



## RISE TOGETHER - APRIL 4, 2023

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Cap City Cardinals, our department's Wheelchair Basketball team, recently competed in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's National Championship. The team won its first game in an upset against the No. 5 seed, defeating the Houston Rolling Rockets by a commanding score of 49-25. The Cap City Cardinals then fell to eventual champions Orlando Magic, but managed to win the seventh-place game against Lakeshore Storm 56-47. Congratulations to Therapeutic Recreation and the Adaptive Sports Club of Columbus for their efforts in supporting Cap City Cardinals!
- Spring youth soccer and flag football games started this past weekend. Make sure to stop by one of the game sites and cheer on your favorite community center team sometime this season.
- The School's Out Spring Break program starts Friday and goes through next week, allowing Columbus City School students to spend spring break at one of our community centers.
- Looking for a fun thing to do on Friday night?

English



Spring Fling All-Nighter. 25 teams

4/10/2023

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30 ●	1 ●	2 ●	3 ●	4 ●	5 ●	6 ●

April 10

All day

SCHOOL'S OUT SPRING

All day

2023 GO, LUNCH! SITE APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

All day

will play softball under the stars and lights at Lou Berliner Sports Park and the only goal is to get home before the sun rises.

#### OAL SPRING JURIED EXHIBITION

All day

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER I SESSION  
REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUES - SPRING SESSION  
RESGISTRATION

All day

ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER I SESSION  
REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT TENNIS LEAGUES - SUMMER I SESSION  
REGISTRATION

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

### Would You Rather: Garden/Hik

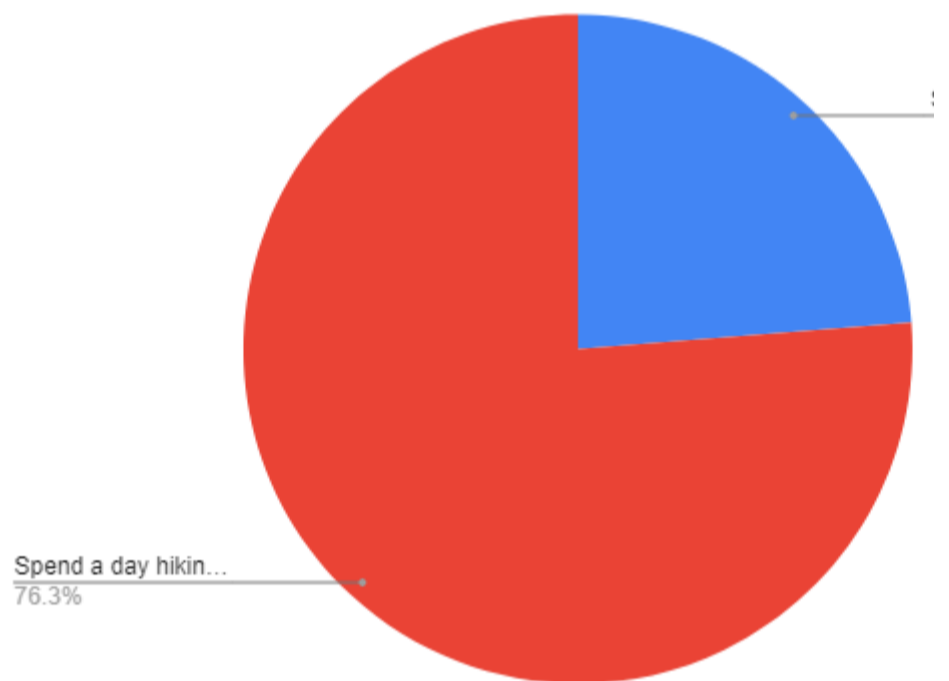
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Would you rather...

- Spend a day planting vegetables in a garden
- Spend a day hiking in the woods

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## LEADERSHIP UPDATE



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### DON EVANS

(He/Him/His)



#### Section

Design and Construction – Engineer Associate III (Plan Review)

#### Length of Employment

12 years

#### Favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

How much people care. Here a job isn't just a job. It's a difference. We make a difference every day.

#### Favorite project that you have worked on?

The relocation of the Santa Maria. It's not every day you pluck a ship out of the Scioto River cut in half and drive it through Downtown Columbus.

#### Favorite ice cream flavor?

Vanilla. Why mess with perfection?

#### What is your favorite book or movie?

(Book) Black and White: The way I see it. By Richard Williams

#### What is one piece of advice you have?

"The more I practice the luckier I get!"

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### 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

## HAPPY EARTH MONTH!

Although at Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, we celebrate Earth Day throughout the whole year, with Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 29), April is a great time of year to highlight our year-long green and conservation efforts.

Some of the community activities and opportunities we will be doing this month to educate residents about the importance of investing in our natural environment and celebrate how nature enhances our community include:

- **Earth Day Celebration:** Celebrate Earth Day with the department! Join us Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-noon at Linden Community Center. At this family-friendly event, you can plant pollinators and trees; register to volunteer. You can also fish, learn about conservation through educational activities and more!
- **Arbor Day Event:** Celebrate the many benefits trees offer at the department's Arbor Day event. Join us Friday, April 28, at 11 a.m. at Barack Community Center.
- **COSI Science Festival BioBlitz:** Families, friends and individuals are invited to this family-friendly event at McKnight Outdoor Education Center on Wednesday, May 3, from 5-7 p.m. We will be canoeing, kayaking, hiking and using iNaturalist to record what bugs, birds and other animals we find. Paddling events are registration only - children must be accompanied by an adult in their boat.
- **National Volunteer Week:** Volunteering is a great way to give back while connecting with others, and take part in preserving our natural environment. During National Volunteer Week (April 16-22), we celebrate the volunteers who help advance the department's conservation efforts. Last year, 11,989 volunteers spent 116,142 hours investing back in Columbus, including litter clean-ups and park beautification projects at many of our 410 parks.

# CELEBRATIONS

## MARCH NEW HIRES

### Admin

None

### Business Services

- Melissa Michel-Thomas, HR Analyst

### COAAA

None

### Community Centers

- April Bumgardner, Rec Assistant Manager
- Keva English, Custodial Worker
- Tommie Lindsey, Rec Assistant Manager
- Ian Nixon, Rec Center Manager

## Community Relations

None

## Parks and Facility Operations

- Roberto Guillon, Forestry Tech I
- Ryan Inks, Parks Maintenance Worker
- Timothy Rose, Forestry Tech I
- Tyler Swafford, Laborer

## Recreation Services

- Cody Anderson, Rec Asst Manager

## Youth Development

- Eugene Cannaday, Rec Program Specialist
- Alicia Harris-Cox, Rec Program Specialist
- Christophe McGhee, Rec Program Specialist
- Annaie Williams, Rec Program Specialist

[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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**2022**



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