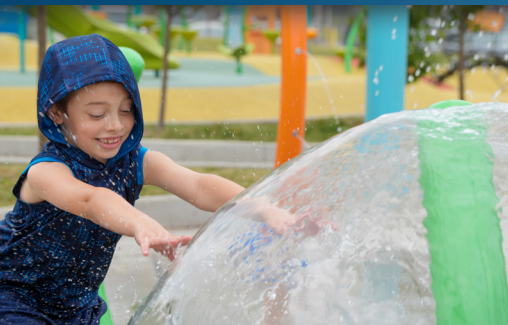




MILWAUKEE RECREATION

2023 SUMMER SUCCESSES

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PARTNERSHIPS

Opened **39 CLCs** and **Safe Places** in partnership with **7 Community-Based Organizations**.



Programs served **3,370 youth** (a **33% increase** from 2022), June through August. Most locations were open from 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Awarded the **John Zussman Knothole Softball Scholarship** to Rufus King baseball player **Leo Biel** and Reagan softball player **Aniya Small**. The **\$1,000 scholarship** is funded by the Zussman family in memory of former Milwaukee Recreation employee and longtime supporter of MPS Interscholastic Athletics, John Zussman.



Partnered with the **Milwaukee Brewers** to send **30 Unified Summer Stars athletes** to a Brewers game.



Supported **41 arts and humanities partners** via the **Partnership for the Arts & Humanities** program in providing **free** and significantly reduced cost programming. Activities including traditional ballet and contemporary dance, poetry, and creative writing, environmental stewardship, Afro-Latino musical traditions, and more were offered to **youth in grades K-12**.



Provided **60 Milwaukee-area high school students** with **paid arts internships** across **17** different local arts organizations. Interns represented **30 different high schools** and **20** different zip codes.

Established a partnership with **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin** to provide **athletic training** services at varsity athletic competitions beginning with the fall 2023 sports season. **Trainers will be on the sidelines** for home varsity soccer, football, basketball, wrestling, and track competitions, as well as select junior varsity competitions.



Partnered with **Max Out Sports** to host the **2nd annual MPS Combine** at South Stadium. A total of **30 student athletes** participated in drills designed to measure a variety of physical criteria including height, weight, reach, 40 yard dash time, vertical jump height, broad jump distance, and L drill (5,10,5) measurements to **share with college recruiting networks**.



OPERATIONS



Received the **Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award** in partnership with **VIA CDC** at the **Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDIs)**, recognizing the transformational renovation project at **Burnham Playfield**. The Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award honors the creation or use of public space that contributes significantly to the **overall well-being of the community**.



Continued construction of **Stark** and **Carmen** Playfield renovations. The updated playfields will include new playground equipment, splash pads, fieldhouse upgrades, new basketball courts, walking loops, picnic areas, lighting, landscaping, and painted play areas and will reopen for use in 2024. Carmen's renovation also includes **Milwaukee's first tuj-lub courts**, and Stark's playfield renovation includes a new soccer field and updated tennis courts.

Replaced synthetic turf at **Bradley Tech's** athletic field with funds from ESSER III*.



Refreshed the **Born Learning Trail** at **Enderis Playfield** in partnership with employees from **Deloitte**. The trail now **features a more immersive experience** thanks to the artistic abilities of the volunteers who also added fresh coats of paint to a map of the United States trash cans, and cleared debris from the playground.



Completed **95% construction** plans for **Wick Playfield** renovations to include new playground equipment, a splash pad, synthetic turf baseball and softball fields, updated fieldhouse with family restrooms, ADA walkways, and new circular basketball courts.

Participated in **2 community engagement sessions** for **Metcalf Playfield**. Over **300 residents** provided feedback for the upcoming playfield renovation.



Completed tennis court resurfacing projects at **Vincent** and **Marshall High Schools** with funds from ESSER III*. Upgrades to courts at MHS, MSL, NDHS, RKHS and Wedgewood will be completed this fall.

Completed design for the **Emigh Playfield** renovation. The proposed renovation will include new playground equipment, a splash pad, fieldhouse upgrades, new basketball courts, walking loops, picnic areas, lighting, landscaping, and a painted play area. Construction is planned for 2024.

Developed a **reporting tool** to record incidents/accidents electronically. Data collected will be used to determine baseline frequency and severity of incidents/accidents.



*ESSER III: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief

OUTREACH



Provided **over 800 hours** of **therapeutic recreation** services via the **Club Rec** day camp for ages 3-21 with mild to severe cognitive disabilities.



Staffed **17 playground sites** to provide **free meals** to **Milwaukee youth** in partnership with the **Milwaukee Center for Independence**. Over **21,700 meals** were served from June 11th – August 5th across all playground locations.

Served **811 youth** at **21 child care camps** throughout the city. Participants received **nutritious meals** and participated in both academic and recreational enrichment.



Hosted **4 weeklong outdoor education camps** for **60 youth ages 4-12**. Participants learned about wildlife, plants, and all things nature to make their summer extra interesting.



Planned **6 Traveling Adventure field trips** for more than **400 playground participants** to the Milwaukee County Zoo, Milwaukee **Public Museum**, **Busy Barns Adventure Farm**, the **Brown Deer Pond**, **Big Putts mini golf** and **Action Territory**.



Returned **Mobile Units** program to **full capacity** after the impact of COVID. The **Rec 'n Roll Mobile**, **Wacky Wheels Skate Van**, and **Video Game Van** serviced area homeless shelters, local playgrounds, and community events.





Hosted the **first ever Bubble Bash foam party** for **200+ youth** at **6 summer playgrounds**. Each location featured 1 hour of continuous foam fun, music, smiles, and laughter.



Hosted the **Summer Stars basketball league at North Division**. A total of **20 teams (210 youth)** participated. Hillside took home the 14 and under championship while Silver Spring Neighborhood Center won the 18 and under championship for the first time in 6 years.



Provided a **safe space** in the evenings for **852 teens at Twilight Centers**. Despite of 3 locations being closed for construction, **5 Twilight Centers** were able to keep their doors open to provide open gym, swim, board games, art activities and weekly ice cream nights.

Hosted the **Late Night Basketball League** for **189 participants** ages 17-29 at 2 locations. This free program provides participants with competitive opportunities and access to job resources.



LIFETIME RECREATION



Celebrated 16 years of the **MPS Run Back to School** on August 26, 2023. A total of **1,185 individuals** registered for the event, and **10 schools qualified** for a mini grant to support their health and wellness needs.

Offered **30, free** guided walks through the **MilWALkee Walking Club**. More than **250 individuals** stepped into a healthy way to see the sites of Milwaukee this summer.



Going places.

Provided driving instruction to **671 students** in partnership with **Drive USA** during the **7th** summer of **MPS Drive**.

Engaged **35 youth** with the **Minority Mountain Bikers**, **MKE Urban Trail Connections**, and **BIPOC** riders groups from across the country for a day of riding on the **John Muir trails in the Southern Kettle Moraine**. Youth learned more about the sport of mountain biking and the importance of attracting more diversity to the sport.



Offered **Junior Actors classes** at **Hawthorn Glen**, introducing **57 young people** to the art of acting. Youth ages 8-15 participated in theater games, joke-telling, and team talent. The classes will culminate with **youth performing** at this year's **Halloween Glen** in October. 🍊🍊🍊🍊🍊

Launched the **MPS Overnight Camp Program** with support from ESSER III* funding for **163 MPS students** to attend overnight camps throughout Wisconsin. This free experience covered the cost of the camper's stay at camp, transportation to and from camp, and any gear required to attend camp.



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Offered **free yoga classes** for all ages and abilities at Humboldt Park's Chill on the Hill, Washington Park Wednesdays, and the South Shore Farmers Market. Participants (**121**) stretched their limits for this healthy activity.



Hosted the **first ever MPS Employee Wellness Sand Volleyball Tournament** at Beulah Brinton featuring **7 teams** of district employees.

Partnered with the **Medical College of Wisconsin** to continue **Total Wellness** classes at Hamilton and Craig Montessori Community Centers. Participants enjoyed fitness classes, education sessions focused on healthy eating and cancer prevention, and participated in healthy cooking demos.



Hosted a **Volleyball Officials Clinic** for beginner and veteran officials to learn new techniques and sharpen their skills before the upcoming season.

Engaged **135 active older adults** in the fast growing sport of **pickleball**.



Offered group **swim lessons** to various community partners, summer camps, safe places, and community learning centers. A total of **22 groups (400+ swimmers)** attended swim lessons at various pools throughout the city to **learn basic water safety skills** and to develop a greater appreciation for this lifetime recreation activity.



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Thank you for helping us enrich and strengthen the community by promoting healthy lifestyles, personal development, and fun through memorable recreational and educational experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

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