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Summer is well underway. I have had the opportunity to get out to a number of the camps and pools and will make an effort to visit more in the coming weeks.

The Summer Food program is bigger than ever this year. We have over 240 feeding sites and in our first week, served over 15,000 meals. This averages to 3,000 meals per day!

Festivals and Special Events are in full swing as well. We had a great kick-off event at Beatty last week for Cap City Nights and are looking forward to more. Jazz & Rib Fest coming up in a few weeks is always a highlight for summer!

Camps and playgrounds are happening in every area of the city . We have some new, exciting camps this year including: Horseback Riding; Lights, Camera, Camp; and Safety and Public Health Camp. We also are offering a new Outdoor Education camp site at Camp Walnut. Did you know that we average 700 kids per week at all of our camps? That's quite an impact.

The parks look great considering the regular rain events we have been having. Thanks for all the hard work. I know it can be trying at times but the effort is well worth it. I've also enjoyed the search for the "Tiny Doors" in the parks. Good job to our staff artists!

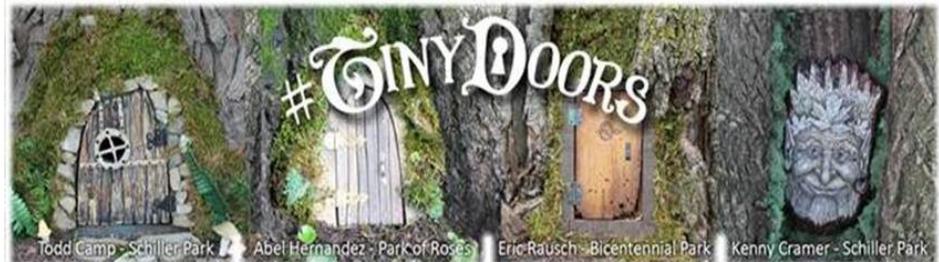
Remember, every day, you are making a difference in someone's life. Thank you for all that you do!



Alan D. McKnight

Director

Tiny Doors Found in Trees. ELVES??



Keebler Tiny Doors Project There's something magical in store, for those who know where to look. A world of wonder and whimsy, inside each and every nook. So be on the lookout, let your imagination soar. If adventure is what you seek, all you need is a door...

What is the Tiny Doors Project? CRPD began this summer project (supported by [Keebler](#) and [City Events](#)) like many cities across America, in order to promote park visits, create a sense of wonder and open children's imaginations. This program places unique, wonderfully magical, artist-designed and crafted tiny doors on trees within three distinct parks around Columbus. The goal of this project is simply to bring a little whimsy and excitement to families at their neighborhood parks to ignite imaginations and spread some fun and "elfin magic." Let these doors act as a conduit to help you escape the ordinary and mundane, and spark your imagination!

Where can I find these Tiny Doors? At times the journey can be more fulfilling than the destination. So get out, and take a look around for yourselves. We will be releasing clues via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as to the locations for these magical doors. Once a door has been fully discovered, we will begin posting photos!

Did You Know??

You may have seen these signs popping up around Columbus. They were designed by the Development Section, in partnership with CoGo BikeShare, to raise more awareness of the many, many classes and programs offered by Columbus Recreation and Parks. Kudos to CRPD!



crpd staff news.....

Congrats to **Joshua Towns**, Warehouse, who welcomed his first child, a boy, on October 15.

Thoughts and prayers to the family of **Diana Ansel**, Champions Golf Course, on the loss of her father.

Thoughts and prayers to the family of **Mike Barcus**, Turnberry Golf Course, on the loss of his mother.

Congrats to **Geoff Martin**, Cultural Arts Center, and his wife on the birth of their twins, Mollie and Jamie, in February.

Condolences to the family of **Beatrice "Kay" Austin**, Site Director at Beatty Capital Kids.

Our sympathies to **Jenny Horn**, Development, on the loss of her Mom in April.

Thoughts and prayers to **John Alden**, Maintenance, who lost his Mom in April.

Congratulations to **Terri Hoffman**, Raymond Memorial Golf Course, on the birth of her first grandchild, Hannah Grace Eing!

Thoughts go to **Bill Stischok**, Raymond Memorial Mnt., who lost his Mother in law.

Congrats to **Deanna Kies**, Human Resources, and her husband on the birth of their son, Andrew Robert Kies, on May 27.

Congrats to **George Shaw**, Aquatics, and his wife on the birth of their second daughter, Rosalie "Rosie" Shaw.



Ron Keller, Special Events, hams it up with Foxy (a.k.a. **Lizzie Criss**, Development) at the Summer Food Program Kickoff event on July 12 at Holton. Kudos to the Holton staff for making the center shine.

35th Annual Jazz & Rib Fest Coming

There's no better way to celebrate summer than with hot ribs and cool jazz! Featuring the finest local, regional, and international jazz artists on three stages, the 35th annual Jazz & Rib Fest will offer a diverse lineup of artists guaranteed to satisfy the cravings of any jazz connoisseur while barbeque pit masters serve up sizzling ribs, chicken, and more. Savor the best ribs from around the country as 23 award-winning barbeque compete for "Best Ribs" bragging rights. Admission is free!

Jazz & Rib Fest is proud to partner with "The Happiest 5K on the Planet" – The Color Run – for the 3rd annual Columbus fun run on Saturday, July 19th. Sizzling hot BBQ ribs, cool jazz and refreshing beverages are just a step away as runners cross the finish line. To register for The Color Run, visit www.TheColorRun.com.

July 18 & 19, 11am – 11pm and

July 20, 11am – 8:30pm



Summer **PLAY** Class Only

Deadline was June 14

PLAY Summer Camp Applications accepted all Summer

Fall I Deadline is September 27

Interested in Hang Gliding?  this out!

John Alden was fortunate this year to participate and do better than he expected in the 2014 Flytec Competition Camp, a hang gliding sport class competition training clinic where the participants had the opportunity to be mentored by the world's best competition pilots. (<http://www.soaringspot.com/fcc/>)

John said it was an amazing six day experience in southern Georgia to be racing other pilots to a goals 30 to 40 miles away while being coached via radio by these amazing pilots who were coaching their flocks along the way.

Maybe YOU would be interested in knowing that beginner hang gliding training is available right here (<http://www.aldenaviationworks.com/>) in central Ohio.



Community Rec Updates

Congratulations to all new hires and transfers within Community Rec! We are excited about opening the part time centers and the opportunity to hire additional new staff. Please welcome our new staff when you get a chance.

New supervisors;

David Pace – Milo Grogan

Kymerly Wheeler- Sullivant Gardens

Channon Barnes – Whetstone

New/old supervisor:

Welcome back **James Smoot** former building manager at Beatty who will move to the Adams Center

Transfers or promotions

Wesley Russell – Douglas

Maggie Davis – Holton

Transfers or promotions con't

Jonathon Conner – Beatty

Michael Phillips - Janis Center

Nikki Van Dine – Dodge

Recreation Leaders who transferred:

Pam Weaver to Milo Grogan

Avis Bradley-Vansickle to Tuttle

Julie Pruett moved from Feddersen to Summer Food

congrats to all!



Safety Tips from Tom

Be aware that when the temperature reaches 90 degrees, you are at greater risk for the effects of Heat Stress.

What are the symptoms of which you should be aware?

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness, or fainting
- Weakness and moist skin
- Mood changes such as irritability or confusion
- Upset stomach or vomiting

Symptoms of Heat Stroke (can be deadly)

- Dry, hot skin with no sweating
- Mental confusion or loss of consciousness
- Seizures or convulsions

Certain medications can also increase your risk (check with your pharmacist to see if your medicine has that effect). If you have experienced a heat-induced illness in the past or must wear personal protective equipment while on the job it can put you at a greater risk. The best plan is prevention.

Here are some tips:

- Perform the heaviest, most labor-intensive work during the coolest part of the day.
- Slowly build up tolerance to the heat & the work activity; this usually takes up to 2 weeks.
- Use the buddy system to monitor the heat - work in pairs.
- Drink plenty of cool water - at least one small cup every 15-20 minutes. Avoid caffeine & alcoholic beverages
- Take frequent short breaks in cool, shaded areas — allow your body to cool down.
- Avoid eating large meals before working in hot environments.

What treatment and prevention items should be used?

- Know the symptoms and monitor yourself and your co-workers
- Block direct sunlight and other sources of heat
- Use cooling fans or air conditioning, and rest regularly
- Drink lots of water (about one cup every 15 minutes)
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, and heavy meals
- Call 911 (or a local emergency number) immediately
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area, and loosen or remove heavy clothing
- Provide cool drinking water
- Fan and mist the person with water



- Tom Moore, Safety Manager

Thanks for the tips Tom!