

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

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September, 2014

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Harvest Moon Hayrides

Volunteers needed: 4-6 each evening

September 8, 9 & 10, 2014 (Mon, Tues, Wed) @ 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Forest Run MetroPark

1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013



"Help with hayrides. Keep fires going for s'mores. Flashlight pumpkin hunting."

**Connect at a MetroPark-
Volunteer Opportunities in
September & October**

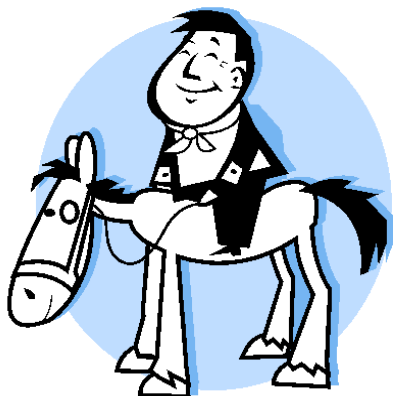
by Arrington Joyner

**Stepping Forward: Service in the
Parks**

Volunteers needed: As many as possible
Refreshments and tools provided

September 20, 2014 (Saturday) @ 8:00
AM – 12:00 PM
Sebald Park
5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH
45044

“Get trails ready for Horse Daze! Trails
and honeysuckle removal with the Butler
County Ohio Horseman’s Council. Bring
your own horse for a trail ride.”



October 25, 2014 (Saturday) @ 10:00
AM – 3:00 PM
Rentschler MetroPark: Timberhill
“Trail/camping area tasks, honeysuckle
removal, broad landscaping needs, and
indoor projects where/when
appropriate, but dress for the weather!”

Citizen Science Program

Volunteers needed: 4-6 with interest in
conservation

September 7, 2014 (Sunday) @ 5:00

PM – 7:00 PM

Chrisholm MetroPark: Augspurger
House
2070 Woodsdale Rd. Trenton, OH
45067

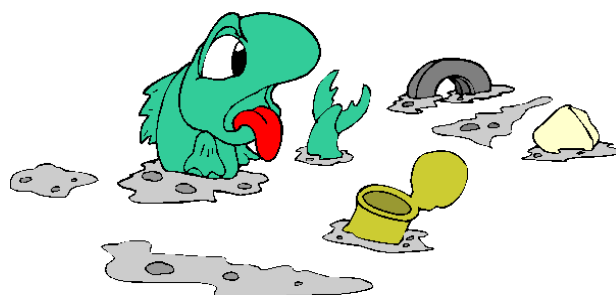
“Potluck and citizen science discussion
for volunteers interested in
conservation”

Harvest Moon Hayrides

Volunteers needed: 4-6 each
evening

September 8, 9 & 10, 2014 (Mon, Tues,
Wed) @ 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Forest Run MetroPark
1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH
45013

“Help with hayrides. Keep fires going for
s’mores. Flashlight pumpkin hunting.”



Mill Creek Cleanup

Volunteers needed: many

October 4, 2014 (Saturday) @ 9:00 AM
– 1:00 PM
Gilmore Park

“Because keeping our streams clean
keeps our communities beautiful. And
lunch will be provided! The cleanups will
occur in and along the stream, so be
prepared for walking through thick
brush and getting muddy.”



Operation Pumpkin

Volunteers needed: many (various shifts available)

October 3, 4, & 5, 2014 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Historic Downtown Hamilton @ MetroParks booth

"Help carve a giant pumpkin & pass out information"

You and Your Bike: Tune-up and Tips

Volunteers needed: 2

October 11, 2014 (Saturday) @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Bicentennial Commons – Great Miami River Recreational Trail
100 S. Carmody Blvd, Middletown, OH 45044

"Assist presenter with bicycling safety and tips, and registration"

Horse Daze

Volunteers needed: many

October 18, 2014 (Saturday) @10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sebald Park: Shelter #10

5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042

"Children's activities and crafts, assisting with horse rides & concessions"

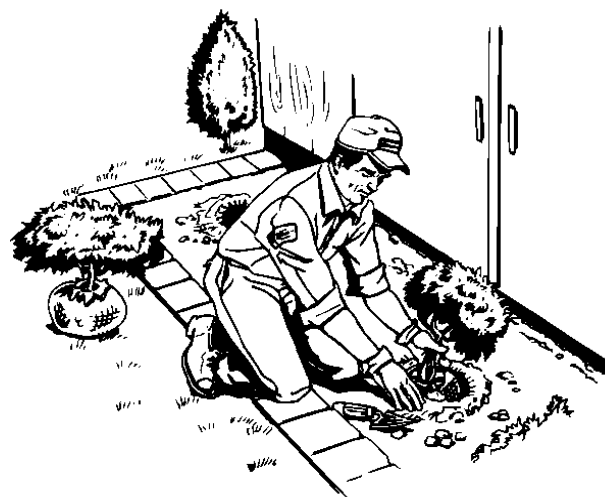
Great Miami Clean Sweep

Volunteers needed: as many as possible

October 25, 2014 (Saturday) @ 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3 Locations: Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Woodsdale Park, & Great Miami River Recreation Trail at Trenton/Middletown

"Community cleanup of the Great Miami Watershed"



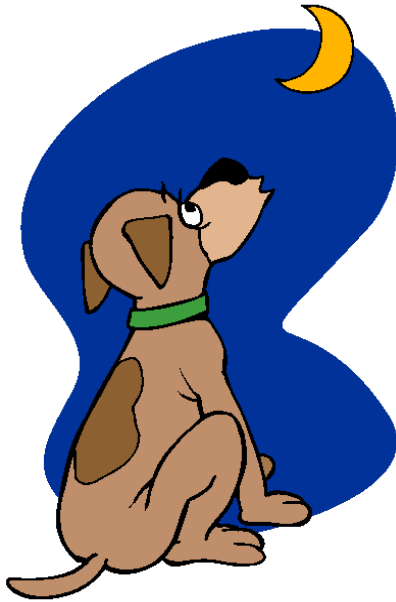
Make a Difference Day

Volunteers needed: many

October 25, 2014 (Saturday)

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
5701 Reigart Road, Fairfield Twp, OH 45011

"Trail/camping area tasks, honeysuckle removal, broad landscaping needs, and indoor projects where/when appropriate, but dress for the weather!"



The Howl

Volunteers needed: many

October 26, 2014 (Sunday)

Voice of America MetroPark: Paved Walking Path

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069

“Trick or Treat trail around the lake for dogs and kids. Costume dog parade.”

August Hump Day Concerts Bring the Season to a Close

Two final Hump Day Concerts took place during the month of August at Voice of America MetroPark. In a delightful mix of music styles, the crowds listened to blues, Caribbean, and easy-listening during the month. First up were the Medicine Men on August 13th, followed on the 27th by Jim Kogge and the Lonesome Strangers.



The Medicine Men



Jim Kogge & the Lonesome Strangers

Congratulations to Allison Wagner of MetroParks for her hard work organizing this year’s Hump Day Concert Series! The series of concerts offered something for all tastes in music. See you next year.



Feed the Birds, Tuppence a Bag



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Critter Corner: Blackburnian Warbler



This first-year immature male has similar coloration to an adult female. During the next breeding season, he will develop an orange throat and forehead spot, darker black patches on the back and shoulders, and a larger white patch on the wings.

Blackburnian warblers live in conifer forests and oak-hickory woodlands in southeast Canada and northeast USA. They migrate south through the eastern USA, eastern Mexico, and Central America to northern South America.

Birds are usually found high in trees, even during migration. They are usually hard to spot through the heavy foliage unless given away by their high-pitched song. Sometimes they can be seen foraging for insects or caterpillars near the end of branches.

FoMPBC Needs Committee Members! by Chris Osborne

The Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Board are looking for volunteers for their committees. The committees include but are not limited to membership, publicity, finance, and nominating. Your help is invaluable! The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at various locations. Check the newsletter for more details. Thank you! I am a new member, what can I do?

FoMPBC Needs Board Members!

by Matt Stitzel

The Friends of MetroParks of Butler County currently has 4 board member vacancies. Any members interested in becoming a board member then please contact Matt Stitzel at stitzemm@gmail.com. Thank you.

FoMPBC Members-Only Events

Attend a board meeting, second Wednesday of each month. Meeting start at 7:00 PM (except for the August board meeting, which will start at 5:30 PM to allow board members to attend the Hump Day Concert), locations vary. All members are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting.

Share us with your friends, help us grow.

Members Only Events

September 23, 2014 @ 7:00pm - Voice of America MetroPark

Description: Watch the sunset and look for crepuscular critters

We are in need of volunteers for various upcoming events. FOMPBC will have an information table at the following event.

Horse Daze at Sebald MetroPark
Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM-
4:00 PM

September:

Geology is a Journey – September 6 (10:00 AM–12:00 PM) Indian Creek MetroPark:

Oxford Reily Road Area

“Every rock has a story to tell about our ancient past and can open our eyes to the distant future,” says Jill Mignery, geology professor at Miami University. She will take us on a journey to learn the stories of rocks and fossils of our area. Part of the program will be exploring Indian Creek bed, so be prepared to get wet and muddy. Located at 1899 Oxford-Reily Road, Oxford,

Citizen Science Project Potluck September 7,
5:00-7:00 PM Chrisholm MetroPark: Chrisholm

- Augspurger House Meeting Room
Bring a side dish/dessert to share with other volunteers, while learning about citizen science projects being offered through MetroParks of Butler County. The importance of Bird Counts and monarch butterflies plantings for landscapes will be discussed. Metroparks will provide meat, drinks and tableware. 2070 Woodsdale Rd, Trenton OH 45067

Harvest Moon Hayrides September 8 - 10,
8:30-10:00 PM Forest Run MetroPark:

Welcome Center

A Full Moon Wagon Ride and pumpkin hunting by flashlight – now that’s fall fun! Take a hayride while enjoying the full (or nearly full) moon. Use your flashlight to hunt for the best pumpkin in the patch. Then enjoy a yummy s’more by the fire. The fee includes a wagon ride, pumpkin, activities and a s’more kit. Walk ups can enjoy campfire stories, a s’more kit and activities for \$5 each. Reservations must be made in advance for the hayrides. Space is limited. Group rates are available by calling 513-867-5835. Additional s’more kits available for a small fee at the program.

Discovery Kids: Migration Sensation

September 17, 10:30-11:30 AM Chrisholm MetroPark: Chrisholm - Augspurger House Meeting Room

Let's migrate with the animals! Program is designed for 3 to 5 year olds and their adult chaperones. Explore the wonders of the natural world through fun hands-on activities, songs, stories, games and a yummy snack. Chrisholm MetroPark, Chrisholm Historic Farmstead in the Augspurger House 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton OH 45067.

Discovery Kids: Migration Sensation

September 18, 1:00-2:00 PM Voice of America MetroPark: Community Room

Let's migrate with the animals! Program is designed for 3 to 5 year olds and their adult chaperones. Explore the wonders of the natural world through fun hands-on activities, songs, stories, games and a yummy snack. Community room at Ronald Reagan Lodge, Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester OH 45069

Stepping Forward: Service in the Parks
 September 20, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Sebald Park:
 Horse Trail

Get trails ready for Horse Daze! Trails and honeysuckle removal with the Butler County Ohio Horseman's Council. Bring your own horse for a trail ride.

Augspurger Historic Home Open House:
Chrisholm Photos September 21, 2:00-4:00 PM
 Chrisholm MetroPark: - Picnic Shelter
 Chrisholm MetroPark: - Augspurger House Meeting Room

Enjoy Chrisholm Photos with photographer Brandon Osuna. Visit and enjoy a Friends of Chrisholm docent led tour of the 1800s historic Amish Mennonite farm house and grounds. Join this special tour at Chrisholm MetroPark located at 2070 Woodsdale Rd, Trenton OH 45067. Meet at the Picnic Shelter.

Walking Sticks: Governor Bebb September 27, 10:00-11:00 AM Governor Bebb MetroPark
 Celebrate Great Outdoor Weekend with a look at the wilder side of Gov. Bebb MetroPark. FREE exploratory hiking program designed for active adults. Meet at the lower parking lot. 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana OH 45053

Sunrise at the Commons
 September 28, 7:30-9:30 AM
 Offsite: Event – Offsite
 Time for a bird hike. Those warblers and fall migrants are heading South! Walk with a knowledgeable guide along the Great Miami River. Spot waterfowl and possibly a bald eagle soaring by. Bring binoculars if you have them! Geared toward older children and adults. Pre-registration not required but is helpful. Meet at the Bicentennial Commons 100 S. Carmody Blvd, Middletown 45044.

FoMPBC Board Members

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| Richard Bergstrom | Ed Creighton |
| Nancy Harris | Chuck Holliday |
| Aby Ison | Roger Koch |
| Chris Osborne | Rich Owens |
| David Smith | Matt Stitzel |
| Bill Walker | 4 Vacancies |

FoMPBC 2014 Event Schedule

- September**
 10 Board Meeting, VOA, 7 PM
 23 “Members Only”, VOA, 7 PM
- October**
 8 Board Meeting, 7 PM
 18 Horse Daze, Sebald Park, 10 AM – 4 PM
 26 The Howl, VOA, 1 - 4 PM
- November**
 12 Board Meeting, 7 PM
- December**
 3 “Members Only”, Gov. Bebb
 10 Board Meeting, 7 PM



Ironweed



Yellow Collared Scrape Moths


Join the Timber Hill Restoration Coalition and MetroParks of Butler County on their eighth annual:

Make a Difference Day

Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Timberhill Reservable Area
3976 Hamilton Middletown Road, Hamilton OH 45013
Saturday, October 25, 2014, 10:00 AM

The Timber Hill Restoration Coalition and MetroParks of Butler County need your help in improving, maintaining, and preserving this one-of-a kind youth camping facility for the youth of Butler County and surrounding communities.

- Take down and store tents for the winter
- Trail work and landscaping
- Remove invasive honeysuckle
- Repair gravel paths and walkways
- Paint and renovate picnic tables
- Split and stack firewood
- General camp cleanup and infrastructure improvements
- **Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**



Timberhill is located on Route 4 just north of Hamilton between Bypass 4 and Liberty Fairfield Road.

- Enjoy lunch by the campfire. Lunch and drinks will be provided.
- A limited supply of tools are available. However, in some cases Volunteers may have to supply their own tools and equipment.
- A list of tools, supplies and directions to Timberhill will be emailed to you.

REGISTER NOW!

To register: please email the following information to Patti McDonald at timberhill.org@gmail.com or phone 513-829-4815
Registration Deadline: Saturday, October 18

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Youth: _____ Youth Ages: _____



Mill Creek Cleanup



Where

We will convene at the west shelter at Beckett Park in West Chester Township where folks will be organized into teams to tackle nearby sites along the Mill Creek.

Saturday **October 4**
2014
9:00am - 1:00pm

Who

This event is family-friendly and open to all ages.

Please RSVP by contacting
Annie Rahall at 513-563-8800 or
arahall@millcreekwatershed.org

Why

Because keeping our streams clean keeps our communities beautiful. And lunch will be provided!

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Special thanks to:

