

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The Recreation Board met on Tue., June 4th at 5:30p at City Hall.
  - The board discussed the pickleball lights and took a vote on approving lights at the pickleball courts. The board voted 5-1 in favor of a resolution supporting the addition of lights at the pickleball courts, replacement of the tennis court lights with new modern lighting, adjustment to the hours of operation for the tennis and pickleball courts to 8a-9p, and ongoing monitoring of the impact of noise and light pollution with the goal of working toward mitigation for the betterment of the neighbors, park visitors, and park wildlife.

**Park Signage – Update:**

- We received three bids on the park sign package with Columbus Sign coming in at the lowest and best bid at \$105,831.21.
- The Board of Controls approved the selection of Columbus Sign at a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- We are working with Columbus Sign on the contract and the details on the scope with the goal of sign installation in the fall of 2024.

**Pool Opening:**

- Pool Memberships as of June 24<sup>th</sup>:
  - 2024 memberships sold – 3640 (2023 Total – 3635)
- Pool Opening Weekend
  - Weather was nice and overall we had a good opening weekend.
    - We have had and are still having issues with the splash pad at the pool. Patterson Pools was out to address the issue, but were not able to find a solution and are scheduled to be back out again this week.
    - Opening weekend saw a high number of saves by the guards. These were all routine saves, but we followed up with an email to members with reminders about rules and tips to help keep their children safe.
  - Unfortunately, as can be the case when managing a facility such as the pool, we have had a handful of incidents during the course of the summer resulting from those in attendance not following the rules and direction from the guards. This has included vandalism in our boy's restroom and disrespect shown to the staff, by adults and youth, as they work to enforce rules and keep patrons safe.
    - Communication was sent to all members encouraging parents to talk with kids about appropriate behavior and to encourage adults to support staff as they work to enforce facility rules.
- We appreciate all of the continued support as the staff has worked extremely hard to provide a fun and safe facility for our community. Thank you to all of the staff that worked this past week during the extreme heat!

**Volunteer Appreciation Event:**

- Thank you to all that attended the Volunteer Appreciation Event at the David H. Madison Community Pool on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

- This was our first time hosting this event, thanking the many volunteers that we rely on to provide various services to our community.
- We had over 250 volunteers and their families in attendance. It was a great 1<sup>st</sup> year event and we look forward to holding this each year as a thank you to all those that volunteer for our community. Special thank you to Mayor Kessler and Councilmen Silverman for manning the grills.

#### **Staffing Update:**

- This past month we received notice of resignations from two Recreation Coordinator staff in Josh Hester and Marshall Drewry.
- We so greatly appreciate their service to the community and our department. We are very excited for both of them as they move on to new opportunities and wish them nothing but the best of luck.
- We are excited to announce that we have hired two replacement staff, having gone through a thorough hiring process which included over 100 applications. Huge thank you to Emily Buckley for her work on recruitment and facilitation of the hiring process.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Preparations:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July preparations are in full swing for next week.
- Logistics meetings have taken place which includes the team from Capital University, Bexley PD, Bexley Service, Bexley Recreation, Evening Activity Chair Michael Weinstock, the Mayor's Office and the Bexley Celebrations and Events Committee.
- Schedule of Events:
  - 8:00am – John Barr 5k Run – Registration Link - <https://runsignup.com/bexleyjohnbarr5k>
  - 9:30am – Bexley Parade
  - 6:00pm – Evening Activities at Capital's Front Lawn
  - 10:00pm - Fireworks

