



WE RISE TOGETHER

ONE COMMUNITY, ONE TEAM

RISE TOGETHER - DEC. 5, 2023

SPOTLIGHT ON CONSERVATION

GRANT FUNDS FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND WETLAND PROJECT

We are thrilled to announce we've received an \$850,000 grant that will be used to establish a 12-acre wetland habitat within the northern expanse of Three Creeks Park. This is the first time the department has worked on a project of this nature.

Often coined as "nature's kidneys," wetlands play a pivotal role in filtering pollutants from flowing water. In addition to cleaning water, wetlands serve as vital habitats for numerous aquatic and terrestrial plants and animals.

The grant is through the H2Ohio Grant Program. Launched in 2019, this program aims to enhance water quality throughout Ohio.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SUCCESSFUL WINTERFEST COLUMBUS HELD AT DORRIAN GREEN

Thanks to the Special Events team for a fantastic WinterFest Columbus last weekend! People of all ages enjoyed the warm weather (especially for December!), music and refreshments. Huge thanks to the Special Events team for all of their hard work to make this successful!

PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

As December arrives, winter weather is just around the corner. Whether you love it or hate it, it's crucial to know what steps to take when the weather turns challenging.





ACTIONS.



- **Internal Severe Weather Guidelines:** These guidelines explain how department facilities operate during inclement weather, including when staff should report to work. They also detail how we will notify you if we decide to postpone opening or close completely, utilizing the Everbridge emergency notification system.
- **External Inclement Weather Guidelines:** These guidelines ensure the health, safety and well-being of participants, volunteers and staff during inclement weather by outlining the operation of department facilities.

[Both guidelines are available in the Policies and Procedures Manual on the intranet.](#)

To ensure we're prepared for winter weather, we will be conducting a test of the Everbridge system. To make sure you receive the notifications:

- Confirm that your contact information is up-to-date in Dayforce by Tuesday, Dec. 12. [View this step-by-step guide on how to make those updates.](#)
- Watch for a test of the Everbridge system on Wednesday, Dec.13. You will receive an email, phone call and/or text message based on the contact information you've listed in Dayforce.
 - Please note: Once you have confirmed receipt/answered a message (email, text message or phone call), the system will note that you have received the notification and will stop messages through the other methods.

FINISH THE YEAR ON A HEALTHY NOTE WITH THE GET ACTIVE WELLNESS EXPO

Get your sweat on by attending the Get Active Wellness Expo at Dodge Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 16. The event starts at 10 a.m. and will feature sample fitness classes, sports demonstrations, vendors and more!

There will be resource tables and activities for all ages including a fun run and walk for those who arrive early at 9 a.m. [Learn more about the expo and register online now.](#)

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

Join us on Friday, Dec. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hungry Soldier Room at 1111 for Empty Bowls! For a \$10 donation, you'll receive a beautifully crafted bowl along with soup (soup-only option available for \$5). All proceeds will go to support the Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

Do you have an incredible soup recipe? We're still in need of contributors to bring soup, bread, water and other items. [Sign up to bring something special!](#)

Additionally, we'll be collecting toys to hand out at all community centers. Donation boxes will be conveniently placed around 1111 for your contributions.

For further details, reach out to Dana Eaton at DLEaton@columbus.gov or 614-645-3344. Your participation will make a meaningful difference!

ADOPT A CENTER EVENTS KICK OFF THIS WEEK

Columbus Recreation and Parks is embarking on a heartwarming mission to spread holiday cheer through our Adopt a Center program. Over the next several weeks, we are set to provide thousands of meals, warm winter essentials and gifts to those who could use a little extra support during this festive season. Our events are scheduled at various community centers from Dec. 9 through Dec. 20.

Event Schedule:





- *CWOW-Eakins* - Dec. 11, 4:30 p.m.
- *Marion Franklin Community Center* - Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m.
- *Thompson Community Center* - Dec. 13, 12:30 p.m.
- *CWOW-Highland* - Dec. 13, 4:15 p.m.
- *Franklin Park Adventure Center* - Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
- *Holton Community Center* - Dec. 13, 6 p.m.
- *CWOW-Liberty* - Dec. 14, 4:15 p.m.
- *Barack Community Center* - Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
- *Glenwood Community Center* - Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
- *Douglas Community Center* - Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
- *Linden Community Center* - Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
- *Far East Community Center* - Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
- *Scioto Southland - Toy Giveaway* - Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
- *Driving Park Community Center* - Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
- *Milo Grogan Community Center* - Dec. 15, 5 p.m.
- *Beatty Community Center* - Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m.
- *Feddersen Community Center* - Dec. 15, 6 p.m.
- *Westgate-Toy Giveaway* - Dec. 15, 6 p.m.
- *Scioto Southland Community Center* - Dec. 19, 1 p.m.
- *Dodge Community Center* - Dec. 19, 5 p.m.
- *Tuttle Park Community Center* - Dec. 20, 2 p.m.
- *Howard Community Center* - Dec. 20, 4 p.m.
- *Sullivant Gardens Community Center* - Dec. 20, 5 p.m.
- *Blackburn Community Center* - Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m.
- *Woodward Park Community Center* - Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m.

A heartfelt thank you to our community center staff and Community Relations team for brightening the holidays for Columbus families!

12/6/2023

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November 17

All day

A COLLIDE OF SCOPE EXHIBITION

All day

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES - WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

All day

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES - WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!





What are your thoughts on snow?

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



Not shared

* Indicates required question

What are your thoughts on snow? *

- I love it! I can't wait to get out and play.
- It's pretty to look at - I want it to snow all winter long!
- It's OK if I don't have to go out in it.
- I only want it for a few weeks around the holidays.
- I wish it never snowed.

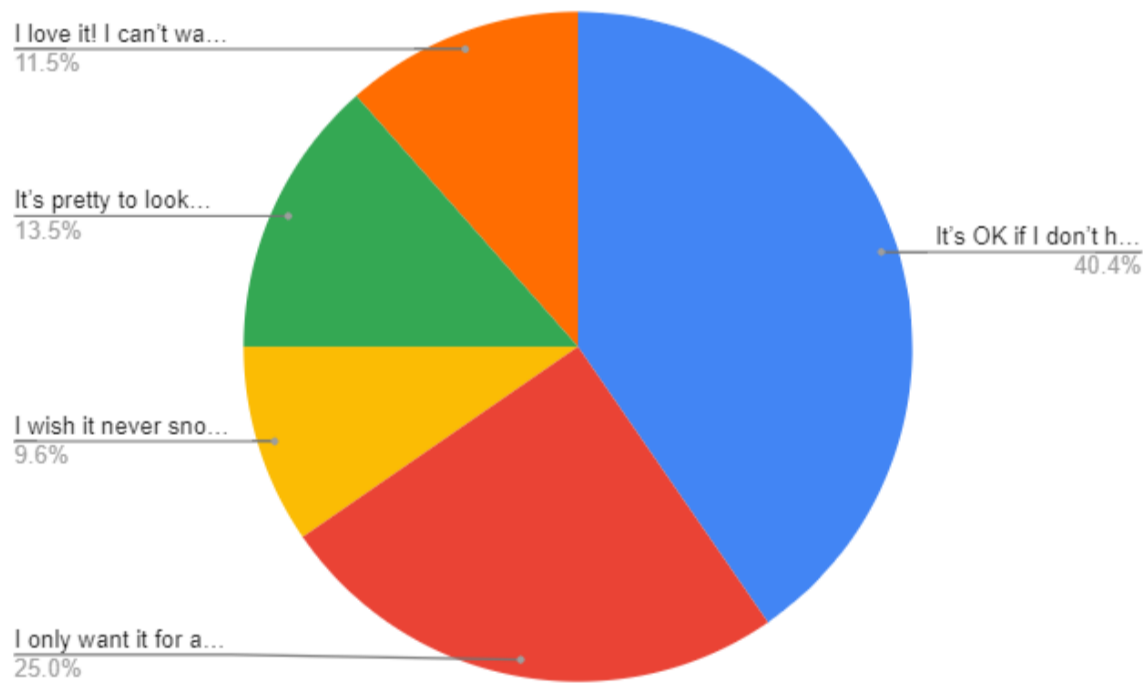
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LEADERSHIP UPDATE





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KATHY SPATZ

She/Her/Hers



Section

Land Development Specialist-Capital and Strategic Planning

Length of Employment

A little over 26 years

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

There are great people I work with every day and I get to meet with and work with staff all over the community while planning and developing the parks and green spaces.

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

There have been many projects, most recently having completed the Aquatics Capital Improvement Plan and seeing the new pools constructed with more to come soon has been enjoyable.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

My favorite flavor is Moose Tracks.





What is one piece of advice you have?

Realize that CRPD has a very broad reach in the community and as staff, we touch a lot of lives. We make a difference in these people's lives every day.

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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