



RISE TOGETHER - NOV. 8, 2022

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Welcome to Rise Together! This new update will be published weekly on Tuesday, giving you a brief update on what's happening around the department. Here you will be able to find information on some top staff things, share your thoughts with fun polls and staff surveys, hear from leadership, learn about your fellow team members, get important updates from HR and DE&I, and celebrate milestones, including new hires, birthdays and work anniversaries!
- The All Staff Meeting was a great success! Around 600 employees came together to celebrate and learn about the department's direction. [Check out these photos from the event](#) and [don't forget to fill out the post-event survey](#), and [let us know your thoughts on the meeting!](#)
- Katie Smith, coach of the Ohio Blind Soccer Team through our Adaptive Sports Club, was selected as the National Coach for Paralympic Blind Soccer! Katie is now one of the two Paralympic coaches that work for Columbus Recreation and Parks. Jeremy Finton is the National Coach for Paralympic Boccia.

11/14/2022

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3

October 4

All day

2023 YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES REGISTRATION

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Favorite Halloween Candy

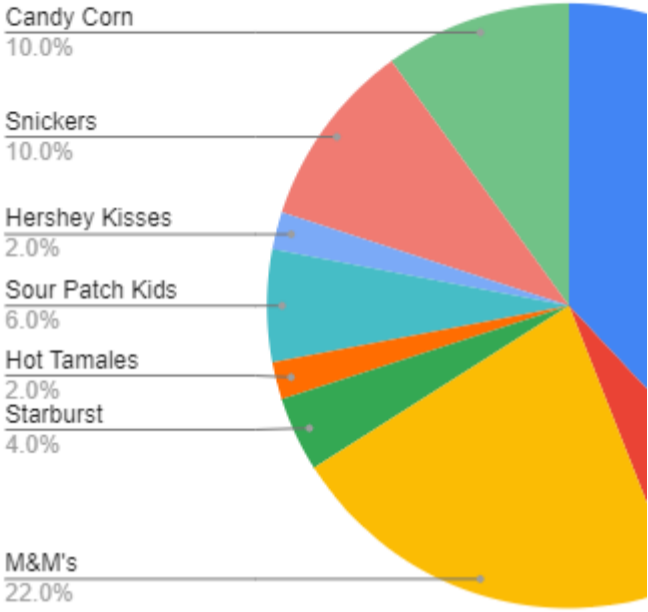
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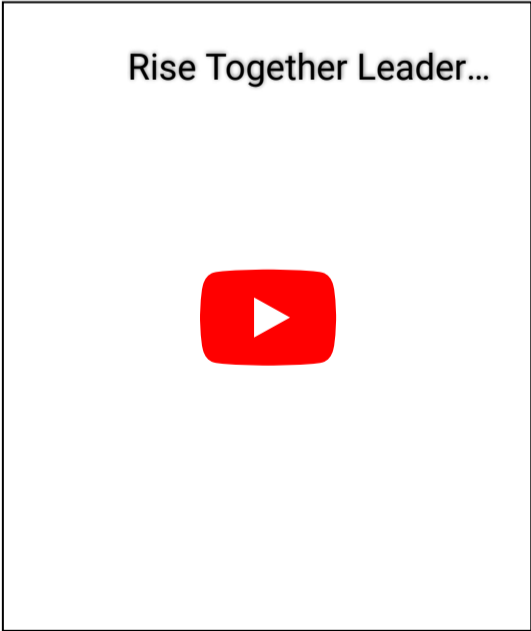
Pick your favorite Halloween candy from America's Top 10. *

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Favorite Halloween Candy



LEADERSHIP UPDATE



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Nominate A Coworker for the Staff Spotlight

[Fill out this form to nominate a coworker.](#) They will be notified that they were nominated in order to answer spotlight questions.

Section

Administration – Executive Assistant to the Director

Length of Employment

14.5 Years

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

It feels good to be part of a family that helped raise me as a child. I grew up participating in many of the programs offered through Recreation and Parks. Marion Franklin Community Center was my second home where I learned to cook in cooking class, made pottery and learned to crochet in arts and crafts, was a part of the drill team there and I also spent my summer days at the swimming pool. My children then grew up participating in programs at the centers as well. It feels like home working in the department that played a major part in my life.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

My favorite projects over the years have been planning and organizing the Arbor Day Ceremonies over the years with Forestry.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Rainbow Sherbet

What is your favorite book or movie?

Movie – Imitation of Life

What is one piece of advice you have?

Our community is important to the work we do every day and we should value the relationships we build.

INFORMATION UPDATE

HUMAN RESOURCES

Safety Updates

Thank you for your strong support coming right out of the gate with our new iReports safety compliance program.

Special acknowledgment to these employees, for taking the leap and using the system first! You are leaders in your sections and represent them well! Kudos to you!

- Kasey Unser (Outdoor Rec)
- Spencer Garrison (Sports)
- Thomas Davis (Rental Services)
- Jose Hernandez (Forestry)

Note: Safety will be pushing out the monthly safety toolboxes/training through this new platform, so be sure to view and then hit submit for tracking purposes. First up is AED maintenance to initiate you all as to how to navigate the training portion of this gateway. For help, contact [Sherry](#).



[Booth](#) at 614-645-8568 or [Neisha Collins](#) at 614-645-753.

State of Ohio Minimum Wage Information

[Click here to view the 2023 State of Ohio Minimum Wage information](#)

Sick Leave Reciprocity

Election for Sick Leave Reciprocity is now available in Dayforce. To access the form, follow the following steps:

- Click on forms and scroll down to the Sick Leave Reciprocity section.
- Click on the one for whatever union you are under.
- Make your selection and submit the form.

Free At-Home COVID Test Kits

As we are getting into the colder months and, unfortunately, cold/flu/COVID season, we wanted to send a reminder out to everyone regarding access to free at-home COVID test kits for employees covered under the City's health insurance plan (UHC).

- [Home Test Kits FAQ](#)
- [Home Test Kits Preferred Retailers](#)

CELEBRATIONS

NEW HIRES

Administration

- None

Business Services

- None

COAAA

- Grant Ames
- Nathan Grizenko
- Julia Millirans
- Rebecca Rehart
- Lexxus Robinson
- Anisa Yusuf

Community Centers

- Faduma Ali
- Victorious Ellis
- Amber Jones
- Brandon Lowery
- Gideon Mitchell
- Charquez Newbern
- Cody Readnour
- Jeff Schirtzinger
- Melissa Shook

Community Relations

- None

Parks and Facility Operations

- Alexander Broersma
- Taylor Evans
- Thomas Taber
- Cody Wendell

Recreation Services

- Ana Carter
- Alma Peppers
- Allyn Sherman
- Dylan Uppercue

Youth Development

- John Curry
- Sierre Dogan-Collins

[To request your name be removed from the monthly list of birthdays, please fill out this form.](#) This form only needs to be filled out once.

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