



Council Report City of Pataskala Parks Department Lenier Crawford, Parks Manager

➤ New Items

- Freedom Park

- Basketball Court

- The contractor has purchased the basketball hoops. Once the basketball hoop systems are in hand, Midstate's recreation will be reaching out to schedule their installation.
 - The OUPS at the facility have been completed per the contractor. The project is slated to be completed within the next two weeks.

- Karr Park

- Peace Pole project

- This project is to install a "Peace Pole" at Karr Park. The Peace Pole will be donated to the city by The Granville Friends organization.
 - The Peace Pole will be a wooden post measuring 4 inches by 4 inches by 8 feet tall. The Peace Pole will display a message reading "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the English, Hindi, Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Algonquin languages.
 - The parks department is working with Parks Advisory Board member Jean Hunkler to receive the Peace Pole in preparation for Installation within the next couple of weeks.

- Volunteer Park

- Soccer

- We will be preparing Volunteer Park to be used as a part of the Fall Youth Soccer season.

- Fence Repairs

- The fence repairs were completed on 7/10/2024.

- **Liberty Park**

- Fencing

- The fence around the parking lot was hit by a car around 7-8-24. That fence was repaired on 7-10-24.

- **Municipal Park**

- Message Board

- The message board was installed on 7-9-24. This will be used for park event flyers and general information for those visiting the park.

- Volleyball Court

- We have received a quote from BSN and are now awaiting another. We anticipate having a new volleyball net in place by mid-August.

- Soccer

- We will be preparing Municipal Park to be used as a part of the Fall Youth Soccer season.

- **Foundation Park**

- Yard Hydrant

- The yard hydrant at the soccer concession stand was discovered to be broken underground where it connects to the water line.
 - The yard hydrant was replaced the week following the fireworks display.

- Rain Barrel Workshop

- The Parks Department will be working with Licking County Soil and Water to host a Rain Barrel workshop on August 10th from 9-11 am.

- **Recreation Program**

- Youth Soccer

- As of 7/10/2024, we have 527 participants registered for the fall soccer season.
 - We anticipate 6 middle school teams.

- Pataskala Street Fair Parade
 - The parks department anticipates participating in the Pataskala Street Fair Parade promoting our parks and recreation department.

➤ **Ongoing Items**

• **Foundation Park**

- Ball Diamond Maintenance
 - We anticipate adding drainage pipe on diamond 2 and 3 along the first and third base lines later this year, following the baseball/softball season.
- State Capital Budget Grant
 - The city was not selected for the State Capital Budget grant for the Foundation Park parking lot/ soccer field expansion project.
 - Montrose is working on finding additional funding sources for this project.
 - We anticipate moving forward with phase 3 of the project (parking lot expansion near the soccer fields) regardless of outside funding opportunities.
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- Hemlock Control
 - The parks department has been performing checks for Hemlock. We have found, cut, and sprayed this plant in several areas within the park. We will continue to monitor the hemlock along the pathway to minimize exposure and risk to visitors to the park.
- **Karr Park**
 - Compost area
 - This composting area was rarely used, if ever. We will plant low maintenance, native plants in the area once the compost area is removed.
 - This area has been filled in in preparation for planting.
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- **Citizens Park**
 - The parks department has surveyed this property and started laying out the areas where a split-rail fence will be installed.
 - The Faith Ann entrance that connects the woods to the Northwest Corner of the park will be included with this small project.
- **Volunteer Park**
 - Soccer
 - We will be preparing Volunteer Park to be used as a part of the Fall Youth Soccer season.

- Fence Repairs
 - The fence repairs were completed on 7/10/2024.
- Lions Grove Trees
 - The parks department has identified 4 of the trees planted as a part of the Lions Grove that are in bad shape. We will take the necessary steps to inform the Lions Club and Rocky Fork about the trees' condition.

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- **Park Manager Updates**
 - Municipal Pool
 - Columbus Pool Detection was hired and came to the facility on May 22nd.
 - As shown in their report, several repairs were needed to prevent water loss. The pool facility was closed to the public and the swim team on June 13th for the final repairs to be made.
 - One line coming from a skimmer in the pool will need to be excavated and repaired. This will take place after this pool season, but before the pool season begins in 2025.
 - Youth Soccer
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- Employee certifications
 - The parks manager will be obtaining a renewal of license to operate the pool facility this season. The parks manager anticipates obtaining the AFO certification or the CPO certification.
 - The parks manager will be renewing his Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification prior to September. This is a two-year certificate period. This is due in September 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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