicing at Veteran's Memorial for their first season with Veteran's Memorial as their home rink.

Buhr:

- The pool season closed on Sept. 2nd
- Roller Derby will continue to use the rink space for the remainder of September
- Down Syndrome Support team will be hosting their annual Buddy Walk for the first time at Buhr later this month
- Gearing up for the upcoming winter season!

GIVE/AAP:

- GIVE has been working with a small but mighty staff this summer. We are still going strong with event workdays scheduled throughout the fall.
- River clean up trips run June-September. We have completed 23 trips and we have 6 more to go. So far we have recovered 2206.4 lbs of litter from the Huron River. This is the most litter recovered in a season by over 100 lbs and we are still going!
- Staff is preparing for the annual Trick or Treat Paddle event that is taking place October 13th this year. We have 43 volunteers signed up out of 80, which is great for early September. Marketing efforts are underway for promotion of the event and volunteer recruitment.

Huron Hills:

- A very successful junior camp and adult instructional golf season has come to an end. We will pass on survey results from these programs once completed.
- The golf course is still very busy and will be through late October.

Leslie Park:

- Leslie Park hosted just over one hundred of the area's best senior golfers in a 2-day tournament in late August. This event was well received and enjoyed by all involved.
- A new golf course superintendent has been selected to replace the recently promoted Victor Morales-Rios. Full introductions will be made next month after he starts.

Senior Center:

- New workshops include: Retirement Income Made Easy; Reducing Your Risk for Dementia; Preparing Your Home for Aging in Place; Strategies from a Geriatric Care Manager; Fall Risk Prevention.
- New programming: Travelogues with George: European River Journey from Budapest to Amsterdam; new artist exhibit in Little Tiny Art Gallery of senior member Sally Silvennoinen; September Drive-Through, Celebrate National Chicken Month; Tech Talk: Why Tech is Tough for Seniors; fall semester of WCC Senior Focus Classes started that include Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Adventures in Watercolor, Senior Focus Yoga, Italian Language, Strength and Conditioning for Seniors; Fall evening French Class (open to all ages); Croquet in the Park.