



## Director Report

### Parks Maintenance

- Watering 23<sup>rd</sup> street trees and watering park trees
  - Hired a seasonal Landscape Specialist to help with this.
- Working for a solution on Gruenther Park and their wear and tear.
- Ongoing coordination for seasonal readiness and coordination.

### Recreation

- Tournaments have started and we have done 3 in the month of April
- Department is working toward a more intentional programming model:
  - Pilot approach of 3 special programs per month (2 paid, 1 free) beginning in the fall
- Emphasis placed on:
  - Defining target audiences for the programs
  - Increasing consistency and participation outcomes
- Continued discussion on Free vs Paid programming philosophy to balance accessibility and commitment
- Underwater Easter Egg Hunt: Sold Out 50 participants
- Free Swim Night for Kind Columbus: 44 participants
- Making a targeted push for Shelter Rentals in our Parks!

### Golf

- AC replacement project for Quail Run Pro Shop has been finalized and submitted for approval
- Continued focus on operational readiness for peak season
- Early planning underway for potential **Glow Golf event programming**

### Aquatic Center Attendance:

| Month     | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25           | 2025/26 |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| August    | 1348    | 1275    | 580 (AC not open) | 334     |
| September | 1320    | 1066    | 1081              | 855     |
| October   | 1242    | 1169    | 1225              | 1084    |
| November  | 1203    | 1111    | 948               | 983     |
| December  | 981     | 1100    | 884               | 875     |
| January   | 1120    | 886     | 937               | 1070    |
| February  | 1347    | 1272    | 913               | 1084    |
| March     | 1739    | 1266    | 1324              | 1526    |
| April     | 1332    | 1341    | 1357              |         |
| May       | 1464    | 1217    | 943               |         |
| June      | 967     | 810     | 708               |         |
| July      | 773     | 969     | 968               |         |



# Columbus Parks and Recreation

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## Aquatic Center Membership Count:

| Month     | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| August    | 670     | 412     | 418     | 410     |
| September | 669     | 422     | 437     | 420     |
| October   | 612     | 424     | 425     | 415     |
| November  | 617     | 434     | 423     | 422     |
| December  | 601     | 442     | 413     | 427     |
| January   | 588     | 443     | 401     | 443     |
| February  | 577     | 458     | 420     | 442     |
| March     | 522     | 445     | 414     | 415     |
| April     | 505     | 446     | 410     |         |
| May       | 506     | 463     | 425     |         |
| June      | 434     | 427     | 423     |         |
| July      | 412     | 429     | 423     |         |

## Pawnee Plunge Attendance

| Month  | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| June   | 16363   | 15507   | 15809   |
| July   | 17482   | 16544   | 17217   |
| August | 6094    | 5587    | 3577    |

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| Month  | 2022/23 | 2023/24 | 2024/25 |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| June   | 1012    | 1207    | 1304    |
| July   | 1022    | 1071    | 1112    |
| August | 1022    | 1089    | 1099    |

## May 2026 Events.

- Farmers Market begins May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Frankfort Square
- Summer Passport Program starts May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Registration is open for Tennis Lessons and Adult Fitness all starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Pawnee Plunge Opens: May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: Beats and Eats: What the Scoop and the Nebraska All Stars Band

## CIP Updates

- **No Update-Status still the same:** Sertomaland Playground equipment has been delivered; old Sertomaland Playground was sold to Duncan via a surplus sale. Working with the installers on when this spring they can come and remove the old equipment and install the new equipment.



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- Working with Renee in Engineering to put together an RFP to get the courts at Centennial Park re-surfaced.