



RISE TOGETHER - MARCH 14, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- This past Saturday, our department hosted the Seasonal Hiring Fair at Franklin Park Adventure Park from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The event allowed those who attended the opportunity to apply for part-time seasonal jobs with our department, as we look to fill positions for the summer. The hiring fair had 70 attendees and received coverage by all five local TV stations, including [this NBC 4 interview with Director Reese](#). The event was even attended by City Council President Shannon Hardin and Council Member Mitchell Brown.



Congratulations to the Seasonal Hiring Fair Committee on a well-executed and successful event!

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February 14

All day

YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND TEE BALL SPRING LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

2023 GO, LUNCH! SITE APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

All day

- Community centers, Therapeutic Recreation and Outdoor Recreation Spring Session registration opens today at 12:30 p.m.! Spring programming runs from March 20-May 20. For more information, find your local community center on [our website](#) to see the schedule of classes.
- As we announced last week, our department is launching a Quality of Work Life Committee to help strengthen and improve the culture of the department. For this new committee, the commitment would be two hours monthly, with the potential for event coordination quarterly, as needed.

If you're interested, please speak to your supervisor for approval and consider representing your area to help bring about positive change. If you have ideas for team-building activities, quality of working life initiatives in our department or fun fundraising ideas, please consider this request to join this committee. Although each area is not required to provide a representative, we'd love to have volunteers from as many areas of the department as possible.

If you're interested, please [talk to your supervisor and sign up today!](#)

OAL SPRING JURIED EXHIBITION

All day

GENERAL CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES - SPRING SESSION START

All day

SPRING FLING REGISTRATION

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Spring Time Change

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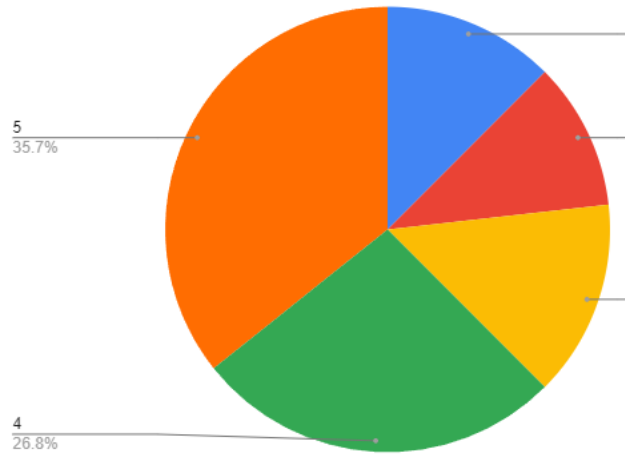
On a scale of 1-5, how much does the spring time change affect you?

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - Marc



INFORMATION UPDATE

SECTION SPOTLIGHT: AQUATICS

Division

Recreation Services

How many staff work in the section?

In the summer, we can have more than 200 staff, and other times of the year we have about 40.

What's new in the last 18 months?

We've added more swim lesson levels and two new assistant managers! Welcome Cody Anderson and Lydia Williams!

What is the section's core function?

To keep the community safe while swimming and to expand access to swimming.

What benefits do you provide to staff or residents?

Swimming is a fun activity for all ages. It can build confidence, be a workout routine and can allow older adults and our disabled community a way to exercise and get moving!

How do staff or residents interact with your section?

Through our programs, school partner programs and recreational swimming opportunities.

What are some fun facts about the section?

We pride ourselves on having some of the most extensive operating hours year-round. We are open seven days a week, and this spring we will offer swim lessons to more than 300 community members.

Do you have any additional information to share with the department?

We are so excited to be ushering in a new era of aquatics with the City, with more open pools, more opportunities for residents to participate in programs, and new partnerships within Columbus Recreation and Parks!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KELLY MESSER

(She/Her/Hers)



Section

Design and Construction - Engineer I Project Manager

Length of Employment

3 years and 8 months

Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

I love serving and feeling connected to the Columbus communities through the work we do.

Favorite project that you have worked on?

An impactful project for me was the Tuttle Lower Fields Improvement Project where we made several enhancements to the park and added a skatepark. This was a challenging project to execute, but we had incredible support from internal department staff and the community to see it through successfully.

Favorite ice cream flavor?

Mint chocolate chip, all the way!

What is your favorite book or movie?

Movie: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Book: It's a tie between Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler and The Overstory by Richard Powers

What is one piece of advice you have?

I keep a folder of saved emails that have words of encouragement from other staff members and appreciation from community members. I re-visit these emails on days that feel especially tough to remind myself of the importance of our department's mission and that I am supported by a great 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Admin

None

Business Services

- Alexis Bangudi, 03/01
- Isaiah Williams, 03/20
- Mishelle Hilliard, 03/30

COAAA

None

Community Centers

- John Frissora, 03/03
- James Johnson, 03/03
- Kaitlyn Welke, 03/13
- Frederick Hall, 03/16
- Cedric Anderson, 03/17
- Michael Kibby, 03/19
- Alexander Passas, 03/27
- Mellanese Dorton-Turns, 03/31
- Tyrell Porter, 03/01
- David Smith, 03/01
- Robert Lynch, 03/02
- Victor Anderson, 03/03
- Kendall Smith, 03/03
- Patricia Hilles, 03/04
- Abriena Hike, 03/06
- Bryton Jude, 03/07
- Wesley Russell, 03/07
- Stephanie Cabus, 03/08
- Kamal Hasan, 03/08
- Quezette Gardner, 03/09
- Kenneth Rice, 03/09
- Laura Steinmaus, 03/09
- Kara Covington, 03/10
- Aissatou Berete, 03/11
- Shaquone Cox, 03/15

- Andria Henry, 03/23
- Megan Cook, 03/24
- Shawand Saunders, 03/28
- Victorious Ellis, 03/30
- Taylor Mack, 03/30
- Aaliyah Jones, 03/31
- Camille Gordon, 03/18
- Micah Evans, 03/31
- Rae Nutter, 03/04
- Seth Davis, 03/10
- Margo Ortman, 03/14
- Luke Edelbrock, 03/17
- Katharine Smith, 03/17

Community Relations

None

Parks and Facility Operations

- Clarence Bostic, 03/01
- Tyler Mounts, 03/01
- Erwin Au, 03/08
- Nicholas Miller, 03/09
- Jack Mounts, 03/10
- Reid Graham, 03/11
- Teresa Hunt, 03/12
- Shawn Stevens, 03/24
- Kentin Marcum, 03/27
- Shawn Wheeler, 03/27
- Cody Wendell, 03/29
- John Rovtar, 03/30
- Mary Banks, 03/08
- Jordan Stephens, 03/27
- Shawn Collins, 03/22
- Arin Hawkins, 03/05
- Kelly Trent, 03/18
- Clifford Sawyer, 03/20

Recreation Services

- Jaylin Robinson, 03/02
- Zion Haynes-Coleman, 03/04
- Brandon Jackson, 03/07
- Shaun Middleton, 03/07
- Cassie Caldwell, 03/09
- Nykemah Cannon, 03/09
- Magnolia Meyers, 03/10
- Jacob Barnes, 03/13
- Choixx Harrell, 03/13
- Sinclair Robinson, 03/14
- Maxwell Babner, 03/01
- Cheryl Hill, 03/08
- Stella Thompson, 03/02
- Kevin Ohms, 03/15
- Ana Carter, 03/16
- Omari Muse, 03/21
- Ayodele Adeniye, 03/24

Youth Development

- Kevin Houston, 03/01
- Kavontay Robinson, 03/03
- Janay Mckinnie, 03/04
- Shavonne Jones, 03/07
- Antonio Mason Jr, 03/07
- Jayla Thomas, 03/10
- Patience Richards, 03/15
- Tyiona Vaughn, 03/15
- Trina Ardister, 03/17
- Amirah Stewart, 03/18
- Shia Spears, 03/19
- Elijah Easley, 03/22
- Dramayne White, 03/22
- Zaiden Latta, 03/23
- Zamir Latta, 03/23
- Eli Creed, 03/27
- Annikah Cundiff, 03/29
- Jaiden Keene, 03/30

- Nathaniel Strong, 03/02
- Steve Fiedler, 03/04
- Samson Mingione, 03/15
- Kevin Blankenship, 03/18
- Anthony Sutton, 03/25
- Kenneth Zaborniak, 03/30
- Tom Gallagher, 03/31
- Kenneth Johnson, 03/25
- Michael Heslop, 03/09
- John Hykes, 03/11
- Sawyer Davidson, 03/21
- Sydney Duvall, 03/22
- Sarah Corbin, 03/23

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2023



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