

Parks & Recreation Facilities and Programming

PAC Update

Environmental Education

- Spring break programming filled up fast and had a waitlist. Weekly afterschool programming at the Bryant and Arrowwood Community centers began in March. The next adult Environmental Education event is full with a wait list. Monthly early childhood outdoor story hours begin at the end of April.

Cobblestone, Park Rentals & Field Rentals

- Park Rentals begin mid-April as do the athletic fields.
- Cobblestone Farm is having the front fence replaced and the volunteer master gardeners have started prepping for the growing seasons.

Liveries

- The River Day Camps registration was April 2nd, and the camps filled fast.
- The liveries will open for the season for boat rentals on April 26th
- On Opening day, April 26 at noon at Gallup, we will hold the annual auction of watercraft that are being decommissioned.
- Registration for all the other summer programs and classes will begin on April 9th

Mack/Fuller:

- Mack Spring swim team is underway, and we have 120 participants. This is the second year we have offered this optional experience, and it has sold out each time. This experience focuses on technique and building endurance.
- The Octopods also won the SMSL Swim Championships for the third season in a row. Many swimmers swam personal bests and achieved goals they set for themselves.
- Hiring is underway for the summer at Fuller. We are proud that 75% of our staff will be returners.
- Day Camp registration for Fuller took place and we all weeks are full of the exception of the week of July 4. That week is 89% full.
- Registration for summer group lessons will take place on May 1.
- We are working to get Fuller Pool open and have had a new chlorinator installed.
- This season at Mack we have given nearly 1200 private swim lessons.

Veterans

- The rink season is in its last month of the season, with a planned closing of May 3rd.
- Pool preparations are beginning now.
 - New pool chlorinator installed
- The parking lot solar gazebos are being installed. Homeland solar plans to have the construction complete by the end of April.
- Should be getting close to starting some projects on the pool deck for the upcoming season.
- Swim team registration opened this month; Veterans' practices currently have 33 participants registered.

Farmers Market:

- The Saturday market is currently open 8am-3pm winter hours. Regular season 7am-3pm Saturday hours begin May 3 & Wednesday Market starts May 7.
- The market averaged 55 vendors on Saturdays in April. Since the beginning of April, many vendors have been returning for the season, even with spring weather substantially cooler than last year.

- Our new online application launched in January, and we've received 55 new vendor applications so far. This is a much higher volume of applicants than last year, when we received 37 throughout the whole year. We have admitted 18 of these 2025 applicants, 3 of which are mobile food vendors. We have rejected 26 and are assessing and processing the others now. We plan on pausing applications until the fall starting May 1.
- We also launched the online application for our summer Food Truck Rally series. We have received applications from 15 prospective vendors so far, 12 of which are returning vendors.
- We recently launched the online application for our Community Groups and Musicians and have already received inquiries from 15 community groups looking to table at Wednesday Market. We have received inquiries from 10 musicians and ensembles looking to perform during market days.
- The market office demolition project will commence now in late April after scheduling delays.
- Our facility continues to be heavily impacted by development construction surrounding the market. There are 2 active sites with 2 more starting later this year. We are concerned that the staging of the upcoming projects will be much more disruptive to market operations than the active sites have been.

Greenbelt

- City Council approved appropriation of funds for four Greenbelt projects totaling 258 acres.
- Greenbelt staff were interviewed for a book on American farmland preservation policies.

NAP

- Staff kicked off our Community Science volunteer programs with Frog & Toad Survey Training, Salamander Survey Training, and Nest Box Monitoring Training in March. Approximately 80 total volunteers are enrolled in these programs.
- City Council approved staff's recommendation to apply to designate Ann Arbor as a Bird City. The City's application was accepted by Michigan Audubon. Ann Arbor's page can be viewed at <https://birdcity.org/michigan/ann-arbor>
- Staff were invited to be a "mystery reader" at King Elementary School.
- A new cohort of AmeriCorps ClimateCorps members was onboarded. NAP shares this team with OSI, and they work alongside our field crew one day per week.

Volunteerism

- The Volunteer Program has started scheduling events for April and has been helping prepare for volunteering at Earth Day and Huron River Day.
- Adopt-a-Park kicked off the 2025 season on Sunday April 6th and onboarded 4 new adopters in April.

Senior Center

- New workshops include Lunch & Learn's (Introduction to Parkinson's Disease; Home Safety Bingo; Common Issues of Neck Pain; Navigating Tomorrow & Long-Term Care). Workshop (Support for Tax Troubles; Spring Wildflowers Block Printing Workshop with NAP; Tech Workshop: Tech Spring Cleaning.
- New Programming: Drop-In Tai Chi; Painless Poetry with Michael Myers; April Drive-Through – SPRING Into Action; Travels with George: A European Adventure. New Artist Exhibit: "Dances in 2D-2" featuring Joan K. O'Connell (opening reception 5-7 p.m. 4/25). New Supervised Bridge Games and new semester of bridge classes. WCC Senior Focus Class registration opens up April 7 (classes start in May). 'Tis the season for rentals – we are booked for the month!

Huron Hills & Leslie Park

- Wet/Cold weather has delayed the opening of Leslie Park Golf Course a week past our normal opening time.
- Huron Hills has been open for walking a round of golf since early March. It has done just over 1500 rounds of golf so far this season.

- On Friday April 11th, both courses will have a full 18-holes open with power carts going out for play.
- To date in 2025 we have sold 44 A2Golf Season Passes (good at both courses) and 16 Huron Hills Passes.
- Sign up for Instructional Classes and Camps have been busy. To date we have filled 137 of the 180 Junior Camp spots for the season with waiting lists for those early in the season and a few openings left for those in August.
- Adult instructional classes have also been popular with 37 of the 48 spots filled for our Adult Advanced Instruction and 93 of the 144 spots filled for the Beginning Instruction. All openings for these classes are later in the season and we are confident they will be filled as the season progresses.

Buhr:

- The rink season ended on March 23. We were able to stay open a little bit longer and rental groups were able to continue using the rink.
- We have a few groups renting the rink this month for roller skating birthday parties and have received interest from a few other groups about renting the rink throughout the summer for events.
- A new fence was added to the north side of the rink. This new fence will provide additional space for the day camp and allow the program to continue to grow. We also plan to utilize this area for winter activities
- Summer projects have started. Staff are finishing up two new murals to the pool deck.
- Swim team registration opened on April 1. There are still spots available in the morning sessions, but the evening sessions filled up fast and are currently waitlisted.
- Day camp registration opened on April 2. The last week is waitlisted.