

# The Voice of the Turtle



# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

September, 2018

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## September Board Meeting and Members Only Cookout Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Rentschlers Forest MetroPark  
Riverview Shelter, 5701 Reigart Road  
Hamilton, OH 45011

6:30-8:45 PM

Members please RSVP by Monday 9/10 to  
[Bug\\_jock@yahoo.com](mailto:Bug_jock@yahoo.com)  
How many will attend and hotdog or hamburger  
preferences



## Letter from the President

Labor Day has passed. Kids are back in school (come on, Mom, try to act a little sad). Only a few weeks of summer left before autumn officially arrives. Baseball competes with football for viewer attention. Sounds like a good time to join the Board of Directors for a cookout in Rentschler Forest MetroPark. Wednesday, Sep. 12, the Board of Directors of FoMPBC invites members to join us for the monthly board meeting and cookout. Meet us at 6:30 pm at Riverview Shelter. Bypass 4 ends at Route 4. Continue north past Bob Evans to Reigart Road. Turn right, then left on Reigart. Follow Reigart until it ends, then turn left into the park. Follow the road to Riverview Shelter. Be sure to let me know before Monday, 9/10, how many from your family will attend, and how many want hamburgers and how many hotdogs. Please let me know by email: [bug\\_jock@yahoo.com](mailto:bug_jock@yahoo.com)

See you in the parks,  
Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

## Upcoming Events

### Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy fall on the farm with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: Whose Tracks are These?, Colors on the Farm, Broom Swoosha Broom, Insects Alive!, Goober Peas on the Farm, ABC's of Farm Life, Let's take a Spin, and Backbone Bonanza.

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

### Fun on the Farm



Are you ready for some old fashion fun? Experience life and activities down on the farm. Enjoy a petting zoo with the opportunity to feed the animals, Farmer's market, barn dancing, hayrides, samples of open hearth cooking, tours of the 1974 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger home and more.

Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-4:00pm at Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead.

Admission: \$5.00 per vehicle.

### Rethinking Porkopolis



At the Rethinking Porkopolis Exhibit, join Friends of Chrisholm and MetroParks of Butler County for an exhibition about how pigs and pork packing shaped the environment of Cincinnati and

Southwest Ohio during the 1800's, and connected the region to the cotton economy of the Deep South. This exhibit is made available for visitors of Chrisholm MetroPark by the Friends of Chrisholm. The program is made possible, in part, by the Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this exhibition do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Ohio Open Doors event(s) held on Sunday September 9, 2018 and Sunday September 16, 2018 are sponsored by the Friends of Chrisholm and MetroParks of Butler County. Brought to you by the Ohio History Connection, Open Doors is a statewide event in which local sponsors open historic buildings and landmarks to the public for special tours and programs. Join us in honoring the history, design and stories of the Augspurger Home at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead at Chrisholm MetroPark.

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm and Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00pm at Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead.

Photo Walks-Tips for Shooting Fall Color



Come wander around Chrisholm Farm in search of Stunning fall colors and capture photographs of the historic farmstead. Photographer, Susan Milinkovich, will be on hand to give tips for capturing fall colors and share a little about how to use color theory in your photography. Bring your smartphone, point-and-shoot or DSLR camera. No photography experience is required.

Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30am. Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead.

Movies in the Parks



Friday nights were made for the Movies!!! Bring the Family out for a **FREE** movie outdoors on a nice fall evening every Friday in September. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks, and maybe even pack a picnic to make it a dinner and a movie! The feature film will begin at 8:30 p.m., but join us at 8:00 p.m. for environmental and conservation-related short films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

Date	Movie	Park
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Atlantis: The Lost Empire	Rentschler Forest
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	Brother Bear	Rentschler Forest
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Jungle Book	River Center
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	A Bugs Life	River Center

Miami Valley First People 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!

Cost:  
\$5/Ages 5+, FREE/Under 5  
Saturday, September 22, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Trail Yoga



Hiking and Yoga, what could be better? It is a great way to reduce stress through awareness and increase positive emotions. In fact, being present in nature has been proven to lower heart rate/blood pressure and even boost immunity! Join us on Tuesday evenings with Laura Lejeune for a time of relaxation in and around Rentschler Forest MetroPark.

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. Open to all fitness levels.

Call (513) 867-5835 to register for all six classes at a discount. \$36.00 for the series!

Great Outdoor Weekend

September is a GREAT time to get outdoors and explore the parks. Make sure to mark your calendars for these events that are taking place during the great outdoor weekend.

Early Fall Blooms

Sign up for a hike through one of MetroParks' hidden gems. Davidson Woods is only open for special programs such as this. Hike through this park which has no trails looking for the early fall wildflowers. Reservations required, and space is limited. Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM-12:00PM

Tracks, Scats & Signs

Bring Your Best Detective Senses to look for clues of animals in the park on a guided hike. The trail is unpaved so wear sturdy shoes. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00PM Forest Run MetroParks.

Geocaching

Be a part of this national event and try something new! Geocaching is almost like a treasure hunt when you're looking for caches. This is a drop in, walk-up program FREE to anyone who wants to give it a try. You'll be provided some instruction before you set off to find the caches and earn little rewards along the way! September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00pm at Forest Run MetroParks.



**YOUR ORGANIZATION NUMBER HAS  
CHANGED.  
NEW NUMBER IS TM866**

Dear Friends of Metro Parks of Butler County (TM866),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We have recently upgraded our system, and as a result your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. The previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, however, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling.

The upgrade process created a delay in the delivery of the last quarter statement. We apologize for the delay, and assure you that future quarterly statements will be delivered in a timely manner.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to

meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

**Amazon Smile**

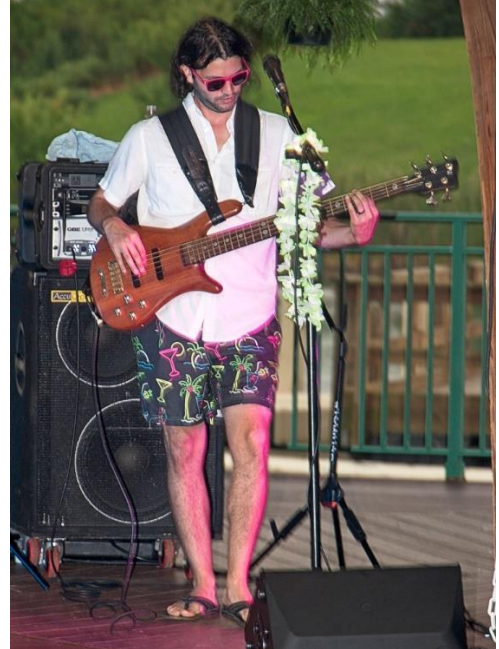
**What is Amazon Smile?**

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.

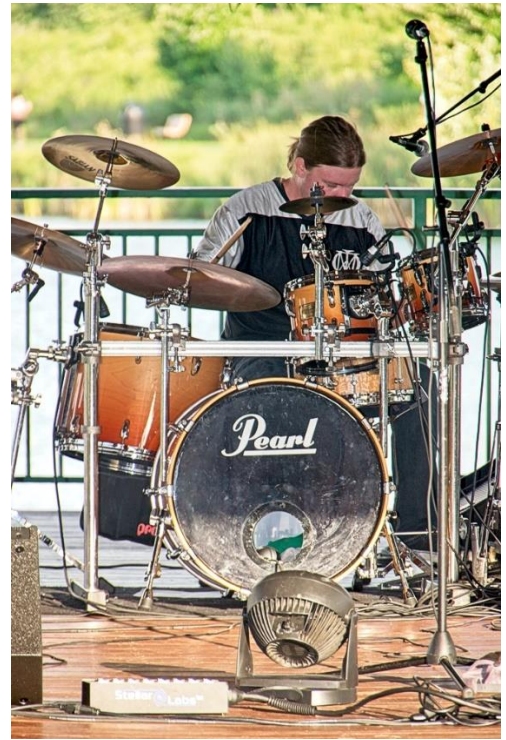
**Hump Day Concert 9,  
The SunBurners**



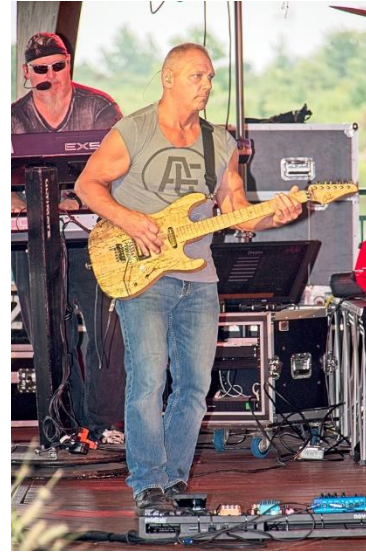
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**Hump Day Concert 10,  
Dat Band**



**Hump Day Concert 11,  
DV8 Band**





### Hump Day Concert 12, Stagger Lee Band

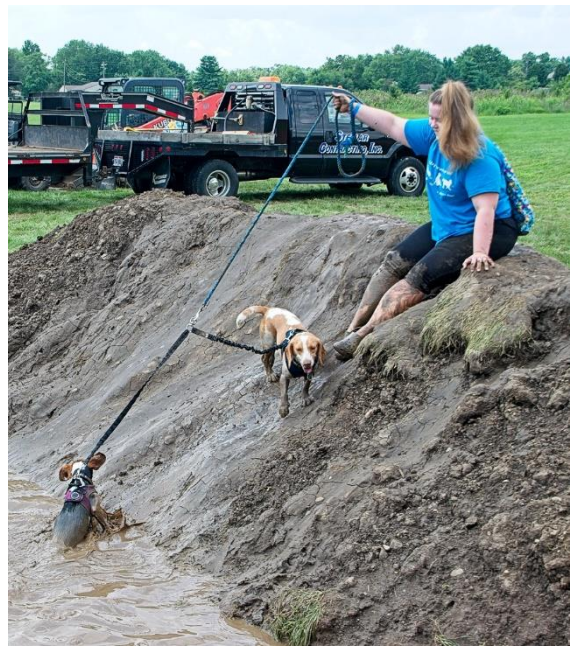


## Mud Mania





### Mutt Mania







## River Center Ribbon Cutting



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## 2018 Summer Wrap Up

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and schools are back in session. It has been a busy summer at MetroParks of Butler County. Visitor Services answered over 3,200 phone calls and had

over 2,270 personal interactions with our park customer/owners.

Despite hot temperatures, the Crazy Cardboard Boat Regatta was a hit with all 1,500 spectators and participants that came out, and next year we will celebrate the event's 10<sup>th</sup> year.



Mud Mania wrapped up with a new twist to the event, Mutt Mania! 50 dogs came out to roll around in the mud and all 2,000 participants were happy and muddy by the end of the weekend.



Voice of America MetroPark was home again to the USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championships during the first weekend in August. Thousands of athletes and spectators gathered in park for this 2-day event.

September holds more exciting MetroParks events as we gear up for Fun on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and our brand new event, Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration, at Governor Bebb MetroPark on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Fun on the Farm is a chance to experience life and activities away from the city and down on the farm - farm fun the old fashioned way! Enjoy a petting zoo with the opportunity to feed the animals, a farmer's

market, barn dancing, hayrides, samples of open hearth cooking, tours of the 1874 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger Home, and MORE!



Then, venture out to the west of the county as we introduce our newest event, the Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration! Butler County is rich with cultural history! So, 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!



And that's not all because we are looking forward to many more events yet to come in the remainder of 2018!



# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



## 2018 Crazy Cardboard Regatta at VOA MetroPark



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### 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](http://www.YourMetroParks.net)

Or email Amy Pellman at [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net)

### September Birthday Corner!

Melissa Gaerke	9/4	Patricia Gay	9/17
Karen Smith	9/6	Barney Riesbeck	9/17
Jackson Dygert	9/8	Susan Milinkovich	9/20
Stephen Holman	9/8	Rich Owens	9/21
Isaiah Morgan	9/8	Fredrick Bubolu	9/23
Bonny M. Seegmueller	9/9	Luke Blados	9/28
Anne Jantzen	9/10	Dave Hagedorn	9/30
Jack Feenstra	9/12		
Michael Bonamer	9/14		



# We L♥ve our Volunteers!!

# Volunteer Spotlight



Left to right: Alice and Bill Walker

## **Bill Walker - Friends of MetroParks, President**

**How long have you lived or worked in Butler County?** Moved to area in '95. Still a newcomer.

**Tell me a little about your family:** Married Alice in '71. Son, Jim, works for same company from which I retired.

**Do you have any hobbies?** Cooking, photography, travel, and bad puns.

**What do you like to do for fun or is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?** Presently researching family tree. Planning to visit old family stomping grounds in Tennessee in September.

**What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks?** Any opportunity to lead/participate in a nature walk, events providing photo opportunities are favorites, Hump Day Concerts are always fun.

## September Volunteer Opportunities

### Butterfly Garden Weeding

When: May through September

Where: Forest Run MetroPark, Timberman Ridge Area  
1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton OH 45013

What: A volunteer is needed to help care for the butterfly garden at the Timberman Ridge Area of Forest Run MetroPark. The butterfly garden volunteer will be responsible for removing weeds from the garden every 1-2 weeks and watering during dry periods, as needed. Strong skills in native prairie plant identification is **required** in order to successfully differentiate weeds from desired pollinator plants. This is an ongoing opportunity that would require a commitment from May-September.

### Fun on the Farm

12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

When: September 8, 2018

Where: Chrisholm MetroPark-Chrisholm Historic Farmstead

What: Experience life and activities away from the city and down on the farm at this year's Fun on the Farm while you help event guests experience farm fun the old fashion way! Opportunities to get involved include assisting with a petting zoo, farmer's market, barn dancing, hayrides, open hearth cooking, historical tours, and MORE!

### Rethinking Porkopolis

When: \*Sunday, September 9, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 13, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

\*Sunday, September 16, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 20, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 23, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, September 27, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 30, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

\* The dates of Sunday the 9th and Sunday the 16th will be part of the statewide "Open Doors" event sponsored by the Ohio History Connection. During "Open Doors", historic buildings and landmarks are open to the public for special tours and programs.

Where: Chrisholm MetroPark Augspurgen House  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton OH 45067

What: The Friends of Chrisholm are seeking volunteers to act as hosts for the **Rethinking Porkopolis** exhibit that will be on display at the Chrisholm MetroPark. Seeking individuals who enjoy learning about local history and meeting new people. A brief orientation for volunteer hosts will be provided by the exhibit creator, Robert Gioielli, on Sunday September 9, 2018 at noon. A light lunch will be provided to volunteer hosts after the training. The exhibit will formally open at 1:30 with a talk by Mr. Gioielli. **Rethinking Porkopolis**, curated by Robert Gioielli, explores how the pork industry shaped the local environment and connected Cincinnati to the global economy in the 19th century. While at Chrisholm MetroPark, the exhibit will highlight the roots of America's pork industry in Butler County. This Ohio Humanities funded exhibit is made available for visitors of Chrisholm MetroPark by the Friends of Chrisholm, MetroParks of Butler County, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, and a grant from the W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust.

### **Great Miami River First People's Celebration**

When: September 22, 2018

Where: Governor Bebb MetroPark

What: Come experience first-hand the vibrant culture of Native Americans while embracing the opportunity to honor their traditions. Volunteers are needed for demonstrations in the Pioneer Village and to facilitate historical interpretation tours throughout the day.

### **Ongoing Service Opportunities**

#### **Welcome Center – Middletown River Center **\*\*NEW OPPORTUNITY\*\*****

When: Tentatively M/W/F/Saturday

Where: Middletown River Center  
120 South Carmody Blvd., Middletown OH 45044

What: Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at the Middletown River Center. Welcome park customer/owners with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Sara Schapman [sschapman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:sschapman@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 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](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information.

#### **Group Service Projects**

When: Flexible

Where: Flexible

What: MetroParks always has various 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](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information.

#### **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 and volunteer for the program itself. Contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net).

## Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark

When: Weekends

Where: Voice of America MetroPark

Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Voice of America MetroPark.

Welcome park customer/owners with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Sara Schapman [sschapman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:sschapman@YourMetroParks.net).

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

**H. Jackson Brown Jr.**

## GARDEN CAMPS



## Garden Explorers & Junior Master Gardeners Camps

**WHEN** April 28, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
September 15, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE** Chrisholm MetroPark  
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton, Ohio 45067

**PRICE** \$10/Butler County Resident Child  
\$15/Non-Resident Child  
Pre-registration is required.

### ABOUT

Let's dig, plant and sow seeds of wonder. Perfect way to explore our natural world through interactive gardening activities on the farm. A craft and a snack are included.

Garden Explorers Camp, for ages 3-5 and their adult chaperones, and Junior Master Gardeners Camp, for ages 6-12, will run concurrently on each day. The April camp and September camp will be different, so children are encouraged to sign up for both. Camps are co-sponsored by Ohio State University Extension, Butler County and MetroParks of Butler County



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## THE HOWL



# The HOWL

### WHEN

<b>Sunday, October 28, 2018</b>	
<b>12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	
Doggy Dash Registration	11:00 a.m.
Parade & Trick-or-Treat	
Trail Registration	11:30 a.m.
Doggy Dash	12:00 p.m.
Pupper Costume Parade	1:30 p.m.
Trick-or-Treat Trail Open	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### WHERE

**Voice of America MetroPark**  
7850 Voice of America Park Drive  
West Chester OH 45069

### PRICE

**\$6.00/dog + \$6.00/dog to add the Doggy Dash\***  
Register online or day of the of the event.  
Pre-register for \$5.00/dog by Monday, October 22, 2018.

### ABOUT

Bark your calendars for a Pupper Costume Parade, a trick-or-treat trail designed for both dogs and children, ruff-ruff obstacle course, vendors, and more. Use tail wagging teamwork by adding the 2.4 mile Doggy Dash around the lake. Rescue centers will have adoptable dogs to borrow if you do not have your own pet.

\*Doggy Dash participants will receive a t-shirt. Register by 10/19/18 to guarantee t-shirt size and availability.

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# Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration



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**WHEN** Saturday, September 22, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE** Governor Bebb MetroPark  
1979 Bebb Park Lane  
Okeana OH 45053

**PRICE** \$5/Ages 5+  
FREE/Under 5  
No registration required

### CHECK IT OUT!

INTRODUCING A NEW METROPARKS EVENT!

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!

Please note: Grand entry will be at noon

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## MOVIES IN THE PARKS



## Movies in the Parks

### ABOUT

Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks! Feel free to pack a picnic to make it a dinner and a movie. The feature film will begin at 8:30 p.m., but join us at 8:00 p.m. for environmental and conservation related short films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

### WHEN

Every Friday from August 24, 2018 to September 28, 2018  
8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### PRICE

**FREE**  
Registration Not Required



**BRAVE**  
August 24, 2018  
Rentschler Forest  
MetroPark  
5701 Reigart Rd.  
Fairfield Township, OH  
45011



**WALL-E**  
August 31, 2018  
Rentschler Forest  
MetroPark  
5701 Reigart Rd.  
Fairfield Township, OH  
45011



**ATLANTIS:  
THE LOST EMPIRE**  
September 7, 2018  
Rentschler Forest  
MetroPark  
5701 Reigart Rd.  
Fairfield Township, OH  
45011



**BROTHER BEAR**  
September 14, 2018  
Rentschler Forest  
MetroPark  
5701 Reigart Rd.  
Fairfield Township, OH  
45011



**THE JUNGLE BOOK**  
September 21, 2018  
AK Pavilion near  
River Center  
120 S. Carmody Blvd.  
Middletown, OH  
45044



**A BUG'S LIFE**  
September 28, 2018  
AK Pavilion near  
River Center  
120 S. Carmody Blvd.  
Middletown, OH  
45044

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## STARS IN THE PARKS



### Meteor Showers

Join us after dark to explore the stars at MetroParks! Bring a blanket/chair for your star-gazing comfort.

#### PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

**Saturday, August 11, 2018**  
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Forest Run MetroPark  
Wildlife Preserve Area**  
1810 New London Road  
Hamilton, OH 45013

Enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower. Be on the lookout for the constellation Perseus, as the showers will be coming from that direction. Explore the stars and enjoy sensory activities.

**Pre-registration required by Friday, 8/10/18.**

#### LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**  
9:00 pm -12:00 am

**Governor Bebb MetroPark  
Howe Shelter**  
1979 Bebb Park Lane  
Okeana, OH 45053

The Leonid Meteor Shower is here! It's been about 30 years since this meteor shower has been witnessed. Explore the stars and enjoy sensory activities.

**Pre-registration required by 11/16/18.**

\*Both are FREE Programs open to all ages.

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## PHOTO WALKS



### Photo Walks: Seasons in MetroParks

Join Photographer Susan Milinkovich as she shares different tips on photography in nature in a hands-on setting.

#### TIPS FOR COMPOSING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH

Join us for a summer morning walk around Forest Run MetroPark as we search for good photo opportunities in the fields and around the ponds. Learn tips on composition to help you frame and capture summer flowers and early morning light.

**Saturday, July 21, 2018**  
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Forest Run MetroPark  
Wildlife Preserve Area**  
1810 New London Road  
Hamilton, OH 45013

#### TIPS FOR SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Join us as we wander around 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, September 15, 2018**  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
**Chrisholm MetroPark  
Historic Farmstead**  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton, OH 45067

#### TIPS FOR SHOOTING CLOSE-UPS AND INTIMATE LANDSCAPES

Join us as we explore the Pioneer Village and look for close-up photographs. As you start to look for the "small stuff", you discover all kinds of interesting new subjects. Learn tips for shooting close-ups and intimate landscapes.

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
**Governor Bebb MetroPark  
Pioneer Village**  
1979 Bebb Park Lane  
Okeana, OH 45053

\*All programs are FREE. Registration is required by the Friday before each program. Bring your iPhone, Point-and-shoot or DSLR camera - no photography experience needed.

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# Rethinking Porkopolis & "Open Doors" Event



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Thursday, September 13, 5:00 - 7:30 pm  
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Sunday, September 23, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Thursday, September 27, 5:00 - 7:30 pm  
Sunday, September 30, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**WHERE** Christohlm MetroPark  
Augspurger House  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton OH 45067

**PRICE** FREE  
No registration required

\*The dates of Sunday the 9th and Sunday the 16th will be part of the statewide "Open Doors" event sponsored by the Ohio History Connection. During "Open Doors", historic buildings and landmarks are open to the public for special tours and programs.

### ABOUT

We are excited to announce the special exhibit, *Rethinking Porkopolis*, that will open Sunday, September 9, 2018 at Christohlm MetroPark. *Rethinking Porkopolis*, curated by Robert Gioielli, explores how the pork industry shaped the local environment and connected Cincinnati to the global economy in the 19th century. While at Christohlm MetroPark, the exhibit will highlight the roots of America's pork industry in Butler County. This Ohio Humanities funded exhibit is made available for visitors of Christohlm MetroPark by the Friends of Christohlm, MetroParks of Butler County, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, and a grant from the W.E. Smith Family Charitable Trust.

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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



**MetroParks**  
of Butler County, OH

MORE EVENTS ON BACK! →

### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WHO'S TRACKS ARE THESE?

Chrisholm MetroPark  
Historic Farmstead  
Thurs., September 6, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
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### MOVIES IN THE PARK ATLANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE

Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Reigart Road Area  
Fri., September 7, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
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**BROTHER BEAR**  
Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Reigart Road Area  
Fri., September 14, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
FREE

### PHOTO WALKS

#### TIPS FOR SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Chrisholm MetroPark  
Historic Farmstead  
Sat., September 15, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
FREE  
Registration Required by 9/14/18

#### GARDEN EXPLORERS CAMP

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\$10/Butler County Resident,  
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#### JUNIOR MASTER GARDENS CAMP

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#### GOOBER PEAS ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark  
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FREE

### MOVIES IN THE PARK

#### THE JUNGLE BOOK

AK Pavilion near River Center  
Fri., September 21, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
FREE

### GREAT MIAMI RIVER FIRST

#### PEOPLE'S CELEBRATION

Governor Bebb MetroPark  
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Sat., September 22, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
\$5/person  
FREE/Children under 5

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#### ABC'S OF FARM LIFE

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#### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

##### LET'S TAKE A SPIN

Chrisholm MetroPark  
Historic Farmstead  
Thurs., September 27, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
FREE

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

##### A BUG'S LIFE

AK Pavilion near River Center/  
Bicentennial Commons  
Fri., September 28, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
FREE

#### EARLY FALL BLOOMS

##### GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Four Mile Creek MetroPark  
Davidson Woods  
Sat., September 29, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Registration Required by 9/27/18  
FREE

#### TRACKS, SCATS & SIGNS

##### GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Forest Run MetroPark  
Wildlife Preserve Area  
Sat., September 29, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
FREE

#### GEOCACHING

##### GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND

Forest Run MetroPark  
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Sun., September 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
FREE

#### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

##### BACKBONE BONANZA

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# SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



## 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.  
Through the end of October

**WHERE** **Chrisholm MetroPark**  
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton, OH 45067

**PRICE** **FREE programs for all ages**  
No Registration Necessary

### 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.

<b>September 6</b>	Whose Tracks are These?
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<b>September 30</b>	Backbone Bonanza

<b>October 4</b>	Corn Galore
<b>October 7</b>	Farm Games
<b>October 11</b>	Pumpkin Hunt
<b>October 14</b>	Apples Galore
<b>October 18</b>	A Tale of Tails
<b>October 21</b>	Pioneer Farmers
<b>October 25</b>	Sensational Seasons
<b>October 28</b>	Jack & Jill

\*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on September 2nd



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# VOICE OF AMERICA METROPARK Fishing Information



Fish	Daily Limit	Size
Bluegill	15	none
Channel Cat	4	14 in.- 22 in.
Crappie	5	> 8 in.
Hybrid Striped Bass	2	14 in. - 18 in.
Largemouth Bass	2	14 in.- 18 in.
Shovelhead Cat	2	12 in.- 18 in.
Redear Sunfish	8	> 8 in.
Tilapia	2	> 8 in.

### Daily Permit

Single	\$8.00
Child (6 & under)	Free
Group/Family	\$20.00

### Annual Permit

Adult	\$100.00
Youth (7-16)	\$50.00
Group/Family	\$135.00 per year

### Fishing Permit Discounts

Senior	20% (\$6.40 daily, \$80.00 annually)
Military	20% (\$6.40 daily, \$80.00 annually)

### Fishing Pole Rental (Does not include Fishing Permit)

1 Hour	\$7.00
3 Hours	\$12.00
Daily	\$20.00

### Live Bait

Night Crawlers, Red Worms, Wax Worms	\$4.00
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## Rules and Regulations

Bank fishing is permitted from the south, east, and north shores, and east of the boat launch ramp.

No fishing from the west shore, boat docks, bridges, Gazebo, or immediately below the Gazebo.

No purchasing or trading fish.

All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot.

All fish must be checked in at the Wheelhouse prior to leaving the park.

Each person fishing is limited to two poles.

Persons possessing fish over the daily limit may be charged with a minor misdemeanor.

Cleaning of fish on VOA MetroPark Property is prohibited.

Throw nets and lines are prohibited. Use of live fish as bait is prohibited.

No alcoholic beverages may be into the park

For more information, call (513) 755-4402.



## 2018 WHEELHOUSE OPERATING DATES AND HOURS

**March 31, 2018** Wheelhouse opens for **weekend** operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
March 31 – May 25	Closed	11:00am – 6:30pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

**May 25, 2018** Wheelhouse opens for **daily** operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
May 25 – Aug 16	11:00am – 8:00pm	9:30am – 8:30pm	11:00am – 6:30pm

**Aug 17, 2018** Wheelhouse ends Monday-Thursday daily operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Aug 17 – Sept 9	Closed	11:00am – 6:30pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

	<u>Monday-Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Sept 10 – Sept 30	Closed	11:30am – 6:00pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

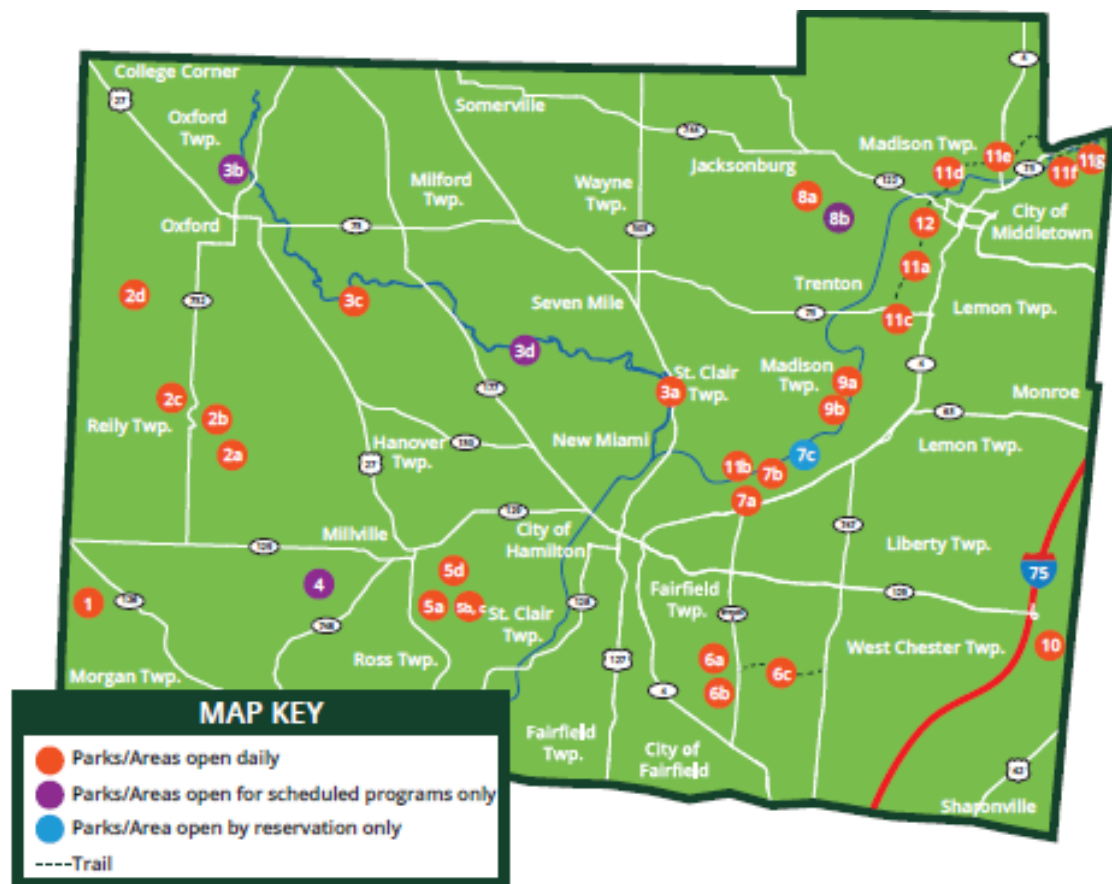
**October operating hours TBD**

### HOLIDAY HOURS

<b>Memorial Day</b> (Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00am – 6:30pm
<b>Independence Day</b> (Wednesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00am – 6:30pm
<b>Labor Day</b> (Monday, Sept 3 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00am – 6:30pm

*Wheelhouse operation is weather dependent.*

- For rental questions, lake conditions, or if inclement weather is expected, please contact the VOA Welcome Center Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm or call 513-755-4402.
- Live bait and tackle machine located at the Ronald Reagan Lodge open dawn to dusk.
- Wheelhouse closed during MetroParks Special Events



**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**

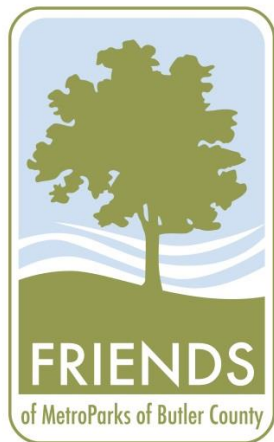
**11. Great Miami River Trail**

**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

# 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"> <li>• Invitations to Member-only events</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects</li> <li>• Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction</li> </ul>
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor programs &amp; activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation</li> <li>• Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County</li> <li>• Identify and implement improvements to the park</li> <li>• Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission</li> </ul>

***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*

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

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*PO Box 691*  
*Hamilton, OH 45012*

## Pick an Annual Membership

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

Name(s)/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Group or Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home/Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required to receive newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_