



COLUMBUS PARKS AND RECREATION

Director's Report | August 2026

SUMMARY

Key Accomplishments

Sertomaland Playground was officially opened

Tree inventory was completed

City Council approved the quote for 137 Trees and Centennial Court Resurfacing

DIVISION UPDATES

Parks Maintenance

COMPLETED PROJECTS	Reconstruction of Gruenther Park (reseeded grass and new monkey bars) Fixed the East Shed roof Filled in potholes around East Pawnee Park for DTRA Watering all trees on 23 rd Street Spraying round-up throughout parks
CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS	Ordering the 6 trees from Earl May (Grant 25-6553-0123-032) Drive in Theater
UPCOMING PROJECTS	Preparing for football season
CHALLENGES	Weather, specifically the heat and no rain Keeping the mowers running

Recreation and Programming

COMPLETED PROJECTS	Sports: summer Adult Softball League Tryouts for Mariners, Outlaws, Havoc and Blue Lightening Rec: Summer camp, movie in the park, babysitting clinic, crafternoon
CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS	Registration for Fall Adult Softball League (4 teams) Will begin planning next year's Beats and Eats
UPCOMING PROJECTS	Fall Adult Softball League – August 12 – September 30 Hayes Days Benefit Tournament – August 29
CHALLENGES	Handling situations that's arise out at Adult Softball League Finding new and better ways to reach the community to boost registration



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Aquatics

COMPLETED PROJECTS	Ordered a new mat for the bottom of the pirate ship slide Worlds Largest Swim Lesson Activity
CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS	Refilling of the Aquatic Center pool Hiring for the new positions Working on getting ready to close the Plunge and open the Aquatic Center
UPCOMING PROJECTS	LB759 Update
CHALLENGES	Weather, and helping staff push through the final weeks of the summer

Aquatic Center Numbers	July 2026	July 2025
Aquatic Center attendance	978	996
Aquatic Center memberships	404	429
Pawnee Plunge attendance	19,208	17,433
Pawnee Plunge memberships	1,337	1,210

Golf Maintenance

COMPLETED PROJECTS	Tree grant removal plan
CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS	Tree replacement plan
UPCOMING PROJECTS	Water management to keep turf healthy Mowing will be reduced to help eliminate stress
CHALLENGES	Irrigation issues with the well intake hole Repairing golf carts Inefficiency of some irrigation heads



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Golf League Participation	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
QUAIL RUN LEAGUES (489 total)	Men's Scramble (112)	Behlen (54) Ladies (44)	Senior Men (55) Men's (112)	Men's (112)	
VANBERG LEAGUES (203 total)	Men's (85)	GNO (31)			Ladies Scramble (24) Couples (64)

Lesson Programs	Participants
Juniors	145
Get Golf Ready	24
Individual	425

Tournament and Outing Participation

The tournament program at Quail Run currently includes 77 players across 8 events, while VanBerg hosts 2 events in the fall with over 100 players.

There are 56 total outings scheduled, 38 events have between 40 – 144 players and 18 events have between 30-40 players.

ONE EVENT HAS 218 PARTICIPANTS!

CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Project	Status	Current Update	Next Milestone
Sertomaland Playground	Complete	Construction is complete and the playground is open to the public.	Complete closeout and monitor warranty items.
Centennial Park Court Resurfacing	In progress	A quote proposal was approved for the resurfacing project. Will have pre-construction meeting soon.	Complete selection and establish the construction schedule.
Tree Inventory / Planting Plan	In progress	The inventory is complete. Working on removal and replacement plans.	Prioritize locations and develop the implementation plan.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND DATES IN PARKS AND REC



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Date	Program / Event	Location / Note
August 4	National Night Out	Frankfort Square
August 6-9	Columbus Days	Frankfort Square
August 7	Plunge closed for the season	Pawnee Plunge Waterpark
August 12	First night of Fall Softball League	Gerrard Park
August 14	Movie in the Park	Glur Park
August 16	Puppies at the Plunge	Pawnee Plunge Waterpark
August 22	Art in the Park	Pawnee Park East Shelter
August 27	Slime Night	Community Building: Creativity Corner

FALL BROCHURE WILL BE RELEASING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST!