# The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

June, 2022

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# June BOD Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

The June BOD meeting will be held at 6pm, Wednesday, June 8, at the VOA Shelter behind the VOA Broadcast Building.

Members and guests are welcome to attend.



#### **Letter from the President**

Hump Day Concerts are back again. The first two concerts of the year were held under the threat of rain. Kevin McCoy got two-thirds of the way through the first set before the skies opened and washed the audience off the lawn. The following concert, Bohemian Funk, had heavy rain before and after the performance, but nothing during the show.

This year split-the-pot earnings will go towards one or more improvements at VOA MetroPark. Suggested projects are a shade structure at the cricket pitch, erosion control at the VOA lake, or artificial turf for the entryway to Wiggly Field dog park. Volunteers are needed for each of the remaining ten concerts to help sell raffle tickets. Please report to Donna Holliday at the Friends table before each concert.

MPX is working with Fairfield and Liberty Twp parks to provide nature walk leadership by Stephanie McCabe, Park Naturalist. Stephanie's first walk in Liberty Twp will take place at 2:30pm on Saturday, June 11, at Wetlands West Park.

Looks like a wonderful year of upcoming Hump Day Concerts, This year there will be pre-concert programs before each show. Be sure to join us to welcome summer.

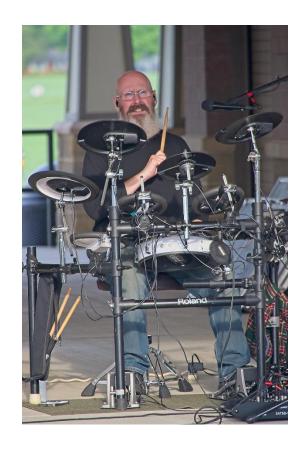
See you in the parks, Bill Walker

#### **Board Members Needed**

As we near the end of the fiscal year we approach nomination season. The Friends of MetroPark of Butler County need to add new members to the Board of Directors. We would like to add at least four new directors, if possible. If interested, please email Bill Walker at <a href="mailto:bug\_jock@yahoo.com">bug\_jock@yahoo.com</a>

### **Kevin McCoy Band**







# Bohemian Funk











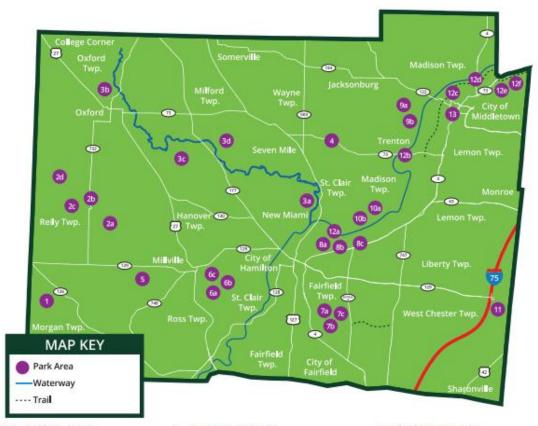
# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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









1. Governor Bebb MetroPark 1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053

#### 2. Indian Creek MetroPark 2a. Oxford-Reily Road Area 1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732) Oxford OH 45056

2b. Springfield Road Area

6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056

#### 2c. Pioneer Church Area

3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056

2d. Bunker Hill Cemetery 5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056

#### 3. Four Mile Creek MetroPark

3a. Antenen Nature Preserve

2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### 3b. Mill Race Preserve Area

5401 Corso Road Oxford OH 45056

#### 3c. Sycamore Bluffs Area

Lanes Mill Road Oxford OH 45056

#### 3d. Davidson Woods Area \*

1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013

#### 4. Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark

4050 Trenton-Oxford Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### 5. Salamander Run Preserve \*

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

\*Parks / Areas open for scheduled programs only. \*\*Parks / Areas open by reservation only.

#### Forest Run MetroPark

#### 6a. Administrative Office

2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

#### 6b. Timberman Ridge Area

1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

#### 6c. Wildlife Preserve Area

1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

#### 7. Gilmore MetroPark

#### 7a. Gilmore Road Area

7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015

7b. Bilstein Boulevard Area 8300 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015

#### 7c. Miami-Erie Canal Trail

8290 Seward Road Fairfield OH 45011

#### Rentschler Forest MetroPark

8a. Reigart Road Area

5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### 8b. Line Hill Mound Area

3620 Hamilton Middletown Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### 8c. Timberhill Area \*\*

3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### 9. Elk Creek MetroPark

9a. Sebald Park Area

5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042

#### 9b. Meadow Ridge Area

5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

#### 10. Chrisholm MetroPark

#### 10a, Historic Farmstead Area

2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

#### 10b. Woodsdale Area

1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

#### 11. Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

#### 12. Great Miami River Trail

12a, South Section

5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011

#### North Section Trailheads

12b.Trenton Trailhead

50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044

#### 12c. Columbia Trailhead

26 North Carmody Boulevard

Middletown OH 45042

#### 12d. Eagle Trailhead

2399 North Carmody Boulevard Middletown OH 45042

#### 12e. Flyer Trailhead

3801 North Verity Parkway Middletown OH 45042

#### 12f. Miami Trailhead

4401 North Verity Parkway Middletown OH 45042

#### 13. River Center at **Bicentennial Commons Middletown**

120 South Carmody Boulevard Middletown OH 45044



# EVERY WEDNESDAY MAY 25 - AUGUST 10



#### WHEN

Every Wednesday May 25 – August 10, 2022 Pre-Show Activities 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### WHERE

Voice of America MetroPark Athletic Complex 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester, Ohio 45069

#### **PRICE & REGISTRATION**

FREE to the public

#### **ABOUT**

- \* Bring chairs or blanket
- \* Family friendly

Pre-show activities and food truck information for each week will be shared via MetroPark social media!

Food trucks scheduled include Big Dogs Pizza, El Caporal, Steak it Eazy, Dine-In Hawaiian, Street Fried, Binge Worthy & more!

5/25	THE KEVIN MCCOY BAND County/Southern Rock	6/22	KAVAN Elvis Tribute	7/20	MONDAY NIGHT BIG BAND Swing/Big Band
6/1	BOHEMIAN FUNK Rock n Soul/Southern Rock	6/29	THE MCCARTNEY PROJECT McCartney, Wings & Beatles Tribute	7/27	MICHELLE ROBINSON Country/Rock/Pop/Oldies
6/8	THE STAGGER LEE BAND Country	7/6	ZACK ATTACK Party/Dance	8/3	LINUS TATE Pop/Rock/Country
6/15	VERNON MCINTYRE'S APPALACHIAN GRASS Blue Grass	7/13	CINCINNATI TRANSIT AUTHORITY Chicago Tribute Band	8/10	THE SUNBURNERS Island Party/Summertime Hits







# SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM MAY & JUNE 2022



#### WHEN

#### MAY SCHEDULE

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### JUNE SCHEDULE

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

#### WHERE

#### **Chrisholm MetroPark**

Chrisholm Historic Farmstead 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton, OH 45067

May 1 Magnificent Moms

May 5 ABC's of Farm Life - Letters "I & J"

May 12 3 Sister's Garden

May 15 Busy Bees

May 19 Strawberry Surprise

May 22 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter "K"

May 26 Slow Food verses Fast Food

\*\* No Program \*\* May 8 - Mother's Day May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend June 19 - Father's Day

#### **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! Designed to delight kids and kids at heart.

#### PRICE & REGISTRATION

FREE programs for all ages Registration requested, Walk-ins welcome

June 2 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter "L"

June 5 Goat Jamboree

June 9 Tree-riffic

June 12 Fabulous Fathers on the Farm

June 16 Yoga on the Farm

June 23 Solar Summer Fun

June 26 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter "M"

June 30 Compost Chums

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# JUNE 2022 EVENT CALENDER



#### HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES BOHEMIAN FUNK

Voice of America MetroPark UC Health Athletic Complex Wed., June 1, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### CREEKING IN THE PARKS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Relgart Road Area Thurs., June 2, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM ABC'S OF FARM LIFE - LETTER L

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., June 2, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

# THE NATURE OF KIDS WILD WONDERS!

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Relgart Road Area Fri., June 3, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FREE

#### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM GOAT JAMBOREE

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., June 5, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Voice of America MetroPark Tues., June 7, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$5/person\*\*

#### HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES THE STAGGER LEE BAND

Volce of America MetroPark UC Health Athletic Complex Wed., June 8, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### CREEKING IN THE PARKS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Line Hill Mound Area Thurs., June 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM TREE-RIFFIC

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., June 9, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

#### THE NATURE OF KIDS FUN IN THE SUN

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Relgart Road Area Fri., June 10, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FREE

#### **CALLING ALL FARMHANDS**

Gilbert Farms Park 6181 Ross Rd, Fairfield, OH 45014 Sat., June 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FREE

#### STAR GAZING SERIES STRAWBERRY SUPERMOON

Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area
Sat., June 11, 9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
FREF\*\*

## SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM FABULOUS FATHERS ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., June 12, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. FRFF

#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Voice of America MetroPark Tues., June 14, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$5/person\*\*

#### HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES: VERNON MCINTYRE'S APPALACHIAN GRASS

Voice of America MetroPark UC Health Athletic Complex Wed., June 15, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. FREE

#### CREEKING IN THE PARKS

Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area Thurs., June 16, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. FRFF

## SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM YOGA ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., June 16, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

### THE NATURE OF KIDS WACKY WEATHER

Volce of America MetroPark Fri., June 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FREE

MORE EVENTS ON BACK! ---

\*\*Registration is required for all of these programs.



For all other programs, registration is requested and walk-ins are welcome!

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# **JULY 2022** EVENT CALENDER



## THE NATURE OF KIDS

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge Area
Fri., July 1, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Voice of America MetroPark Tues., July 5, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$5/person\*\*

# HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES ZACK ATTACK

Voice of America MetroPark UC Health Athletic Complex Wed., July 6, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. \* FREE

#### CREEKING IN THE PARKS

Chrisholm MetroPark Woodsdale Regional Park Thurs., July 7, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FREE

#### SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM ABC'S OF FARM LIFE - LETTER N

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., July 7, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

#### THE NATURE OF KIDS ALL ABOUT FISH

Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Area Fri., July 8, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FRFF

#### CREATURES OF THE PAST

Point Pleasant Park 2001 Resor Road Fairfield, OH 45014 Sat., July 9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FREE

#### STAR GAZING SERIES BUCK MOON

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Sat., July 9, 9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. FREE\*\*

# SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM CALLING ALL FARM HANDS

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., July 10, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. FREE

#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Voice of America MetroPark Tues., July 12, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. \$5/person\*\*

# HUMP DAY CONCERT SERIES CINCINNATI TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Voice of America MetroPark UC Health Athletic Complex Wed., July 13, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \*

#### CREEKING IN THE PARKS

Indian Creek MetroPark Oxford Reily Road Area Thurs., July 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FREE

# SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WATER IS LIFE

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., July 14, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### THE NATURE OF KIDS H2O, LET'S GO!

Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area Fri., July 15, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FREE

MORE EVENTS ON BACK! -



\* Pre-show activities 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Concert 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \*\* Registration is required for all of these programs. For all other programs, registration is requested and

walk-ins are welcome!

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#### CO-SPONSORED EVENT

# **Creeking in the Parks**

WHEN	Every Thursday June 2 - July 28, 2022 10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
WHERE	See Below
PRICE	FREE Registration Requested at YourMetroParks.net Walk-ins Welcome
June 2	Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area
June 9	Rentschler Forest MetroPark Line Hill Mound Area <b>Pond Study</b>
June 16	Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area
June 23	Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Area <b>Pond Study</b>
June 30	Four-Mile Creek MetroPark Antenen Nature Preserve

#### **ABOUT**

Partners MetroParks of Butler County and Butler Soil & Water Conservation District will be your hosts for this series. Learn about the animals and fossils found in the creeks, ponds, and wetlands around the county.

All ages are welcome! Appropriate footwear required. No flip flops please.

July 7	Chrisholm MetroPark Woodsdale Regional Park <b>Wetland Study</b>
July 14	Indian Creek MetroPark Oxford-Reily Road Area
July 21	Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area <b>Pond Study</b>
July 28	Governor Bebb MetroPark

The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation. For more information visit us at www.YourMetroParks.net or call 513.867.5835

Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents \$8/daily or \$15 annually.



# **JULY 16, 2022**



SCAN ME

#### WHEN

Saturday, July 16, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### WHERE

Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Dr. West Chester, OH 45069

#### PRICE

**FREE** for Spectators Boat Builders Register at the link below

#### REGISTRATION

https://tinyurl.com/2022-Crazy-Cardboard-Regatta

### Come to compete or to watch ... which will you do??

Proceeds benefit The Water Recreation Fund at the Northern Cincinnati Foundation.

#### **FEATURING**

- Cardboard Boat Races & Competitions
- · Vendors, Music, Food & Drinks
- · On-site Mini Cardboard Boat Building

#### AWARD CATEGORIES

#### The Fast & The Floundering

Will you compete for speed or show... the fastest boats move on.

#### Soggy Bottom Battle

The last boat still afloat wins in a "crash derby" style competition.

Judges will award prizes for speed, creativity, and presentation!



Presenting Sponsor







CO-SPONSORED EVENT

#### THE NATURE OF KIDS

WHEN Every Friday

June 3 - July 29, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WHERE

Location Varies - See Below

PRICE

FREE

Registration Requested at YourMetroParks.net

#### **ABOUT**

The Nature of Kids is a brand-new summer series to get kids outdoors and into nature to appreciate and investigate the world around them! Join MetroParks of Butler County with partners Butler Soil and Water Conservation District and Ohio State University Extension for these FREE summer programs. Let's get outside and in the parks to learn through hands-on games, crafts, and activities, to explore and make discoveries, and have fun with it!

#### WILD WONDERS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Friday, June 3

#### **FUN IN THE SUN**

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Friday, June 10

#### WACKY WEATHER

Voice of America MetroPark Friday, June 17

#### BUGGING OUT

Voice of America MetroPark Friday, June 24

#### **ISTEM**

Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Area Friday, July 1

#### ALL ABOUT FISH

Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Area Friday, July 8

#### H2O, LET'S GO!

Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area Friday, July 15

#### "ROCK" AND ROLL

Elk Creek MetroPark Sebald Park Area Friday, July 22

#### FAIR FUN DAY

**Butler County Fairgrounds\*** Friday, July 29

\*Entrance fee to Butler County Fair will apply for those who wish to join.

This program is optional and not required for participants.



# SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM JULY & AUGUST 2022



#### WHEN

#### JULY & AUGUST SCHEDULE

Sundays 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### WHERE

#### Chrisholm MetroPark

Chrisholm Historic Farmstead 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton, OH 45067

July 7 ABC's of	f Farm Life -	Letter N
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July 10 Calling All Farm Hands

July 14 Water is Life

July 17 Bingo on the Farm

July 21 Painting with Veggies

July 24 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter O

July 28 Batty About Bats

July 31 Mudpies Mayhem

#### AROUT

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#### PRICE & REGISTRATION

FREE programs for all ages Registration requested,

August 4 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter P

August 7 Ohio Feeds the World

August 11 Eat a Rainbow

August 14 Monarchs & Milkweeds

August 18 Herbalicious

August 21 ABC's of Farm Life - Letter Q

August 25 Cellar Food is Survival

August 28 Fossil Find & Dino Stomp

<sup>\*\*</sup>No Program July 3rd for the July 4th Hollday



# JULY 29 & 30, 2022



# **MUD MANIA**

#### WHEN

July 29 & 30, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### WHERE

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area 5701 Reigart Road Hamilton, Ohio 45011

#### PRICE & REGISTRATION

Register online or day-of the event: Ages 6 & up/\$5.00 Ages 5 & under/FREE

YourMetroParks.net

#### **FEATURING**

Mud Mania is back! Slip, slide, climb, and crawl your way through a mud obstacle course featuring a water slide, muddy pools, and more. All ages are welcome and encouraged to come prepared to get wet and dirty! Shoes with secure backs are required.







2051 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013 513-867-5835, fax 513-867-5954 www.yourmetroparks.net

### **Monthly Volunteer Time Sheet**

(Please Print or Type)

Group/Individual Name:

Address:				
Phone/E-ma	ail:			
Month and Year:				
Date	Location of Project or Event	Description of Work Being Performed	Time Worked	
		Total:		
Please sign below and turn in your form at the end of each month to a supervising staff member or the Administrative Office.				
Signature:_		Date:		

I recognize there are certain risks of injury as a result of my (or my child's) participation in this volunteer activity. I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages, or loss which I (or my child may) sustain as a result of participating in any and all of the activities connected with or associated with this program, or products provided, including allergic reactions to foods consumed. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have, as a result of my (or my child's) participation in this program, against MetroParks of Butler County and their agents, employees, and volunteers and against any co-sponsors of the program. I understand that neither MetroParks of Butler County, its staff, nor its volunteers assume responsibility for accident or injury to participants during this activity. MetroParks of Butler County Staff photographers may document the programs and events. MetroParks of Butler County reserves the right to use photographs of participants taken for the purposes of advertising and promoting its programs. I agree to these conditions.

# 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> <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?	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!

2 easy ways to join, either log on to fompbc.org/donate or

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 Group or Business Name Address	
City	State Zip
Home/Business Phone	Cell Phone
Email (required to receive newsletter)	