

## **Recreation Facilities and programming:**

### **Buhr Park:**

- Buhr park has had a busy season filled with themed skate nights and additional open skates and sticks & pucks opportunities over the school break.

### **Mack:**

- Octopods swim team has been undefeated this season. The team has 168 swimmers which is the most we have ever had for a fall/winter season.

### **Veterans:**

- Veterans Memorial Park has added general skates and sticks and pucks programming on days where Ann Arbor Public Schools were closed, either planned or due to weather.
- During the Winter break, extended skates for the general public were added.
- Sunday mornings also feature the Ann Arbor Rockets hockey team of the American Special Hockey Association, an organization that welcomes individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities to the sport of hockey.

### **Senior Center:**

- December and January were fun-filled months at the [Ann Arbor Senior Center!](#)
  - Hosting the annual city-wide [Community Action Network \(CAN\)](#) holiday drive that collects nonperishables and essential supplies for Bryant Community Centers Emergency Food Pantry
  - Friday morning winter mall walks
  - December Blood Drive (community-wide invitation)
  - Multigenerational Creature Crafts with the [Huron Valley Humane Society](#); Peace Rock Painting Workshop; Winter Wonderland Paint Workshop
  - Round Table of the History of the Lions; Focaccia Bread Making Workshop; additional Zoom Trivia dates
  - Several classes provided by Eleva Potter of [NAP](#),
    - Introduction to Nature Journaling
    - Birch Bark Star Ornament Making Class.
- Senior Center staff have also been managing the [A2 Snow Match Program](#) that have matched 45 residents to provide 22 households with snow shoveling support.

### **Golf:**

- Leslie Park remains closed over the winter.
- With stints of unseasonably mild temperatures, Huron Hills has periodically been open for play. We limit play to holes 1-7, the portion of the golf course north of Huron River Dr. and Huron Pkwy. Since December 1, over 1,100 rounds of golf have been played on the “front 7.”

### **Farmers Market:**

- Food Assistance Programs Impact for 2023
  - SNAP/EBT: \$53,968
  - Double Up Food Bucks: \$44,010
  - Prescription for Health: \$2,669

- WIC Project Fresh: \$6,555
- Senior Project Fresh: \$7,435
- **TOTAL: \$114,637**

**Liveries:**

- NAP's Eleva Potter hosted a Watercolor Winged Wonders at the Gallop Park Livery for students 10-18 and their adults. They learned how to sketch and paint ducks, geese and swans.

**GIVE/AAP:**

- AAP is welcoming Dana Novak as the new Adopt-a-Park Coordinator starting end of February
- A few year end reports and highlights:
  - [Visit Every Park Challenge 2023 highlights](#). Over 500 people participating in 2023 with over 55 VEP Champions since the challenge began in 2020—more than half occurred this year. People are loving their A2 parks!
  - GIVE published the [2023 Alternative Mowing Pilot program highlights, feedback, and recommendations](#). Also available here on the [a2gov.org/parkinitiatives](https://a2gov.org/parkinitiatives) webpage under [mowing initiatives](#).
  - Check out the [2023 Bike Recreation Volunteer Highlights report!](#)

**Cobblestone Farm, Field Rentals and Park Rentals**

- Things are slow while the weather is chilly. Rentals of shelters and athletic fields will begin mid-April.

**Conservation Ops**

**NAP:**

- A master's team from SEAS kicked off a project to analyze the wildlife observation data NAP has been collecting for the past 25 years.
- Eleva Potter hosted a Watercolor Winter Birds program for K-5 students and their families at Mallets Creek Library.

**Greenbelt:**

- The Greenbelt participated in two partner-led conservation easements in Webster Township that both closed on January 19<sup>th</sup>: Webster Township's 30-acre Larson easement and Legacy Land Conservancy's 17-acre Amaizin Pop easement.
- The [FY2023 Greenbelt Annual Report](#) is available online.