

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

December 2022 & January 2023



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Community Connections

- **E-blasts** reaching 1,068 people. In the past 28 days, **Facebook posts** have reached 9,684 people
- Fridays and Saturdays in December: arranged Kings High School student **volunteers for Holiday in Lights** car check-in.
- 1/3: Touched base with **Gold Project** candidate Tori Schretter about her Little Free Library project at Landen-Deerfield Park.
- 1/3: Met with **Eagle Scout** candidate Zach Marsden to review his project at Armco Park. He will be installing fishing line filament recycling stations and an informational fish identification kiosk this coming summer.
- 1/6: Attended **White Tails Unlimited Caesar Creek Chapter** meeting with Ben Yoder, Jim Prickett, and Dave Woehr to share how their contributions to our nature programs last year impacted the community. I will be working with them in the upcoming year to create special opportunities for local veterans to encourage utilization of our parks and mental and physical wellness for the group.
- 1/9: **Warren County Conservation Cooperative** meeting with Laura Stanton (WC OSU Ext), Melissa Proffitt (WC Soil & Water CD), Casey Burdick (Lebanon Parks and Rec), and Erin Shaw (Caesar Creek SP) to share and promote each other's programming for upcoming season. This will be year two of our official collaboration and we all agreed that it has worked really well for all of our outreach efforts. We are working on a June "**Living Green**" series to be held weekly at Armco Park Jones Pavilion; more to come soon!
- 1/9: **Animals in Winter** Homeschool Program, 12 people attended. The students helped me hang and fill **bird feeders** outside the Jones Pavilion to begin attracting birds for our birding events over the next six weeks.
- 1/9: Touched base with **WCPD office staff** about upcoming programs. Shannon Aquino is forwarding me minutes from the Park Commissioners meetings as a way to achieve better communication about Park District updates. The Friends were excited about this and feel this is a good way to recognize if they can provide **financial support for any upcoming WCPD projects**. If there are any specific things you would like them to consider funding, please reach out.
- 1/11: **Friends Meeting** via Zoom, officers elected for 2023 are Dianna Kenneally (President), Dave Nuscher (Vice President), Kathie Bowers (Treasurer), Jim Prickett (secretary), 10 people attended.
- 1/11: **Coyotes in our Community** program for Clermont County, 39 people attended. If you have not been to their **Pattison Lodge**, it is a really cool facility! They said they recently updated it and wedding rentals have increased significantly. There's a gazebo outside where weddings take place, and receptions are held in the Lodge. I can envision something similar at Armco Park!
<https://www.clermontparks.org/rentals/pattison-lodge/>

- 1/12: Met with Vicky Guelpa, member of **Dry Dredgers Society**, re. the fossils that were donated to us from a Friend of WCPD. Vicky is going to help me identify, sort, and label the donated specimens and we plan to use them for future programs, including Tech-Free Tuesdays.
- 1/12: Jeff Hayes from **Raptor, Inc.** did a site visit to Armco Park to identify possible locations for a **great horned owl nesting can**. Because the tree the owl nested in last year is no longer there, this is a good alternative and can be placed in an area that will not be disruptive to the nesting owl or staff.
- Refreshed **job postings** for **WCPD CEO** and **Mechanic** positions on [social media pages](#). Both positions are also being shared on [Green Umbrella](#). The CEO position is also on [LinkedIn](#).

Upcoming Events



Winter 2023

Public Events

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed, 1/11, 1-3pm, Friends of WC Park District Mtg, election of officers, ZOOM • Wed, 1/11, 6:30-8pm, Coyotes in Our Community, Clermont County Park District - Pattinson Lodge • Sat, 1/21, 6:30-9pm, WC Astronomical Society Star Party, Hisey Park, Fred Bay Observatory • Sat, 1/28, 9:30-11am, Bird Walk with Wild Birds Unlimited, Armco Park, Jones Pavilion 	JAN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed, 2/8, 6:30-7:30, Coyotes in our Community, Deerfield Twp, Trustee Meeting Room • Thurs, 2/16, 10-11am, Coyotes in our Community, Lathrem Sr Ctr • Fri, 2/17, 6-7pm, EXCLUSIVE: Beaks and Talons - RAPTOR, Inc., Armco Park (for Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, Master Gardeners and Friends of WCPD. Join the Friends for just \$15!) • Sat, 2/18, 8am-noon, Great Backyard Bird Count, Armco Park • Sat, 2/18, 6:30-9pm, Warren Co Astronomical Society Star Party, Hisey Park, Fred Bay Observatory • Sun, 2/19, 3-7pm, Great Backyard Bird Count, Armco Park 	FEB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed, 3/8, 1-3pm, Friends of WC Park District Mtg, ZOOM • Sat, 3/11, 9am, Run for the Green, Landen-Deerfield Park • Sat, 3/18, 6:30-9pm, Warren Co Astronomical Society Star Party, Hisey Park, Fred Bay Observatory 	MAR



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Coyotes in Our Community

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Warren County Park District
in collaboration with
Deerfield Township

- Natural history of the species.
- What to do if you see one in your yard.
- How to protect your kids and pets.



WARREN CO. PARK DISTRICT GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 2023



Inside the Heated Warren County Armco Park Jones Pavilion, 1223 SR 741, Lebanon, OH 45036

EXCLUSIVE LIVE RAPTOR PROGRAM



Enjoy "Beaks and Talons" from RAPTOR, INC. Become a Friend of Warren County Park District member for just \$15 to join us! Master Gardeners and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists can attend for free!

More info: FWCPDOH.com

Fri., Feb. 17, 6-7pm



FREE PUBLIC EVENTS

Help us create an official 2023 count for WC Armco Park. Look for birds around the park or watch the bird feeders from inside. Enjoy indoor activities, go on bird walks with local enthusiasts, and chat with experts from the Birders of Warren County Facebook Group and Wild Birds Unlimited. Bird lovers of all abilities and skill levels are encouraged to participate!

Sat., Feb. 18, 8am-noon & Sun., Feb. 19, 3-7pm



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