



WE PLAY TO WIN: THE WEEKLY PLAYBOOK

JULY 22, 2025

SPOTLIGHT ON CULTURE

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO PLAY TO WIN

Our culture is built by the everyday actions of people who live out our values—one decision, one interaction, one moment at a time.

While we’re working on a formal recognition program (more to come soon!), we’re kicking things off by refreshing our Staff Spotlight. It’s a space to highlight peers who go above and beyond—whether it’s stepping up, showing heart or embodying teamwork.

Here’s how it works:

- Nominate anyone, at any level, from any part of the department.
- There’s no limit—shout out as many people as you want.
- We’ll feature nominations in the newsletter and online.

This is your chance to say, “I see you—and you’re making a difference.”

[Nominate someone today](#) and help us build a workplace culture worth celebrating!

NEWS AND INFORMATION

DAYFORCE TIP: MANDATORY IN-PERSON TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND TIMEKEEPERS

Managers and timekeepers: Mandatory in-person Dayforce training is launching mid-August and will run through September. This is a hands-on, personalized session using real-time data from your teams, so it’s the perfect chance to sharpen your skills and ask questions.

Watch your inbox for sign-up details soon!

TECH TIP: WINDOWS 11 UPGRADE STARTS SOON

Heads up! The Department of Technology (DoT) is rolling out Windows 11 across the City. While you can start the upgrade on your own now, it will become mandatory starting in August.

Upgrade early to avoid delays and downtime! Here’s how:

1. Type Software Center in the Start menu and open it.
2. Click Operating Systems, then “MSFT inplace upgrade Windows 11 24H2.”
3. Hit Install, then Install again.

Tips:

- Start the upgrade at the end of your workday—it takes time.
- Save important files to your U drive before upgrading.
- If you hit any snags, contact the CRPD Tech Team at CRPDTech@columbus.gov.

Let’s get ahead of this one together—it’ll make the process smoother for everyone.

TAKE YOUR SECTION TO THE PARK DAY A SUCCESS

Last week, the CREATE Culture Committee hosted Take Your Section to the Park Day, an event designed to showcase all of the important work taking place across the department. From fun activities to insightful presentations, everyone walked away with a greater understanding of everything the department does for our community – and the hard work of all of you who make it possible!

Thank you to the CREATE Culture Committee for planning the event, those who staffed the stations and everyone who attended. It was a great experience for all!

8/4/2025

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There are no events on this day.

KEY DATES

AUGUST

Black Men’s Wellness Day – Register by July 23
Aug. 9 | Livingston Park

CREATE Culture Committee: Staff Social
Aug. 21 | 4-7 p.m. | Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl

City of Columbus Employee Health and Benefits Fair
Aug. 26 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Lou Berliner Athletic Complex

SEPTEMBER

CREATE Culture Committee: Staff Social
Sept. 18 | 4-7 p.m. | Land-Grant Brewing

REINVESTING IN YOU

INVEST IN YOURSELF: RENEW YOUR OPRA MEMBERSHIP

At Columbus Recreation and Parks, we’re committed to investing in our people—and that means supporting professional growth at every level. One way we do that is through our group membership with the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA).

As a staff member, you’re encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to build your network, stay up to date on industry trends and develop as a leader in the field.

OPRA membership includes a subscription to *OPRA Connect* magazine, voting rights within the organization, access to serve on OPRA committees, and discounts on trainings, conferences and admission to Ohio state parks.

Renew or sign up by Friday, Aug. 8, to lock in the discounted rate of \$20 (it increases to \$45 after that deadline).

To join, email your name and title to Hawa Diakite at HADiakite@columbus.gov. Then, drop off payment (cash or check made out to *City of Columbus*) at 1111 East Broad St.

Whether you’re new to the field or a seasoned pro, OPRA is a great way to stay connected and keep growing.

TRAINING

Check out these upcoming training opportunities.

- July 30: [Valuing Urban Forests as Critical Infrastructure for Resilience](#), City Parks Alliance
- September: [Climate Resilience and Parks](#), City Parks Alliance

All staff are members of City Parks Alliance; reset your password to log in and register.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Have you recently earned a degree, award or certification? [Let us know, and we will share your accomplishment in the newsletter!](#)

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

JILL BRUMFIELD, PARKS REGIONAL MANAGER- PARKS, FORESTRY AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE

SHE/HER/HERS



Dependable on Purpose: Jill ensures the entire team has what they need to complete their work and looks at the big picture, making the section successful over and over again.



- How long have you been with the department?** Almost 11 years
- What’s your favorite aspect of working here?** The diverse group of people I interact with daily.
- What’s your favorite project?** “Take Your Section to the Park Day”
- What’s your favorite ice cream?** Ben & Jerry’s Chubby Hubby
- What’s your favorite book or movie?** I’m addicted to audiobooks (free from the library) of all kinds; I especially like those that nudge me to consider a different perspective or spark my imagination.
- What’s one piece of advice you’d share?** “What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make”. -Jane Goodall

NOMINATE A COWORKER FOR THE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

[Fill out this form to nominate a coworker.](#) The employee and their assistant director will be notified that they were nominated.

ARCHIVE

2025

2024

2023

2022

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