

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

November, 2018

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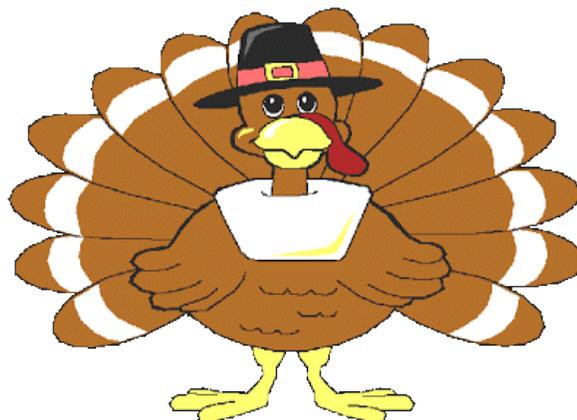
October Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Butler County Historical Society

327 N 2nd Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

7:00-9:00 PM



Letter from the President

Spring has sprung, fall has fell, winter's near and it's cold as . . . the dickens. Seems like only yesterday that we were complaining about unseasonably warm weather. Today the weatherman even used the dreaded 4-letter word, s**w, for the first time this season. Prepare for a run on milk, bread, and rock salt, it's that time of year.

The autumn leaves were a mixed bag this year. Although some trees turned bright oranges, reds, and yellows, the wind and rain conspired to strip the leaves before full color was reached. It seemed that the bad weather worked weekends to cause maximum disruption of MPX events. Still crowds braved the rain for Arts in MetroParks and the Howl. Fret not, friends, there are lots of fun events scheduled for November.

See you in the parks,
Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy spring on the farm with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: The 3-Sister Garden, ABC's of Farm Life, Turkey Talk, Pumpkin Smash, Pilgrims, Machines that Help Us, and Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals.

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

No program on Thursday November 22nd or Sunday November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Arts in the MetroParks



Brand new series! Introducing... Arts in the MetroParks featuring the Wild & Scenic Film Festival! Arts in the MetroParks is an art series competition with 2018's theme focused on the newly declared "Great Miami Riverway." Artists and nature lovers from all over the Butler County community will have the chance to experience creative visions of the Great Miami River at the new River Center (120 South Carmody Blvd, Middletown, OH 45044) through various art mediums. Light refreshments will be available each night of the series with short environmental conservation films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival delighting guests during the open houses.

Friday, November 2nd, 5:00-8:00pm River Center
Friday, November 9th, 5:00-8:00pm



Autumn Leaves



Join MetroParks of Butler County and The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation to learn more about leaves and the beautiful fall Colors. Learn why the leaves are changing colors. This FREE program will take place at Huffman Park located at 2100 John Gray Rd Fairfield, Ohio and is open to all ages. Please call to 513-867-5348 register. Walk-ups are welcome

Photo Walks-Tips for Shooting Close-Ups and Intimate Landscapes.



Explore the Pioneer Village and look for interesting close-up photographs around the Village. As the flowers die, leaves fall, and winter approaches, people often wonder what they can still photograph. When you start to look for the "small stuff", you'll discover all kinds of interesting new subjects! Photographer, Susan Milinkovich, will share tips for shooting close-ups and intimate landscapes. Bring

your iPhone, point-and-shoot or DSLR camera - no photography experience required.

Saturday, November 10th, 9:00-10:30am
Governor Bebb MetroPark: Pioneer Village Area
Historic Cabins.

Makes Sense, Naturally!



Discover secrets about our five senses. Find out if Humans see the world in the same way that others animals do? Meet a live animal and discover how they use their senses! Free Program with registration required by 11/9/2018

Saturday, November 10th, 10:00-11:00am
River Center- 120 S Carmody Blvd, Middletown
OH 45044

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Let's Go Hiking-Surviving Winter, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Bird Count

Did You Know

Kroger Community Rewards Update

FOMPBC organization # TM866

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations earn \$4

million in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern Kentucky through their Community Rewards program. FOMPBC is one of the Many wonderful organizations that benefit from this program.

How Can YOU Help Us?

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

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



Amazon Smile

What is Amazon Smile?

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

MetroParks of Butler County Leonid Meteor Shower

By Shawnee Banks

Looking for something extraordinary? Come to Governor Bebb MetroParks Howe Shelter on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the Leonid Meteor Shower (Bryd, 2018).



Figure 1. Picture of the Leonid Meteor Shower by James Younger (Bryd, 2018)

The Leonid Meteor shower originates from the Comet Tempel-Tuttle (Bryd, 2018). As we pass the comet, the debris enters our atmosphere and vaporizes creating the mystical meteor shower we all love so much. The meteor shower radiates from the constellation Leo (Bryd, 2018). Be on the lookout for the constellation to get the best view of the Leonid Meteors.



Figure 2. Illustrates where the meteors will be radiating from (the green circle) near the constellation Leo (The Interactive Meteor Shower Sky Map; TAD, 2018)

Not sure where to find Leo? Not to worry. The MetroParks of Butler County will have volunteers from the Cincinnati Astronomical Society there to help. Worried you won't see anything? This year, expect to see between 10 – 15 meteors per hour at peak (Bryd, 2018). Also, don't miss the chance to

look at one of our telescopes and get some magnified views of our magnificent stars.

Bring a blanket or chair, bundle up, and enjoy a late night at Governor Bebb MetroPark!

References:

Bryd, Deborah. "November's Leonid meteor shower." *EarthSky*, 15 November 2018, <https://earthsky.org/?p=29831#how-many>

(TAD) "Leonids Meteor Shower 2018." *timeanddate*, 2018, <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/meteor-shower/leonids.html>

Arts in the MetroParks – Great Miami Riverway Art Show



The Howl: Trick or Treat for Pets and their Owners





Fun at the Chrisholm Play Scape



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



The Howl and Reforestation Project at Forest Run



Contact Us

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

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 2051 Timberman Road
 Hamilton OH 45013
 513.867.5835
www.YourMetroParks.net

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

November Birthday Corner!

Josephine Rolfes	11/1	Kim Schneider	11/15
Shirley Clancy	11/3	Joshua Holley	11/17
Kari Rigrish	11/3	Laura Konnert	11/17
David Traut	11/5	Kathryn Keefe	11/18
Connor Schultz	11/6	William Higdon	11/20
Rupert Domville	11/7	Clinton Wilder	11/20
Donna Marquardt	11/7	Stephanie Burk	11/23
Chris Conrad	11/10	John Stewart	11/23
Jason Cave	11/12	Shawnee Banks	11/24
Tyler Frazier	11/12	Heather Lampert	11/28
Thomas Broderick	11/15	Judy Farmer	11/29
Tabitha Schmeh	11/15	William Walker	11/30



We L  ve our Volunteers!!

Volunteer Spotlight



Judy Shillinglaw-Master Gardener & Friends of Chrisholm Board Member

How long have you lived or worked in Butler County? 55 years.
Originally from Eastern Kansas

Tell me a little about your family: My husband Jim and I live in Monroe, My daughter Suzanne Byrd and husband Dan Byrd of Middletown, Grandson Sam Byrd, New Haven, Ct.
Dogs and Cats

Do you have any hobbies? Gardening, creating garden club programs, researching horticulture for specific plants and trees, sharing information with other gardeners.
Reading and Travel

What do you like to do for fun or Is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share? Travel to European Countries, especially France, to explore gardens, horticulture, vineyards, history, culture and foodie adventures. So different than USA. I am retired from the Travel Industry. What a great job.

What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks? There is something special about those I volunteer with at Chrisholm MetroPark and Friends of Chrisholm. This is where I learned to appreciate the Augspurger immigrants' stories, burdens, and absolute determination to bring their families and other Amish Mennonite families to Ohio to farm, to own land and to find religious freedom. I grew up in an Agricultural Community and my Mother had a huge vegetable garden and flower gardens. She was in the Lenexa Garden Club and was a talented flower arranger. My Mom would be so proud of me.

November Volunteer Opportunities

Arts in the MetroParks

When: October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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

What: Volunteers are needed for guest registration and to assist with concessions. Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

When: December 16, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Voice of America MetroPark 7850 Voice of America Park Drive West Chester Ohio 45069

What: We are looking for volunteers to assist with serving breakfast, bussing tables, assist with crafts and be Santa's little helper! Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 9, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Voice of America MetroPark 7850 Voice of America Park Drive West Chester Ohio 45069

What: We are looking for volunteers to assist with serving dinner and bussing tables. Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

"Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile." - *William Cullen Bryant*

Arts in the MetroParks



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Arts in the MetroParks

WHEN **Reception & Award Ceremony**
Friday, October 26th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Open Houses - Following three Fridays
November 2nd, November 9th, and
November 16th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
all days.

WHERE **River Center**
120 South Carmody Blvd,
Middletown OH 45044

PRICE **\$2/person or \$5/family**
Spectator registration not required,
art registration required by 10/12/18

ABOUT

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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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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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SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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.

November 1	The Three-Sisters Garden
November 4	ABC's of Farm Life
November 8	Turkey Talk
November 11	Pumpkin Smash
November 15	Pilgrims
November 18	Machines that Help Us
November 29	Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals

December 2	Scavenger Hunt
December 6	Presents for the Farm Animals
December 9	Ice Harvest
December 13	Winter Wreaths
December 16	Yokes and Yolks
December 20	Holidays New & Old on the Farm
December 27	Fat, Feather, and Fur on the Farm

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on November 22 & 25 and December 23 & 30. Happy Holidays!



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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Breakfast with Santa

WHEN Sunday, December 16, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Santa arrives - 11:30 a.m.
Magic show - 12:30 p.m.
Children's Craft Shop - 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

PRICE Age 8 +: \$14.95
Age 3-7: \$12.95
Children Under 3: FREE
\$5.00 for photos with Santa

ABOUT

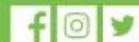
"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps...means a little bit more!"

It's the most wonderful time of year to have Breakfast with Santa! Enjoy a breakfast buffet, a visit with Santa Claus, Christmas crafts, and a Grinch-themed holiday magic show with Charlie Cadabra!

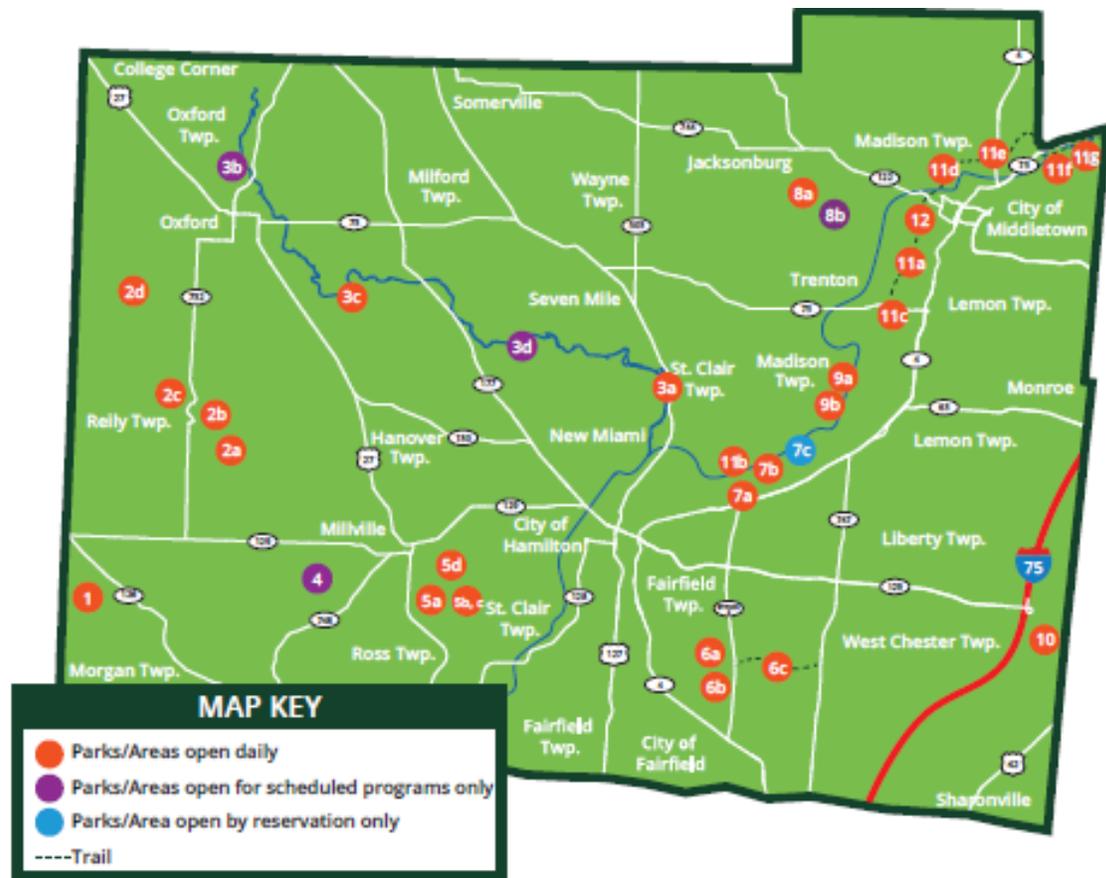
REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required by 12/10/18

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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK

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

3. FOUR MILE CREEK METROPARK

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

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

5. Forest Run MetroPark

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

6. GILMORE METROPARK

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

7. RENTSCHLER FOREST METROPARK

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

8. Elk Creek MetroPark

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

9. Chrisholm MetroPark

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

10. Voice of America MetroPark

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

11. Great Miami River Trail

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

12. Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



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

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

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

Become a Friend!

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

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

Pick an Annual Membership

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

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____