



RISE TOGETHER - JUNE 20, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON CONSERVATION

PROTECTING AND CONSERVING NATURAL AREAS

Did you know that the department has 20 designated nature preserves, which means that over 2,000 acres of land are being preserved for future generations? Each nature preserve features a variety of habitat types, from the forests and streams of Kiwanis Riverway Park to the wetlands of Hamilton Wetlands. These habitats support an abundance of plants and wildlife, some of which are state or federally listed as endangered, threatened or species of concern. [Learn more about our 20 nature preserves.](#)

Protections for nature preserves were added to City code in 2022. Having nature preserves in City code increases the protection of these areas by tightening prohibitions of activities and impacts that can occur in those locations—from constructing infrastructure to off-trail hiking. It also sets the process for how future land could be considered for such designation. The nature preserve code also formally acknowledged the Advisory Council that provides recommendations to the director and Commission with respect to the management of the nature preserves.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEW AREA GATHERS INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN ONE PLACE

A new area of the department will bring more consistency to processes, streamline our work and ensure everyone has easy access to the department's policies.

6/23/2023

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Currently, the Policy area consists of one employee, Shannon Prince. She is responsible for storing all policies, regularly reviewing and updating policies, and assisting with the creation of new policy and procedures. Her goals are to ensure we're functioning as one department, and that we have one set of standard policies and procedures. She's also advising on current and new policies and procedures to ensure they help us work efficiently.

One early win was to put all of our policies in one place.

[You can now access all policies on the intranet.](#)

“There’s a lot of institutional knowledge across the department, and my role is to help get everything on paper and store it in one place so everyone has access to it,” she said.

Shannon also will serve as a liaison to other City departments, and offer support to the DEI committee.

In addition to ensuring our processes and policies support a culture of excellence, ensuring all of our CAPRA accreditation documents are current and accurate will be crucial during the re-accreditation process in three years.

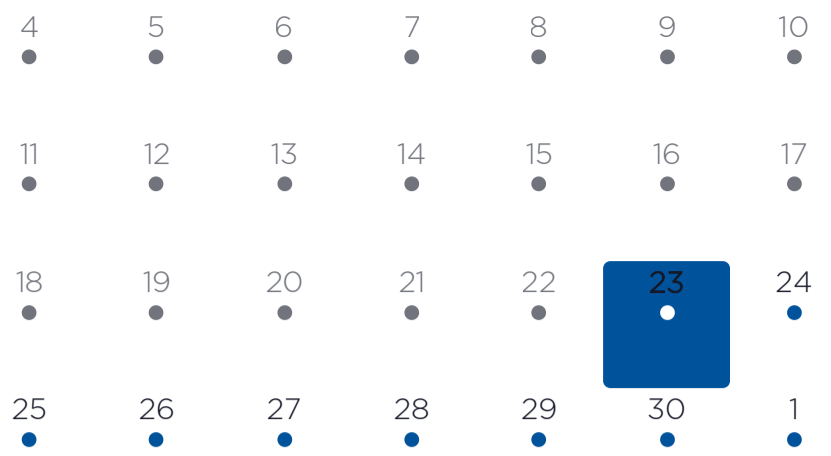
TAKING CARE OF OUR FOUR-LEGGED RESIDENTS

Shout out to Morgan Wilson, assistant manager at Dodge Community Center, for taking care of our four-legged residents!

Friends of Westgate Park wanted to share their appreciation for Morgan’s role in rescuing Lucky the dog. Lucky was found abandoned in Westgate Park. Morgan adopted Lucky and took him home. She said he seems to be enjoying his new life-Lucky has made new friends with other dogs in the pack, and he’s having a great time!

HOW TO SUBMIT A BADGE REQUEST

For new or replacement employee badges, please email Human Resources at RecParksHR2@columbus.gov. Note that this is an updated email address from what was shared last week.



April 25

All day

YOUTH SOCCER 23/24 LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

WATER IS LIFE EXHIBITION

All day

THE COLUMBUS CLASSIC PRESENTED BY WHITE CASTLE REGISTRATION

All day

OUTDOOR SWIM LESSONS SESSION B - REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER I SESSION REGISTRATION

All day


CULTURAL ARTS CENTER CLASSES - SESSION 4 REGISTRATION

All day 

MOBILE PRODUCE MARKETS

All day

OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 23 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm 

FRIDAY ON THE TOWN

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

How do you protect and preserve our natural environment?

mojica.crp@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

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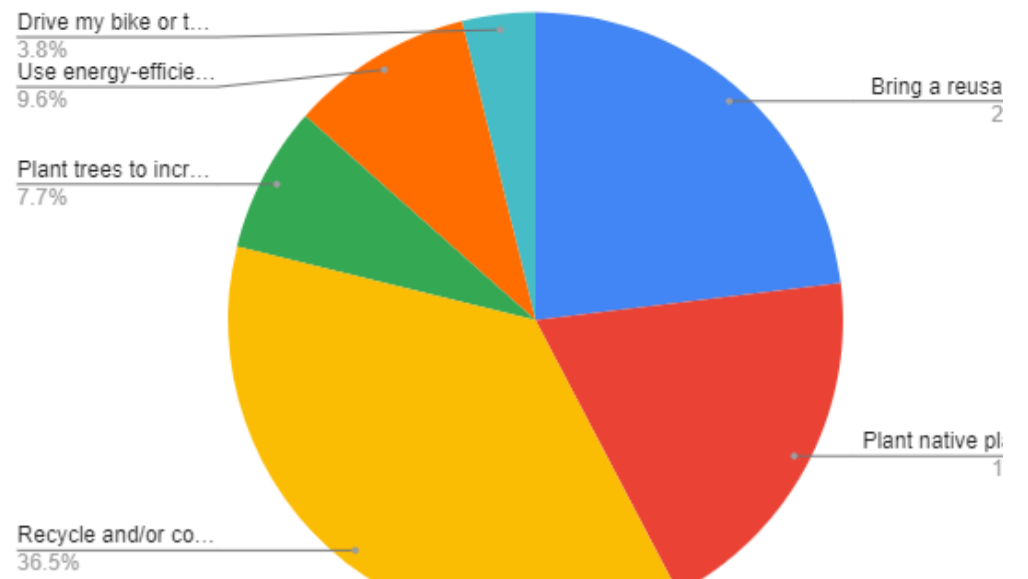
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How do you protect and preserve our natural environment? *

- Plant trees to increase our tree canopy
- Recycle and/or compost to reduce waste in our landfill
- Drive my bike or take the bus instead of driving my car
- Plant native plants at home to support local wildlife
- Bring a reusable shopping bag to the grocery store
- Use energy-efficient light bulbs/turn off the light when I leave the room

Submit

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - June 20,



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**SHANNON
PRINCE**
SHE/HER/HERS

Section
Senior Policy Manager, Administration

Length of Employment
4 weeks



What’s your favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?

Meeting all the different people and all the different aspects of the job. No two days are the same.

What’s your favorite project that you have worked on?

Not sure yet.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

I don’t like ice cream

What is your favorite book or movie?

The Shack

What is one piece of advice you have?

In a world where you can be anything...Be Kind.

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.

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