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

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**Upcoming Events**

**Show and Tell on the Farm**

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](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 Voice of the Turtle, February, 2020

- 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!

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.

References:

[1] Project WILD K-12 Curriculum and Activity Guide; Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Like our Facebook Page for updates on:
- Upcoming members events & meetings
- Volunteering with MPX
- MPX programming
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 YOA Park Drive
           West Chester, OH 45069

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

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

513.367.5835 | YourMetroParks.net  
Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents $5/daily or $10/annually.
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
Rentzheimer 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
Chisholm 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
Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 6, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

OWL PROWL NIGHT HIKE
Harbins 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
Chisholm 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
Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., February 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

LET’S GO HIKING SERIES
TRACKS, SCATS & SIGNS
Harbins 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
Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., February 16, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM
GROW AS WE GO
Chisholm 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 MARSHMALLOWS
Chisholm 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
Chisholm 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

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 513.867.5343
Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents $5/day or $10/annually.
1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK
   1979 Bebb Park Lane Okemos OH 45053
   Bebb Natural Area
   Dry Fork Campground
   Pioneer Village

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK
   2A. Bunker Hill Cemetery
       5351 Revel-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
   2B. Oxford Road Area
       1899 Oxford-Reilly 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 Treibler Road Hamilton OH 45011
   3B. Mill Race Area
       5911 Morning Sun Road Oxford OH 45056
   3C. Sycamore Bluffs Area
       3742 Lanes Mills Road Hamilton OH 45011
   3D. Davidson Woods Area
       1200 Hughey Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE
   4821 Leyhigh 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. Seabald Park Area
       5500 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
   8B. Meadow Ridge Area
       5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

9. Chisholm MetroPark
   9A. Chisholm 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
         4401 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

12. Bicentennial Commons
    Carmody Boulevard at Centra 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 Pollman. Hours entered are reported annually and can assist in Grant writing applications!**

January Birthday Corner!

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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
- 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?
Private citizens who have come together to:
- 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!
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