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Garden Sights & German Delights

Thursday, June 26, 2025

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- 7:20 – 8:00 am Approximate time to depart depending upon pickup locations. Pickups will be in Celina, St Marys and Wapakoneta. Exact pickup times and locations will be determined approximately 30 days prior to trip departure.
- 9:30 am Arrive at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, central Ohio's premier botanical garden and home to the iconic John F. Wolfe Palm House which dates back to 1895. The experience consists of botanical biomes, lush gardens and special horticulture and art exhibitions. A collection of glass works by artist Dale Chihuly is also on display and special exhibitions include the family favorite *Paul Busse Garden Railway* and iconic *Blooms & Butterflies*.
- 12:15 pm Depart for the famous Schmidt's Sausage Haus German Restaurant for included buffet lunch featuring real German food.
- 1:40 pm Depart for Topiary Park & Garden that recreates the scene depicted in Georges Seurat's famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*. Officially dedicated in 1992, the park consists of 54 people, eight boats, three dogs, a monkey, and a cat, all in the form of topiary sculptures made of yew trees.
- 2:20 pm Depart for the Columbus Park of Roses, one of the largest public rose gardens in the U.S. with more than 7,500 rose specimens. The garden's extensive variety of plantings include a Formal Rose Garden, Heritage Rose Garden, Perennial Garden, Herb Garden and Backyard Garden.
- 3:30 pm Depart Park of Roses for Oakland Nursery and Garden Center
- 3:50 pm Arrive at Oakland Nursery and Garden Center for shopping of plants and everything you need for your dream garden.
- 5:00 pm Depart Oakland Garden Center for Home. We will not be stopping for dinner so you may want to bring some snacks on the bus.
- 6:20 – 7:00 pm Approximate time to return home depending upon pickup location.

Cost includes motorcoach transportation, meal & attraction admissions

Cost per person - \$120

Deposit - \$20 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – 5/26/25

- **Make checks payable to MCCOA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and mail to 217 Riley Street, Celina, OH 45822.**
- Deposit required within 14 days of making your reservation to confirm your reservation
- Balance due 4/28/25. Additional trip information and billing will be sent prior to that date.
- The list of passenger names will be included in the final itinerary
- **Cancellation Policy - Deposit fully refundable up to 30 days prior to trip departure; 30-14 days prior to departure– 50% of your trip cost is non-refundable; 14 days prior to departure – 100% of trip cost is non-refundable. If a replacement is found, you will be refunded all your money except for a \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.**
- If less than 30 passengers sign up for this trip, MCCOA reserves the right to cancel the trip or make any necessary changes to conduct the trip with a reduced number of passengers.
- Parking will be available in the parking lots at all locations. **Please plan to arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.**
- The dress for attractions is casual.
- You may bring snacks and drinks on the bus



Buses are not wheelchair accessible. You must be able to get on and exit the bus without assistance. In the event I would need any type of medical treatment, I hereby consent to treatment by any licensed physician or dentist, and I am responsible for any expenses incurred due to any change in the tour. I further understand that I, and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf do waive, release and discharge MCCoA (Mercer County Council on Aging) and its representatives, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility or liability from injuries, loss, damages, diseases, or deaths resulting from my participation in any programs or activities sponsored by MCCoA. I understand that this waiver means I and any heirs or persons acting on my behalf give up the rights to bring any claims for personal injury, death, disease, property damage or any other loss including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I or my heirs may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. MCCoA and its representatives accept no responsibility for the services of any company, personnel or any other conveyance used in connection with any tour or for any loss or additional expenses incurred due to additional or changed fees, delay, changes in schedule, restrictions, requirements or acts or omissions of any carrier or supplier. You are responsible for understanding all trip and activity requirements and must not rely on MCCoA to provide this information. MCCoA and its representatives reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, amend the itinerary for any reason, and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour if his/her actions impose a risk or disturb other members of the tour.