The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

June, 2019

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June Board Meeting! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Dr, West Chester, OH 45069

6:00-6:45 PM



Letter from the President

Just returned from a vacation to Gatlinburg, TN. For a change, no tornado warnings or forest fires. Except for a Scottish Highland Games in Maryville, where the rain and wind disrupted the festivities by blowing away the Scotch tasting tent, the weather was sunny and pleasant. Drives through Smokey Mountain National Park lead to spotting black bears, white tailed deer, and wild turkeys. Lots of butterflies in evidence, but the newly-reintroduced elk somehow didn't get the memo that we were coming. We rode a chairlift to the top of a ridge overlooking Gatlinburg and then braved the nation's longest suspension footbridge (including a glass floor in the middle!) The management assured us that the glass is four times stronger than the surround wooden planks, but some members of our party remained unconvinced. Other days we enjoyed a relaxing pontoon boat ride on Douglas Lake, laughed along with a Red Skelton tribute show, and (one of us) learned the hazards of not singing along with a Sweet Fanny Adams singalong. A fun time was had by all. It's good to get home to rest up after the vacation.

Please join me in extending our sympathy to Judy Shillinglaw, who recently lost her husband, Jim, after a long illness. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10 am at Breitenbach-Anderson Funeral Home, 517 South Sutphin St. in Middletown. A service will follow the visitation on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11 am at the funeral home. Burial to follow the service at Woodside Cemetery, 1401 Woodside Blvd., in Middletown, conducted by the Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Middletown, 3909 Central Ave., Middletown, OH 45044.

The 2019 Hump Day Concert series got off to a good start the last Wednesday in May with the Stagger Lee Band. This year's bands offer something for everyone's musical taste. Groups include 50's and 60's music, country, Caribbean, blues, tributes to Elvis and Paul McCartney,

bluegrass, and rock & roll. Join us at VOA to enjoy your favorite band or to discover a new favorite.

See you in the parks!

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: Dandelion Delight, ABC's of Farm Life, Bug Bites, Bingo, Water is Life,

Fun on the Farm is on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm and Sunday's from 2:00-4:00pm

Hump Day Concert Series



Need a little Mid-Week pick me up? Come out to Voice of America MetroPark and enjoy live Music, Food & Family Fun every Wednesday for the Hump Day concert series.

The Concert Series this month will feature: The Belairs, JAYME, Model Behavior, Parrots of the Caribbean, and Dat Band

Family Fun Friday



It's time for Family Fun Fridays! Join MetroParks of Butler County with partners Butler Soil and Water Conservation District and Ohio State University Extension for some summer fun!

This week's theme is Animal Pursuits. Encounter wildlife from your very own backyard with animal games and a live animal program! This is a FREE program, snacks are included.

Friday, June 7, 10:00=11:30AM

Rentschler forest Metro Park: Cummings Shelter-5701 Reigart Rd, Fairfield OH 45011

Meet the Planet: Jupiter



Join us with members of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society to learn all about our planets! The night will begin with fun crafts for the kids. After it gets dark, we will then view Jupiter and other amazing astronomical phenomenons with some extraordinary telescopes. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a relaxing star gazing evening with the family. Come anytime during the program. Free! Registration required by 6/7/2019.

Saturday. June 8, 8:30-11:30 PM Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area -Shelter #5 - 5580 Elk Creek Rd. Middletown, OH

Creeking in the Park



Join us every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as we explore creeks and waterways at MetroParks of Butler County. We will be at a different park each week, so there are always new areas to explore! The things we will be looking for include: macroinvertebrates, fossils, fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

This week at Rentschler Forest MetroPark — Timberhill Area, we will explore a creek watershed of the Great Miami River. This is a unique opportunity to explore a park area that is generally open by reservation-only. Hope to see you there!

Closed-toes shoes are required for all creeking events

Thursday. June 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Rentschler Forest MetroPark Timberhill Area 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

Trail Yoga



Harmonize your breath with the rhythm of nature and unwind from your busy day as we practice mindful movement with traditional yoga poses along the meandering forest trail. All body shapes, sizes, and experience levels are welcome. This is truly something you need to experience to appreciate!

Please note: Wear comfortable "old friend" closed-toed shoes, as we will be out on the trail. You will not need a yoga mat for this program.

Call (513) 867-5835 to register for all eight classes at a discount. \$48.00 for the series!

Tuesday. June 11, 6:00-7:00 PM Rentschler Forest MetroPark - Stone House - 5701 Reigart Rd. Hamilton, OH

Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration



Butler County is rich with cultural history! Come experience first-hand the vibrant culture of Native Americans while embracing the opportunity to honor their traditions. Activities will include a drum circle, dancers dressed in regalia, and intertribal traditional/contemporary dance & song demonstrations! Food, beverages, and Native American vendors will also be available to delight guests outside of the dance ring. And dive even deeper into Butler County's history by exploring the Pioneer Village with our historical interpretation tours running throughout the day!

Due to the nature of the event, please leave all furry friends at home.

Cost:

\$5/Ages 5+, FREE/Under 5

Saturday. June 29, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Governor Bebb MetroPark

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/enrollCommunity RewardsNow

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.

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

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..

Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration

By Shawnee Banks

Summer is here and what better way to celebrate than with a Native American celebration. Join us Saturday, June 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Governor Bebb MetroPark to learn about Butler County's rich cultural history.



Experience first-hand the vibrant culture of Native Americans while embracing the opportunity to honor their traditions. Expect many different activities for the day including a talk from keynote speaker Guy Jones, President of the Miami Valley Council for Native Americans. Enjoy performances from three outstanding drum groups including: Cheska Hotain, the Southern Singers and Thunder Nation as well as Native American dancers dressed in authentic regalia demonstrating intertribal traditional/contemporary dances. You will also be able to visit a period Native American encampment.



Take part in learning about Governor Bebb

MetroPark's cultural diversity by visiting our Authentic Pioneer Village where you can visit knowledgeable pioneer interpreters dressed to period and take part in various pioneer activities throughout the day.



Food, beverages, and Native American vendors will also be available to delight guests outside of the dance ring.

The cost to attend this fun filled and cultural event is \$5.00 per person, ages 5 and under are free.

Adventure Awaits at MetroParks this summer in 2019!

Last summer, we had a successful and fun filled Zombie Apocalypse at Rentschler Forest MetroPark. We had over 20 campers join us for a week of survival skills, creeking, hiking, and of course, s'mores!



We brought back not one, but two-week long camps this year! Check out MetroParks website under Experiences and then Camps to check out our two weeklong Ultimate Adventure Camps. The camps will provide great experiences that will create special memories for many years to come.

Each day is a new theme filled with fun interactive activities. From creeking and learning survival skills to tie dying and hands on science activities, it's sure to be a summer highlight! The dates for camp are June 24, 2019 through June 28, 2019 and July 22, 2019 through July 26, 2019. Have your kids put away the tablet for a few hours, get off the couch, and enjoy the fresh summer air. Registration is open **NOW**, so reserve your spot today!



Volunteering with MetroParks

Did you know that volunteering with MetroParks has a multitude of benefits and rewards? Along with the selfsatisfaction of improving the community and helping Metroparks carry out it's mission to "...provide an exceptional park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation", YOU can receive incentives and rewards!

Some of the rewards include free admission to MetroParks facilities for special events and/or programs, invitation to special Volunteer events, as well as, an extensive list of rewards including: shelter/facility rentals, camping, water recreation rentals, and new this year- Volunteer clothing options!

Non-Butler County Volunteers who volunteer at least 10 hours within a calendar year and log them

with MetroParks can receive **one** annual motor vehicle permit for the following calendar year, as well as, qualify for the other volunteer rewards!

To see our current list of rewards, please visit our website at

www.YourMetroParks.net/supportus/volunteering. On the Volunteer page, you can see the current Volunteer Policy (rewards are listed on page 8), apply to be a volunteer either individually or as a group and have access to commonly used forms for the department.

There is also access to Volgistics where you can log your hours. If you need help doing this, let the Manager of Volunteer Resources know so you can schedule a training. You can also send in monthly timesheets to log your hours. To redeem the rewards, print off the Volunteer Rewards Application and submit to the volunteer manager.

Volunteering with MetroParks is a

gratifying way to give back to your community. It is an integral part of the park system and provides valuable resources to the organization. Our goal is to grow and develop rewarding partnerships between our volunteers and staff to promote and expand the MetroParks mission. Oh, and there are snacks too!



Protecting our Vested Interests

The MetroParks Ranger Department secured at 75% grant from the State of Ohio for funding of bulletproof vests for all full-time and part-time officers. The Friends of MetroParks stepped up and donated the other 25%. This was made possible through donations from our members, split the pot at hump day concerts and other park events. Below you is ranger Schaffner being fitted for the new vest.



Another FoMPBC contribution to MPX was the recent purchase of a top for the pickup truck used at Chrisholm for chauffeuring farm animals and transporting animal feed.



The Middletown Community Foundation granted FoMPBC \$1000 for use in purchase of a bicycle repair station to be installed at River Center MetroPark.

First Hump Day Concert The Stagger Lee Band







Dedication of the Chuck Holliday Suspension Bridge Scheduled for Rentschler Forest MetroPark

A suspension bridge on the Cascades Trail at Rentschler Forest MPX, Reigart Road area, will be dedicated to the late Chuck Holliday on June 23rd at 3PM. Chuck was one of the founding fathers of the Friends of MetroParks of Butler County. Parking is limited, but shuttle service will be provided for those needing assistance.

Hump Day 2 – The Belairs















Critter Corner Smokey Mountain National Park







Tennessee wildlife with macaw.



Hard to get close to a bear for all the tourists!

Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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









Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE Chrisholm MetroPark

Chrisholm Historic Farmstead 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton, OH 45067

PRICE FREE programs for all ages

No Registration Necessary

May 2 May Day

May 5 Farm Games

May 9 Magnificent Moms

May 16 Rainbow Gardens

May 19 ABC's of Farm Life

May 23 Busy Bees

May 30 3-Sisters Garden

June 2 Goat Jamboree

ABOUT

Come on over to Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for Show and Tell on the Farm. Each day will feature different themes with special guest stars — some furry & some feathery — crafts, and games! Come for any amount of time. Designed to delight kids and kids at heart.

June 6 Dandelion Delight

June 9 ABC's of Farm Life

June 13 Fabulous Fathers

June 20 Summer Solstice

June 23 Yoga on the Farm

June 27 Bug Bites

June 30 Bingo on the Farm

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on May 12, May 26, and June 16.

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





WHEN **Every Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. May 29th - August 22nd (excluding July 4th)

WHERE

Voice of America MetroPark Gazebo on the Lake

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester, OH 45069

PRICE

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

REGISTER YourMetroParks.net Registration Not Required

May 29 Stagger Lee (Country Rock)

June 5 The Belairs (50s, 60s, Vegas-style Show)

June 12 JAYME (Country, Classic Rock)

June 19 Model Behavior (80s Party Rock)

June 26 Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)

July 3 Dat Band (Funk, Soul, Rock & Roll)

FEATURING

- Free music
- Midweek relaxation
- · Food & adult beverages for purchase
- Lake activities
- · Bike & boat rentals
- · Playground for the kids

July 10 The SunBurners (Island Party)

July 17 KAVAN (Elvis Tribute)

July 24 RoadTrip (Classic Rock)

July 31 The McCartney Project (Beatles Tribute)

August 7 Ryan Broshear (Country)

August 14 The Barefoot Movement (Americana, Folk, Bluegrass)











Join MetroParks of Butler County and the City of Fairfield for some exciting programming at Fairfield Parks!

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES

Free & Open to the Public 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2019 Locations to be determined

10/20/18 Fall Blooms Harbin Park 11/17/18 Habitat Hike Huffman Park 12/15/18 Surviving Winter Harbin Park 1/19/19 Winter Tree ID 2/16/19 Tracks, Scats & Signs 3/16/19 Eastern Bluebirds 4/20/19 Spring Wildflowers 5/18/19 Spring Birding Hike 6/15/19 Creeking 7/20/19 Summer Wildflowers 8/17/19 Invasive Species 9/21/19 Autumn Birding Hike

10/19/19 Fall Wildflowers

11/16/19 Animal Homes 12/21/19 Surviving Winter

PRE-SMARTIES & **SMARTIES**

Programming for City of Fairfield Registered Preschool Students Only

11/13/18 Amazing Animals 2/5/19 Calling All Farm Hands 4/9/19 Animal Games



NATURE PROGRAMS

Free & Open to the Public 2019 Locations to be determined

11/3/18 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Autumn Leaves Huffman Park 1/26/19 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Owl Hike 3/24/19 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Fossils 4/6/19 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Spring Babies 6/1/19 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. Night Hike 7/2/19 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Water Conservation 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. 9/7/19 Amazing Animals 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. 10/6/19

Registration is requested for the Let's Go Hiking Series and Nature Programming. Call 513.867.5348 to save your spot!



Nature Craft





Dedication of the Chuck Holliday Memorial Bridge

WHEN Sunday, June 23, 2019

3:00 pm

WHERE Rentschler Forest MetroPark

-Reigart Road Area

Suspension Bridge on the Cascades Trail

PRICE FREE

No registration required

ABOUT

Join the family and friends of Chuck Holliday as MetroParks of Butler County dedicates the Suspension Bridge located on the Cascades Trail as the Chuck Holliday Memorial Bridge. Chuck was one of the founding fathers of the Friends of MetroParks and was an invaluable asset to the Friends group as well as MetroParks.

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Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration

WHEN Saturday, June 29, 2019

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Please note: Grand entry is at noon

WHERE Governor Bebb MetroPark

1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana, OH 45053

PRICE \$5/Ages 5+ | FREE/Under 5yo

No registration required

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Star Series

WHEN Saturday Evenings

Starting in February and running through November of 2019

See dates below

PRICE FREE programs for all ages Registration required by the

Friday before each program

ABOUT

Enjoy the night sky at MetroParks! A few nights this year, we will be exploring the stars with local astronomers. You'll have the chance to observe the planets, moon, stars, and a few meteor showers through the lens of some amazing telescopes. Plus, you'll be able to participate in fun family crafts at our Meet the Planet programs! Bring a blanket or chair, relax, and enjoy the night like you have never before!

MEET THE PLANET: MOON & MARS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Riegart Road Area Saturday, February 16, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

MEET THE PLANET:

Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Forest Run MetroPark Wildlife Preserve Area Saturday, August 10, 2019 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

MEET THE PLANET: SATURN

Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Saturday, September 7, 2019 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

ORIONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Governor Bebb MetroPark Saturday, October 19, 2019 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area Saturday, November 16, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Photo Walks: Seasons in MetroParks

Join Photographer Susan Milinkovich as she shares different tips on photography in nature in a hands-on setting, Bring your mobile phone, Point-and-shoot or DSLR camera – no photography experience needed.

COMPOSING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH

Start the morning with a short presentation on compositional tools in the Welcome Center. Then we'll go outside and search for good photo opportunities in the fields and around the ponds. Learn tips on composition to help you frame and capture spring flowers and early morning light.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Forest Run MetroPark Welcome Center

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIGHT

Join us for a summer evening at VOA as we search for good compositions that capture the evening light. Learn tips on the different types of light, how that light can impact your image, and how to use light correctly to create great photographs.

Monday, June 17, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Voice of America MetroPark Ronald Reagan Lodge

SHOOTING CLOSE-UPS AND INTIMATE LANDSCAPES

Spend a summer evening looking for the "small stuff". When you start to look for the "small stuff", you'll discover all kinds of interesting new subjects on a summer evening.

Thursday, July 18, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area

PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Join us as we wander around the Pioneer Village and capture photographs of the historic buildings. Learn tips for telling a story with your photographs and capturing architectural features.

Saturday, September 7, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Governor Bebb MetroPark Ploneer VIIIage

SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Embrace Autumn at Chrisholm Farm as we search for fall colors and capture photographs of the historic Farmstead. Learn tips for capturing fall colors and share a little about how to use color theory in your photography.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead

All programs are FREE. Registration is required by the Friday before each program.

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Crazy Cardboard Regatta

WHEN Saturday, July 20, 2019 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

PRICE FREE for spectators

REGISTER YourMetroParks.net

Boat, Vendor, & Sponsorship Information under About, Special

Event Forms

COME CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CRAZY CARDBOARD REGATTA!

FEATURING

- Vendor

The Fast & The Floundering

Boats built for speed or for show...the fastest boats move on

Soggy Bottom Battle

The last boat floating wins in this "crash derby" style competition

Awards for speed, creativity, & presentation in each category

Benefiting *The Water Recreation Fund* at The Community Foundation



West Chester Hospital





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Movies in the Parks

ABOUT

What's better than going out to a movie on Friday night? How about a FREE movie outdoors on a nice summer evening! Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks. Feel free to pack your dinner to make it a dinner and a movie. The movie will begin at dark.

WHEN

Every Friday from August 16, 2019 to September 20, 2019

PRICE

FREE TO THE PUBLIC Registration Not Required



MARY POPPINS RETURNS August 16, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD August 23, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



CHRISTOPHER ROBIN August 30, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



CHARLOTTE'S WEB September 6, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



THE INCREDIBLES 2 September 13, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011

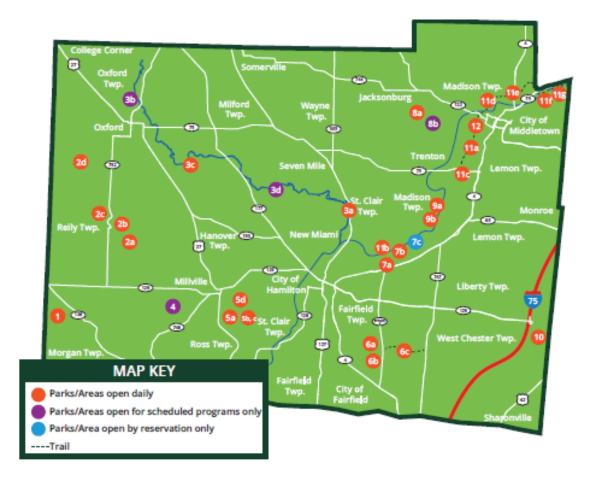


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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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 Lanes 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 Bouldvard at Central Avenue

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!	Pick an Annual Membership	
Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:	☐ Individual - \$10	
Friends of MetroParks of Butler County	\square Family - \$15	
PO Box 691	\square Group/Business -\$100	
Hamilton, OH 45012	☐ Donation - \$	
Name(s)/Contact	Date	
Name(s)/Contact	Date	
Group or Business Name		
Address		
City	State Zip	
Home/Business Phone		
Email (required to receive newsletter)		