



RISE TOGETHER - DEC. 20, 2022

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Have you noticed the mini bicycles appearing around the office? Well, if you've gotten one then you have been recognized as a team player! As a department, we rise together and "ride" together for our community. This anonymous, fun program is a great way to recognize each other for being team players. If you get more than one bike, place it on someone's desk who has helped you or impacted you in a great way.
- Lynda Jeffers, a longtime Community Recreation seasonal staff member, passed away on Friday, Dec. 12, 2022. After working for many years at Driving Park, she joined the Food Office. [Please find her obituary here.](#) [For EAP information, click here.](#)
- Are you looking to discuss lifestyle behaviors you want to address such as weight loss, physical activity, nutrition counseling, chronic condition management and disease prevention? The City of Columbus and United Healthcare are excited to announce our new Health Engagement

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12/23/2022

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December 21

All day

SCHOOL'S OUT - WINTER

All day

GET ACTIVE WELLNESS EXPO REGISTRATION

December 23 @ 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Nurse will help you create and work toward your personal health goals. [Check out this flyer or contact Sherry Booth \(614-645-8568\) for more information.](#)

SENIOR FOOD BOX

December 23 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

BOOKS & BADGES

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Fruitcake

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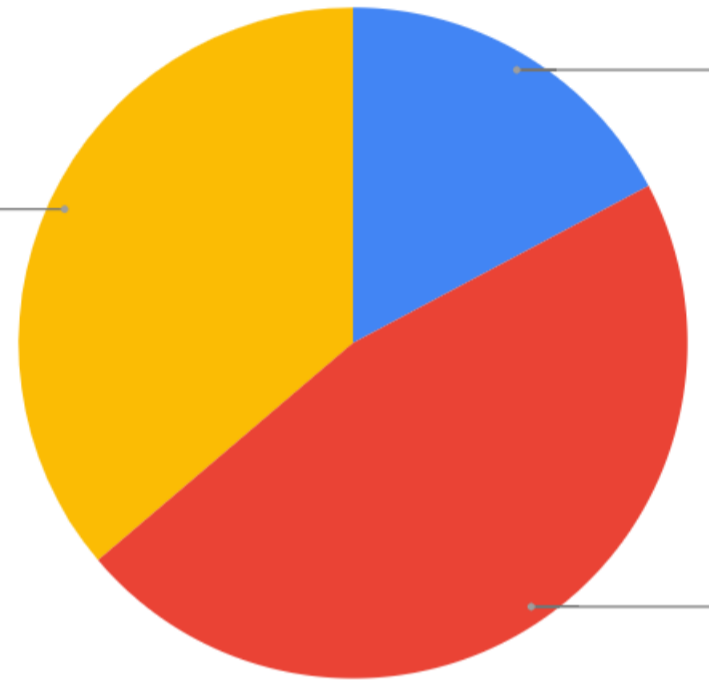
What are your thoughts on fruitcake? *

- Love it!
- Hate it!
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

DANA EATON



Section

Fiscal - Recreation Program Assistant

Length of Employment

33 years

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

All of my coworkers.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

The Fall Harvest Jamboree. Working it and taking my kids and granddaughter.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Coffee

What is your favorite book or movie?

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory - the original version

What is one piece of advice you have?

It's okay to make mistakes; just own them and learn from them.

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.

INFORMATION UPDATE

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We're rapidly approaching the end of the 2022 Gregorian calendar year used in most countries, but did you know that not all cultures celebrate New Year's on January 1? Below is a list of some different New Year celebrations:

- Chinese New Year (January 22, 2023): Also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year signifies the beginning of the spring harvest season. Colorful dragons and lantern displays can be seen around the world on this day.
- Ra's as-Sabah al-Hijriyah (July 18, 2023): Ra's as-Sabah al-Hijriyah, or Islamic New year, marks the first day of Muharram, the first month of the Muslim Calendar. It celebrates the emigration of Prophet Mohammed from Mecca to Medina, known as Hijra.
- Rosh Hashanah (September 15-17, 2023): Rosh Hashanah is a two-day holiday celebrated by those of the Jewish religion to commemorate the end of the seven days of Creation from the Book of Genesis. The festival includes rituals that are both performed with fanfare and with quiet introspection.
- Diwali (November 12, 2023): Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Hindu, Sikhs, and Jains the world over. However for Marwari and Gujarati communities in North India, Diwali marks the start of their new year.

CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Administration

- None

Business Services

- Sherry Booth,
12/6/2005

COAAA

- Jamie Violet,
12/2/2019
- Tomassina Richards,
12/2/2019
- Tina Amoako,
12/2/2019
- Jacqueline
Burkholder,
12/2/2019
- Rhonda Goings,
12/2/2019
- Rita Crow,
12/3/2007
- Erin Griffis,
12/3/2007

Community Centers

- Erica Parks,
12/17/2018
- Kelly Hoffman,
12/26/1995
- Avis Bradley-Van
Sickle, 12/29/1991
- Michael Kibby,
12/6/1993
- Denise Cremer,
12/9/2021
- Alexis Tate,
12/13/2021
- Calvin Dawson,
12/17/2021
- Joni Acuff,
12/22/2021

- Melanie Anderson, 12/3/2007
- Deanna Winkelmann, 12/11/2006
- Brenna Gardner, 12/12/1994
- Sherry Houghton, 12/13/2021
- Lori Wesley, 12/13/2010
- Elizabeth Bean, 12/14/2020
- Andrea See, 12/15/2008
- Jasmine Kunze, 12/16/2019
- Korine Starkey, 12/16/2019
- Vivian Mullins, 12/16/2019
- Holli Hoyles, 12/19/1994
- Shaumane Paulk, 12/26/2017
- Lindsay Hildreth, 12/27/2021
- Michele Patterson, 12/30/2015
- Trayvon Thompson, 12/17/2021
- Wesley Green, 12/4/2017
- Harriett Craddolph , 12/7/2017
- Jeremy Finton , 12/8/2015
- Morris Cooper , 12/17/1998

Community Relations

- Morgan Castleberry, 12/7/2021

Parks and Facility Operations

- Paul Parsons, 12/20/1999
- Michael Smith, 12/21/1999
- Brian Johnson, 12/18/2020

Recreation Services

- Diana Perez-Burford, 12/15/1997
- Todd Camp, 12/26/1990
- Freddreon Ward, 12/4/2018
- Brady Hootman, 12/13/2021
- Bernie Agnew, 12/15/2021
- Marcus Hampston, 12/21/2014

Youth Development

- Shavonne Jones , 12/17/2018
- Tristan Henson , 12/23/2020
- Devlen Byron , 12/27/2020

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