

WE RISE TOGETHER

ONE COMMUNITY, ONE TEAM

RISE TOGETHER - SEPT. 26, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON CONSERVATION

LEARN ABOUT AND HELP PROTECT POLLINATORS

Conservation is key to our mission, and that includes protecting the habitats of pollinators. Pollinators are animals that help carry pollen from plant to plant, such as butterflies, bees and birds. You can learn more about pollinators and protecting their habitat at Pollinator Field Day on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the prairie at [Whetstone Park](#). We're looking for volunteers to remove invasive species and help maintain the pollinator spaces at the prairie. This family-friendly event will also offer free programming for families where you can learn more about pollinators. [Register for your spot to volunteer today](#); registration is NOT required to join in the educational activities.

Consider attending, and share this information with others who would be interested in attending.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

INVESTING IN OUR FACILITIES

The department is responsible for a lot of assets - 28 community centers, 415 parks, six golf courses and much more. The department takes a long-term, strategic approach to investing in our current facilities and building new facilities to ensure we're meeting the needs of our residents today, and in the years to come.

Department invests tens of millions of dollars in large and small capital projects. The plan for these investments is outlined in the Capital Investments Budget (CIB), a 6-year budget that is revised each year. Fiscal recently submitted the 2024-2029 CIB. [Read more about the process, and see the new 6-year submission.](#)

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building and canoeing. All of the attendees took home a backpack with CRPD swag, which included some handy binoculars, and enjoyed some grilled food.

The event would not have been possible without those of you who volunteered, so thank you for your help and congratulations on putting on a successful event!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

While the weather is still warm, winter—and the snow and cold temperatures it brings—is just around the corner. Severe weather can hit any time in summer or winter. Are you prepared in the event of severe weather and potential power outages? Check out the Leadership Update for a video from Katie White, COAAA administrator, with tips on how to build your own emergency kit.

There are no events on this day.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

How do you like to relax?

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

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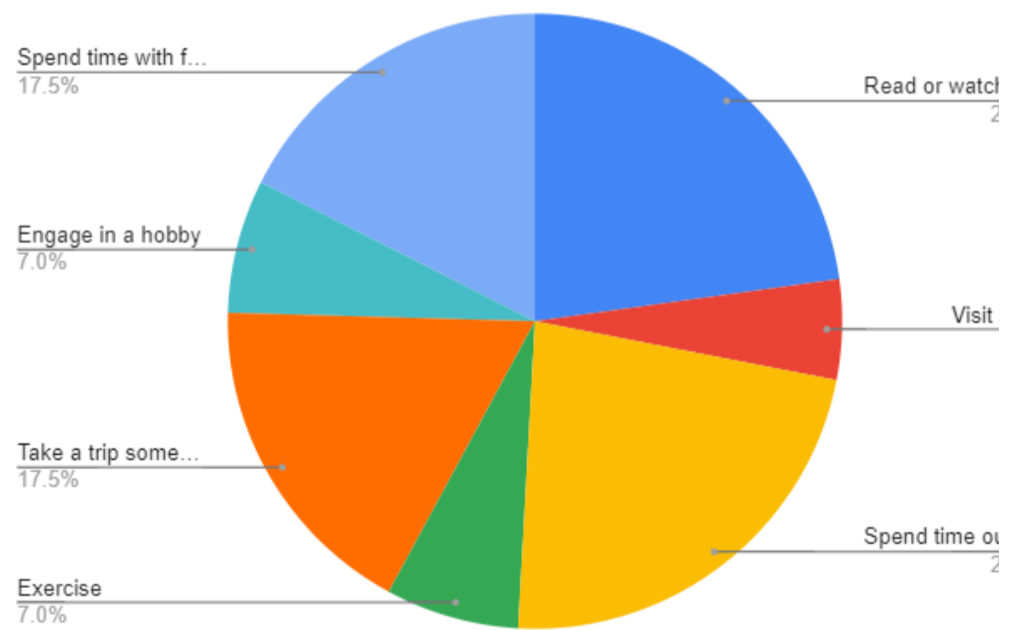
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How do you like to relax? *

- Exercise
- Spend time outside
- Read or watch movies
- Spend time with family and friends
- Visit a spa
- Take a trip somewhere
- Engage in a hobby

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

TOM LAFFERTY

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Section

Building Maintenance Manager-Design and Construction

Length of Employment

1 year

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

Being part of a team that brings people together to enjoy all the City of Columbus has to offer.

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

Building relationships within the department and other City departments to reach set goals.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Strawberry

What is your favorite book or movie?

The Shawshank Redemption

What is one piece of advice you have?

Embrace what you have, and learn from each other-everyone has something to offer to make you a better person.

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.