

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held on this day at 950 Eden Park Drive. Commissioners present: President Molly North, Vice President Kick Lee, Commissioner Phyllis McCallum, and Commissioner John Neyer. Commissioner Susan Castellini was not present. President North called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Acknowledgement of Public Comments

President North acknowledged five in-person public comments regarding funding and staffing for Parks' Conservation and Land Management team and the Burnet Woods dog park. President North acknowledged volunteer contributions to Parks, as well as public comments received via email.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Approval of the May 15 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Neyer motioned to approve the May 15, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION / UPDATES

Cincinnati Parks + Rec for Wellness

Cathy Crain, Jennifer Hafner Speiser, and Dr. Sian Cotton presented an update on the Cincinnati Parks + Rec for Wellness Program, a collaboration between the Cincinnati Parks Foundation and the Oscher Center for Integrative Health at the University of Cincinnati. The innovative program focuses on encouraging medical professionals to prescribe time and activity in the outdoors to promote health and wellness. The Commissioners shared their excitement about and support of the program.

Planning & Design Update

Director Jason Barron provided an overview of projects including the Lytle Park comfort station, the Burnet Woods dog park, Smale Lot 23, the Mt. Airy bike skills course, Everybody's Treehouse, the Ault Park playground, the California Woods hydrological plan, construction plans for the new Sinton campus, Inwood Park planning, the Sawyer Point playground, Owl's Nest renovations, the Eden Park stairs near Playhouse in the Park, and sinkhole repairs at Alms Park.

Finance / IT Division Highlights

Director Barron shared updates on improvements to processes, staffing assignments, and the general activities of Parks Finance as the close of FY25 approaches. Director Barron shared efforts being made by the IT Department to cut costs by eliminating unnecessary and/or duplicative hardware and software, and work to upgrade the entire Parks team's operating systems from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

HR Update

Director Barron provided an overview of full-time staffing, and shared detail on the staffing structure and work of the Conservation and Land Management team. Director Barron also

shared part-time hiring and vacancies per division, and the successful creation of the Parks Specialist classification.

ACTION ITEM

Grants Application / Acceptance

Director Barron requested Board approval to apply for and accept grants from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation in an amount up to \$316,847.50, from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$237,085, from the City of Cincinnati in the amount of \$4,330.68, and from the OKI Regional Council of Government in the amount of \$1,000,000. These funds will support invasive removal and trail improvements at French Park, the Lytle Park comfort stations, Downtown landscaping, a Jackson Hill litter cleanup, a safety improvement project on the Ohio River trail through Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, equipment for the biochar project, and educational programming at Mt. Airy Forest focused on the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Commissioner Neyer motioned to approve application for and acceptance of the grants as outlined. Vice President Lee seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Barron presented the following updates:

- Cincinnati was once again listed among the top ten best cities for parks in the nation by the Trust for Public Land.
- Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park officially re-opened on May 16.
- City Council passed the City's FY26 budget, which takes effect July 1.
- Events throughout June and during the 4th of July weekend in Parks.

OPEN COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION & COMMENTS

President North thanked Cathy Crain, Jennifer Hafner Speiser, and Dr. Sian Cotton for their presentation and work to create and grow Cincinnati Parks + Rec for Wellness, and thanked the Parks team and volunteers for their efforts and contributions.

ADJOURNMENT

President North adjourned the meeting at 10:09am.

The next regular meeting date is Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:00am.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT



DIRECTOR



[External Email] Public Comment 5/15 - Inwood Park

From Cynthia Duval <cynthia_lough@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 5/13/2025 9:41 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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Cynthia Duval

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[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Thu 5/15/2025 3:06 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Dear Parks director Jason Barron and Parks Staff,

Thank you for your immediate attention to the open storm drain hazard with the missing grate in Burnet Woods that I spoke about at the park board meeting. It feels nice to feel heard.

Sincerely,

Shari Frost

[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/16/2025 8:14 AM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>; #COUNCIL <CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>; CityManagerEmail <citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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External Email Communication

Dear Commissioner Castellini, Parks Director Jason Barron, City Leaders and Park Commissioners,

First, I would like to say THANK YOU to Commissioner Castellini for following up with Joel Gross during the May 2025 meeting after I brought in the photos of a dangerous situation with an open storm drain near the lower basin playground in Burnet Woods.

Later in the day, I watched the meeting, and immediately called to follow up because I heard Joel say that he thought it was maybe a sinkhole beside the shelter, that he already knew about, and it was not.

I was informed that Joel and Jenny immediately went to Burnet Woods that same day, found the uncovered drain pipe and agreed that it was hazardous ⚠️ and went into action to remedy the situation.

My point has always been that Burnet Woods has serious NEEDS and safety concerns that should be taking priority over an unpopular pet project when funding is limited.

The Nature Center NEEDS an elevator and the improvements made to create an ADA approved facility, and we NEED to remedy the E.Coli situation that has plagued the Park for decades, as two examples. Four Million dollars or more in deferred maintenance in Burnet Woods alone, is my understanding.

I heard Commissioner Castellini say that she wished that those "Burnet Woods people" would stay for the rest of the meeting. I have previously written the Board to explain months ago, the last time she said it, that the reason why I cannot stay past public comment is the fact that I have a secular job. Making arrangements to arrive late on the mornings that I've come to speak.

I heard Commissioner Castellini say that we only come to "complain".

That is not the case. I've personally written often to say THANK YOU for many things that our Parks Staff have done.

For the record, if Authentic Community Engagement had been done in regards to the dog park in Burnet Woods, I may not have EVER come to speak in person.

It was the injustice and disrespect of Park Stakeholders that got me involved in the first place.

Those "Burnet Woods people" as Commissioner Castellini likes to call us, are dedicated volunteers who use our precious time in service to the community through our Park.

Thousands of collective hours of free labor spent planting alongside Parks teams, litter pickup, invasive removal, attending advisory council meetings, training sessions, activating our Park with organized events, hikes, nature education, art activities, the list goes on.

We are also the eyes and ears that notify Parks about maintenance concerns. If that is your definition of "complaining" then why have CPAC's at all?

I believe a public health hazard such as a CSO and the failed sewer lines coming from comfort stations that are dumping untreated human waste into a public park where children play, warrants a little bit of "complaining", don't you?

I've never felt so disrespected.

Sincerely,
Shari Frost





[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Shari <sharifrost@yahoo.com>

Date Mon 5/19/2025 8:01 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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External Email Communication

“I have stopped opening the front door.

If there is something I need to get off the porch, I walk around the house.

Two out of four people in my family are on board with this new protocol.

It's ok — I do not let their opposition take away from the joy I feel about this situation.

A mama songbird built a nest in the corner of our porch. And each day I get to watch her faithfully, diligently keep her eggs warm.

Witnessing this feels remarkable, and I've put it in my 'Catalog of Beauty.' Poet Glenis Redmond coined this exquisite phrase years ago, and it stuck with me. She wrote:

"I am not against critique, but the world's need to nick pic everything is a dis-ease. What I crave is holiness. We are so far away from the heart, when only the head leads with only what is wrong. How about the million beauties you walked by today and did not see? Name them. The world needs / I need your catalog of beauty."

My catalog of beauty doesn't look like anyone else's. The only person I share fully with is my younger daughter, who is what I call a "Noticer". When I was young, I got shamed for caring so deeply about animals, and it took me awhile to stop trying to hide my compassion for small creatures.

I was only 7 or 8, but I remember thinking: 'If I ever become a parent, I'll never ever do that to my child.'

I kept my word, and nurturing the deep-feeling heart of my second-born daughter was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Through it, I realized that when we shame, minimize, or dismiss our children's feelings over experiences that break their hearts, we are doing a great disservice to the world.

Why?

Because children who stop to acknowledge the life of an "insignificant" creature will likely become adults who see and celebrate the value of all living things, including human beings who are deemed "less than" by society.

Marveling at the tenacity of a songbird (in any form you choose) makes the world's catalog of beauty grow by one... and one is significant. It can soften the harsh world as we know it.

Friends, if you find yourself stopping to marvel at something mundane... or going out of your way to protect the overlooked, keep going.

Your catalog of beauty is yours and yours alone... but the love it cultivates has wings.

What's in your catalog of beauty these days? It can be so uplifting to see what we care about & notice in the world."

A piece written by
Rachel Marie Stafford

Dear Cincinnati Parks Commissioners,
I thought of the five of you when I read this piece today.
It brought to mind how much I have allowed your decision to ignore the tender hearts of your most loyal volunteers to sadden me.
I'm going to keep being a noticer.
I'm going to keep feeling things deeply.
Please try to notice the wildlife who depend on Pleasant Valley in Burnet Woods to survive.

It's never too late to do the kind thing.
Sincerely,
Shari Frost





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HABITAT

[External Email] public comment June 19, 2025

From R. Lindau <r.lindau3@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/21/2025 3:20 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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Dear City Parks members,

Deer, one of our most majestic and graceful animals in the United States, have been the relentless target of hunters for years, usually in the name of "sport" although in the past twenty years or so new rationales have been used by hunters and fish and game agencies to justify their ugly bloodsport -- "biodiversity destruction" and "overpopulation" in an attempt to make their killing of defenseless and innocent animals less offensive to the general public.

Anyone with an ounce of common sense must realize that since deer have played an important and successful role in the flora and fauna for more than 2 million years until recently, something other than deer browsing must be up. That something is another animal, the human species, affecting habitat destruction, climate change, the killing of plants and animals via pesticides and herbicides, carbon monoxide and methane gasses polluting the air, soil, and waters, and hunting, trapping, and baiting which all together are the true culprits of vanishing biodiversity and manipulated animal populations.

Deer are crucial to maintaining biodiversity because of their talent for pruning trees and bushes, for dispersing seeds via their droppings, and for threshing the soil with their hooves. They are farmers of woods and parks. Unlike humans who cut down trees and bushes until an area is destroyed, deer do not prune and thresh in any one spot but are constantly on the move to benefit an entire ecosystem. They spread seeds wherever they go that are important for all animals and plants including for humans in absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. They also create openings by browsing shrubs which allow trees and smaller plants sunlight to grow and gain nutrients from nearby vegetation and fungi. Without the work of deer and other wild animals, trees are vulnerable to pests and disease. Deer are integral to the complex web of life of all species including plants and other animals.

The supposed overpopulation of deer is ironic. Whereas I rarely if ever saw alive deer in Cincinnati parks, I saw humans everywhere (with more than 7 billion humans versus millions of deer worldwide, the talk of deer "overpopulation" is laughable), including drug addicts and their syringes, male prostitution, beer bottles, condoms, cigarette butts (i.e., nicotine, cyanide, and ammonia being spread by the wind to the detriment of asthmatics and others with pulmonary issues and children, and ending up in the water system), even computers and other electronic equipment so destructive for the environment, and other human generated materials.

I am curious about the research Cincinnati Parks has conducted to ascertain deer vs. human impact on the environment and the number of deer vs. humans in the parks since thanks to urban development, parks are the only green areas left for wildlife. I hope you will share your research with the public. Humans can survive on asphalt and concrete and grocery stores, deer cannot. They must be somewhere since humans have destroyed their natural habitats and food sources.

If Cincinnati Parks truly cared about reducing deer numbers, you would welcome non-lethal methods such as contraceptives and sterilization which have proven much more effective in curbing deer populations than hunting in areas in which these methods have been seriously tried, including in Clifton. And you would clean up the parks and restrict human activity to stop human destruction of the

ecosystem, and also welcome both deer and humans who respect the parks and want to bring their children to play and learn about nature or simply enjoy walking in the parks without running into hunters or dead and dying deer and deer running for their lives, and drugs, including needles, and drug addicts and prostitutes. After several encounters like these, I stopped visiting the parks which is not fair since I and others who believe parks are for enjoying nature in peace and tranquility pay for them through our taxes. The parks belong to the human residents of Cincinnati of which hunters are only a tiny minority, and to resident plants and animals, including deer.

Many Cincinnati residents are working tirelessly to put the issue to the voters in the form of a ballot measure, which I hope you will support. I just wish it were not necessary. Killing should not be a first measure to solving issues, and it should not be a right afforded to the very few who enjoy and promulgate violence. Most of us have had enough of violence and killing in this country. Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. Lindau

r.lindau3@gmail.com

[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/23/2025 8:16 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

On May 22, the world celebrates the International Day for Biological Diversity. This year's theme, "Harmony with nature and sustainable development" focuses on halting and reversing biodiversity loss.

Could someone notify the Cincinnati Park Commissioners before they remove the soil and pour concrete over vital habitat in Burnet Woods?

Sincerely,
Shari Frost



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BIODIVERSITY DAY**

[External Email] Public Comment June 2025

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Sat 5/24/2025 10:30 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>; CityManagerEmail <citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov>;
#COUNCIL <CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Cincinnati Leadership,

The golden rule doesn't just apply to people- even the smallest of creatures deserve decency. To protect them and advocate for them is part of our job as humans.

And do unto future generations as you would have past generations done unto you.

Please halt the dog park project in Burnet Woods and protect the greenspace for our wildlife and future generations.

Focus on the CSO repair, accessibility needs and crumbling infrastructure in the Park instead.

Sincerely,
Shari Frost



**“Do unto those downstream
as you would have those
upstream do unto you.”**

Wendell Berry

[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>
Date Wed 5/28/2025 6:36 AM
To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication



Please include attachment

For the record, I oppose the hardscape development, removal of soil and disruption of vital habitat in Burnet Woods.

Halt the dog park project.

You have violated the public trust.

Sincerely,
Shari Frost

[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Fri 5/30/2025 8:09 AM

To Marques, Jose <jose.marques@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>; #COUNCIL <CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Dear Cincinnati Health Department,

Is there any chance you could ask Cincinnati Parks to hold off on their planned hardscape development in Burnet Woods exacerbating the failed Combined Sewer situation in the park?

Until the sewers are repaired and storm water separated from the raw sewage flowing into the park it seems like a public health hazard to make the situation worse.

Do you have any information about the E.Coli levels found in the park, is the health department involved in monitoring the situation?

Sincerely,

Shari Frost

[External Email] Public Comment 6/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Mon 6/9/2025 9:54 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc CityManagerEmail <citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Dear Park Director and Commissioners,

I've attended a number of Park Board meetings to advocate for accessibility in Burnet Woods.

My hope was that you would consider making our Park system's very first nature center, Trailside, fully accessible for all park visitors instead of spending a large sum of money on a redundant "amenity", namely the off leash fenced area, that the park stakeholders were clearly not supportive of.

My request hasn't gone away even as the destruction of our park by your hand has begun.

Can you please start the discussion about what it would cost to add an elevator, if possible, and if not, what can be done to solve this.

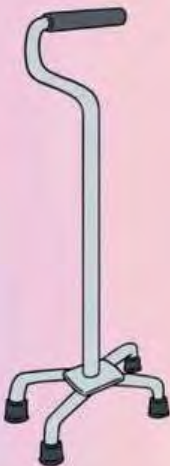
Sincerely,

Shari Frost

No one
is

able-bodied
forever.

Advocate for
an accessible
world now.



[External Email] Public Comment 6/20- Inwood Park Blight

From Cynthia Duval <cynthia_lough@hotmail.com>

Date Tue 6/10/2025 6:26 PM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc Betts, Daniel <daniel.betts@cincinnati-oh.gov>; #COUNCIL <citycouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>; CityManagerEmail <citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Visited this site again today and noted there has been zero effort made, since last email, to improve the eyesore that this construction site has become for the residents surrounding this park. Inwood Park has a large community event in early July and this is gross negligence.

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From: Cynthia Duval <cynthia_lough@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:39:31 PM

To: Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc: daniel.betts@cincinnati-oh.gov <daniel.betts@cincinnati-oh.gov>; CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov <citycouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>; CityManager@cincinnati-oh.gov <citymanager@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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External Email Communication

Park Commissioners,

It's wrong what you did to Burnet Woods.

When you're gone, we'll try to restore the valley, but the life giving soil that was hauled away for your pet project, as if it were nothing important, will take decades to rebuild.

Public trust will also take decades to rebuild.

Consider giving your seat to someone who understands the importance of soil to all living things.

Shari Frost

[External Email] Public Comment 6/20/25

From Stich Bear <stichbear@gmail.com>

Date Mon 6/16/2025 7:38 AM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Kearney, Jan-Michele <jan-michele.kearney@cincinnati-oh.gov>; #COUNCIL <CityCouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>

External Email Communication

Dear Park Board Commissioners and Director,

I am attaching a photo of Burnet Woods to remind each of you just how lucky we are that 151 years ago, city leaders had the forethought to preserve this acreage of old growth forest to allow the people of Cincinnati to BREATHE FRESH AIR.

Burnet Woods is the green heart and lungs of Cincinnati.

There is talk of the neighborhood of Clifton adding an overlay to include Burnet Woods in its boundary.

Having more people invested in protecting the woodland ecosystem for future generations sounds like it's a great thing, but I personally have lost trust in those charged with stewardship of this important Cincinnati treasure, some of whom live in the boundary of Clifton and have great influence and power.

If developers have their eyes on the park, as they have certainly have had since its inception, who will protect what remains from development?

We've already lost more than half of the park to hardscape development and the University.

Many dedicated volunteers took the time to both nominate, measure trees, and fill out the extensive paperwork required to add Burnet Woods to the Old Growth Forest Network.

WILL YOU SIGN THE APPLICATION?

Maybe that could give the forest remnant a little bit more protection in the future?

Thousands of people passed by the destruction of the Burnet Woods historic entrance at the conclusion of the No Kings March on June 14, 2025 seeing firsthand how limiting the addition of fences will be to the design of a man who despised them, and the shocking change of land use that the majority did not support.

When you see how incongruent it looks, maybe you'll join stakeholders in asking that the fencing be removed and the valley restored back to its original design. The soil that was dug out of the valley and hauled away as if it were "nothing" will take decades to rebuild. I had personally hoped that the woodland could have retained the soil, at the very least, to be used elsewhere in the park. We certainly have enough sinkholes to address.

Maybe you are storing it and will bring it back?

If so, please let the Burnet Woods Advisory Council in on it, because most of your dedicated volunteers are heartbroken right now.

We certainly could have used the multi-use greenspace that we called, Pleasant Valley, for those thousands of peaceful protesters who ended their event in historic Burnet Woods.

The basin of the park is also closed and unusable due to the e.coli contamination of human waste due to the sewer line/CSO disrepair and also due to the negligence of the Park Commissioners to prioritize its costly repair above unnecessary and unpopular pet projects like the "dog park". They have known about the issue for YEARS and we are just now getting signage to alert visitors of the danger.

Poor stewardship.

I wish that we had a Park Board with a background in conservation. Public Trust is so broken right now.

Sincerely,

Shari Frost

A Cincinnati Park Day Camp kid who grew up educate others about the importance of protecting our Cincinnati Parks.

Well done, you helped create an environmentalist. 🌳 🦉



[External Email] Public Comment 6/20

From Cynthia Duval <cynthia@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Date Wed 6/18/2025 7:03 AM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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External Email Communication

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From: **Denis Conover** <conovedg@hotmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 6:19 AM

Subject: Dead box turtle

To: Cynthia Duval <cynthia@preserveburnetwoods.org>, Bob Hyland
<bob@preserveburnetwoods.org>, Bob Bergstein <bergstein123@gmail.com>

CC: new steve pelikan <spelikan@gmail.com>, Mike George <michael.george@cincinnati-oh.gov>, Keane, Brian <keaneb@miamioh.edu>

Hi,

This crushed box turtle is in the cross walk leading from Burnet Woods to the Clifton Branch Library. It was probably trying to get away from the bulldozers and other construction activities in the dog park.

- Denis

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[External Email] Public Comment: Friday, June 20, 2025 meeting

From Haglund, Lisa (haglunla) <HAGLUNLA@UCMAIL.UC.EDU>

Date Wed 6/18/2025 8:14 AM

To Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc Barron, Jason <jason.barron@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Merz, Rocky <rocky.merz@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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External Email Communication

The Burnet Woods Park Advisory Council would like to know who is doing the monitoring for harmful bacteria and where the public can view the data from the monitoring?

Sincerely,

Lisa Haglund, BPAC Chair