



RISE TOGETHER - JUNE 27, 2023

SECTION SPOTLIGHT

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

What is something new that your section has implemented in the last 18 months? We have continued to greatly expand in the last 18 months; our full time staff has nearly doubled! Working closely with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, we have added Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals into our larger projects. We have also implemented Smartsheet to track our projects and increase efficiency.

What is your section's core function? Our core function is to provide quality, functional and sustainable infrastructure that connects our communities to the power of nature, wellness and creativity.

How do you benefit residents? As highlighted in our core function, we benefit the community through building and renovating infrastructure, playgrounds, site furnishings, pools and more to create additional opportunities for our residents to build a connection to nature, wellness and creativity.

How do residents and customers interact with you? We communicate with other sections to make sure their needs are met on projects. We focus on stakeholder engagement and also interact with residents through Commission meetings and community meetings.

How many staff are in your section? We have 12 staff consisting of our administrator, five project managers, three engineering associates, one maintenance manager, one part-time inspector and one management analyst. We are still growing! We're actively looking to hire an additional facility project manager, full-time inspector and intern.

Do you have fun facts about your section? Our team has spent an average of 2.83 years with the department, and 8.66 years with the City. We currently have 75 active projects with over 260 active sites spread across more than 30 communities.

What else would you like to share? We have started scheduling quarterly interactions with other sections to help us learn more about one another. If you have an idea for this, please reach out!

The Design & Construction team would like to thank all those who helped provide information for the department’s first edition of the [Park Design Guidelines](#); the document is now available on the website under Connect, Business Resources. This unique tool proposes questions and guidelines throughout the design process that will lead to more creative and equitable projects. The annually updated document captures all sections’ design needs for park and trail development projects. We are excited to share these new guidelines that will promote ingenuity and creative ways of meeting our community’s needs.



NEWS AND INFORMATION

NEW EXTERNAL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY NOW IN EFFECT

The department’s new external inclement weather policy aims to provide consistent and uniform guidelines for the operation of department facilities during inclement weather to ensure the health, safety and well-being of participants, volunteers and staff. The policy also takes into consideration the risk of damage inclement weather may pose to department facilities.

The policy states that: *In the event of inclement weather, Columbus Recreation and Parks reserves the right to close facilities and/or postpone or cancel recreational activities to protect the safety and well-being of the community,*

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and preserve the integrity of department facilities. The department also may offer resources to offer residents a safe place to shelter from inclement weather.

The new policy addresses the steps to be taken in the event of snow emergencies or extreme cold (anything below 20° Fahrenheit) or extreme heat (four consecutive days of 90° Fahrenheit or higher), as well as severe spring and summer weather (i.e. thunderstorms, heavy rain, tornado, etc.).

Additionally, the policy also addresses the steps to be taken, internally and externally, to communicate the changes to facility operations. [Read the full policy so you know what to expect during inclement weather.](#)

GET READY FOR JAZZ & RIB FEST BY DOWNLOADING THE APP

Jazz & Rib Fest announced its [full line up](#) last week. Get ready to enjoy your favorite acts and favorite food – download the Jazz & Rib Fest app before making your way to the event. The app allows you to receive artist performance alerts, map out your favorite vendors and participate in the Eat, Vote, Win! contest to win great prizes from our sponsors. [Download the app today!](#)

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April 25

All day

YOUTH SOCCER 23/24 LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

WATER IS LIFE EXHIBITION

All day

CULTURAL ARTS CENTER CLASSES - SESSION 4 REGISTRATION

All day

YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND TEE BALL FALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION



What is your favorite part of the Fourth of July?

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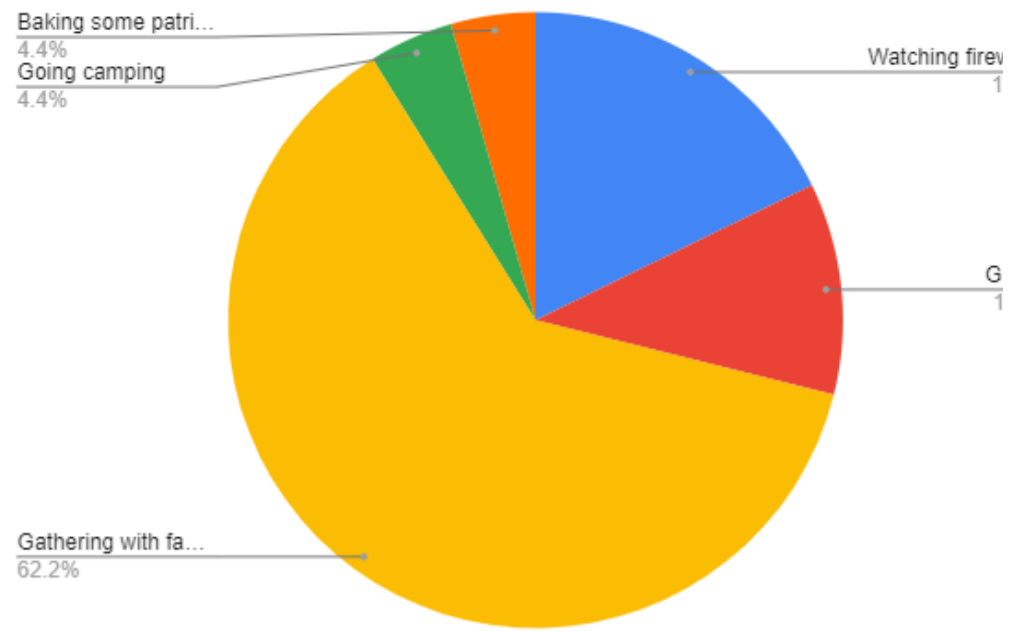
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* Indicates required question

What is your favorite part of the Fourth of July? *

- Watching fireworks
- Grilling
- Gathering with family and friends
- Going swimming
- Baking some patriotic desserts
- Going camping



LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update – June...

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

TOM BAILLIEUL

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Section
Arts, Main Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator for the Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center

Length of Employment
10 years



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

Engaging with the creative people around me (staff, contractors, and students).

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

Always “the next one;” but also the staff-initiated exhibitions that have strong social justice and environmental themes.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Whatever catches my eye in the freezer case.

What is your favorite book or movie?

The Expanse series by James S.A. Corey (two authors)

What is one piece of advice you have?

Remember that creativity, just like growth, begins at the edge of your comfort zone. Don’t be afraid of taking risks.

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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