

Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Facility and Programs update for PAC  
April 2023

### **Farmers Market**

- On Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Wednesday Market returns.
- They will be 'Community Day', where we invite local educational organizations, non-profits, and City departments to provide information about their programs and get customers involved. We will occasionally include kids' activities on these days, based on which organizations are in attendance.
- Flower Day returns on Sunday May 28, 10am-4pm. This event, hosted in collaboration with the Sunday Artisan Market, is an opportunity to purchase, learn about, and celebrate spring flowers and plants. In addition to Farmers Market & Artisan Market vendors, we will also have info booths, kids' activities, and live music.

### **Buhr Park**

- The Facility was closed on March 26th: Through the winter season we had over 3,000 users during public skates.
- The facility is slated to open the Summer Season on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Gallup Park**

- Construction is now complete within the Main office.
- The Argo and Gallup Canoe Liveries open for the season On April 22nd.
  - Gallup will be open every day 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Argo is open weekends starting May 6th until Memorial Day weekend.
  - Starting Memorial Day weekend both Argo and Gallup will be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.

### **Veterans Memorial Park**

- The Veterans park Ice rink will be closing for the season on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Swim lessons will run on a new schedule this summer to help optimize pool space and participation at both Vets and Buhr. Group lessons will run two days a week at each location.
- Through the Winter season had over 8000 visitors between the hockey programs and open skates

### **Mack and Fuller**

- The Mack season will be coming to a close on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fuller pool season will begin on May 14th and run through September 17th.

### **Senior Center**

- The Senior Center has offered monthly trivia games to the residents of Cranbrook Towers within their facility as there is very limited transportation.
  - The Solution has been to bring the programming to them, and the reception has been very positive.

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

- CTN interviewed the NAP Supervisors about prescribed fire. Watch [here](#).
- NAP launched "[Nature Stewardship Volunteer Rewards](#)" where volunteers are rewarded prizes based on the number of events they attend.

- NAP's March newsletter can be found [here](#).
- NAP conducted a demonstration burn at Buhr Park Children's Wet Meadow. This annual event included remarks from Washtenaw County Commissioner Yousef Rabhi and long-time park adopter Jeannine Palms.
- NAP's Salamander Survey Training was attended by 23 volunteers, and 33 people are signed up to participate in the survey. NAP's Frog and Toad Survey Training was attended by 18 volunteers, and 32 people are signed up to participate in the survey. Half of the volunteers for both surveys are returning volunteers from previous years.
- NAP's Breeding Bird Survey Kickoff and Training was attended by 20 volunteers.
- NAP launched a new volunteer Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring Program, and the training was attended by 7 volunteers.
- NAP's Turtle Steward Kickoff and Training was attended by 40 volunteers.
- NAP held a public Woodcock Walk in partnership with the Washtenaw Audubon Society, which was attended by over 50 people.
- After back-to-back storms, the conservation crew has been working hard to keep the trails open in our Natural Areas.

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

- The Greenbelt program received two applications this month.
- With their expertise in securing grants, land acquisition staff assisted the park planners in applying for a LWCF development grant.
- Staff continue to build out the City's new Greenbelt framework for buy-protect-sell acquisitions. As part of the process of building the RFP that will be used to sell the first farm purchased for this framework, GAC had a fruitful discussion in April of the finer details of eligibility and selection criteria for the evaluation of proposals.

### **GIVE 365**

- April is national volunteer month! GIVE has 21 work days (both completed + upcoming) this month
- [Youth volunteer club is back!](#) First meeting April 21
- Adopt-a-Park has a new partnership with A2 Farm and Garden (local gardening club) to care for Waterworks Park (1 of 45 adopted parks)

### **Golf**

- Huron Hills has been open all year. Year to date rounds -2,382
- Leslie Park opened up April 7<sup>th</sup> and has already had 1,687 rounds

### **Park Rentals**

- Baseball, softball and soccer rentals started on April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Park rentals for gatherings started April 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Park Operations**

- Restrooms are open and being serviced daily
- Water fountains are 75% open after being shut down for winter
- Park cleanup from the storms in March (Ice and snow) is 90% complete