



## RISE TOGETHER - JULY 18, 2023

### SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Our entire staff is dedicated to our community, and that's evident in their commitment to their work and how they go above and beyond to make our community stronger and better. Check out these recent examples of great work taking place across the department.

#### MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

Thanks to Kelly Trent and Kyle Jackson from the Golf section for making Luke K.'s wish come true through the Special Wish Foundation. After having a bone marrow transplant, Luke was able to take a break with golf lessons and a round of golf. Mike also coordinated with Callaway to have a set of golf clubs donated.

Thanks, Kelly and Kyle!

#### MAKING SUMMER'S FAVORITE FREE FESTIVAL IS ENJOYABLE FOR ALL

This weekend is packed full of hot ribs and cool jazz at [Jazz & Rib Fest](#). While it comes off as seamless, months of planning and a lot of hard work goes into the event. If you see a member of the Special Events team down at the festival or around the office, thank them for their work. While they're always smiling, we know it will be a long weekend for them!

### NEWS AND INFORMATION

#### PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESS AT WORK

The city has updated its COVID-19 guidance. These updated work practices were developed to provide guidelines for the overall prevention of infectious

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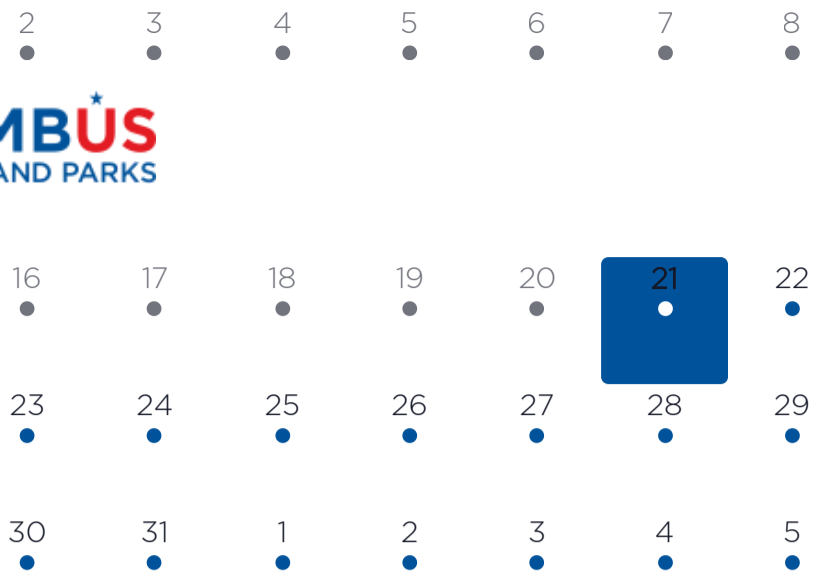
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respiratory illnesses, with the understanding that



The new guidance, [“City of Columbus Safe Work Practices for the Prevention of Infectious Respiratory Illness”](#) has been reviewed by Columbus Public Health and the Department of Human Resources. Please be sure to read the guidance in its entirety as there have been many changes.



April 25

All day

YOUTH SOCCER 23/24 LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

MOBILE PRODUCE MARKETS

All day

YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND TEE BALL FALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER II SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER II SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

CONVERSATIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

All day

JAZZ & RIB FEST

All day

14U ALL SANCTIONED WORLD SERIES

All day

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES - SUMMER II SESSION REGISTRATION

July 21 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

FREE MOBILE PRODUCE MARKET - ADAMS

July 21 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

FREE MOBILE PRODUCE MARKET - BEATTY

July 21 @ 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

INTO THE WOODS

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!





barbeque?

kfrancisapr@gmail.com [Switch account](#)

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\* Indicates required question

What's your favorite type of barbeque? \*

- Pulled pork, chicken or brisket
- Ribs
- Wings
- The sides
- A vegetarian option

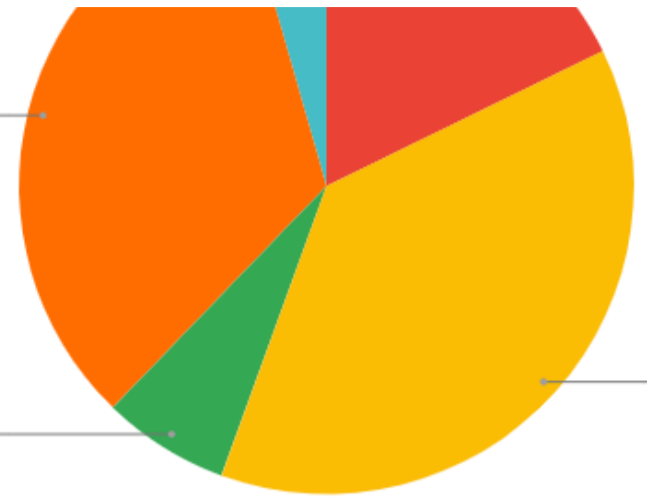
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Ribs  
33.3%

Wings  
6.7%

Pulled pork, ch  
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## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Rise Together Leadership Update - July 1...



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**HADLEY  
BLOEMEKE**  
SHE/HER/HER

**Section**

Community Centers: Westgate Community Center

**Length of Employment**

2 years





### What's your favorite aspect of Columbus Recreation and Parks?



city department was intimidating, but everyone is welcoming and supportive, which has helped me so much in my career!

### What's your favorite project that you have worked on?

My favorite project that I worked on was helping with the All Staff Meeting last year and providing some fun activities that everyone enjoyed!

### What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

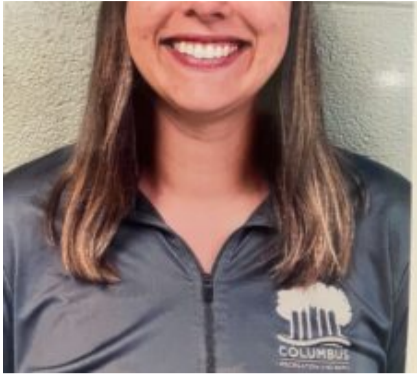
Cookies and Cream Milkshake

### What is your favorite book or movie?

The Way Way Back

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

Go out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself when it comes to new activities, meeting new people and getting involved. Also, making connections and relationships with other sections will only benefit you more in the long run. I know this has helped me so much in my current/new position!



### 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.

## ARCHIVE

2023



2022



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