



# CITY OF STOW PARKS & RECREATION

## FUTURE HOME OF THE AMP



**2025**  
ANNUAL REPORT



# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

To the Residents of Stow,

It is my pleasure to present the City of Stow's Parks & Recreation Annual Report—an overview of a year filled with growth, community spirit, and remarkable accomplishments. Our parks, programs, and facilities continue to play an essential role in enhancing the quality of life in Stow, and 2025 was a shining example of what happens when a community invests in recreation, wellness, and connection.

This year, thousands of residents took part in programs and events that brought people together, supported healthy lifestyles, and strengthened our shared sense of community. From the successful launch of the new Community & Senior Center, to the continued expansion of innovative recreation opportunities, to the ongoing development of The AMP, our Parks & Recreation team delivered an incredible year of service and engagement.

We also made important progress on parks improvements, facility upgrades, accessibility enhancements, and long-term planning efforts that will shape recreation in Stow for years to come. These achievements reflect the hard work of our Parks & Recreation Department, the support of City Council, and the enthusiasm of our residents who participate, volunteer, and show up for community life.

As we look forward to 2026, I remain committed to supporting a parks system that is welcoming, sustainable, and full of opportunities for every age and interest. Whether you visit a playground, attend a concert, explore a trail, or take part in a program, I hope you continue to experience the joy and connection that make Fun in Stow a part of everyday life. Thank you for being active participants in our community and for helping make Stow a place where people feel connected, engaged, and proud to call home.

Warm regards,

*John Pribonic, Mayor*

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## VISION



Now and for the future, we strive to provide high-quality parks, recreation facilities, programs, and events supporting a more livable community to live, work and play.

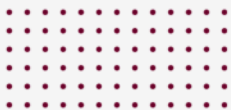


## MISSION

To provide a high-quality park and recreation system that the community and the City are willing to invest in.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

We are dedicated to providing quality programs that are inclusive and accessible to all patrons, and we are committed to making our programs available on a nondiscriminatory basis, as required under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We will make reasonable modifications to our policies, practices or procedures when such modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability unless the City finds that making such modification would fundamentally alter the nature of the program.



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

## LINDA NAHRSTEDT

DIRECTOR, PARKS & RECREATION



The past year has been an exciting and transformative one for the City of Stow Parks & Recreation Department. Together with our residents, partners, and dedicated staff, we continued to build a community where recreation, connection, and well-being are at the heart of everyday life. From expanded programming and record participation to the successful first year of our new Community & Senior Center, 2025 was a year defined by momentum and meaningful progress.

Our parks, facilities, and events welcomed thousands of visitors of all ages—each person bringing energy, ideas, and a shared sense of community spirit. We strengthened partnerships, introduced new recreational opportunities, enhanced our parks, and pushed forward with major projects that will shape the future of recreation in Stow, including The AMP and improvements throughout our parks system.

None of this would be possible without the passion and commitment of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Their creativity and hard work continue to elevate the quality of life in Stow and ensure that Fun in Stow is more than a slogan—it's a promise.

As we look ahead, we are excited for the year to come: new programs, new collaborations, new spaces to explore, and even more opportunities for residents to be active, engaged, and connected.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us. We look forward to another year of building community, inspiring wellness, and creating memorable experiences for all.

Warmest regards,

Linda Nahrstedt, Director

& The Stow Parks & Recreation Department Team

# OUR TEAM

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THE AMP



## THE STOW AMPHITHEATER

### CITY OF STOW ANNOUNCES PURCHASE AGREEMENT SIGNING FOR FUTURE AMPHITHEATER SITE

The City of Stow is pleased to announce a major milestone in its long-term vision for expanded community entertainment and cultural programming. After months of positive and productive negotiations, the City has officially signed the purchase agreement for the property located at Norton Road and Darrow Road—the future home of Stow’s new outdoor amphitheater - The AMP.

This agreement represents a significant step forward not only for the City’s amphitheater project, but for the revitalization of the surrounding plaza. As part of the negotiated terms, the plaza owners, The Soclofs, have agreed to undertake substantial upgrades to the site, including improvements to the overall property and the recruitment of new restaurants and businesses. These enhancements will help support and complement the amphitheater, creating a vibrant, connected destination for residents and visitors.



"We are thrilled to reach this important milestone," said Mayor John Pribonic. "This project has always been about creating new opportunities for community connection, live entertainment, and economic growth. Signing the purchase agreement brings us one step closer to making that vision a reality."

With the agreement now finalized, the City will move into the next phase of the project: seeking competitive bids for the construction of the amphitheater. Design plans have been completed and ready for release, allowing the City to advance quickly into procurement.

Once a construction bid is awarded, the build is expected to begin when weather permits. A community groundbreaking ceremony is planned for early spring, marking the official start of construction and celebrating the collaborative work that brought the project to this point.

"Today marks an exciting new chapter for the City of Stow. The signing of this purchase agreement reflects our shared commitment—between City leadership and City Council—to creating vibrant spaces where our community can come together. The amphitheater will bring new energy, new opportunities, and unforgettable experiences to our residents. We are thrilled to see this vision moving forward and grateful for the teamwork that helped make it possible," said Mayor John Pribonic.

The City of Stow will continue to share updates on progress, bid announcements, construction timelines, and future programming opportunities as they become available.



## THE AMP

Stow's new outdoor performance venue—built for concerts, culture, and connection.

It's more than a place to gather—it's a spark for local growth, a hub for civic pride, and a stage for what's next.

- 100+ annual events + performances
- 3 acres of community green space
- 8K stage + lawn seating
- 26 miles of connected trails
- 3K sq ft of adjacent retail + dining spaces
- 9% of space is dedicated to walkable public use



## THE AMP

**BRING A BLANKET,  
BRING A FRIEND, AND  
ENJOY THE SHOW!**

# STOW COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER

## CELEBRATING THE FIRST YEAR

As we close out our first year at the new Stow Community & Senior Center, we reflect with gratitude and pride on a year filled with connection, community, and meaningful engagement. What began as a new chapter for our seniors and residents quickly grew into a vibrant destination for programs, gatherings, and lifelong learning. In its inaugural year, the Center welcomed hundreds of visitors through its doors, offering a wide range of more than 200 activities that brought people together and strengthened our community spirit. From daily drop-in programs to large-scale special events, the Center has become a gathering place that truly belongs to everyone.

### Programs & Events That Defined Our First Year

Throughout the year, the Community & Senior Center hosted diverse programs designed to promote active living, creativity, and social connection. Highlights included:

- Fitness Programs such as chair yoga, community yoga, mobility classes, and health education seminars.
- Active Living Activities such as games, cards, Bingo, and volunteerism.
- Arts & Enrichment Activities, including crafting, book clubs, painting workshops, technology help sessions, and educational speakers.
- Social Gatherings like monthly luncheons, themed parties, game days, and coffee socials.
- Community Events including movie matinees, seasonal celebrations, intergenerational activities, and collaborative programs with local partners.

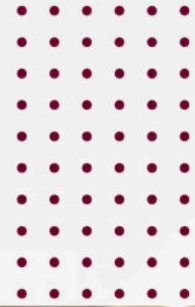
The variety and quality of programs reflect the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners—all working together to make the Center a welcoming place for all who walk through our doors.

### By the Numbers

Our first year demonstrated strong and growing participation:

- 747 senior memberships
- 3,500 total visits
- Over 200 programs offered
- Close to 35 special events hosted

These numbers reaffirm what we already know: Stow values connection, engagement, and lifelong learning.



## Building & Site Enhancements: Investing in a Welcoming Space

In addition to the exciting growth in programming and participation, the first year at the Center was marked by significant improvements to the building and surrounding grounds — creating a safer, more beautiful, and more functional space for our community to enjoy.

Highlights included:

- The final paving of the parking lot, complete with landscaped islands and a clearly designated travel pattern to improve traffic flow and accessibility.
- New landscaping was installed throughout the property, enhancing curb appeal and creating a warm first impression.
- Exterior lighting upgrades improved safety and visibility for evening programs and events.
- Modern stormwater drainage system installed; retention pond was also transformed into an attractive focal point with the addition of a new fountain.
- Inside the building, enhancements such as an upgraded sound system improved the quality of programs, presentations, and special events, allowing for a more immersive and enjoyable experience for all participants.

These improvements reflect the City's continued investment in a space that truly supports connection, activity, and community pride.



## Looking Ahead to 2026

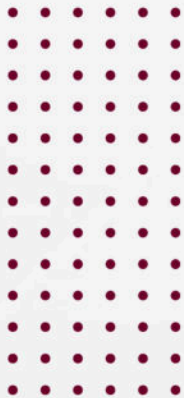
As we turn toward 2026, we are excited to continue building on the momentum of our first year. Planned enhancements and new initiatives include:

- Expanded program offerings, including more fitness classes, technology workshops, active living programs, and creative arts opportunities.
- New intergenerational programming designed to bring together community members of all ages.
- Partnership development with local organizations, service providers, and businesses to expand access to resources and enrichment.
- Special events and signature annual programs that celebrate community pride and encourage continued engagement.
- Facility upgrades and improvements, ensuring the Center remains a comfortable, accessible, and welcoming space for all.

## A Community Built Together

The success of the Community & Senior Center's first year belongs to everyone—our residents, our staff, our volunteers, and our supporters. Your enthusiasm and participation brought this building to life, transforming it from a new facility into a true community home.

As we celebrate a wonderful first year and look ahead with excitement, we thank you for being part of this journey. Here's to continued growth, new opportunities, and another year filled with connection, learning, and community.



# SENIOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Senior programming continued to flourish throughout 2025, welcoming members into the brand-new Stow Community & Senior Center on Fishcreek Road. With expanded space and upgraded amenities, the Parks & Recreation Department offered an even broader array of programs, activities, and trips – giving active adults 55+ more opportunities than ever to connect, learn, and thrive.

Through the collective efforts of local sponsors, businesses, and community partners, the NEW Center remained a warm and welcoming hub where seniors could gather, socialize, and enjoy meaningful experiences. The new facility's Grand Hall, Activity Hub, and Media Suite allowed for multiple programs to run simultaneously, supporting everything from fitness and wellness classes to creative workshops, social games, special events, and educational programs.

In 2025, seniors enjoyed a rich selection of offerings including cards and dominoes, Brain Games, yoga and stretching, seasonal luncheons, social outings, and an exciting lineup of community bus trips. The center provided volunteer opportunities – all designed to support social, emotional, and physical well-being.

The Parks & Recreation Department strives to inspire exploration, creativity, and connection, proving that staying active and engaged has no age limit. With the successful opening of the new Stow Community & Senior Center, 2025 marked a year of growth, renewed energy, and expanded opportunities for our community's older adults.

We look forward to continuing to enhance programs, experiences, and services in 2026, as we build on the momentum and excitement of this new chapter.



## 2025 WEEKLY DROP-INS

- Brain Games
- Canasta
- Chair Volleyball
- Dominoes Mexican Train
- Game Day!
- Mah-Jongg
- Trivia Time

## 2025 SENIOR PROGRAMS

A Christmas Carol Tea  
Backyard Birding  
Be Smart: Smart Phones Tips & Tricks  
Bird Walk  
Breakfast Buddies  
Card Making with Serenity Hospice  
Chair Yoga  
Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor  
Coffee Talk with Summa Health  
Death Valley: A Land of Extremes  
Denali National Park  
Engineering 101  
Fun in the Sun: Healthy Skin  
Ghost Stories  
Grandma Gateway  
Growing Perennial Food Plants  
Healthy Living for Brain & Body  
Hiking Group - Stow Striders (Fall)  
Laugh and Learn  
Learn about Lock Boxes  
Legal Talk with Drew  
Library Book Club  
Library Databases  
Library Tech Help  
Library Tech Help: Ebooks, Audiobooks, & More!  
Lunch and a Movie Matinee  
Lunch Buddies  
Mah Jongg Lessons  
Mind Challenge  
Morning Movie  
Movie Matinee  
National Pi & Potato Chip Day  
Ohio Owls  
Owls of the World  
Planning Ahead . . .  
Plant Exchange  
Probate Seminar  
Puzzle Palooza  
Remember When: Grandma's Attic & Grandpa's Garage  
SAIL Fitness  
Scam Spotting presented by BBB  
Spring Clean Up  
Thanks a Waffle Lot Volunteer Brunch  
The Making of It's a Wonderful Life  
Travel Trip Preview  
Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia  
Understanding Hernias  
Volunteers in Action:

- Stow Farmers' Market
- Holiday Suncatchers
- Santa's Helpers
- Stuff the Bus

## 2025 SENIOR EVENTS

Bingo Extravaganza  
Bunco Party  
Friday Parties:

- Campfire Cookout
- Chair Volleyball
- Christmas in July
- Dog Days of Summer
- Elvis Party
- Let's Polka
- Music and A Meal
- Music Bingo Day!
- Wheel of Fortune

Cleveland Guardians Watch Party  
Holiday Bunco Party  
Let's Get Social - Hot Chocolate & Pastries  
Neighborhood Watch & Home Safety  
New Beginnings: A New Year's Celebration  
Not So Newlywed Game  
Thanksgiving Feast

## 2025 COMMUNITY BUS TRIPS

Akron Rubber Ducks  
Bad Mood Rising a CCR Tribute @ Star Theater  
Carol King the Musical @ Weathervane  
Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall  
Come From Away at Weathervane Theater  
Dial M for Murder @ Weathervane Playhouse  
Don's Pomeroy House  
Dueling Pianos at Hartville Kitchen  
Evening Cruise on the Portage Princess  
Hollywood Gaming & Mahoning Valley  
Jersey Boys at Weathervane Playhouse  
John Denver Christmas @ Hartville  
Miss Molly's Tea Room  
Ohio State Reformatory  
Picasso & Papers Tour @ CLE. Museum of Art  
Porthouse Theatre: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown  
Porthouse Theatre: Fiddler on the Roof  
Porthouse Theatre: School of Rock  
Ramseyer Farm & The Barn Restaurant  
Rhythm of the Dance @ Ohio Star Theater  
Shopping at Legacy Village  
The Road to Damascus: A Musical  
Thrifting Around Town

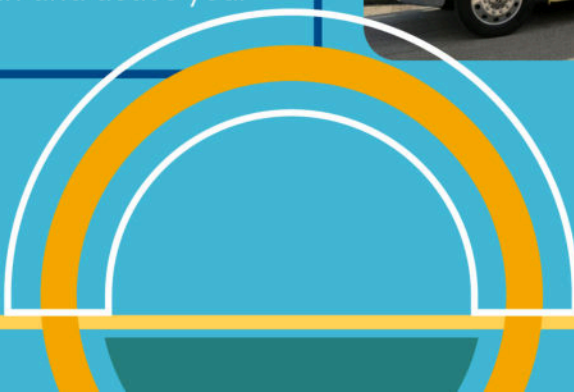
# STOW UNVEILS NEW COMMUNITY BUS: *STOW ON THE GO*



In 2025, the City of Stow proudly introduced its brand-new community bus—*Stow on the Go*—a vibrant, modern upgrade replacing the aging fleet vehicle that served residents for many years. Designed with a colorful, eye-catching wrap that embodies our Fun in Stow spirit, the new bus brings fresh energy, visibility, and excitement to our community transportation and programming.

Throughout January and February, residents can take part in “Meet the Bus” pop-up events held at locations across Stow, offering a first look at the new vehicle and the opportunities it will support. Beginning in March, *Stow on the Go* hits the road for a full season of adventures, day trips, and community outings for seniors, families, and residents of all ages.

With improved comfort, greater reliability, and a bold new personality, *Stow on the Go* is ready to carry our community into a fun and active year ahead.



# SPORTS & EXERCISE

## PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS OFFERINGS

We offer seasonal youth and adult sports activities including:

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Pickleball
- Pilates
- Tennis
- Softball
- Lacrosse
- Volleyball
- Yoga/Chair Yoga



## COMMUNITY SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

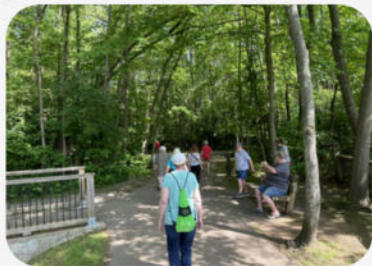
We also partner with sports organizations to maximize the sports opportunities we can provide to the community, including:

- Stow Youth Baseball
- SMF High School Booster Club
- Stow Soccer Club
- Stow Lacrosse Club
- Stow Youth Football and Cheer
- Stow YES (Stow Youth Softball)



## STOW STRIDERS HIKING

Open to all who enjoy walking the paths of our local Summit Metro Parks trails. Travel by bus to an easy to moderate trailhead with a trail leader who points the way.



## PICKLEBALL

Pickleball continues to grow in popularity. Our season runs from May through October at the new Orgeon Trail Pickleball Complex and Adell Durbin Park. The Adell Durbin courts are lined with both tennis and pickleball courts. To play Pickleball on the courts, roll-in, mobile nets are used.

All ages are welcome during outdoor open play. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis for pickleball and tennis. There are dedicated times for active seniors 55+ to play pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A Pickleball Ladder League and Pop Up League was offered for the first time this year with a huge success.



## COMMUNITY YOGA & PILATES

Participants gathered at various Stow parks and facilities with their yoga mat and water, instruction provided by professional yoga instructors.

Chair Yoga was offered for senior participants twice weekly. The program continues to grow in attendance.

A Pilates demo was offered in December with the goal of offering a Winter I session starting in January.

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: STOW BASKETBALL

For decades, Stow's basketball programs have served as a foundation for youth development, active lifestyles, and community connection. Designed to meet participants at every stage—from first-time players to adult competitors—Stow Basketball offers a well-rounded pathway that emphasizes learning, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



## **A Program for Every Age and Stage**

Stow's recreational leagues continue to draw strong participation across age groups. Elementary programs for boys and girls in grades 2–6 form the core of the program, introducing fundamentals in a supportive and fun environment, while older youth leagues allow players to stay involved as skills and interests grow. Adult programming rounds out the experience, ensuring basketball remains a lifelong activity for Stow residents.



## **Developing Skills Year-Round**

Beyond league play, skills development remains a priority. Spring and fall clinics provide focused instruction on fundamentals, confidence, and game knowledge, helping players improve while building a strong foundation for long-term participation. Seasonal offerings like the summer outdoor league keep youth active, engaged, and connected to the sport year-round.



## **Powered by Coaches and Volunteers**

Stow Basketball would not be possible without the dedication of volunteer coaches and program volunteers. Their time, leadership, and commitment play a vital role in creating a positive experience for every participant. To support and strengthen our volunteers, the City provides a coaches clinic focused on skill instruction, player development, and positive coaching practices—ensuring a safe, supportive, and rewarding environment for all involved.



# BY THE NUMBERS

## RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

- Elementary Boys (Grades 2–6): 204 participants
- Elementary Girls (Grades 2–6): 83 participants
- Boys & Girls (Grades 7–8): 60 participants
- High School Boys: 7 teams
- Men’s Fastbreak League: 8 teams / 100 players



## SEASONAL & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Summer Outdoor League (Grades 3–12): 93 participants
- Spring Skills Clinic (Grades 2–6): 35 participants
- Fall Skills Clinic (Grades 3–8): 25 participants



## IMPACT IN ACTION

Through strong participation, dedicated volunteers, and intentional skill development, Stow Basketball continues to foster confidence, character, and community—on and off the court.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2025

## NATIONAL LEGO DAY

On Saturday, January 25, 2025, the Stow Community & Senior Center came alive for National LEGO Day – Let's Celebrate! Kids and families built, created, and played together, enjoying a Lego movie, constructing their own kits, and contributing to a giant collaborative build. Snacks fueled the fun, and everyone—residents and visitors alike—had a blast celebrating creativity, imagination, and all things LEGO!



## BUNNY TRAIL HOP

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the Bunny Trail Hop hopped into action at Silver Springs Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.! Families received trail maps and followed the bunny trail through the park, stopping at booths hosted by local organizations filled with fun games, activities, and treats. Kids collected goodies, and the adventure

ended with a special visit from the Easter Bunny. The event brought smiles, laughter, and community together in a fantastic spring celebration.

## ENCHANTED AFTERNOON: THE ROYAL BALL

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, the Enchanted Afternoon: The Royal Ball dazzled at the Stow Community & Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Young princes and princesses (and their one adult companion each) stepped into a world of magic – meeting regal monarchs, frolicking with fairies and their favorite princesses, indulging in delightful snacks, playing enchanting games, singing joyful songs, and striking royal poses for portraits. It was truly an unforgettable, spell-binding afternoon full of laughter, fantasy, and royal fun!



## COCKTAILS & COTTONTAILS ADULT EGG HUNT

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, adults gathered at the Fox Den Golf Course for the 3rd Annual Cocktails & Cottontails Adult Egg Hunt! The evening kicked off with a Hoppy Hour and live music provided by *Yearbook Band*, followed by a thrilling egg-hunt dash—complete with flashlights, baskets, and lots of laughs. Participants collected candy, raffle tickets, and prizes among the hidden eggs, enjoyed snacks and drinks, played games and contests—all in a festive, grown-up twist on an Easter classic.



## EARTH FEST: CELEBRATE THE EARTH

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, the community gathered at Adell Durbin Park for "Earth Fest: Celebrate the Earth"! Families enjoyed a full morning of nature-themed fun—from tree-pruning and planting demonstrations to a guided hike spotting the signs of spring. Kids took part in crafts at the booth from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, while adults learned about native plants, composting, raingardens, and "WildBackyards" thanks to local environmental groups. Everyone who collected stamps at the exhibitors' stations got to pick up a free tree.



## LITTLE PUMPKIN PAINTING WITH STOW PARKS & RECREATION

On September 27–28, 2025, the community gathered at Stow Heritage Festival in the Stow Heritage Reserve Park (inside Silver Springs Park). Stow Parks and Rec hosted the "Little Pumpkin Painters" where kids picked their pumpkins, painted with flair, and proudly took home their colorful masterpieces—from 10 AM to 4 PM each day.

## MAYOR'S MINGLE & MAGICAL LIGHTS TOUR

The Mayor's Mingle & Magical Lights Tour lit up Stow City Hall on December 11 and 16, 2025, from 6–8 PM! Families enjoyed a special visit with Mayor Pribonic, sipped free hot cocoa, dropped letters in Santa's special mailbox, and strolled through a dazzling holiday light extravaganza featuring a 35-foot music-synced Christmas tree and playful silhouettes. It was an evening full of sparkle, cheer, and festive fun—perfect for creating magical holiday memories!

## STOW FISHING DERBY

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, the kids of Heritage Lake at the Heritage Barn in Stow gathered for the exciting annual Fishing Derby, presented by Stow Parks & Recreation Department Summit Sportsman Association, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Little anglers from ages 1–15 cast their lines, each eager for the biggest catch. With bait & tackle, food, a T-shirt, and prize drawings for all participants, the morning was full of laughter, competition and summertime fun!

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, the community came alive at Silver Springs Park as the eagerly anticipated Haunted Hayride rolled out from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Riders hopped aboard hay wagons every 15 minutes, winding through the campground under the evening sky and experiencing a spooky, fun-filled journey provided by local campers. The ride ended at the historic Heritage Barn, where a storytelling session from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library awaited, followed by s'mores-to-go and cozy marshmallow roasting around a bonfire on the Toasty Trail. With warm drinks, tasty food, and sweet scares around every turn, families and friends shared a magical fall evening filled with laughter, chills and community connection.



# POP UP IN THE PARKS

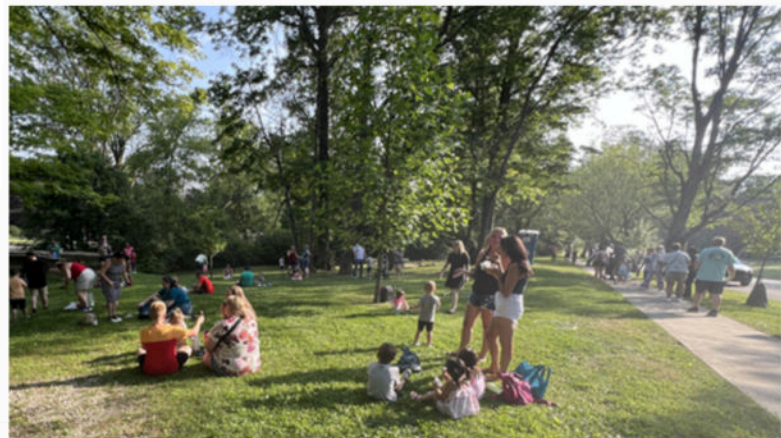
The 2025 Playing & Pages Pop Up in the Parks series brought free, family-friendly fun to Stow's neighborhood parks all summer long! From June through August, kids and families enjoyed games, music, tasty treats, and a free book at each session, all while connecting with the city, its departments, and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

The summer kicked off at Sherwood Acres Park, where a brief weather delay couldn't dampen the fun. July's gathering at Wetmore Park drew strong community interest, and the season wrapped up at Oregon Trail Park with the "last Pop Up of the season," celebrating the joy of outdoor play and reading. Each event truly highlighted the city's mission of fostering community connections, literacy, and summer smiles for all ages!



## Thank you for joining us:

- Stow Planning Department
- Stow Police Department
- Stow Youth Services
- Stow Law Department
- Stow Fire Department
- Stow Arts Commission
- Stow Commission on Inclusion
- Stow Urban Forestry Commission
- SMF Public Library
- Handle's Ice Cream
- The Dreamcicle Ice Cream Truck



**PLAYING & PAGES**  
**POP UP IN THE PARKS**  
Join Stow Parks & Recreation for a FREE FUN evening with games, treats, music, and a free book!

**Tues., August 12**  
**6-7:30 PM**

Oregon Trail - Kidstation Park  
2913 Graham Rd.

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library  
Read. Dream. Connect.

Fun in Stow  
Parks & Recreation

Handle's Ice Cream

# CONCERTS ON THE GREEN

Residents and surrounding communities were invited to bring their chairs and blankets to the Stow City Center Green to enjoy live music, food trucks, and family fun.

- May 24, 2025 - Overboard the Love Boat Band: The best yacht rock hits of the 70's and 80's!
- June 13, 2025 - Back 2 the Future 80's Tribute Band: Buckle up and get ready to relive the 80's like never before.
- July 2, 2025 - The Cover Band: Covering favorite Dance Hits from the last 5 Decades.
- August 8, 2025 - The Shazzbots: Intergalactic rock band and champions of music spread their rockin' tunes to all children of the cosmos!



## Thank you to our Sponsors:

- At Your Service Roofing
- Bernard Heating & Cooling
- Brandon Heating & Air Conditioning
- Cleveland Clinic Children's
- DG Creativ
- Dr. Hibachi & Dr. Boba Food Truck
- Floor Coverings International
- Gavin Scott Salon
- Giant Eagle
- RMG
- Ron Marhofer Auto Family
- Stow-Munroe Falls Community Foundation
- Summa Health
- Thomas C. Loepp Law Offices, CO., LPA
- Vision Hair Design
- Wayside Furniture
- Western Reserve Hospital



# CONNECT WITH NATURE SERIES

The Stow Parks and Recreation Department and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library collaborated to bring a CONNECT WITH NATURE series of events. These programs are a great way to be reintroduced to our wonderful parks while enjoying the outdoors, learning about plants and animals, and being crafty.

- Who's Shadow
- Birdwatching Basics and Citizen Science
- Story Time Nature Hike/Mother's Day Tea
- Grow Your Own Kitchen Garden
- StoryWalk Celebration
- We're Going on a Bug Hunt
- Fall Campfire Stories
- Let's Go Fly a Kite
- We're Going on a Leaf Hunt





Read. Dream. Connect.

FREE program for families with kids ages 4 - 11

Register on the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at [events.smfpl.org](http://events.smfpl.org)

**We're Going on a Bug Hunt!**

Wed., August 6 at 7 PM  
Oregon Trail Park

# WINE and Design



## Welcome Round

Ever admired your neighbor's charming Welcome sign and wished you had one too? Well, here's your chance to create your own masterpiece! Join us for a delightful evening where we'll guide you through the process of crafting and decorating a beautiful Welcome round for your front door.

Feel free to bring along your favorite beverage to sip on during the workshop (yes, alcohol is permitted!). Let's make this evening one to remember as we come together to craft and connect. See you there!

Register at:  
[StowOhio.RecDesk.com](http://StowOhio.RecDesk.com)



\$35/person  
(21 years and older only)



Fri., May 17, 2024  
6:30-8:30 PM



Leona Farris Lodge  
5027 Stow Rd., Stow



Sample picture, finished product will vary.

## WINE & DESIGN SERIES

The Stow Parks and Recreation Department teamed up with local artisans for a fun night out, where participants were guided step-by-step through a creative craft while enjoying snacks and drinks together. All supplies were provided, and everyone got to take home a fantastic creation!

- o Crushed Glass Resin Tray
- o Cupid's Cocktails Mixology 101
- o Sip & Succulent Social
- o Fall Front Porch Flair
- o Autumn Arrangements
- o Frost It Like It's Hot Cookie Decorating



# SUMMER SUNSET BLAST

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Stow community for the tremendous support of this year's Stow Summer Sunset Blast. Your enthusiasm and participation made the event an outstanding success. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the festivities—from lively activities and delicious food to unforgettable performances by 52nd Street: The Music of Billy Joel, Captain Fantastic: The Magic of Elton John, and The Glimmer Twins: A Rolling Stones Tribute Band, who had the crowd dancing and singing all weekend long.

The energy throughout the event was incredible, culminating in a spectacular Sunday night fireworks show that lit up the sky and brought the celebration to a perfect close.

We are also deeply grateful to our generous sponsors, whose support made this event possible. Their contributions were essential in creating an enjoyable experience for all, and we truly appreciate their dedication to our community. We look forward to celebrating with you again next year.



## THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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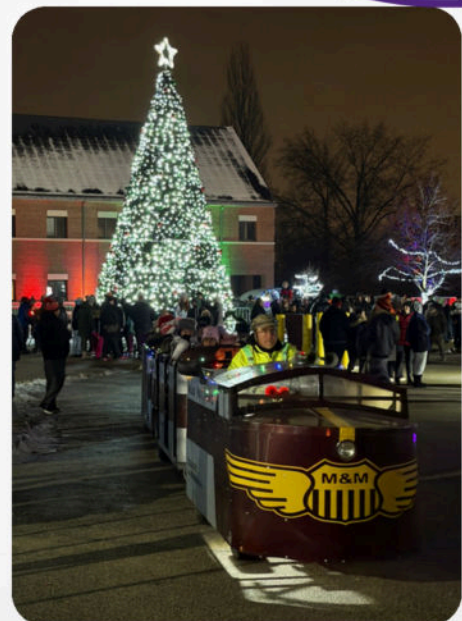
# GLOW WITH STOW

On December 6th, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, the community gathered at Stow City Hall for a magical night of holiday cheer.

The free family-friendly event featured food trucks, a Glow Market, live reindeer and a petting zoo, a bookmobile with free books, costumed characters, and stilt walkers.

At 5:55 PM the official lighting of the 35' tree took place, followed by Santa's grand arrival on a firetruck at 6:00 PM.

Guests enjoyed music from an a cappella group, train rides, Santa's Workshop, a holiday light display, photo booths, and glow toys.



## CELEBRATE STOW WEEK

Celebrate Stow Week was filled with community spirit, fun, and connection as residents came together to enjoy activities and events across the city. From family-friendly programs and outdoor entertainment to special promotions and showcases of local businesses and organizations, the week highlighted everything that makes Stow a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the celebration a success—we look forward to continuing these traditions and creating new ones in the years ahead!



### 45TH ANNUAL FIRECRACKER RUN

The 45th Annual Firecracker Run: a tradition that keeps us moving! Whether continuing a family tradition or joining for the first time, participants came out in full force. 122 runners completed the 2-mile Fun Run, and 215 runners tackled the 4-mile course, making it a day of fitness, fun, and community spirit.

**Thank you sponsors:** Vision Hair Design & Athletico

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Stow's Spectacular 67th Annual Stow Fourth of July Parade!

Celebrating 60 Years of Commerce & Community: Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future

The esteemed Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce, celebrating 60 years of service to our community was Parade Grand Marshal. With over 100 participants in the parade—from local organizations and businesses to marching bands and community groups—this year's celebration was a true showcase of Stow's spirit and pride.

### CHALK UP STOW

Residents got creative by chalk-aring their sidewalks and driveways! Many shared their masterpieces on FunInStow's Facebook page.

The colorful artwork brought the community together, adding a splash of fun and creativity to neighborhoods across Stow!

### CONCERT ON THE GREEN: THE COVER BAND

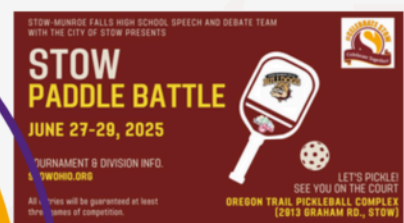
Part of our Concert on the Green series, The Cover Band brought the energy and rocked Celebrate Stow Week with hits from the past five decades!

### CONNECT WITH NATURE: STORYWALK CELEBRATION

We were thrilled to celebrate the grand opening of the StoryWalk at the Stow Sancturatum! The ribbon cutting took place on July 2, 2025, and attendees then strolled the half-mile trail together, enjoying our first StoryWalk book, *Summer is Here* by Renee Watson and Bea Jackson. This permanent StoryWalk was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

### STOW PADDLE BATTLE PICKLEBALL

The Stow Paddle Battle Pickleball Tournament took place with players of all skill levels coming together for friendly competition and fun, while supporting the Stow-Munroe Falls High School Speech & Debate program. It was a great way to meet neighbors, enjoy the game, and celebrate community spirit!



# SILVER SPRINGS DAY CAMP: A SEASON OF GROWTH, FUN, AND COMMUNITY

The 2025 season of Silver Springs Summer Day Camp concluded with resounding success as another summer of laughter, adventure, and friendship came to a close. The city's Parks & Recreation Department welcomed eager campers to Silver Springs Park, building new memories and strengthening community bonds. At the outset, the camp held a June 11 open house to welcome families, introduce staff, and review policies, forms, and expectations.

Each week featured a blend of structured activities, field trips, and free-play, creating a rich and varied experience.

To make the camp possible, Stow Parks & Recreation recruited a dedicated team of counselors and care aides ensuring a safe, enriching, and well-organized environment throughout the summer.

The 2025 Silver Springs Summer Day Camp was more than just a seasonal program – it was an important part of Stow's community life. As Parks & Recreation staff begin planning for next year, they remain committed to exploring program expansion, maintaining high-quality programming, and ensuring that even more children can experience the magic of summer at Silver Springs.



## SUMMER ART CAMPS

The 2025 Stow Summer Art Camps wrapped up another creative and inspiring season. Under the guidance of a longtime local art educator, children and teens spent their mornings Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, exploring a wide variety of artistic media and techniques – all supplies included.

Camps were held at Oregon Trails Meeting Room on Graham Road (with the exception of the outdoor "Painting Outdoors" week, which took place at Heritage Barn).

During the summer:

- Young artists ages 5–9 enjoyed camps such as Fun with Art Media and Art From Around the World, where they painted, collage-worked, print-made, sculpted and experimented across media.
- Older children and teens tried Exploring Art Media! and Painting Outdoors, where they experimented with papier-mâché, watercolor, acrylic canvas painting, drawing, printmaking and more.



By the end of the season, many participants had broadened their creative skills, tried new techniques, and completed original works in multiple media – contributing to a fun, educational, and art-filled summer in Stow's Parks & Recreation Art Camps.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN

The City of Stow continues to invest in facilities and amenities that enhance the quality of life for our residents and visitors. This page highlights the planned capital projects for the upcoming years, reflecting our commitment to maintaining, upgrading, and expanding our parks, community spaces, and recreational facilities.

From the much-anticipated grand opening of the Amphitheater in 2026 to multi-year improvements across our parks, playgrounds, and community center, each project is designed to meet the evolving needs of our community. We are dedicated to providing safe, accessible, and enjoyable spaces that bring people together, promote wellness, and create lasting memories.

These projects demonstrate careful planning and forward thinking, ensuring that Stow remains a vibrant and welcoming community for generations to come.

## ● 2026

- Amphitheater Project - Grand Opening - October 2026
- Restroom / Shelter - Oregon Trail Park
- Playground Replacement - Heather Hills Neighborhood Park
- Sports fields Upgrades - Oregon Trail Park (Multi-year project)
- HVAC Replacement - Community & Senior Center (multi-year project)
- Roof Replacement - Community & Senior Center
- SOAR Playground Surface Replacement (Multi-year project - 2025-26)
- NEW ½ Multi-Use Court - Northport Park

## ● 2027

- Splash Pad - Location TBD
- Nature Center - Adell Durbin Park - (Multi-Year Project)
- Siding replacement - Community & Senior Center
- Ballfields Upgrades - Silver Springs Park- (Multi-year project)
- Deck & Patio addition - Leona Farris Lodge Silver Springs Park
- A/C Replacement - Leona Farris Lodge Silver Springs Park
- Window Replacement - Leona Farris Lodge Silver Springs Park
- Campground Upgrades - Silver Springs Park
- KidStation Upgrade - Oregon Trail Park - Multi-year project (2027-28)

## ● 2028

- Patio Addition - Community & Senior Center
- Nature Center - Adell Durbin Park - (Multi-Year Project)
- Ballfields Upgrades - Silver Springs Park- (Multi-year project)
- Campground Upgrades - Silver Springs Park (Multi-year project)
- KidStation Upgrade - Oregon Trail Park - Multi-year project (2027-28)

# SKIP PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

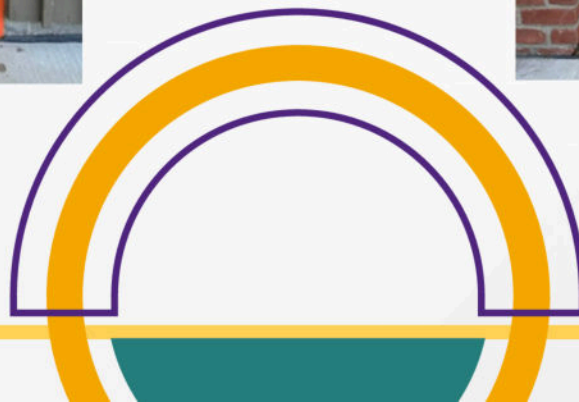
## COLORFUL NEW ART WRAPS TRANSFORM RESTROOM DOORS AT SKIP PLAYGROUND

Visitors to SKiP Playground will now be greeted with a burst of color and creativity, thanks to new art wraps installed on the playground's restroom doors. The installation, part of a community-driven beautification initiative, brings playful, family-friendly artwork to one of the park's most-used facilities.

The vibrant designs were created to reflect the spirit of SKiP Playground—welcoming, imaginative, and inclusive. Featuring nature-inspired patterns, whimsical characters, and bold color palettes, the wraps add an artistic touch that enhances the playground's atmosphere and encourages creativity among its young visitors.

"We wanted to make even the most functional parts of the playground feel like part of the experience," said John Pribonic, Mayor, City of Stow. "These art wraps make the space more inviting and enjoyable for families, and they're a great example of how small changes can make a big impact."

It is one of several initiatives aimed at promoting public art and improving community spaces throughout the city.



# EXPLORE OUR BEAUTIFUL PARKS

Stow boasts over 410 acres of parkland, filled with a rich variety of neighborhood and community parks. You'll find playgrounds, soccer and baseball fields, tennis and pickleball courts, and basketball courts, plus bike/hike trails, picnic areas, and open play spaces.

Notably, Silver Springs Park stands out with its S.O.A.R. playground (designed to be accessible to children of all abilities), miles of trails, a campground, and Bow Wow Beach, Stow's 7.5-acre off-leash dog park with a sandy beach and a 3-acre lake.

Then there's Adell Durbin Park, a peaceful spot with hiking trails, a wildflower meadow, an updated playground, and lit tennis courts.

For sports lovers, Oregon Trail Park offers baseball and soccer fields, a playground, a picnic area, the new Pickleball Complex, and a paved walking trail.

Whether you're looking to walk, play, picnic, or just relax in nature, Stow's parks have something for everyone—making the city a vibrant and green place to live and explore.

## ADELL DURBIN PARK

3300 Darrow Road  
This 34-acre park, located on the border of Stow and Munroe Falls contains a large play area and updated playground, lavish



hiking trails, a wildflower meadow and lit tennis/pickleball courts. New wayfinding signs were installed throughout the park and trails fall of 2024.

## CRESTDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

4570 Timberdale Drive  
The 7.5 acres of land is primarily covered by forest which incorporate several hike and bike trails that lead to area neighborhoods. A small collection of play equipment serves the youngsters of the area. A small parking area is provided for visitors.

## HEATHER HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

1641 Bobwhite Trail  
This park, nestled in the northeast portion of the Heather Hills development off of Bob White Trail, is an all-wooded area containing 6.4 acres. The site contains play equipment and a walking trail.



## MEADOWBROOK LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

5069 Hudson Drive  
This park contains a 19-acre lake located in the Meadowbrook Lake allotment in the Northwestern part of the City. The lake is available for use by the public with public access off of Hudson Drive, or a small park on Mac Drive and Meadowbrook Blvd. The lake is surrounded by private residences, but fishing is permitted off the public access areas. Swimming by the public is strictly forbidden. There is also a new play area updated in Spring 2024, picnic area and basketball courts.

## NORTHPORT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

3780 N. Santom  
An open play field is maintained for pick-up team sports, volleyball, kite flying, or summer activities. Picnic tables are available with the new modular play equipment updated Summer 2022. The park site is 2.5 acres on Charring Cross Dr.

## OREGON TRAIL PARK

2913 Graham Road  
This park has a variety of facilities which include baseball fields, soccer fields, a meeting room, concession stand, restrooms and an adjacent playground, KidStation Playground, and Safety Village. A new five court pickleball complex and paved walking loop were added in 2024.

## PARTRIDGE HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

3020 Stockbridge Drive

This neighborhood park is located in the Partridge Highlands development off Fishcreek Road. Two sites, one located north (10 acres) and one south (4 acres) off of Wexford Blvd., provide open play areas and hiking



## SANCTURETUM AT STOW CITY CENTER

3760 Darrow Rd.

This wooded area behind the Stow City Center includes the Cleveland Clinic Akron General Wellness Trail, a .75 mile loop that connects to local neighborhoods and to Stow City Center Complex. A Storywalk was installed this year to make your walk even more interesting.

## SHERWOOD ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

4344 Forest Hill Road

A 1.25 acre park site is located at the corner of Dresher Trail and Forest Hill in the Sherwood Acres Development. The site has an open play area with the new play equipment updated Summer 2022.

## SKIP PLAYGROUND

3870 Darrow Road

In the center of town, this amenity has become a destination playground, creating an abundance of fun and easily accessible opportunities for families and children. Groundbreaking took place in Spring 2022, with the installation of playground components in Spring 2023.

## SILVER SPRINGS PARK

5027 Stow Road

This large 280 acre park houses the Leona Farris Lodge (5027 Stow Road) and Heritage Barn (5238 Young Road) which are available for event rental. Rental information is available on our website.

The park is well-known for the S.O.A.R. Boundless Playground for children of all abilities. When visiting the park, you will also find Bow Wow Beach (the city's dog park), baseball and softball fields, outdoor shelters available for rent, and vast hiking and cross-country trails.

Nestled in Silver Springs Park is Silver Springs Campground, owned by the City of Stow, and operated by the Parks and Recreation Dept. since 1976. The City has been providing outdoor recreational opportunities at this site for over four decades, and the public has really taken advantage of it.



## WETMORE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

3135 Kent Road

This 5 acre park is a beautiful shaded tree-covered parcel located on Park Drive off of State Route 59 (Kent Road). The park is ideal for walking, resting, or open play for youngsters. It primarily serves the neighborhood residents in the southwest section of the City.



# SILVER SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

Silver Springs Campground, 5238 Young Road, Stow, is owned by the City of Stow, and operated by the Parks and Recreation Department since 1976. Nestled in Silver Springs Park in the Northeast corner of Stow, it is one of only a few municipally-operated campgrounds in Ohio.



## ***A simple, unplugged camping experience in the heart of Stow.***

Silver Springs Campground is a low-impact, rustic camping experience for guests seeking simplicity and connection to the outdoors. With no permanent restrooms with running water, the site is designed for self-sufficient, self-contained campers who value nature, quiet, and an unplugged environment. Surrounded by natural beauty in our beautiful Silver Springs Park, and located just minutes from Stow's other parks and attractions, Silver Springs Campground is the perfect place to unplug, recharge, and reconnect with nature.

Campers have access to many amenities throughout Silver Springs Park while camping, including fishing at Heritage Lake, hiking on the trails in the woods, tot lot fun at SOAR playground, dog exercise at Bow Wow Beach, The AMP, concert nights + camping (coming soon), active recreation at the tennis and basketball courts, and throw-together games and activities in the many open fields. The campground is also adjacent to the Metro Parks' Bike and Hike Trail. The facility has 27 campsites, some open, and some shaded.

## 2025 Campground Year in Review

4331 site reservations

79% Occupancy Rate

1348 Total Site Reservations

- 23% From Ohio
- 3% Stow Residents
- 77% Other

5,075 Total guests

- 4209 Adults
- 866 Children
- 854 (Pets)

# BOW WOW BEACH DOG PARK

Stow's dog park officially opened in June 2007, and has been well received by residents of Stow and the surrounding area. The park is owned by the City of Stow and managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

The park is not staffed during open hours. It is incumbent upon park users to follow the clearly defined rules.

Upgrades done this year, include the buildings being taken down for safety reasons and the painting of the storage barn.

Bow Wow Beach is open every day, mid-March - December 1, from 8 am until Sunset, weather dependent. Scheduled maintenance is every Thursday morning.

The 7.5 acre fenced-in park features the following amenities:

- Sandy beach and grassy knolls
- 3-acre lake
- Pen entrance
- Waste deposit stations
- Separate areas for small dogs
- Clearly defined rules and procedures



# PARKS & RECREATION SUMMARY

## USAGE, PARTICIPATION, AND ATTENDANCE

The City of Stow Parks & Recreation Department celebrated a strong and successful year, highlighted by growing participation, vibrant community events, and high use of parks and facilities across the city.

### Programs & Activities

From youth sports and adult fitness to enrichment classes and senior programs, residents embraced a wide range of offerings throughout the year. More than 20,000 participants engaged in programs designed to support wellness, creativity, and connection.

### Events & Community Engagement

Stow's signature events continued to bring the community together. Concerts, festivals, and seasonal celebrations welcomed over 7,000 attendees, reinforcing recreation's role in building community spirit.

### Parks and facilities Usage

Usage of our parks and facilities—including the Stow Community & Senior Center, Heritage Barn, Leona Farris Lodge, shelters, athletic fields, playgrounds, campground, and more—remained in high demand. With more than 56,000 visitors, renters, and users, these spaces played a vital role in supporting individual recreation, family gatherings, and community activities.

### Looking Ahead

Thanks to dedicated staff, community partners, and enthusiastic residents, 2025 was a year defined by activity, connection, and growth. As we look to 2026, we remain committed to expanding opportunities, improving facilities, and ensuring that Fun in Stow continues to thrive in every corner of our community.



Our parks and facilities are vital to the well-being and joy of our community. Together, we're building spaces that bring people together and enhance our quality of life.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

**7,956 FuninStow Facebook followers**

**1043 FuninStow Instagram followers**

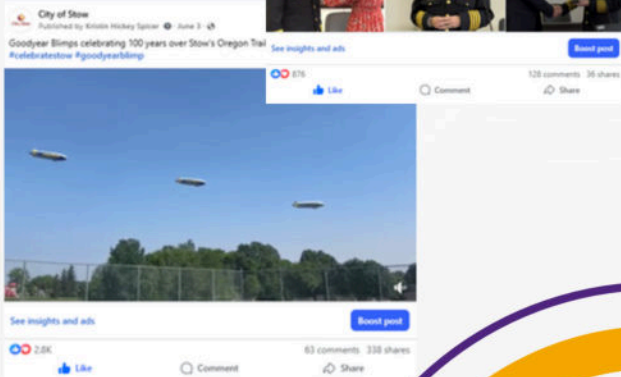
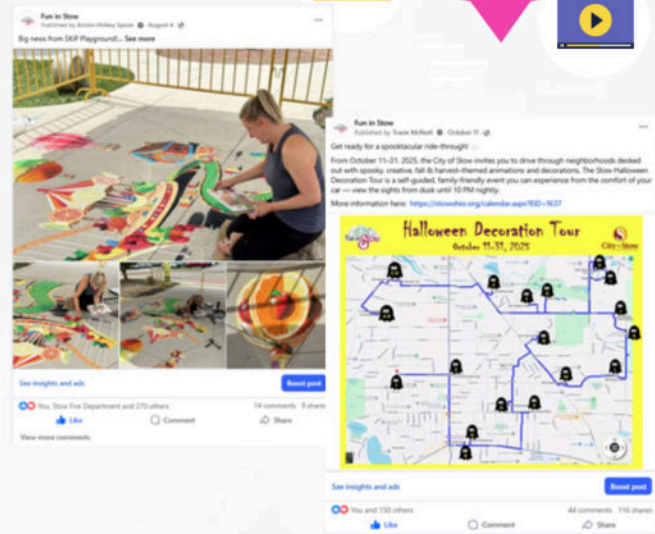
**10,117 CityofStow Facebook followers**

The **FuninStow** Facebook page was visited 31,200 times this year.

**Funinstow:** Over 975,100 views in 2025, meaning the number of times our content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.

*"Get Ready for a spooktacular ride-through!" had over 69,300 views and 44 comments. "Big news from SKiP Playground! (amazing chalk art)" was the post with the most likes and reactions with 272.*

**FuninStow** Instagram had over 25,600 views.



The **CityofStow** Facebook page was visited 63,200 times this year.

**CityofStow:** 2.4 Million Facebook views, meaning the number of times our content was played or displayed. Content includes videos, posts, stories and ads.

*"#GoodyearBlimps100 flying over Stow's Oregon Trail Park Today" was the most viewed post with over 136,500 views, 3,200 reactions, and 348 shares.*

*"Congratulations, Chief Prusha!" was the post with the most comments, 128. It had over 69,800 views and 1,400 reactions.*



# MARKETING

The Marketing Team for the City is housed in the Parks & Recreation Department, with dedicated staff from the department handling all duties.

Through strategic marketing and communications efforts, the team built brand awareness and strengthened connections between residents, target audiences, and City programs and services by carrying out the following initiatives:

- Defined and strengthened the brands for the City, The Stow Amphitheater, and the Parks & Recreation Department
- Managed and upheld brand standards across communication platforms
- Researched resident interests and target audience trends to inform marketing decisions
- Developed marketing initiatives and promotional campaigns
- Managed and executed promotional initiatives across multiple channels
- Designed visual elements supporting programs, events, initiatives, and services
- Produced relevant, engaging, and audience-focused written content
- Maintained and updated the City website
- Managed the redesign of City website platforms

More specifically, the team handles the following:

- Content creation
- Graphic design
- Video production
- Social media
- Digital marketing
- Copywriting
- Photography
- Wayfinding

**PUBLIC ARTS**  
**STOW**  
**MASTER PLAN**

## THE FUN BUZZ NEWSLETTER & CITY OF STOW NEWSLETTER

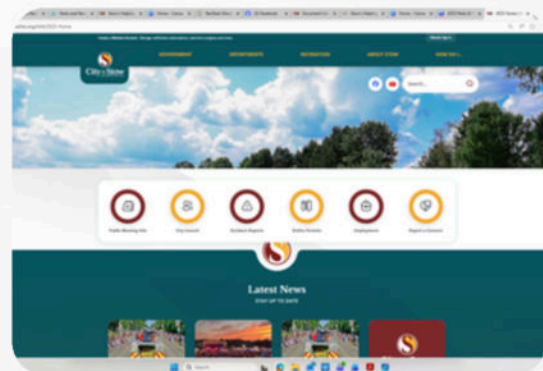
Monthly e-newsletters sent to those who sign up on our website with loads of information about our city, programs, and events.



## CITY OF STOW WEBSITES

Our website lets people find us, is our online presence, engages our audiences, cultivates relationships, and generates use and participation in our programs and services.

2025 saw the redesign of the City website (StowOhio.org), the Stow Parks and Recreation website (FuninStow.com), and the development of The Stow AMP website (TheStowAMP.com).



# THANK YOU PARTNERS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our programming partners for their continued support and collaboration. Your contributions help bring engaging and meaningful programs to our community, enriching the lives of all who participate.

- Our devoted campers who assist us
- Our wonderful youth sports coaches
- Akron Audubon Society
- Akron Zoo's Frog Watch USA
- ARES (Summit County Amateur Radio Service)
- Chrome Customs
- Cuyahoga Falls Lacrosse Club
- Darrow Street Grange
- Deer Path Designs
- EnviroScience
- Environmental Protection Agency
- First Christian Church of Stow
- Fox Den Golf Course
- Freedom Hill Community Church
- Holy Family Church
- Home Depot Cuyahoga Falls
- Just Eat the Cookie
- Kiwanis Club of Stow-Munroe Falls
- Lakeview Intermediate K-Kids
- Latuchie Tennis Center
- Lily & Lilac Floral Creations
- Living Vine Community Church
- Mayor John Pribonic
- New Life Church
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Wildlife
- Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites
- Part of Their World, LLC
- Pro Seniors Inc.
- Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls
- Rubber City Reuse
- SMFHS Athletics
- SMFHS Cross Country Team
- SMFHS Interact Club
- SMFHS Speech & Debate Team
- SMFHS Student Council
- Stow Arts Commission
- Stow Commission on Inclusion
- Stow City Council
- Stow Garden Club
- Stow Historical Society
- Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
- Stow Lacrosse Club
- Stow Players
- Stow Presbyterian Church
- Stow Senior Center Volunteers in Action
- Stow Senior Commission
- Stow Soccer Club
- Stow Urban Forestry
- Stow YES (Stow Youth Softball)
- Stow Youth Baseball
- Stow Youth Football and Cheer
- Stow Youth Services
- Stow-Munroe Falls Lions Club
- Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
- Stow-Munroe Falls School System
- Summit County Master Gardeners
- Summit County Metro Parks
- Summit ReWorks
- Summit Soil & Water
- Summit Sportsman Association
- University of Akron Field Station
- Wild Ones
- Woodland Elementary School



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We sincerely thank our sponsors for their generosity and support of our programs and events. Your partnership makes it possible for us to create enriching experiences that benefit our entire community.

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- Hospice of the Western Reserve
- Hudson Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation
- Humane Society of Summit County
- Impel Wealth Management
- Joe's Auto
- John Moyer
- Kids Country Day School - Stow Campus
- Kremer Realty
- KW Chervenik - Teresa Fiorentino
- Laundry Time
- Ron Marhofer Auto Family
- Mulberry Gardens Memory Care
- Mulberry Gardens Senior Living
- Premier Printing & Signs
- Reserve Management Group
- Rotary Club of Stow & Munroe Falls
- Serenity Plastic Surgery
- Sit Means Sit Cleveland-Akron
- Stow-Munroe Falls Community Foundation
- Stow-Munroe Falls Lion's Club
- Stow Symphony Orchestra
- Summa Health
- Suncrest Gardens
- Thomas C. Loepp Law Offices, CO., LPA
- Trust & Heal Pharmacy
- TTR Shipping
- Vision Hair Design
- Vitalia Senior Living
- Wayside Furniture
- Walmart
- Wandrous Rentals, LLC
- Western Reserve Hospital - partnering with University Hospitals



# SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Programs	Registrants	Max Enroll.	Wait List
2025 Stow CSC Membership	N/A	747	0
A Christmas Carol Tea	36	36	16
Backyard Birding	20	20	13
Be Smart: Smart Phones Tips & Tricks	24	25	34
Be Smart: Smart Phones Tips & Tricks (Android)	24	23	0
Be Smart: Smart Phones Tips & Tricks (iPhone)	24	24	13
Bingo Extravaganza	100	100	5
Bird Walk	20	19	1
Breakfast Buddies - (April)	15	11	0
Breakfast Buddies - (August)	15	12	0
Breakfast Buddies - (December)	15	14	0
Breakfast Buddies - (February)	15	13	0
Breakfast Buddies - (July) 15	8	0	0
Breakfast Buddies - (June)	15	14	0
Breakfast Buddies - (March)	15	9	0
Breakfast Buddies - (November)	15	14	0
Breakfast Buddies - (October)	15	13	0
Breakfast Buddies - (September)	15	15	1
Bunco Party	32	27	0
Bunco Party (April)	40	34	0
Bunco Party (August)	32	32	2
Bunco Party (February)	36	35	0
Bunco Party (March)	40	29	0
Bunco Party (October)	32	33	3
Card Making with Serenity Hospice	32	23	0
Chair Yoga (Jan/Feb)	30	13	0
Chair Yoga (July/August)	30	23	0
Chair Yoga (Mar/Apr)	30	15	0
Chair Yoga (May/June)	30	18	0
Chair Yoga (Nov/Dec)	30	30	1
Chair Yoga (Sept/Oct)	30	28	0
Cleveland Guardians Watch Party	30	30	0
Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor	40	35	0
Coffee Talk with Summa Health	24	9	0
Coffee Talk with Summa Health	32	14	0
Coffee Talk with Summa Health	32	6	0
Coffee Talk with Summa Health	32	23	0
Death Valley: A Land of Extremes	32	18	0
Denali National Park	32	32	0
Engineering 101	32	25	0
Friday Parties - Campfire Cookout	55	50	0
Friday Parties - Chair Volleyball	75	20	0
Friday Parties - Christmas in July	75	63	0
Friday Parties - Dog Days of Summer	100	42	0
Friday Parties - Elvis Party	55	56	2
Friday Parties - Let's Polka	75	53	0
Friday Parties - Music and A Meal	54	50	0
Friday Parties - Music Bingo Day!	75	48	0
Friday Parties - Wheel of Fortune	75	58	0

Senior Programs	Registrants	Max Enroll.	Wait List
Fun in the Sun: Healthy Skin	24	21	0
Ghost Stories (Canceled To be rescheduled)	32	23	0
Grandma Gateway	40	36	0
Growing Perennial Food Plants	32	15	0
Healthy Living for Brain & Body	32	32	6
Hiking Group - Stow Striders (Fall)	35	24	0
Hiking Group - Stow Striders (Spring)	35	28	0
Holiday Bunco Party	48	48	0
Laugh and Learn 30	26	0	
Laugh and Learn (April)	22	21	5
Laugh and Learn (Aug)	25	23	0
Laugh and Learn (Dec)	25	25	3
Laugh and Learn (July)	25	24	0
Laugh and Learn (June)	25	25	0
Laugh and Learn (March)	30	20	0
Laugh and Learn (May)	25	26	0
Laugh and Learn (Nov)	25	24	6
Laugh and Learn (Oct)	25	23	6
Laugh and Learn (Sept)	24	24	1
Learn about Lock Boxes	24	23	2
Legal Talk with Drew	30	29	7
Legal Talk with Drew	32	30	0
Legal Talk with Drew	32	17	0
Let's Get Social	30	9	0
Let's Get Social - Hot Chocolate & Pastries	50	25	0
Library Book Club (April) 24	13	0	
Library Book Club (Aug 22)	24	8	0
Library Book Club (July 25)	24	7	0
Library Book Club (June 27)	24	10	0
Library Book Club (March)	24	6	0
Library Book Club (May 23)	24	10	0
Library Book Club (Oct 24)	24	9	0
Library Book Club (Sept 26)	24	11	0
Library Databases	10	9	2
Library Tech Help (1:00-1:15)	2	2	1
Library Tech Help (1:00-1:30)	2	2	6
Library Tech Help (1:00-1:30)	2	2	0
Library Tech Help (1:00-1:30)	2	3	2
Library Tech Help (1:15-1:30)	2	2	0
Library Tech Help (1:30-1:45)	2	2	0
Library Tech Help (1:30-2:00)	2	2	3
Library Tech Help (1:30-2:00)	2	1	0
Library Tech Help (1:30-2:00)	2	2	0
Library Tech Help (1:45-2:00)	2	2	0
Library Tech Help	10	13	18
Library Tech Help	10	11	5
Lunch and a Movie Matinee (Dec)	32	21	0
Lunch and a Movie Matinee (Nov)	32	29	0
Lunch and a Movie Matinee (Oct)	32	26	0
Lunch and a Movie Matinee (Sept)	32	32	0



# SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Programs	Registrants	Max Enroll.	Wait List
Lunch Buddies - (April)	15	14	2
Lunch Buddies - (August)	15	14	5
Lunch Buddies - (December)	14	14	7
Lunch Buddies - (February)	15	15	0
Lunch Buddies - (July)	15	11	1
Lunch Buddies - (June)	15	12	1
Lunch Buddies - (March)	15	14	0
Lunch Buddies - (May)	15	9	0
Lunch Buddies - (November)	14	13	6
Lunch Buddies - (October)	15	13	6
Lunch Buddies - (September)	15	15	4
Mah Jongg Lessons	12	11	9
Mind Challenge	40	8	0
Morning Movie (April 10)	24	10	0
Morning Movie (August)	32	11	0
Morning Movie (December)	32	6	0
Morning Movie (July)	32	9	0
Morning Movie (June 26)	32	10	0
Morning Movie (March 27)	24	5	0
Morning Movie (May 22)	32	9	0
Morning Movie (November)	32	7	0
Morning Movie (October)	32	12	0
Morning Movie (September)	32	17	0
Movie Matinee (April)	24	27	0
Movie Matinee (August)	32	19	0
Movie Matinee (February)	30	25	0
Movie Matinee (January)	40	39	0
Movie Matinee (July)	32	26	0
Movie Matinee (June 23)	32	28	0
Movie Matinee (March)	24	25	2
Movie Matinee (May 12)	32	20	0
National Pi & Potato Chip Day Drive Thru	50	49	0
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Neighborhood Watch & Home Safety	32	26	0
New Beginnings: A New Year's Celebration	140	138	5
Not So Newlywed Game (AUDIENCE)	50	13	0
Not So Newlywed Game (CONTESTANTS)	12	6	0
Ohio Owls	32	32	9
Owls of the World	50	37	0
Planning Ahead . . .	32	23	0
Plant Exchange	30	9	0
Pres. with Pizzazz - Canceled	32	0	0
Probate Seminar	75	68	0
Remember When:			
Grandma's Attic & Grandpa's Garage	32	18	0
SAIL Fitness - DEMO	20	20	3
SAIL Fitness (August) - CANCELED	20	0	0
SAIL Fitness (November/December)	20	17	0

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SAIL Fitness (Sept/Oct)	20	19	2
Scam Spotting presented by BBB	32	25	0
Spring Clean Up (4/28/25)	24	18	0
Thanks a Waffle Lot Volunteer Brunch	75	27	0
Thanksgiving Feast	75	73	1
The Making of It's a Wonderful Life	32	28	0
Travel Trip Preview	25	24	5
Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia	32	34	11
Understanding Hernias	32	15	0
Volunteer Opp.- Farmer's Market (Aug)	5	3	0
Volunteer Opp.-Farmer's Market (Oct)	5	2	0
Volunteer Opp.-Farmer's Market (Sept)	5	2	0
Volunteers in Action	32	26	0
Volunteers in Action	50	46	0
Volunteers in Action (April)	32	18	0
Volunteers in Action (March)	32	23	0
VIA: Holiday Suncatchers	25	25	2
VIA: Santa's Helpers	10	10	12
VIA: Stuff the Bus (8am-Noon)	10	9	0
VIA: Stuff the Bus (Noon-4PM)	10	8	0

## BUS TRIPS

Senior Programs	Registrants	Max Enroll.	Wait List
Trip: Evening Cruise on the Portage Princess	35	35	13
Trip: Akron Rubber Ducks	27	26	0
Trip: Canceled Stan Hywet: Nooks & Crannies Tour	35	5	0
Trip: Carol King the Musical @ Weathervane	28	28	2
Trip: Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall	35	35	24
Trip: Come From Away at Weathervane Theater	35	35	2
Trip: Dial M for Murder @ Weathervane Playhouse	35	33	0
Trip: Don's Pomeroy House	27	27	15
Trip: Dueling Pianos at Hartville Kitchen	35	35	5
Trip: Canceled Greater Cleveland Aquarium	35	12	0
Trip: Hollywood Gaming & Mahoning Valley	35	29	0
Trip: Jersey Boys at Weathervane Playhouse	35	35	8
Trip: Miss Molly's Tea Room	35	32	0
Trip: Ohio State Reformatory	27	26	0
Trip: Porthouse Theatre: Fiddler on the Roof	27	27	16
Trip: Porthouse Theatre: School of Rock	27	22	1
Trip: POSTPONED Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank	0	0	3
Trip: Ramseyer Farm & The Barn Restaurant	35	34	3
Trip: Rhythm of the Dance @ Ohio Star Theater	26	24	2
Trip: Shopping at Legacy Village	35	29	0
Trip: The Road to Damascus: A Musical	35	28	0
Trip: Thrifting Around Town	35	18	0
Trip:Bad Mood Rising a CCR Tribute @ Star Theater	35	35	2
Trip:John Denver Christmas @ Hartville	35	21	0
Trip:Picasso & Papers Tour @ CLE. Museum of Art	30	30	0
Trip:Porthouse:You're a Good Man Charlie Brown	27	16	0



# GENERAL PROGRAMS

Adult Programs	Enrollment/ Registrants	Max Enrollment	Wait List
2025 Armed Forces Banner Program	56	N/A	0
2025 Graduating Senior Banner Program	245	N/A	0
Adopt-A-Spot: Blooming In Style!	25	33	0
Bunny Trail Hop	356	360	0
Cocktails & Cottontails Adult Egg Hunt	140	140	44
Connect with Nature: Kitchen Garden	11	30	0
Connect with Nature: Let's Go Fly a Kite	11	25	0
Cookie Craze: CANCELED	3	25	0
Firecracker Run - 4-Mile & 2 Mile Fun Run 2025	343	1000	0
Garden: Stow Community Garden 2025	162	160	12
Haunted Hayride	727	700	0
Halloween Decoration Tour	21	n/a	0
Parade Entry: Stow Fourth of July Parade 2025	89	81	0
Pilates: Stretch & Strengthen	18	30	0
Stow Summer Sunset Blast - FOOD Vendor	22	20	0
Stow Summer Sunset Blast - Non-Food Vendor	21	20	0
Swifties' Night Out--Canceled	13	72	0
Team Up 2 Clean Up Stow - August 2025	11	120	0
Team Up 2 Clean Up Stow - June 2025	3	120	0
Team Up 2 Clean Up Stow - May 2025	22	120	0
Wine & Design: Autumn Arrangements	16	30	0
Wine & Design: Cupid's Cocktails Mixology	35	34	0
Wine & Design: Front Porch Flair	35	35	0
Wine & Design: Sip and Succulent Social	29	30	0
Wine and Design: Crushed Glass Resin Tray	30	30	11
Wine and Design: Frost It Like It's Hot	23	40	0
Yoga - FALL I SESSION 2025	50	70	0
Yoga - FALL II SESSION 2025	57	70	0
Yoga - Flow & Connect FREE SUMMER SESSION	140	150	0
Yoga - Flow & Connect SPRING SESSION	58	70	0
Yoga - Flow & Connect WINTER 2 SESSION	73	80	0
Yoga at the Lodge - WINTER 1 SESSION	52	50	0
Yoga Workshop - Clean, Detox & Release	15	65	0



# ADULT SPORTS

Adult Sports	Enrollment	Wait List
Basketball: Men's Fastbreak	10	10
Paddle Battle (Co-Ed Doubles )	14	64
Paddle Battle (Co-Ed Doubles-17 & Under)	5	32
Paddle Battle (Men's Singles)	2	8
Paddle Battle (Men's Singles & Doubles)	25	32
Paddle Battle (Seniors Co-Ed Doubles)	9	64
Paddle Battle (Women's Singles & Doubles)	2	32
Paddle Battle Pickleball 101	5	32
Pickleball Ladder Leagues (Thurs)	12	6
Pop Up Pickleball Leagues (Tues)	16	5



# SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

Sponsor - 2025 Concerts on the Green	11
Sponsor - Community & Senior Center 2025	1
Sponsor: 2025 Bow Wow Beach	10
Sponsor: 2025 Firecracker Run	2
Sponsor: 2025 Fishing Derby	1
Sponsor: 2025 Haunted Hayride	6
Sponsor: Stow Fourth of July Parade	0
Sponsor: Stow Summer Sunset Blast 2025	12
Sponsor: Cocktails and Cottontails-Adult Hunt	7



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Programs	Registrants	Max Enrollment	Wait List
Art Camp: Art From Around the World (07/07-07/11)	17	20	
Art Camp: Exploring Art Media (06/23-06/27)	9	20	
Art Camp: Fun with Art Media (06/09-06/13)	10	20	
Art Camp: Let's Do What Artists Do! (08/04-08/08)	10	20	
Art Camp: Painting Outdoors (08/11-08/15)	11	20	
Basketball: 2025 Boys & Girls Grades 7-8	64	n/a	
Basketball: 2025 Boys High School	7	n/a	
Basketball: 2025 Elementary Boys Grades 2-6	197	300	
Basketball: 2025 Elementary Girls Grades 2-6	87	300	
Basketball: Fall Skills Clinic 2025	64	n/a	
Basketball: Skills Clinic	35	n/a	
Basketball: Summer Outdoor Boys & Girls (3-12)	103	100	
Enchanted Afternoon: The Royal Ball	30	24	
Fishing Derby- 2025 (Ages 1-9)	165	166	
Fishing Derby- 2025 (Ages 10-15)	86	85	
Flag Football 2025: Boys & Girls Grades 3-6	49	60	
Lacrosse 2025: Boys Spring 3rd-4th Grade	10	n/a	
Lacrosse 2025: Boys Spring 5th-6th Grade	27	n/a	
Lacrosse 2025: Girls Spring 3rd-4th Grade	3	n/a	
Lacrosse 2025: Girls Spring 5th-6th Grade	12	n/a	
National Lego Day	18	25	
Safety Town - Session 1 - AM Class 06/09-06/13	40	40	
Safety Town - Session 1 - PM Class 06/09-06/13	26	40	
Safety Town - Session 2 - AM Class 06/16-06/20	40	40	
Safety Town - Session 2 - PM Class 06/16-06/20	18	40	
Safety Town Volunteer 2025	22	n/a	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 6/16/25-6/20/25	60	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 6/23/25-6/27/25	59	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 7/7/25-7/11/25	60	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 7/14/25-7/18/25	60	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 7/21/25-7/25/25	60	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 7/28/25-8/1/25	62	60	
Silver Springs Day Camp 2025 8/4/25-8/8/25	60	60	
Stow Players Youth Theatre W.S. (Ages 8-14)	24	30	
Tennis: Fall 2025 Jr Instruction - Ages 11-15	6	20	
Tennis: Fall 2025 Jr Instruction - Ages 7-10	5	20	
Tennis: Junior Bulldog 2025, Session 1 (Ages 8-11)	23	20	1
Tennis: Junior Bulldog 2025, Session 2 (Ages 8-11)	15	14	
Tennis: Li'l Pups 2025, Session 1 (Ages 5-7)	12	12	
Tennis: Li'l Pups 2025, Session 2 (Ages 5-7)	17	12	2
Tennis: Spring Jr Instruction (Ages 11-15)	14	20	
Tennis: Spring Jr Instruction (Ages 7-10)	9	20	
Tennis: Bulldog Teens 2025, Session 1 (Ages 12-15)	6	6	1
Tennis: Bulldog Teens 2025, Session 2 (Ages 12-15)	7	15	
Volleyball Co-Ed-3rd & 4th Grade	26	26	
Volleyball Co-Ed-5th & 6th Grade	53	51	





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