



RISE TOGETHER - FEB. 14, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- On Friday, the department submitted its application for CAPRA accreditation. Over the last 11 months, many staff from across the department developed 154 standards and 1,267 evidence of compliance documents, a process that generally takes much longer. Earning accreditation at the NRPA conference in Dallas this fall will put the department in an elite group—only six percent of agencies hold this honor! A big thank you to everyone—we all worked on or supported the process in some way. Dallas, here we come!



- Also on Friday, the Columbus Blue Jackets celebrated their Hockey Is For Everyone Night and welcomed the blind hockey team from the Columbus Ice Hockey Club onto the ice during the game's second intermission. A big shout out to John

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January 27

All day

I AM ONE OF THOSE ANIMALS EXHIBIT

All day

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES - SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

Haferman, Chris Hoye, Char Barnes and Rae Nutter for representing the department and showcasing how Columbus Recreation and Parks is open to all!



THE THAW REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES - SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND TEE BALL SPRING LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES - SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION

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- Half Time Show
- Because my friends do
- I don't watch it

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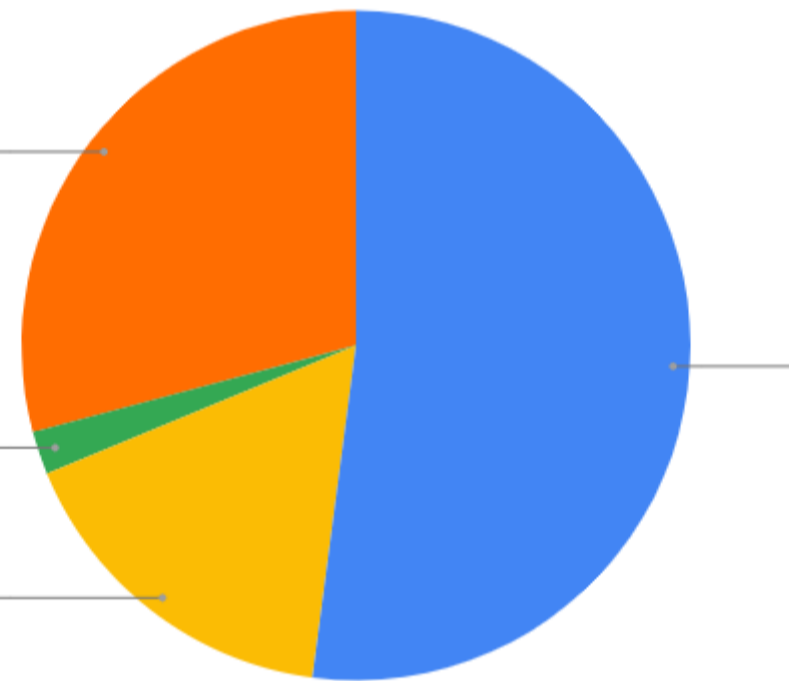
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

INFORMATION UPDATES

SECTION SPOTLIGHT: OUTDOOR RECREATION

Division

Recreation Services

What is something new that your section has implemented in the last 18 months?

New paddling options for adults such as Birding by Boat (bird watching from a kayak/canoe) and Glow Paddles (boats fitted with glow lights for paddling at dusk/sunset).

What is your section's core function?

We provide access and opportunities in the outdoors. We facilitate outdoor programs to foster an appreciation for nature and our natural resources in Columbus. Our programs provide hands-on activities to learn about nature and outdoor skills.

How do you benefit residents?

We benefit residents by getting people outside to engage in new experiences in the outdoors. Time spent in nature benefits all of our mental and physical well-being. Many of our programs also teach new skills, which grow people's confidence in the outdoors.

How do residents and customers interact with you?

Through the outdoor programs and trails at McKnight Outdoor Education Center, programs at the community centers and the Outdoor Recreation summer camps.

How many staff are in your section?

We have eight staff, three full-time and five part-time. In the summer, we have over 25 part-time staff to help with summer camps.

Do you have fun facts about your section?

Our offices are located in the Wyandot Lodge, which is the first Net Zero municipal building in Columbus. We also have seven reptiles that function as educational animals.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

There were no new employee spotlight nominees this week. This is your chance to recognize a co-worker for the work they are doing! Fill out the form below, and showcase someone who is a great asset to the team.

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.

CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Admin

None

Business Services

- Kelly Messer, 02/02
- Mason Ferguson, 02/03
- Stacy Kauffer, 02/04
- Jenny Doan, 02/13

COAAA

- Teresa Blackwood, 02/02
- Danette Bailey-Garcia, 02/03

Community Centers

- Sydni Tavenner, 02/01
- Teresa King, 02/02
- Brenda Evans, 02/02
- Kevin Darthard, 02/02
- Nevaeh Rash, 02/03

- Elaine Hostetler, 02/18
- Amanda Wampler, 02/18
- Robert Ricer, 02/19
- Adam Wheeler, 02/21
- Kayla Humphrey, 02/05
- Kari Veraas, 02/06
- Julia Millirans, 02/06
- Nazaret Mekonnen, 02/07
- Lindsey Allomong, 02/08
- Zoe Michener, 02/08
- Mary Wadkowski, 02/09
- Jennifer Workman, 02/09
- Erin Griffis, 02/11
- Amanda Kirsch, 02/11
- Jeanette Hamilton, 02/12
- Holly Stanley-Jacobson, 02/12
- Eric Mcdowell, 02/14
- Patrice Johnston-Watkins, 02/15
- Edna Kaufman, 02/16
- Heather Ramirez, 02/16
- Tiffany Folmar, 02/17
- Theresa O'Connor, 02/19
- Amy Harr, 02/22
- Brett Thomas, 02/23
- Christopher Ball, 02/24
- Leisa Fent, 02/25
- Marissa White-Hogan, 02/25
- Clara Flack, 02/28
- Kimberly Johnson, 02/28
- Jennifer Ramsey, 02/28
- Ted Hoover, 02/03
- Minnie Jackson, 02/05
- Victoria Lacey, 02/05
- Bryceson Johnson, 02/05
- Ashley Deloney, 02/06
- Ebony Woods, 02/07
- Patrick Montowski, 02/07
- Charlesie Love, 02/08
- Derek Davis, 02/08
- Roberta Hale, 02/08
- Morgan Wilson, 02/09
- Shawn Chandler, 02/09
- Erica Grandjean, 02/09
- Hai Pham, 02/10
- Denisha Bush, 02/10
- Suzanne Schwartz, 02/12
- Amy Kountz, 02/12
- Rachel General, 02/13
- Shareffah Sullivan, 02/14
- Jordan Hall, 02/14
- Quadarrious Mcdonald, 02/14
- Emma Brown, 02/15
- Harriet Richardson, 02/16
- Keva English, 02/16
- Darquez Bogan, 02/17
- Madison Miles, 02/17
- Kendall Moore, 02/17
- Torria Huge, 02/19
- Christine Cordi, 02/20
- John Davis, 02/20
- Danita Marchese, 02/20
- Areej Khalid, 02/20
- Samantha Fritchen, 02/20
- David Zeledon, 02/21
- Migeal Reese, 02/22
- Bobby Ballard, 02/23
- Dennis Evans, 02/23
- Lucia Proudfoot, 02/24
- Dlyn Stinziano, 02/25
- Christopher Jones, 02/25
- Jeremy Neely, 02/27

- Tilloretta Pope, 02/28
- Caska Thompson, 02/28
- Joel Moren, 02/28

Community Relations

None

Parks and Facility Operations

- Brett Kennedy, 02/01
- Jon Anderson, 02/01
- Alphonzo Berry, 02/02
- Shawn Rose, 02/03
- Homer Gaines, 02/06
- Katelyn Schrock, 02/07
- Michael Johnson, 02/08
- Robert Mcelwee, 02/11
- Katie Warniment, 02/12
- Joseph Taylor, 02/12
- Sean Fraley, 02/13
- Brett Mays, 02/14
- Allen Williams, 02/15
- Matthew Wines, 02/16
- Eric Eiselstein, 02/18
- Jason Snyder, 02/19
- Thomas Davis, 02/21
- Michael Creasap, 02/22
- Tyrell Debose, 02/23
- Ryan Allen, 02/26
- Michael Plageman, 02/27

Recreation Services

- Naiya Sayavong, 02/04
- Armaanii Howard, 02/06
- Mawuli Agbohla, 02/09
- Jamil Drummond, 02/11
- Ivan White, 02/11
- Breanna MCGarry, 02/11
- Austin Eckert, 02/11
- Tylaesha Durham, 02/13
- James Buzard, 02/15
- Mekhi Sherrell-Foster, 02/16
- Anna Gill, 02/20
- Julia Hayes, 02/22

Youth Development

- Jaila Mccarey, 02/01
- Eric Villareal, 02/02
- Daiyana Bowens, 02/08
- Kyreaf Carr, 02/08
- Amani Glaze, 02/12
- Jordyn Mccarey, 02/13
- Jaihla Martin, 02/14
- Dy Smith, 02/15
- Jason Burton, 02/16
- Teanna Tolber, 02/17
- Destiny Humphries, 02/21
- Dashawn Simmons, 02/23
- Jah'Niya Barker, 02/24
- A'Reyonna Muldrow, 02/24
- Terrion Barbour, 02/28

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