

Recreation Division Update

2023 Youth Baseball League registration is open through March 6. Practices begin at the end of March with games beginning in April. Practices and games take place at Stacy Park on fields one and two, and potentially at Warson Park too. Divisions offered this year are: Micro Baseball/Softball/ 4-year-olds; Instructional T-Ball/ 5–6-year-olds; COED Coach pitch/ 7-8-year-olds; Minor Baseball/ 3rd & 4th grade; Minor Softball/ 3rd & 4th grade; Major Baseball 5th; Major Softball 5th

Limited space is still available for **Spring Break Camp Secret Agent Lab with MadScience** March 20-24 at the City Center

Following up on the success of the inaugural **PuzzlePalooza**, a second event was added on March 31. Due to the advanced skills exhibited at the first event, this time around teams will compete against each other with a 1,000 piece puzzle.

Summer Camp Preview: staff attended the annual Summer Opportunity Camp Fair promoting City offerings at Whitfield School for first time since the beginning of the Pandemic. Camp O will be headquartered at Hillcrest School this summer with a new operating time of 8:00 am to 3:00 pm with an optional after camp session from 3:00-5:30 pm.

Holi Festival is March 4 from 12:00-4:00 pm at Stacy Park. Holi is a vibrant free celebration and features party dance music from DJ Anna, food for sale from local Indian and Nepalese restaurants; and the all-important colors on sale to join the celebration! The spring event traditionally provides an opportunity to bring unity and eternal love, commemorate the triumph of good over evil, to forgive and forget resentments, and invoke a good spring harvest. It's often called the Festival of Love, the Festival of Spring, and the Festival of Color, with color holding a special symbolism. Very basic color meanings: Red = Love; passion, fertility; Yellow = Happiness; meditation, peace; Blue = Calm, otherworldliness (Krisha's color); Green = Nature, Spring new beginnings; Pink = Youth, good health, playfulness; Orange = Courage, sacrifice; Purple = Supreme peace, wisdom.

Parks Division Update

The Parks Crew is officially moving into the new Parks Operation Center on Thursday, February 16! Hooray! Everyone is very excited and looking forward to working in the new space!

Last Saturday's Weed Warrior event at Stacy Park cleared the tree line between the upper and lower prairies. If you haven't walked by it yet, I encourage you to take a look. The results are amazing! Brian, the City Horticulturist will begin seeding the cleared area with native understory plants this month.

At the end of January, the Parks Crew repaired vandalism to the Stacy Park restroom building and the interior men's room. Vandals sprayed paint and used markers to deface the exterior walls and interior restroom partitions. All was successfully removed. The Little Free Library at Stacy Park was damaged this month and has already been repaired. A Police Report was filed for each event and the Parks & Recreation Dept and Police Dept are working increased surveillance. These types of events occur in all of the City's five parks, typically one or two events at each location throughout the year.

Park Memorial Program

The new brochure is drafted, the tree species list is nearing completion, and the locations that can accommodate benches in each park is complete. The program will go live on the website in April. An article about the program will be published in the June edition of Olivette Life along with social media marketing. .

Olivette in Bloom

Olivette in Bloom (OIB) is gearing up for the 2023 growing season. Completely new gardens will be installed at Veterans Plaza and Stacy Park, and the Stacy Park Pond garden was officially adopted by

the Board as an OIB sponsored garden. The **annual breakfast and season kick-off is April 9** at the City Center. Breakfast is at 8:00 am followed by garden sessions at each location beginning at 9:00 am.

OIB is co-sponsoring a free community lecture with the Parks & Recreation Dept and the St Louis Herb Society on March 30. Herb Society member, master gardener, and MoBot docent, Virginia Johnson will present “**Making the Connection: How Indigenous People Used Plants for Health and Wellbeing**”.

The annual **Native Plant Sale** is Saturday, April 29 at the City Center. The sale begins at 9:00 am and often sells about well before the noon ending time. Be there and be early!

And last but not least, OIB has donated \$1,000 for the new native garden installation at the entrance to Five Oaks on Warson. They have also committed to assisting with the planting. Huge thanks to the Board and members!

Personnel Update

Congratulations to two Recreation Division staff members moving up professionally! Recreation Coordinator (Sports) Cory Shovick accepted a Recreation Supervisor position with the Parkway-Rockwood Community Education District, and Guest Engagement Supervisor Melinda Stitzel has moved to LaunchCode serving as their Candidate Engagement Manager. We are grateful for the many contributions and excellent service Cory and Melinda provided to the residents of Olivette and we wish them great success in their new roles!

The Recreation Coordinator position is open on the City website now, the Guest Engagement Supervisor will begin recruitment in March.

WEED WARRIORS upcoming date

Date

Location

3/11/2023

Warson Park *last official day of the WW season*

FUSION STL AND DJ ANNA
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE CITY OF OLIVETTE PRESENTS

The Biggest
HOLI
CELEBRATION
MARCH 4th 2023

FEATURING:
DJ ANNA

SATURDAY @ 12PM-4PM | FAMILY FRIENDLY | PUBLIC EVENT
FOOD & COLORS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE VENUE
STACY PARK: 9750 OLD BONHOMME RD, OLIVETTE, MO 63132

Olivette
Parks & Recreation

PUZZLE PALOOZA





March 31

6pm-8pm

Olivette City Center

314-991-1249

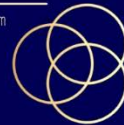


-  **Compete in teams of up to 5 people to solve a jigsaw puzzle**
-  **Each team keeps their puzzle**
-  **Prizes for the fastest team to finish their puzzle**
-  **Free event primarily for ages 18+, but all ages welcome**

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
FEBRUARY 21**

Olivette
Parks & Recreation

lbleadershipcoach.com



LB COACHING

I believe all things are possible

FREE WELLNESS WORKSHOP

2.25.23
9AM-11AM
OLIVETTE CITY CENTER
AND ZOOM

REGISTER ONLINE
TODAY!





Engraved Teak Bench,
Warson Park

*"In joy or sadness, flowers
are our constant friends."
~ Kozuko Okakura*

Several memorial options and levels are available for bulbs, perennials, trees, benches, and donations for general care.

Park memorials may be placed in all five City parks:

- Indian Meadows Park
- Irv Zeid Park
- Stacy Park
- Villa Park
- Warson Park



Olivette PARKS & RECREATION

- All Park Memorials and Donations are tax-deductible.
- Park Memorials may be placed in all City Parks.
- Anonymous donations are welcome too.

DONORS RECEIVE:

1. Written acknowledgment with tax ID number, for all donation levels.
2. Tribute card sent to honoree designated by donor. Minimum \$25 donation
3. One time donor recognition in City newsletter. Minimum \$100 donation
4. Donation recognized by level on City website for one year. Minimum \$25 donation

DONOR LEVELS

Bumblebee	\$1-\$99
Milkweed	\$100 - \$249
Sassafras	\$250 - \$499
Maple	\$500 - \$999
Oak	\$1,000 - \$1,999
Monarch	\$2,000+



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OlivetteParksandRec.com

PARK MEMORIALS

Olivette Parks & Recreation

*Celebrate someone special
with a park tribute.*



Redbud & Daffodils,
Villa Park



Native wildflowers,
Stacy Park

*"Where flowers
bloom, so does hope."
~ Lady Bird Johnson*

GENERAL DONATIONS

Donate any amount and designate where used:

- Where needed.
- Annual park care.
- Recreation program scholarship.

The Parks & Recreation staff are ready to assist with making your selection, please call 314.991.1249.

FLOWER MEMORIAL \$100 minimum

A lasting memorial that brightens the parks and provides food and shelter for pollinators, your choice of:

- Spring Bulbs
- Native Wildflowers
- Monarch Waystation

Bulbs are planted in the fall, perennials are planted in the spring or fall.

MEMORIAL BENCH \$2,000

This lovely memorial features:

- A solid teak bench placed on concrete footings or pad.
- Engraved top and bottom rails.

Number of benches limited at each park, please call to discuss available location options.



*"If you have found a quiet
bench in a quiet park and
sat down, be sure you had a
very profitable day!"
~ Mehmet Murat 1ldan*

Memorial forms are available by phone 314.991.1249, or online: OlivetteParksandRec.com

TREE MEMORIAL \$250-750

A substantial memorial for future generations.

- A native tree donation \$250
- A native tree in a specific park

Trees are planted in the fall. Native tree species are selected for growing habits, biodiversity, and hardiness.

*"All our wisdom is
stored in the trees."
~ Santosh Kalwar*



Crocus bulbs, Stacy Park