

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

August, 2017

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June Board Meeting

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 pm



**Come for the meeting, stay for the Hump Day
concert**

Letter from the President

Two months of summer down, one to go. Despite news reports full of gloom and doom about global warming, thus far the summer has been fairly mild. Yes, I know, the only constant about Ohio weather (should I say “whether”?) is its changeability. Still, as the man said as he fell past the 50th floor of the Empire State Building, “not too bad yet”.

July was a fun and busy month in the parks with Pioneer Days and the Crazy Cardboard Regatta. In August, we will get dirty at Mud Mania and learn about farming at Fun on the Farm. Thus far, we have had ten out of twelve Hump Day concerts. All ten were wonderful groups, and we only got drizzled on once – despite threat of thunder and lightning all around us.

This year we have introduced a split the pot drawing at the Hump Day Concerts. We still have two concerts. Be sure to come out and join us on the next two Wednesday nights. Even if you don’t win your fortune in the drawing, you might still win a framed wildlife photograph by renowned critter photographer, me.

See you in the parks,
Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Coming in August



Get ready for some good, not so clean fun! The annual Mud Mania family-friendly mud obstacle course, mud volleyball, slimy obstacle course, muddy pools, vendors and more are returning August 4th and 5th. Grab your old tennis shoes (no flip flops, sorry) and towels and come prepared for fun. The cost for all this good not so clean fun is \$5.00 per person and includes duct tape for safe footwear and of course MUD!!!

Rentschler Forest MetroPark:

5701 Reigart Road
Hamilton, OH 45011



Friends of Chrisholm and MetroParks of Butler County join together for a fun day on the Farm August 13th. Tour the 1874 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger Home, feed the animals, collect the eggs, tend the gardens, play games, make crafts. Take a break from all the fun to take a hayride or sample some open hearth cooking. There will also be farm friendly vendors and concessions.

Chrisholm MetroPark:

2070 Woodsdale Rd.
Trenton, OH 45067

How Can I Help?

This year Friends will be tattooing the future Farmers! Easily applied and removable temporary tattoos will be offered for free to all attendees. Of course, any donations will be accepted. Friends will also have an informational booth. To Volunteer contact Carri.Mosier@Gmail.com

Good News: Kroger Community Rewards

FOMPBC organization # 15599

Dear Community Rewards Organization:

Thank you for being a member of the Kroger Community Rewards program. We are 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 our Community Rewards program.

We’ve got great news to share with you! We’ve listened to your feedback and are making updates to our Community Rewards process and software. As of April 1, 2017, your supporters will no longer

have to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for your organization. We believe this will make it easier for your organization and our customers to support you!

How Can YOU help US!

Do you ever order anything from Amazon?

What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for your family to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at Smile.Amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

FOMPBC 2017 Calendar of Events

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| Aug | 4-5 | | Mud Mania | Rentschler |
| | 12 | 12-4 pm | Fun on the Farm | Chrisholm |
| Sep | 16 | 10am-4 pm | Horse Daze | Elk Creek |
| Oct | 7 | | Barn Dance | Chrisholm |
| Oct | 22 | 10am-4pm | The Howl | VOA |
| Dec | 1 | 5-9 | Brilliant Bebb | Gov Bebb |
| | 2 | 5-9 | | |
| | 3 | 4-8 pm | Brilliant Bebb | Gov Bebb |

Volunteers Needed

By Sara Schapman

Great things are happening around MetroParks! Did you know that we had over 110 volunteers arrive to serve at the MetroParks Crazy Cardboard Regatta between the set up service day and the day of the event? We had several great comments about the event including this one from one of the

volunteers “We all really enjoyed the cardboard boat regatta, lots of Great looking boats, Great music, a good time was had by all !!! Thanks for putting on such a nice event!”

We still have some more events coming up quickly including Mud Mania on August 4&5, register to volunteer here:

<https://form.jotform.us/MetroParksBC/mud-mania-2017> and Horse Daze on September 16, register to volunteer here:

<https://form.jotform.us/70876219545162>

Pioneer Days at Gov. Bebb Park

Kids of all ages gathered at Governor Bebb MetroPark on July 9th to learn pioneer skills and games, and to enjoy lemonade, ice cream, and baked goods.



Crazy Cardboard Regatta at VOA

Who knew you could make water-tight (or not) boats using only cardboard, tape, and latex paint? Some were ornate, some plain, some sea-worthy, and some were titanic failures (pun, of course, intended). To add insult to injury, the Bot Ness Monster was there to spray water on the sunken survivors.









**Hump Day Concert 6
Ooh La La Band**



**Hump Day Concert 7
The Sunburners**



**Hump Day Concert 8
The Kelsey Mira Band**



**Hump Day Concert 9
Hickory Robot**

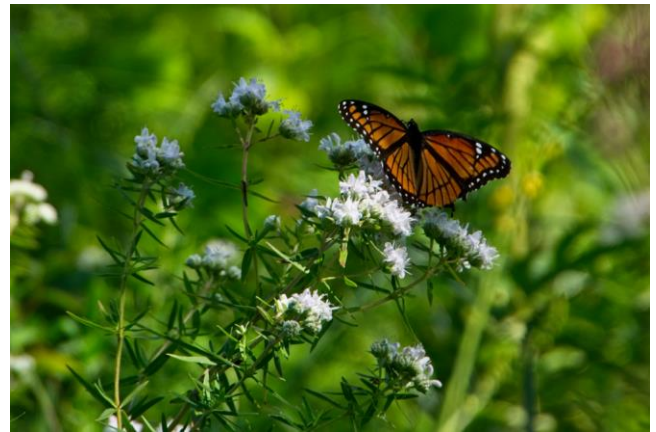


**Hump Day Concert 10
The McCartney Project**



Critter Corner

By Bill Walker



We have seen a lot of press lately about the migration of Monarch butterflies, and how we need to help ensure that both host plant and food plants are available along their route. It is common to see orange and black butterflies flitting from milkweed plant to plant. Not all such butterflies, though, are Monarchs. In the picture we see an imposter, not a Monarch, but rather a Viceroy. Monarchs, because of their milkweed diet, taste bad to birds. Viceroy's take advantage of their camouflage to avoid predation. Since the two species are so similar, how are we (and birds) to tell the difference? Viceroy's have a thin black line parallel to the heavy outer band on the rear wings. Also, the large spots on the ends of the front wings are yellow on Monarchs and white on Viceroy's. Still confused? Probably best not to eat any orange and black butterflies.



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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





MUDMANIA

WHEN

August 4th & 5th, 2017
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. both days

WHERE

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
5701 Reigart Road
Hamilton OH 45011

PRICE / REGISTER

Register online or day-of the event:
Ages 6 & up/\$5.00
Under 5 years old/FREE
\$50/6-player volleyball team

FEATURING

- Mud Volleyball Tournaments
- Slimy Obstacle Course
- Muddy Pools
- Little Mudders' Area
- Food Vendors, and MORE!

PLEASE NOTE: Come prepared to get wet & dirty.
ALL participants must wear shoes (no flip-flops).



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LEARN TO ROW 2017



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

Saturday, July 1
Saturday, July 29
Saturday, August 26

Register for these classes at
www.YourMetroParks.net
or call 513.867.5835



Great Miami Crew Boathouse
330 North B Street
Hamilton OH 45013

Saturday, June 3*
Saturday, August 19
Sunday, September 10

Register for these classes at
www.GreatMiamiRowing.com
or call 513.892.4672

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$10 per person, per class



*National Learn to Row Day, FREE program

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Show and Tell at 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 August

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.



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HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES

WHEN Every Wednesday
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
May 31st - August 16th

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

FEATURING

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

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HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES

MAY 31

Stagger Lee Band

JUNE 7

Saffire Express

JUNE 14

Ty Cooper

JUNE 21

The Belairs

JUNE 28

Jamison Road

JULY 5

Ooh La La

JULY 12

The Sunburners

JULY 19

Kelsey Mira

JULY 26

Hickory Robot

AUGUST 2

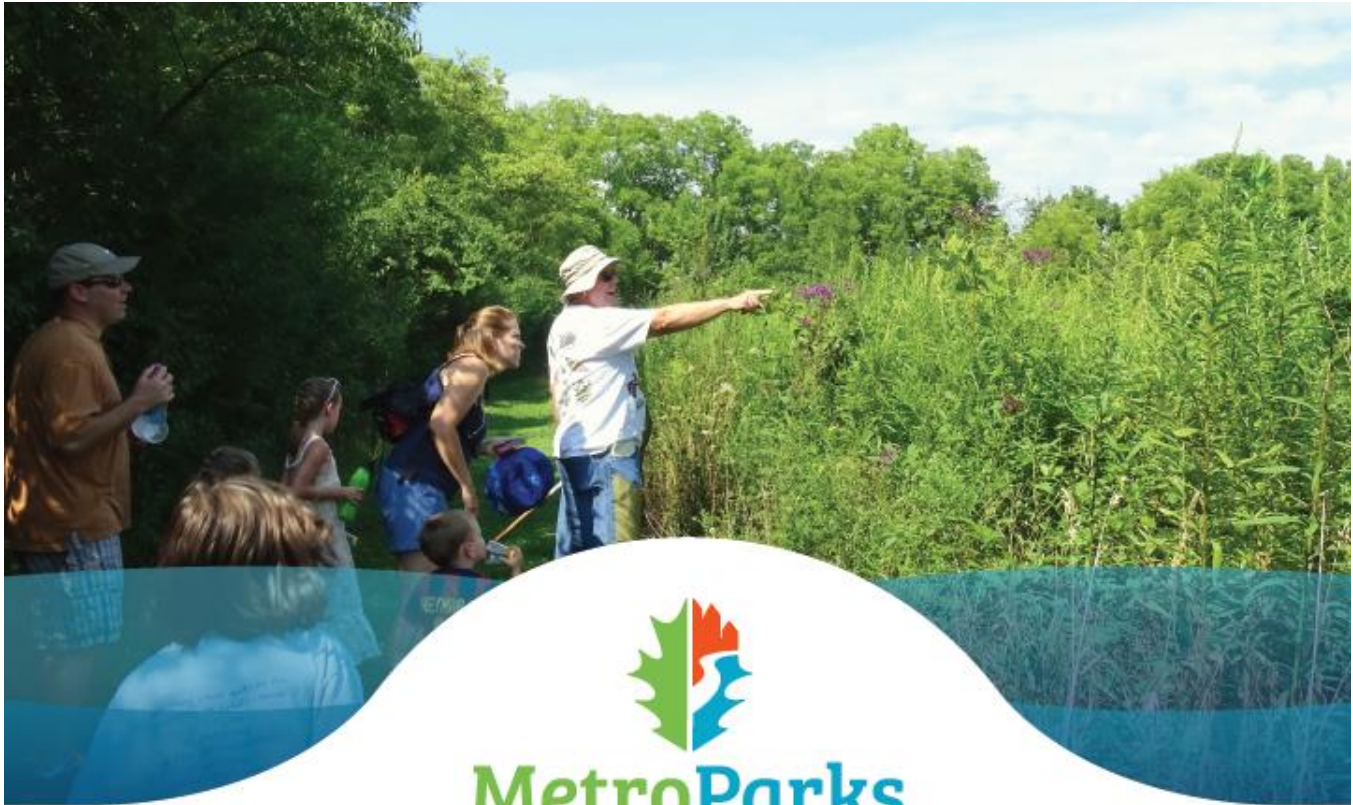
The McCartney Project

AUGUST 9

Square Thirteen

AUGUST 16

Parrots of the Caribbean



Butterfly Hunt

WHEN **August 19, 2017**
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

PRICE **FREE**
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

It's the perfect time of year to look for butterflies. Bob Nuhn, local butterfly expert, will lead the way. Dress to be in the sun and walking through tall grasses. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Program will be canceled in the case of rain. Meet in the main parking lot.

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Fun on the Farm

WHEN August 13, 2017
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

PRICE \$5.00/Vehicle
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

Come out for a day of Fun on the Farm! The annual family event will include: hayrides, farm games and crafts, live animal demonstrations, egg hunts, open hearth cooking, garden exploration, tours of the historic Augspurger House, farm equipment and farm-friendly vendors and demonstrators.



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Mountain Music Jams

WHEN July 30, 2017 & August 27, 2017
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE Indian Creek MetroPark
Pioneer Church
3000 Indian Creek Road
Oxford OH 45056

PRICE FREE

ABOUT

Enjoy FREE music at the Pioneer Church. Bring a chair or blanket and listen to the informal, impromptu jam sessions of talented, local musicians. Bring your own instrument and join in! Judy and Warren Waldron will facilitate this program.

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Stepping Forward Service Days 2017

A great opportunity for
groups, individuals, or
families!

| Location | Date/Time | Activities |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rentschler Forest MetroPark Timberhill Area | Saturday, March 11 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Prepare Timberhill for the fun of spring. Assemble tent shelters, perform trail maintenance and general indoor facility maintenance. |
| Voice of America MetroPark | Saturday, April 1 st 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Prepare VOA for another busy season of athletic competitions. Help hang nets for soccer goals and clean up the athletic field area. |
| Indian Creek MetroPark | Saturday, April 22 nd 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Help in habitat improvement at Indian Creek MetroPark by removing invasive species with hand tools along the waterfront and drives. |
| Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald | Saturday, April 22 nd 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Perform trail maintenance in preparation for horse trail opening. |
| Voice of America MetroPark | Friday, July 14 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Help prepare VOA for the Crazy Cardboard Regatta. Raise the flags and fences, set up tents, clean up the park, and general event set up. |
| Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald | Saturday, August 26 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Prepare Sebald Park for Horse Daze. Perform trail maintenance, honeysuckle removal, and park clean up. |
| Governor Bebb MetroPark | Saturday, September 23 rd 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Help maintain the historic pioneer village and Governor Bebb MetroPark by cleaning up the outdoor village area and performing trail maintenance. |
| Rentschler Forest MetroPark Timberhill Area | Saturday, October 28 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Prepare the Timberhill Activity Area for winter. Help take down tent shelters, perform park clean up, trail maintenance, and general maintenance tasks. |
| Rentschler Forest MetroPark | Saturday, October 28 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Participate in the Great Miami Clean Sweep by picking up trash in and around the waterways that run through Rentschler Forest MetroPark and feed into the Great Miami River. |
| Voice of America MetroPark | Saturday, October 28 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Perform trail maintenance, invasive species removal, landscaping. |
| Forest Run MetroPark | Saturday, October 28 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Perform trail maintenance, invasive species removal, landscaping. |
| Voice of America MetroPark | Saturday, November 18 th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Prepare the VOA athletic fields for the winter season by helping to take down and store soccer goals and perform athletic complex clean up. |

Provided:
Snacks
Water
Tools



Rain or Shine

Dress properly for
weather & working conditions

 Make A
Difference Day

October 28th is Make a
Difference Day. Service
opportunities will be provided
throughout MetroParks of
Butler County on this day.
Thanks for making a
difference!



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

For more information on park locations please visit
www.YourMetroParks.net/Parks

To sign up to serve, contact Sara Schapman at
sschapman@YourMetroParks.net or call 513.867.5835



Hump Day Concerts

6 for \$5.00

Or

1 For \$1.00

Proceeds go to the BENEFIT of
MetroParks of Butler County



*Must be present to Win



HORSEDAZE

WHEN Saturday, September 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE Elk Creek MetroPark
5580 Elk Creek Road
Middletown OH 45402

PRICE FREE Event

REGISTER YourMetroParks.net

FEATURING

- Horse Rides
- Hayrides
- Horse Photo Ops
- Demonstrations
- Games & Activities
- Food & Drinks available for purchase



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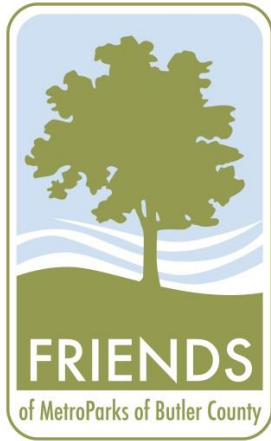


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| Our Mission | To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs |
| Member Benefits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

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

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

Become a Friend!

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

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

Pick an Annual Membership

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

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____