

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

February, 2020

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February Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

7 PM, February 12

River Center

100 S Carmody Blvd, Middletown, OH 45044

Save the Date

Friends of MetroParks Butler County will be having its 2020 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6 pm. We will host this event at the Voice of America MetroPark, Ronald Reagan Lodge -- Trophy Room, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069.

Brett Beatty, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will present; "Coyotes: Their Expanding Range in Ohio". Dinner will be provided.

To make a reservation please see the annual meeting invitation in the March and /or April issue of the Voice. Or, call 513.593.2735, or email kochtrees@gmail.com.

Letter from the President

Somehow Punxsutawney Phil failed to see his shadow on Groundhog Day despite all the TV camera lights. To be fair, the only snow thus far this winter has been of the user-friendly sort that decorates lawns and trees without accumulating on sidewalks or driveways. I, for one, am prepared to suffer six more weeks of winter that doesn't involve shoveling. A little sunshine every now and then wouldn't hurt, though.

See you in the parks!

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC



Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy spring on the farm with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: It's All in the Snow, Love is Chocolate, Love is on the Farm, Farmers to USA Presidents, Grow as We Go, There's a Cow in my Marshmallow, A Farmer's Native Friends, In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

Fun on the Farm is on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am and Sunday's from 2:00-4:00pm (No Program on Thanksgiving Day)

Murder Mystery Valentine's Dinner



Midnight at the Masquerade! Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball and get this soiree back on track by helping solve the crime. Evening Wear, Ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear to this classy night of masks and murder! (Costumes are optional.)

Included with your ticket is a three course dinner catered by City BBQ. Light appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and a full cash bar will also be available.

The Murder Mystery Company will be there putting on a spectacular show for you to join in and be part of the adventure in solving the mystery. Please arrive 30 minutes early. All shows contain Adult Humor and are not intended for a young audience.

\$45 per person. For groups of 8 or more, please call our administration office at 513-867-5835 for the \$41.99 per person group rate.

Registration for this program closes on 2/8/2020. For registration requests after this date, please call the administration office at 513-867-5835 to check availability.

Saturday. February 15, 6:00-9:00 PM
Voice of America MetroPark Ronald Reagan Lodge 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

Let's Go Hiking! Tracks, Scats and Signs



There are so many animals living in the parks that we never get to see. So how do we know they're there? By identifying their tracks, scats, and signs. Join in on this hike and learn how to identify common signs of wildlife! Please dress for the chilly weather.

FREE and open to all ages. Meet at the Overlook Shelter. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5348. Walk-ups are welcome!

Saturday. February 15, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Harbin Park - 1300 Hunter Road Fairfield Ohio 45014

Project WILD & Aquatic WILD workshop



Hosted by MetroParks and Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District, Project WILD and Aquatic WILD are interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education programs emphasizing wildlife. These programs are designed for K-12 formal and informal adult educators of all disciplines. This workshop is tailored for educators of grades 1-5. CEU's are available for all participants.

Connecting students to nature, scientific inquiry, bringing nature in the classroom, and giving students exploratory outdoor learning opportunities are focal points of all Project WILD programs.

Registration is REQUIRED by Friday, February 21st. Space is limited.

There will be a 30-minute lunch break during the program. Please plan to pack a lunch, as lunch is not provided.

K-12 curriculum and activity guides for Project WILD and Aquatic WILD are supplied free of charge by ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Saturday. February 29, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM
Voice of America MetroPark - Ronald Reagan Lodge - 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH

Did You Know

Kroger Community Rewards Update

FOMPBC organization # TM866

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations earn \$4 million in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern Kentucky through their Community Rewards program. FOMPBC is one of the Many wonderful organizations that benefit from this program.

How Can YOU Help Us?

In April 2017 Kroger's updated their Community Rewards process and software. As of April, supporters will no longer have to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for your organization. This will make it easier for you to support us! Please take a moment and make sure you are enrolled and supporting FOMPBC. <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Once you're enrolled you will earn rewards for FOMPBC every time you shop and use your Plus Card.



Amazon Smile

What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you and your family to support FOMPBC every time you shop from Amazon, at no cost to you. Instead of shopping at Amazon.com you go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to FOMPBC.

Farm Animal Fund

Chrisholm Farmstead MetroPark is almost ready to begin adding livestock to the new pens. Because MPX can only make purchases from pre-approved vendors, this red tape makes it difficult to buy animals from individual farmers. Our status as a 501C3 tax-exempt non-profit group makes it possible to streamline livestock purchases for Chrisholm. We have set aside a special account for such purchases. Please send your tax-free donation to: Friends of MetroParks of Butler County
PO Box 691, Hamilton, OH 45012

Please make sure to make a note on the memo line of your check “Chrisholm Animal Fund” to make sure your donation helps populate the new FarmScape.

MetroParks to Host Educator Workshops in 2020

by Stephanie McCabe, Interpretive Naturalist

Do you have a passion for teaching? A passion for all things WILD? MetroParks of Butler County is partnering with Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District to facilitate not one, but two Project WILD workshops this year.

So what is Project WILD? Project WILD is a blanket term for all the educational programs that it encompasses, which include Growing Up WILD (students PreK – 3rd grade), Curious KIDSS (K – 2nd grade), Aquatic WILD (K – 12th grade), and of

course, Project WILD (K – 12th grade). These programs are “interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program[s] emphasizing wildlife. The goal of Project WILD programs is to assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills, and commitment resulting in informed decisions, responsible behavior, and constructive actions concerning wildlife and the environment” [1]. Launched in 1983, Project WILD started as a joint project between the Council for Environmental Education (CEE) and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA). The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) took over Project WILD in 2017 [2]. They partner with state agencies, such as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Wildlife for the state of Ohio program, in order to train volunteer facilitators, provide the educational activity guides and resources, and become a more local source of Project WILD information.

The primary audience of Project WILD is educators of school-aged children. The educational guides (provided free of charge by the ODNR – Division of Wildlife) contain educational activities on conservation and wildlife that the workshop participants can take back to their PreK-12 students (grade level depends on which workshop is attended). Essentially, the goal of the workshop is to provide the WILD training to educators so they can teach the curriculum to their students. About Project WILD, long-time facilitator Lynn White of Butler County Soil and Water Conservation District says, “Workshops like Project WILD are extremely important to provide educators with the resources to teach their students how to think and not what to think. I believe that informed students are the most likely to participate in the decision-making programs and to make a difference through their actions.”

If you are an educator (or know an educator) and this sounds like a WILD time to you, we are holding the following workshops in 2020, both at Voice of America MetroPark:

- The first of these is a combined Project WILD and Aquatic WILD workshop on Saturday, February 29th from 9:00am to 3:30pm.
- The second is a Growing Up WILD workshop on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Registration is required for these workshops and space is limited. Get more information and save your spot by visiting our website at www.YourMetroParks.net. It's sure to be WILD fun!



References:

[1] *Project WILD K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide*; Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

[2] <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/education-and-outdoor-discovery/conservation-education-project-wild#tabr1>

Wildflower Corner



What is rarer than a 4-leaf clover? How about a 4-leaf sessile trillium? For a plant named for having parts in multiples of three it seems strange to find one with 4 leaves. Also known as a toadshade, this harbinger of spring is easy to tell from other trilliums because its maroon flower lacks a stalk (you might say it has a neck like a wrestler). The flower is foul smelling, since pollinators include flies and beetles.

This perennial wildflower is native to the central part of the eastern US. It is most commonly found in moist woodlands, flood plains, limestone woods, and along fence rows. Flowers normally appear from April to June.

There are some published reports of using cooked greens from this plant as an emergency food. Since the entire plant, especially the root causes vomiting, the wise reader is advised to seek elsewhere for his woodland snack. The fruit is considered a suspected poison. A more likely use of the plant involves its medicinal benefits. Treatment of tumors or as a poultice to cure boils have been reported. Just remember that picking wildflowers in MetroParks is not allowed.

Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

- Upcoming members events & meetings
- Volunteering with MPX
- MPX programming



PROJECT WILD & AQUATIC WILD WORKSHOP



Project WILD & Aquatic WILD Workshop

WHEN Saturday, February 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
7850 VOA Park Drive
West Chester, OH 45069

PRICE \$10.00/Participant
YourMetroParks.net
Registration Required by 2/21/2020

ABOUT

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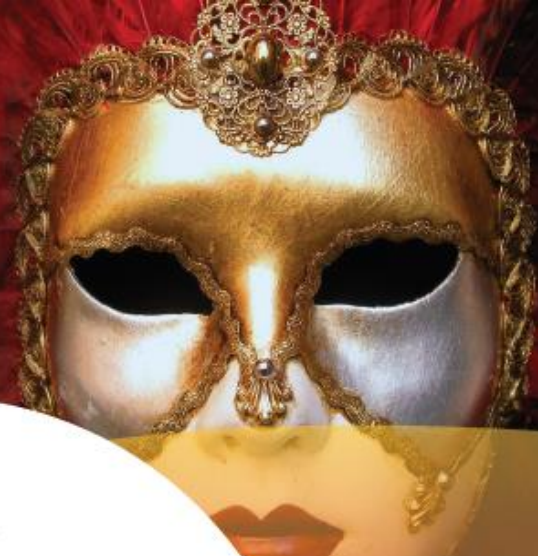
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Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents \$5/daily or \$10/annually.



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Murder Mystery Valentines Dinner



Midnight at the Masquerade

WHEN **Saturday February 15, 2020**
6:00-9:00 Show Time
Doors open 5:30 to mingle with the characters

WHERE **Voice of America MetroPark**
Ronald Reagan Lodge
7850 VOA Park Drive
West Chester, OH 45069

PRICE **\$45.00/person**
Groups of 8 or more \$41.99/person

DINNER **3-course dinner catered by City BBQ**
Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Pesto Veggies, Green Bean Classic, Smashed Potatoes w/gravy, Dinner Rolls, Premium Salad, Peach Cobbler, Triple Chocolate Cake

Light Appetizers, Full Cash Bar Available, Non Alcoholic beverages available

ABOUT

Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball and help get this soiree back on track by helping solve the crime.

Evening Wear, Ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear to this class night of masks and murder!

Get ready for a glamorous evening of mystery, intrigue, and murder.

Pre-registration required

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FEBRUARY EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2020

SALAMANDER ADVENTURE

Indian Creek MetroPark
Springfield Road Area
Between Feb 1st & March 31st
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
*You will be contacted when migration begins
Registration Required - Space limited
FREE

MIDDLETOWN WINTER HIKE SERIES

Bicentennial Commons
River Center
Sat., February 1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Registration Required by 1/31/2020
FREE

OWL PROWL NIGHT HIKE

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
Sat., February 1, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration Required by 1/31/2020
FREE

SEASONS IN THE PARK: WINTER

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge
Sun., February 2, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

ABC'S OF FARM LIFE
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., February 2, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

IT'S ALL IN THE SNOW
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 6, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

OWL PROWL NIGHT HIKE

Harbin Park
1300 Hunter Road, Fairfield 45014
Sat., February 8, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration Required by 2/7/2020
by calling 513.867.5348
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

LOVE IS CHOCOLATE
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., February 9, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

LOVE IS ON THE FARM
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES

TRACKS, SCATS & SIGNS
Harbin Park
1300 Hunter Road, Fairfield 45014
Sat., February 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348
FREE

MURDER MYSTERY VALENTINE'S DINNER

MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE
Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Sat., February 15, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Registration Required by 2/8/2020
\$45/person

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

A FARMER TO PRESIDENT OF THE USA
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., February 16, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

GROW AS WE GO
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 20, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

THERE'S A COW IN MY MARSHMALLOW
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., February 23, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

A FARMER'S NATIVE FRIENDS
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 27, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

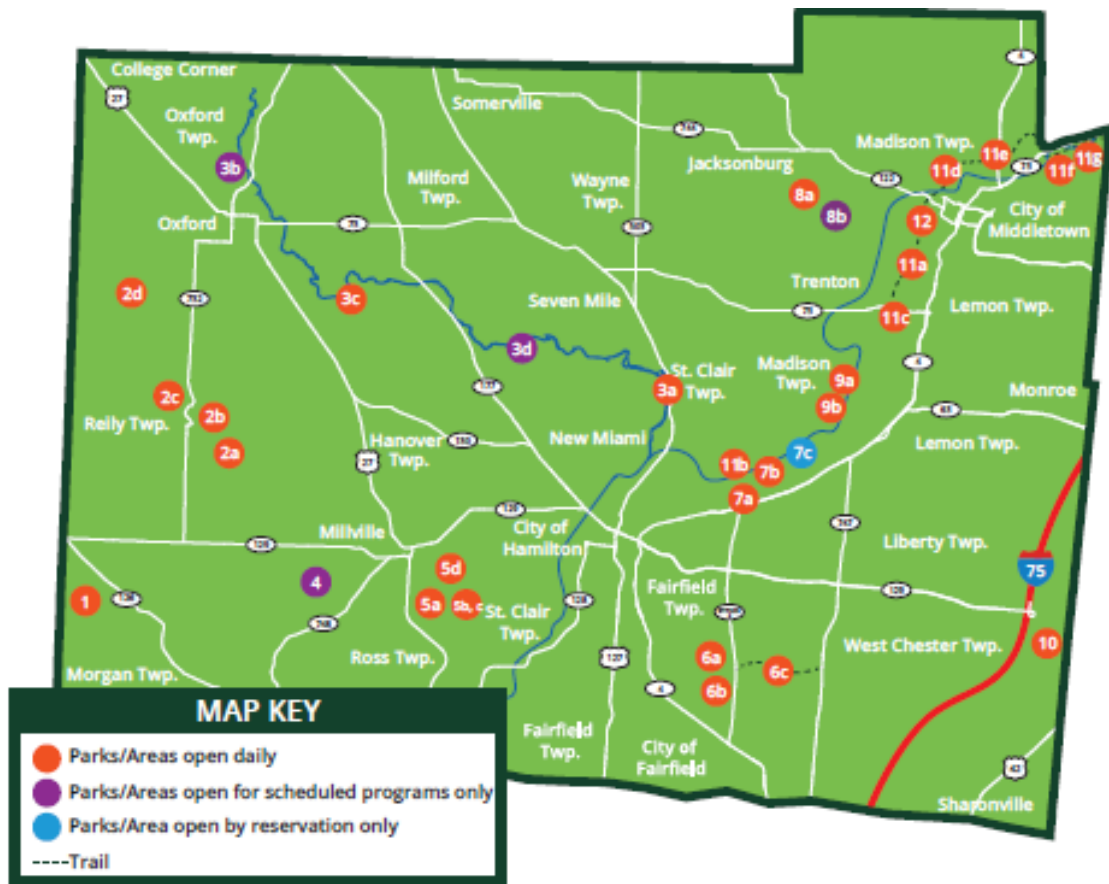
PROJECT WILD AND AQUATIC WILD

EDUCATOR'S WORKSHOP
Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Sat., February 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Registration Required by 2/21/2020
\$10/Participant

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The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation. For more information visit us at www.YourMetroParks.net or call 513.867.5835

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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053
Bebb Natural Area
Dry Fork Campground
Pioneer Village

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK

2A. Bunker Hill Cemetery
 5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
2b. Oxford Road Area
 1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732)
 Oxford OH 45056
2C. Springfield Road Area
 6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056
2D. Pioneer Church
 3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056

3. FOUR MILE CREEK METROPARK

3A. Antenen Preserve
 2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
3B. Mill Race Area
 5911 Morning Sun Road Oxford OH 45056
3C. Sycamore Bluffs Area
 3742 Lane: Mills Road Hamilton OH 45011
3D. Davidson Woods Area
 1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

5. Forest Run MetroPark

5A. Engle House - Little Dry Run - Administrative Office
 2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5B. Welcome Center
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5C. Timberman Ridge
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5D. Wildlife Preserve Area
 1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

6. GILMORE METROPARK

6A. Gilmore Road Area
 7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015
6B. Bilstein Boulevard Area
 8500 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015
6C. Port Union Trail Area

7. RENTSCHLER FOREST METROPARK

7A. Riegart Road Area
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7B. Line Hill Mound Area
 3620 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7C. Timberhill Area
 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

8. Elk Creek MetroPark

8A. Sebald Park Area
 5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
8B. Meadow Ridge Area
 5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

9. Chrisholm MetroPark

9A. Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067
9B. Woodsdale Regional Park
 1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

10. Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069
Athletic Complex
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Natural Areas & Chill Hill Sledding Hill
Wiggly Field Dog Park
Wheelhouse Outdoor Area

11. Great Miami River Trail

11A. North Section
 50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044
11B. South Section
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
11C. Parking Areas
 50 Oxford State Road, Middletown OH 45044
 26 North Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45044
 2399 North Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45042
 3801 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042
 4401 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

12. Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue

December Volunteers



Brunch with Santa at Voice of America MetroPark-Ronald Reagan Lodge 12/15/19

****Don't forget to update your hours and stay on top of them throughout the year. If you have hours to report, please enter them into the Volunteer software by the end of the year or email them to Amy Pellman. Hours entered are reported annually and can assist in Grant writing applications!****

January Birthday Corner!

Lawanna Casto	1/1	Clyde McIntosh	1/14
Robert Casto	1/1	Marsha McIntosh	1/15
Jordan Miller	1/2	Andrew Smuda	1/17
Carol Souder	1/2	Beth Ann Dabbelt	1/20
Steve Browne	1/3	Eric Burgess	1/21
Farha Watley	1/5	Joseph Holman	1/21
Daniel Byrd	1/6	Sarah Burkhart	1/22
Christian Leach	1/10	Patricia J Smith	1/22
Benjamin Kanoza	1/11	Cora Bowen	1/24
Sue Tutas	1/12	Gabriel Rivera	1/27
Becky Simpson	1/13	Veronica Price	1/31
Emily Bottoni	1/14		
Connor Fluhart	1/14		



MetroPark Staff Spotlight



Stephanie McCabe – Interpretive Naturalist

Tell us a little about your background and what brought you to MetroParks?

I held my first snake and box turtle at 8 years old and have never looked back. I have always had a great love for animals and always wanted to work with them. I have worked and volunteered for many organizations in SW Ohio, including the Cincinnati Zoo, Hueston Woods Nature Center, Ohio River Foundation, Cincinnati Nature Center, The Hefner Museum of Natural History, Miami University's Outdoor Pursuit Center, and Arrowhead Reptile Rescue, among others. As a Butler County native and Miami University graduate, I was thrilled to start working with MetroParks over two years ago, initially as an intermittent Program Leader and now as a full-time Interpretive Naturalist. Bridging the gap between nature and people is very rewarding and I absolutely love what I get to do!

Tell us a little about your family:

My family is spread out all over the country, so holidays are always the best time of year for us to get together. My family is amazing, and I love them very much!

Do you have any hobbies?

I grew up playing tennis and still enjoy it when I have time. Pete Sampras will always be my favorite. I still spend time volunteering when I can and seeking out more learning opportunities. I love to travel whenever I get the chance. I spent most of my childhood into adulthood in some sort of choir, but now I mainly sing to my steering wheel. On the rare day that I have nothing to do, you can find me on the couch watching Netflix and relaxing!

What do you like to do for fun or Is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?

I taught myself to juggle. I'm not the best at it yet but I'll demonstrate for you if you ask!

What do you love most about working for MetroParks?

I'm lucky enough to get to spend a lot of time outdoors and with animals. Whether our native or farm program animal ambassadors, or observing plants and animals in our parks, it's all great and so awe-inspiring!

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Decorating for the Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 14, 2020 time to be determined

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Have a knack for decorating? We could use a few hands to help us transform the Lodge into the scene of the crime! If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 15, 2020

Event runs: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Shifts available: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm; 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Who did it? Come help with registration, bussing tables and everything else and find out! If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Trail Maintenance Steward

When: Flexible; during park hours 8:00 am - dusk

Where: Assigned hiking trails within MetroParks

What: Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in assigned MetroPark at least 4 hours a month.

Stewards report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff and pick up any trash.

Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Group Service Projects

When: Flexible

Where: Various

What: MetroParks always has a variety of projects for groups to complete! If you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information. Please allow a minimum of 2-3 months for planning.

Program/Event & Preparation Support

When: Flexible

Where: Multiple Locations

What: Park Connections staff presents multiple education, recreation, and conservation programs and events throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help with preparing for MetroParks events and programs. Volunteers may create crafts, prepare signage, organize materials and supplies, clean materials and supplies, and other general tasks, as well as, volunteer for the program itself. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Administrative Office Support

When: Flexible

Where: Forest Run MetroPark-Administrative Office

2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

What: Comfortable with spreadsheets and data entry? We are looking for a volunteer to help with entering information into our Motor Vehicle Permit database. If interested, please contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Photography opportunity

Are you an amateur/professional/hobbyist photographer? Do you like to take pictures of people, places and special events? We are looking for high resolution photos with a dpi of 300 or more. If interested, please contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Trail Ambassadors – Great Miami River Trail

When: Flexible

Where: Great Miami River Trail – Trenton to Middletown Section

What: Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month (March through October) on their bicycle. Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Long-term Survey Project

****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: flexible

Where: Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Elk Creek MetroPark, Forest Run MetroPark - Wildlife Preserve Area

What: We are looking for volunteers to count passengers in vehicles coming into the three park areas listed above. Timing can be flexible in 1-2 hour increments. We will provide equipment and training. If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Historical Interpreter

****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: During Field trip season which typically runs the end of March through mid to late May as well as late August – mid November.

Where: Governor Bebb MetroPark, Pioneer Village, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana OH 45053

What: Do you have a love of history? A desire to educate? Want to learn how? We have the job for you! We are looking for interested individuals to train as historical interpreters. All training and period clothing will be provided. If interested, contact Amy Pellman.

Contact Us

Give us a call or visit us on the web for more information about service opportunities.

MetroParks Of Butler County
2051 Timberman Road
Hamilton OH 45013
513.867.5835
www.YourMetroParks.net

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Did you know?

- Volunteer hours are reported to the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners EVERY month? Please be sure to log your hours or email them to Amy for entry!
- Visit www.YourMetroParks.net, select "Support Us", then "Volunteering". Scroll down to the Volunteer Policy. On page 8 is the list of all the rewards! Don't know how many hours you have? Just let me know!

"Help one another. There's no time like the present, and no present like the time." ~ **James Durst**

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Our Mission	To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs
Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to Member-only events • Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects • Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor programs & activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation • Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County • Identify and implement improvements to the park • Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission

Yes, I/We want to be a member of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County!

Detach the form below and Mail it with your check to the address below

Become a Friend!

Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County
PO Box 691
Hamilton, OH 45012

Pick an Annual Membership

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- Group/Business - \$100
- Donation - \$ _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____