



RISE TOGETHER - FEB. 28, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Over the weekend, our Therapeutic Recreation section held the Jack Attack Regional Boccia Tournament. This event brought 39 athletes from nine states to Columbus to compete. Columbus hosts one of only three regional events for boccia. The national tournament will be in August in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A shout-out to Jeremy Fenton and the rest of TR for putting on a great event!



- This past Saturday, Barack Community Center hosted the Legends boxing showcase, returning for the first time since 2020. This year, local boxing legends Gregory Dyer, Tim Bowe and Xander Jackson were honored before a packed house. The recognition ceremony was immediately followed by 11 amateur boxing bouts featuring some of the best up-and-coming local talent. Kudos to Mark Stansbery and his staff at Barack for all their work to bring this event to life!

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March 6

All day

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER CLASSES - SESSION 2 START

All day

YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND TEE BALL SPRING LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

WINTER CHAMP OF CHAMPS TOURNAMENT

All day



- Kathy Spatz, land development specialist in the Strategic and Capital Planning section, received the Silver Knight of Leadership Award for Professional Achievement. This award, from the National Management Association and presented at a recent Columbus Public Service Chapter, recognizes one individual annually that demonstrates leadership, integrity and honorable conduct to personal and business associates. Congratulations, Kathy!



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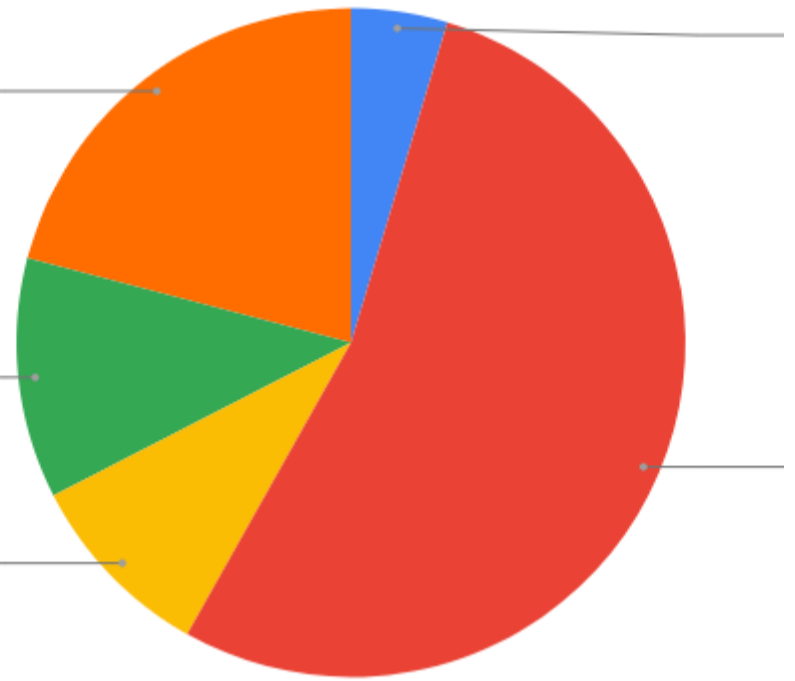
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Celebrate Black History with Us



INFORMATION UPDATE

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Throughout February, our department used social media to highlight just a few of our Black community members who have made an impact in Columbus throughout the history of the City. The list of those highlighted can be seen below:

- **[William Adams](#)** – Known for being an active member within the Columbus community, he served for the Department of Defense, Krumm Park Community Recreation Council, and Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission, to name a few. William H. Adams Community Center bears his name to honor him.
- **[James “Buster” Douglas](#)** – A former professional boxer who became the linear heavyweight boxing champion when he knocked out Mike Tyson on Feb. 11, 1990. He is now a boxing coach at Thompson Community Center.
- **[Jerry Hammond](#)** – A member of Columbus City Council from 1974-1990, he became the first Black president of the Columbus City Council in 1984. In 2007, the building at 1111 East Broad Street, where our department and the 311 City Services Call Center are headquartered, became known as the Jerry Hammond Center.
- **[Mayme Moore](#)** – A Civil Rights activist who stood alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington, D.C., as he gave his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. She helped found the Columbus chapter of the NAACP, and Mayme Moore Park is named after her.
- **[Bettye Stull](#)** – She served as the administrative coordinator for our department, where she worked for over 30 years. After her retirement, she continued her passion for helping her community and became a curator at the King Arts Complex. For her extensive work that inspired and showcased Black art and talent, Stull has won multiple awards.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS CORDI



Section

Community Centers – Center Manager

Length of Employment

31 years

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

Working with different types of communities and different staff I have worked with.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

When I was center manager at Schiller Community Center, we partnered with the community of German Village, and at Christmas time, we put out luminaries all around the park and center. We began filling paper bags in early October with sand and candles. All my staff and their families came to help set up the luminaries and light them.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Chocolate

What is your favorite book or movie?

Movie: Hoosiers.

Book: The Essential Vince Lombardi: Words & Wisdom to Motivate, Inspire and Win.

What is one piece of advice you have?

Listen and be patient. We are one family, and we are in it for the community.

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

CELEBRATIONS

FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS

Admin

None

Business Services

None

COAAA

None

Community Centers

- Amy Davis, promoted to full-time Rec Program Specialist
- Victoria Lacey, promoted to Rec Instructor

Community Relations

None

Parks and Facility Operations

- Kha Huynh, promoted to Event Coord Specialist
- Scott Peale, promoted to Golf Pro

Recreation Services

- Lydia Williams, promoted to Aquatics Asst Manager

Youth Development

None

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