

Parks and Recreation Department

February 2024 Monthly Report



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Department had an exciting start to the New Year with the following projects and accomplishments:

- Parks Master Plan and Facility Assessment
 - Kickoff – The project officially kicked off in January.
 - Data Request – Our consultant MKSK has provided the City with a request for data and records. Staff has been working on the arduous task over the past few weeks of searching and gathering hundreds of records to be analyzed and used in the development of the master plan.
 - Steering Committee Development – Staff has also worked with MKSK to develop a steering committee and associated engagement brief. The Master Planning process will include multiple different ways to connect with the community and stakeholder including Focus Groups, Public Meetings, Working Group, a Webpage, surveys, etc.
- Winter program registration opened with new programs including puzzle events, meditation, STEAM programming, adult art, golf and karate.
of registrations: 115
37 households were residents
78 households were non-residents
- Announcement of Lolli-Pops! Entertainment Series performance schedule:
Monday, June 3rd: Columbus Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet
Monday, June 17th: Paulette's Princess Parties
Monday, July 1st: The Musical Magic Duel
Monday, July 15th: The Shazbots
Monday, July 29th: Bring the Farm to You
Saturday, August 10th: Paulette's Princess Parties
- Held a winter break school's out Powell Camp program for ages 7 – 14.
- Partnered with Preservation Parks for their Winter 100 program. The Winter 100 encourages the community to utilize local parks and trails and walk 100 miles between January 1st – March 31st.
- Held an open house for our early education programs so potential families could meet the instructors and view the program curriculum.
- The slide on the smaller playground at Murphy Park was taken out of service last August due to severe cracking. The slide was ordered at that time and just arrived this month. Public Service and Parks maintenance crews will have the slide reopened by the end of the month. Playground equipment typically takes 6 months source.