



RISE TOGETHER - JAN. 3, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Welcome to 2023!
- Starting Jan. 3, 2023, the [Columbus Aquatics Center](#) will be offering indoor season passes. These passes will be valid for 11 months of the year starting in January (the month of August is excluded for annual maintenance). The season pass will provide access for individuals or families during lap and open swim times only. Classes and programs will still require registration and fees. Individuals and anyone over the age of 13 may use the season pass during any open or lap swim time without advance registration. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult during all open and lap swim activities. Lap swim is reserved for exercise only, children must have passed the swim test and be able to swim at a pace reflective of exercise swimming in order to attend during designated lap swim time.
- The department will host the Get Active Wellness Expo on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration allows those who

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December 16

All day

GET ACTIVE WELLNESS EXPO REGISTRATION

All day

GENERAL CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES - WINTER SESSION START

All day

attended to sample fitness classes, check out a Get Active Fitness Center, explore programs offered and get information about local resources. Whether you're a newcomer or someone who has been in the department for a while, it's a great way to experience the programs our department provides to the community. If you're interested in more information, make sure to visit the [event website!](#)

- Registration for winter programming at community centers and the Columbus Aquatic Center opens on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 12:30 p.m. If you're interested in signing up for a class, program or activity make sure to [sign up](#) quickly, as classes fill out fast.

UNDESIGN THE REDLINE

All day

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER CLASSES - SESSION 1 START

All day

AQUATICS CLASSES AND LESSONS - WINTER SESSION START

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

New Year's Resolutions

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Do you set New Year's resolutions?

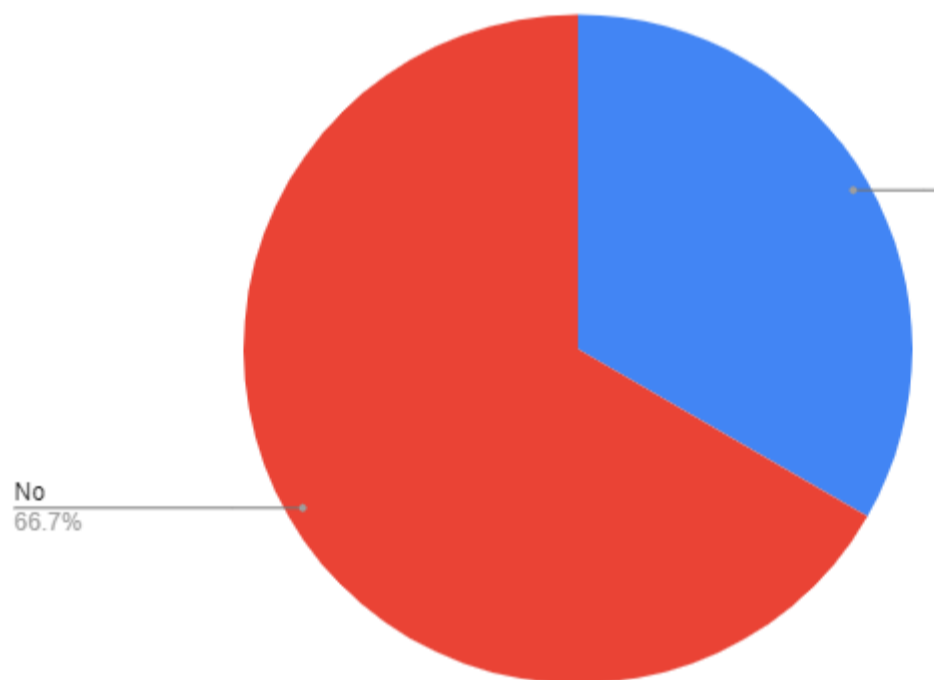
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - Dec.



There is no leadership video update for Jan. 3, 2023. Please find previous video updates [here](#).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

ALEX PASSAS



Section

Youth Development – Center Manager – Center without Walls

Length of Employment

4.5 years

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

My favorite aspect of working for this department is knowing that I am making life-changing memories for underserved youth.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

Center without Walls in itself. The program started from scratch in 2018 and now has made an impression on more than 1,000 kids this year alone. It spans across the city, interacts with youth from 6-18, and provides experiences that may never be available for certain participants. The best part of it all is I get to be a kid right there with them.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Graham Central Station (Handel's Ice Cream) (Aka the G.O.A.T.)

What is your favorite book or movie?

Tough to pick one, but a top movie is Cinderella Man with Russell Crowe

What is one piece of advice you have?

While you are giving 100% for the community you serve, remember to give 100% to yourself. You can not be at the top of your game if your health is not there to match it.

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

INFORMATION UPDATES

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Columbus Recreation and Parks will be participating in the [City of Columbus Career & Resource Fair](#) on Saturday, Jan. 28. This job fair will be located at 1111 East Broad Street, please share the information with friends and family.
- The City of Columbus open enrollment period of United Healthcare insurance will run through February. Please reach out if there are questions or concerns.
- If you have not already heard, our Analyst, Arianna, is moving to the Community Center Section in her new role as the Fourth Zone Manager. If you see her this week, please congratulate her on this promotion. Arianna's last day with Human Resources will be on Jan. 6. We are sad to see her go, but are very happy that she will remain with the department and continue to support our mission with her passion and skills.
- With this being the case, a new reporting structure and corresponding duties will be as follows:
 - HR Analyst (Aaron Menapace) – Aaron will be handling all hiring-related questions for all sections until we can find Arianna's replacement.
 - Office Assistant (Neisha Collins) – Neisha will now be in charge of all seasonal hires. If you have any RPA's (Rec and Parks Aides) needing to be brought on board, please email her the completed New Hire Form.
 - Payroll (Brenda Vawters and Kori DeFelice) – Brenda will still be handling all payroll until Kori comes back from leave in January.
 - Safety (Sherry Booth) – The HR team would like to welcome the new Safety Manager. Alex Bangudi will be joining us from the fleet maintenance division at the end of January.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Rob or Deanna.

CELEBRATIONS

DECEMBER NEW HIRES

Administration

- None

Business Services

- Alex Bangudi, Occupational Safety Manager

COAAA

- None

Community Centers

- None

Community Relations

- None

Parks and Facility Operations

Recreation Services

Youth Development

- None

- Otavio Bressan, Forestry Tech I
- Roberto Guillon, Forestry Tech I
- Tim Rose, Forestry Tech I
- Brittany Blevins, Rec Assistant Manager
- Kevin Cross, Sports Field Maint Supervisor
- Carlos Joglar, Rec Program Spec

[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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