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**The Boardman Arts Park: Community Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>!**  
*The Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet*

**The Boardman Arts Park is thrilled to usher in their event season, with a May 1<sup>st</sup> kickoff – Community Day!**

The Boardman Arts Park invites the community to visit the park on Saturday, May 1, 2021 for the presentation of new art, including a one-day-only piece in support of Skin Cancer Awareness Month. From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, visitors can watch the installation of the park's iconic sails, with a new color being added for the season. Families are encouraged to attend the event with young children, who can enjoy a ride in a freshly-painted "art car" on our open walking path.

One statue in the park will transform into a banana for Skin Cancer Awareness Month, courtesy of Groundswell Group. The group's campaign is summarized:

*"We're not covered from head to toe like a banana. In fact, 1 in 5 Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime. But it's not bananas to think we can prevent the sun damage that can lead to it. Because the more awareness we raise, the more people can protect themselves from the sun. Spread the word. Spread the sunscreen. Help stop skin cancer."*

We encourage visitors on Saturday to snap a photo with the statue and share, using the hashtag #WeAreNotBananas.

Roxanne Amidon, Director of the Boardman Arts Park, shares the Park's excitement of hosting their first event of the season: "We are thrilled the sculpture *Ash Man*, by Benny Shoults, and the Arts Park were selected as the Ohio site for the 50 state skin cancer awareness campaign."

Bring the family to the Boardman Arts Park on Saturday, and do not forget the sunscreen! The first 45 guests between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM will receive a special prize!

To learn more about The Imagination Park and stay updated on the campaign's progress, visit [www.theboardmanartspark.org](http://www.theboardmanartspark.org) and follow them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/boardmanartspark> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/boardmanartspark>.

The Boardman Arts Park is located at 154 W William St, Delaware, OH 43015.