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Metropolitan Park District

Newsletter

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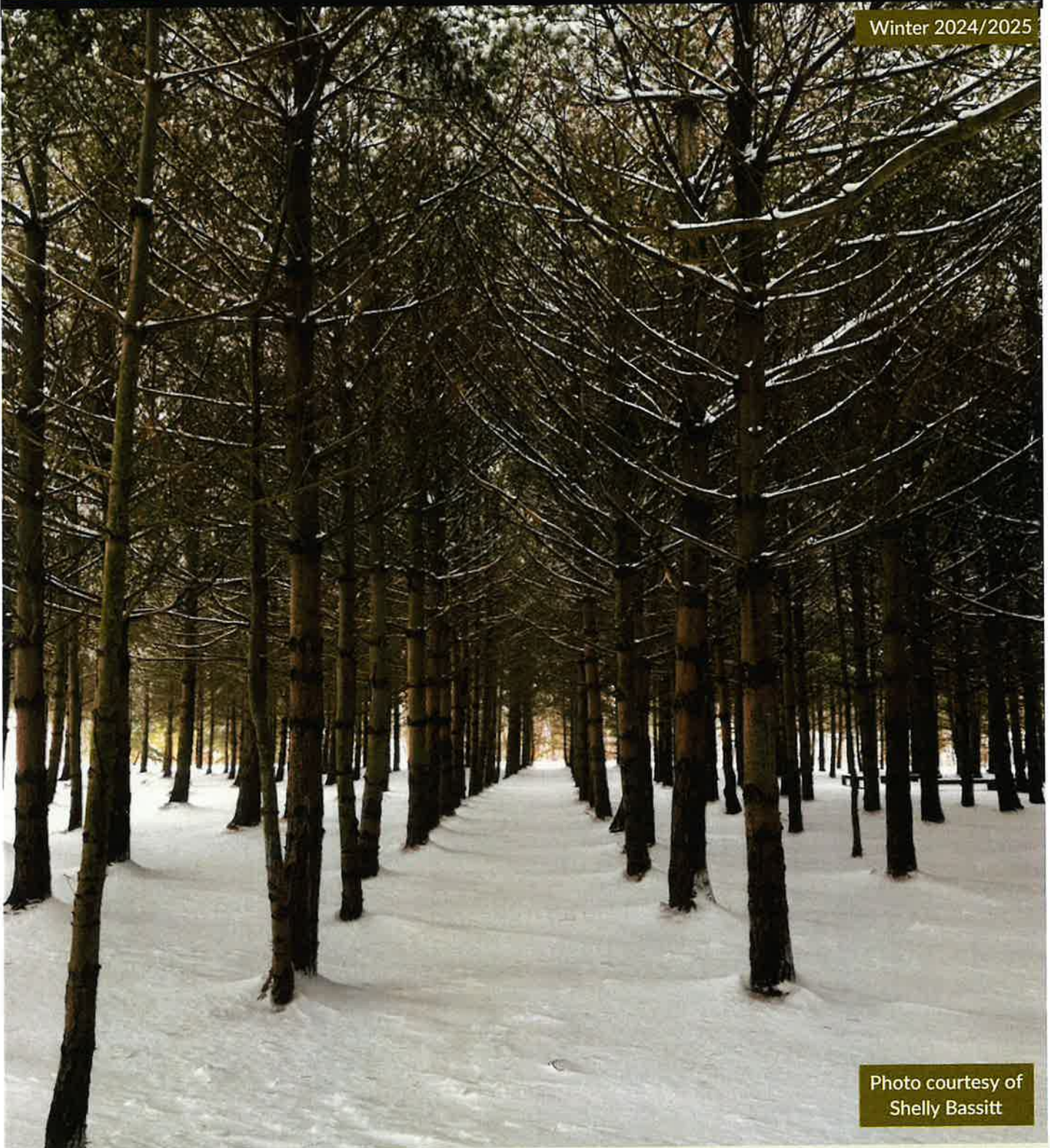


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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Tyler Black -
Executive Director

Celebrating Achievements in 2024

As 2024 draws to a close, the Park District is thrilled to reflect on a year filled with remarkable projects and community engagement. This year, we successfully completed programming and projects in the areas that make the Park District unique: 1.) **Conservation** 2.) **Education**, and 3.) **Accessibility**. A few of those projects are listed below. Please look for the publication of our Annual Report (January 2025) for a comprehensive listing of projects from 2024.

Conservation

Motter Metro Park Wetland Enhancement (21 acres of wetland development in collaboration with the Nature Conservancy)

Kendrick Woods Wetland Development through funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - H2Ohio Program (to be finished in 2025)

Education

Enhanced Storybook Trail Signage at Hermon Woodlands

Allen County Ag Hall of Fame

Monument at the Allen County Farm Park in collaboration with the Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce and Nutrien.

Accessibility

CXT Flush Restroom at Ottawa Metro Park

All Abilities Kayak Day at Ottawa Metro Park in collaboration with the Allen County Board of DD

Allen County Farm Park (daily, year-round access)

In addition to these efforts, the Park District was able to host both Maple Festival (March) and Apple Festival (October) this year. These are both events that have long-standing traditions with new and exciting offerings every other year. We had great weather with even greater public turnout for each event!

Looking ahead, we're excited to hit the ground running with projects for 2025, including plans for construction to begin on a splashpad at Ottawa Metro Park and a playground replacement project at Heritage Park - Lions Den. Together, we are fostering a healthier, more connected community through our parks, and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Yours in servant leadership,

Tyler Black
Executive Director

Volunteer Opportunities

with Natural Resource and Environmental Education Departments

Critter Care Volunteers

Training Session: Dec. 12; Jan. 9;
Feb. 13 – 4 pm – MEEC

*Continuing opportunities: Every
Thursday – 4 pm – MEEC*

The park district maintains several live animals as ambassadors for environmental education. Mostly reptiles and amphibians with a few invertebrates and fish, these animals need to be cared for – and that's where we need your help! We're looking for excited teenage volunteers to help with our Critter Care program. We tend to the animals in the MEEC every Thursday at 4 pm for 1-1.5 hrs. Each volunteer will be required to attend a training session, stressing animal care and sanitary standards, which includes a volunteer manual. For more information contact Dan Hodges at dhodges@jampd.com

4th Grade Fieldtrip Training

The Park District "Maple Syruping" 4th Grade Field Trip is an interdisciplinary, hands-on program focused on maple trees and the process of making maple syrup. Volunteers assist the naturalists as they lead student groups through activities, or lead stations as naturalist rotate with school groups. This program is held at the MEEC (and on the trails at Teddy Bear Park). Please join us on Thursday, January 30 from 9 am – 12 pm at the MEEC for an in-depth training on the program. Register on the Park District volunteer portal by Jan. 28..



Volunteer Conservation Work

Spring: Garlic mustard control, transplanting seedlings grown indoors/greenhouse, plug planting for habitat restoration/native garden

Summer: Teasel seed head removal, seed collection (sedges)

Fall: Seed collection (grasses/flowers/trees/shrubs)

Winter: Seed cleaning, indoor or greenhouse planting, habitat restoration seedings

Year round: Invasive woody plant removal

Above projects will appear in the newsletter with more detailed descriptions and dates. If you have a large group interested in a service project, please contact Anne Smedley at 419-221-1232 or asmedley@jampd.com to set up a date.

You Can Make a Difference!

Volunteer with the Park District and help enhance our community by supporting programs, maintenance, and special events. Sign up today with the QR code below to make a lasting impact!



Donations

In memory of

Tim Bame

Betty Bushong

Forrest Clingerman

Rose Lain

Tony Messer

Jimmie L Steed

Linda G Thompson

Naturalist Notebook

“Stick Season: Bark to Basics”



November is an unappealing transition for many nature lovers. Gone are the vibrant colors of fall and the hope of new spring growth is still too far off. However, a windy and damp segue into winter is just what we need when we want to see the forest—and the trees!

First things first: Trees are a lifestyle and are represented in many plant families. Unlike animals, which can be classified into groups by the presence or absence of a backbone or the nature of their anatomy and physiology, there is no recognized grouping of plants known as “trees.” Rather, there are multiple plant families in which some members take on the characteristics of a tree. What are the characteristics of a tree, then? Well, trees are defined by their permanently woody stems, known as trunks, and their ability to grow outward in annual rings. This is a feature we call secondary plant growth. Each year a tree gets progressively taller at its tips and measurably larger around its circumference. Trees, then, are perennial plants and may live for many years. In fact, a Great Basin bristlecone pine tree, aptly named Methuselah, is reported to be over 4,800 years old! No other type of plant has that kind of longevity—unless it’s of the artificial variety, of course.

Even though trees don’t belong to a single taxonomic group, we can still organize them based on their ecology. Broadleaved, deciduous trees are those that fall in line nicely with all our notions of what being a tree means. These are the oaks, maples, beeches, and birches that sprout large, flat leaves in the spring and then put on a dazzling display of fall color just before winter when leaves are shed. Distinctly opposite are the evergreen conifers, the myriad pines, spruces, and firs that become our beloved Christmas trees—even when their modified leaf “needles” give us a poke or two! However, there are some mavericks among them. These are the trees that seem like an oxymoron—the evergreens that have flat, un-needle-y leaves or the conifers that change color drastically and drop every last needle before winter. In our Midwest climate, holly is an example of a small broadleaved evergreen tree; others include boxwood and rhododendron. A notable example on the other end of the spectrum is bald cypress—and if you’ve never witnessed this shaggy looking tree turn blaze orange and “go bald” alongside its maple and oak neighbors, you’re in for a treat!

For me, trees are particularly fascinating because they are vascular plants. This means that they use vessels and an internal network of tubes and chambered pipelines to transport fluids and

dissolved particles through their tissues. Just as you and I have veins and arteries, each with a specific structure and function, so, too, do trees! Xylem is the vascular tissue found in sapwood, the layer of the tree that we harvest for lumber and which comprises the bulk of a tree. It is chiefly composed of dead plant cells that are arranged in vertical tubes and it works to conduct water and dissolved minerals from the base of a tree up to the leaves for photosynthesis. Phloem is a thinner layer of tissue found just underneath the bark. Here there are living cells arranged in vertical tubes to conduct glucose-rich fluid—the sap—down from the leaves to the remainder of the tree. If you’ve ever been talking trees with us on the trail, you know we say “Xy to the sky!” and “Phlo it down!” to help us remember which tissue does what job.

I know November brings more gloom than bloom, but it does little good to be a stick in the mud! It’s worth it to get out there and explore your local forest this stick season and say so long to being stumped by trees. Tally-ho!

Lindsey Gallaugher

Naturalist

Winter Programs

December, January, February

If program description indicates registration required, please register online at jampd.com or by calling 419-221-1232.

PARKS LEGEND

ACF	Allen County Farm Park
ATA	Antibus Trail Access
AR	Agerter Road River Access
CTA	Cottonwood Trail Access
DC	Deep Cut Historical Park
FA	Fort Amanda Park
HP	Heritage Park
HR	Haver Ridge
HWMP	Hermon Woodlands Metro Park
KW	Kendrick Woods
LBS	Lippincott Bird Sanctuary
LHF	Lauer Historical Farm
MEEC	McElroy Environmental Education Center
MMP	Motter Metro Park
MTB	McLean Teddy Bear Park
OMP	Ottawa Metro Park
OMP/AMP	Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater

December

WINTER WELL-NESS CLUB: JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon., Dec. 2 - 5 pm - OMP

It's "snow" much fun to get fit with a Johnny Appleseed accountability buddy! Join Naturalist Lindsey for a warm-up walk and a few laps around Ottawa Metro Park. All



ages and abilities are welcome in their fitness journey, whether you consider yourself a seed, a sapling, or cider! Choose a pace that is comfortable for you. Dress for the weather and come out rain or shine! Meet at the Wyandot Shelter to sign in. Register by Dec. 1.

TRI-MORAIN: BIRDS, BEAKS & ADAPTATION

Tues., Dec 3 - 6:30 pm - OSU Visitor Center

Why does a bird have the type of beak that it does? Are some beaks "general-purpose" while others very specific? As our climate changes, what might that mean for birds and their adaptations for eating. Join Jennifer Elsworth of Metroparks Toledo for a discussion about birds.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Wed., Dec. 4 - 10 am to 5 pm

Thurs., Dec. 5 - 10 am to 5 pm

Fri., Dec 6 - 10 am to 8 pm

Sat. Dec. 7 - 10 am to 5 pm

Sun., Dec. 8 - 12 Noon to 5 pm

Allen County Museum

Visit the Park District Tree at the 52nd annual Christmas Tree Festival, a (free) holiday tradition in Lima. Enjoy the entertainment and Christmas trees decorated by area organizations while in the museum, visit the MacDonnell House and the 1800's log home and don't forget to visit Evergreen the Talking Tree!



NATURE PALS: WINTER BIRDS

Thurs., Dec. 5, Fri., Dec. 6 or Sat. Dec. 7 - 11 am or 1 pm -MEEC

Children ages 3-5 along with an adult companion will enjoy learning about backyard bird feeding and winter songbirds. Registration required by Dec 3.



GEMINID METEOR SHOWER

Fri., Dec. 13 - 7 pm - DC

Boasting up to 120 "falling stars" an hour, this is one of the northern hemisphere's best meteor showers! The Lima Astronomical Society will provide telescopes to watch this fantastic event & view other celestial objects. We will utilize the heated shelter house to warm up as necessary, but please dress for the weather. If viewing conditions are unfavorable, LAS will present indoors. Register by Dec. 13.

NATURE DIY: RAVISHING WREATHS

Sat., Dec. 14-

11 am to 1 pm - MEEC

Spend a "crafter-noon" making wreaths from natural materials! Learn how to wrap a grapevine wreath and decorate it with objects found in nature. For all ages and skill levels, some prewrapped wreaths will be available for younger participants. Feel free to bring any bobs & bits to help decorate your wreath and to share with others! Register by Dec. 13.



DECEMBER (Cont'd)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sat., Dec. 14 or Sun., Dec. 15

1 pm to 4 pm - LHF

Tis the Season! Santa and Company invite you to visit Lauer House for the holidays! Have your



Christmas list ready for the jolly one himself! Families will have the opportunity to meet Santa, take pictures, and receive a Christmas cookie! Register by Dec. 11.

JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon, Dec. 16 – 5 pm – OMP

See Dec 2. program description.

Register by Dec. 15.

SOLSTICE SCAVENGER HUNT

Sat., Dec. 21 – 11 am– LBS

Let's celebrate the first day of winter by finding & appreciating the wintry sights around us! Dress for the weather. Register by Dec. 19.

JANUARY

NATURE PALS: TRICKY TRACKS

Thurs., Jan. 2, Fri., Jan. 3 or

Sat. Jan. 4 – 10 am or 1 pm -MEEC

Children ages 3-5 along with an adult companion are invited to explore the world of winter animals and the tracks they often leave behind. Register by Dec 31.

NEW YEAR HIKE

Sat, Jan. 4 – 9 am – KW

Unwind, recharge, or maybe get a head start on your resolutions as you begin the year on the right foot. Join a naturalist for a brisk hike in the peace and quiet of Allen County's woodland gem,

Kendrick Woods. Hot chocolate and tea will be provided. Register by Jan 3.

TRI-MORAINÉ AUDUBON SOCIETY: PHOTO SAFARI

Tues., Jan. 7 – 6:30 pm.– OSU Lima Visitor Center

Did you go on any trips in the past year? Do you have photos to share? Maybe you'd like to see other nature lovers' photos? Come share your photos of places you have been and critters you have seen! Join us for food, friendship, and sharing of your photos showing where you have been in touch with nature during the last year. Photos on a flash drive preferred. Register by Jan 7.



WINTER "WANDER"LAND

Sat., Jan. 11 – 11 am– HW

Winter is the perfect time to wander the trails and reflect on the serenity of the season. As woodland critters rest and recharge, we'll slow down to experience nature at their pace. This interpretive sensory hike for adults and families will be 1 mile or less on easy to moderate terrain. Dress for the weather and trail conditions. Register by Jan. 10.

WINTER WELLNESS CLUB: JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon., Jan. 13– 5 pm – OMP

See Dec 2 program description.

Register by Jan. 12.

WINTER PARTY

Wed., Jan. 15– 6 pm to 8 pm – MEEC

Take some time to unwind this season by enjoying critters and crafts. Be prepared for fun with

winter-themed crafts, and animals to keep you company while you do them. This is a free event open to people of all ages, with stations and materials provided to participate at your own pace. Doors open at 6 p.m. and we finish up at 8 p.m. Register by Jan. 13.



HOMESCHOOL SERIES: WINTER WARRIORS

Thurs., Jan. 23 – 11 am– MEEC

What do you think: Winter wonderland or winter wasteland? Find out what happens to our woodland critters when the going gets tough! Children ages 5 and up will learn what spurs the start of winter and the strategies that our local wildlife use to survive. Activities will be scaffolded per age, with a focus on ages 5 – 10. Registration is required for all participating children; parents or guardians should accompany registered participants. Register by Jan. 22.

WINTER "WANDER"LAND

Sat., Jan. 25 – 11 am – HR

See Jan 11th program description.

Register by Jan. 24.

JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon., Jan. 27 – 5 pm – OMP

See Dec 2. program description.

Register by Jan. 26.



FEEDING DAY

Thurs., Jan. 30 – 4 pm - MEEC

The Park District maintains several education animals, using them throughout the year for nature presentations and programs. Join the Critter Care volunteers to help (or watch) them clean and feed all our animals.

FEBRUARY

TRI-MORaine AUDUBON SOCIETY: SHOREBIRDS & MORE

Tues., Feb. 4 – 6:30 pm – OSU
Lima Visitor Center
Brendan Shirkey is the Research Coordinator for Winous Point Marsh Conservancy and oversees many research projects involving flora and fauna of the Conservancy. He has been involved in numerous bird surveys on Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie and assists with monitoring shore bird populations. Brendan will share with us what is going on with the Conservancy and birds you can look for there. Register by Feb. 4.

NATURE PALS: WE LOVE NATURE!

Thurs., Feb. 6, Fri.,
Feb. 7 OR Sat., Feb. 8 -
10 am OR 1 pm - MEEC

This year let's invite nature to be our Valentine! Children ages 3-5 along with their adult companion are invited to make nature valentines and go on a heart hunt! When it comes to nature there is so much to love. Register by Feb. 4.



SUGAR BUSH STROLL

Sat., Feb. 8 – 11 am – MTB
Do you know what it takes to go from sap to syrup? Come walk the woods with us to find out! In this program for adults and families we'll meander through the maples and learn the steps in the maple syruping process. A sweet surprise is sure to be in store! Registration is required. This program will be offered again on Sat, Feb. 22nd; please register for only one pro-

gram. Register by Feb. 7.

JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon., Feb. 10 – 5 pm – OMP
See Dec 2. program description.
Register by Feb. 9.



OWL PROWL

Tues., Feb. 11 OR
Wed., Feb. 12 –
6 pm – KW

Get ready to embark on a nighttime adventure to look for these elusive birds of prey. Dress for cold weather and wear sturdy/mud-resistant footwear. Register for either program by Feb 10.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Sat., Feb. 15 –
10 am – MEEC

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Start with a brief presentation on bird ID and then you can relax and observe birds at the feeders from the comfort of the indoors. If you're up for it, we'll take a hike and observe birds in the woods as well. Coffee, tea, and a limited number of binoculars will be provided. Register by Feb. 14.



THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF ALLEN COUNTY

Thurs., Feb. 20 – 6 pm – Allen
County Museum

Join a naturalist at the Allen County Museum to highlight their

exhibit, "Curious By Nature," which displays the works of Charley and Evie Harper. Their art often focuses on nature and Ohio's nature in a beautiful style. We'll discuss their subject, the flora and fauna of Ohio, specifically what we can find close to home! Register by Feb. 20.

SUGAR BUSH STROLL

Sat., Feb. 22 – 11 am – MTB
See Feb 8. program description.
Register by Feb. 21.



SEARCHING FOR SIGNS OF SPRING

Sun., Feb. 23 – 1:30 pm – KW
Come walk off that cabin fever as we explore Kendrick Woods to discover some of the first signs of spring! One of our favorites is the earliest blooming wildflower, skunk cabbage. This "warm-blooded" plant may not smell great, but it offers some hope that winter may finally be loosening its grip! Dress for the weather and ground conditions. Register by Feb. 21.

JOGGING WITH JOHNNY

Mon., Feb. 24 – 5 pm – OMP
See Dec 2. program description.
Register by Feb. 23.

FEEDING DAY

Thur., Feb. 27 – 4 pm – MEEC
See January 30 program description.

2025 Friends Of The Parks Membership

Friends of the Parks is an organization associated with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. Donations from Friends of the Parks enable the Park District to ensure the continuance of environmental education programming, enhance facilities for the parks, and help protect the natural resources of Allen County. Your membership entitles you to a

discount on shelter house reservations.

If you would like to renew your membership for 2025 or join Friends of the Parks, for your convenience please scan the QRCode that takes you directly to our Friends of the Parks application.

**Support Your Park District . . .
Join Friends of the Parks!**



Park District Foundation of Allen County



The Park District Foundation of Allen County is a non-profit corporation operated exclusively for the benefit of the Johnny Appleseed Park District. The Foundation provides the means whereby anyone can share in the fine work of the Park District through planned giving.

The Foundation's "Planned Giving Program" provides support for the Park District both during and after the lifetime of its donors. Substantial tax and financial benefits are realized by those contributing to the Foundation.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

Many gifts to the Park District Foundation will be in the form of cash. However, gifts may have various forms.

They could be:

MEMORIALS

By giving in memory of another person, a thoughtful, tangible, lasting remembrance can be created.

TRUSTS

A living gift; an investment that combines lifetime income with unselfish sharing.

LIFE INSURANCE

Endowment

For general or specific capital projects and programs.

LAND

Open or occupied space including property of historic or natural value.

BEQUESTS

The naming of the Park District as a beneficiary in your will.

ASSETS

Outright gifts of stocks, bonds, or personal property.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

The Park District Foundation of Allen County may be named the beneficiary of your pension plan. After your lifetime, its assets will then come directly to the Foundation, avoiding delay, the cost of Probate Court, and considerable estate tax.

VALUABLES

The value of items such as artwork, antiques, stamps, coins, jewelry, rare books, rugs, etc. may be claimed as a charitable contribution in income tax calculation.

OTHER ASSETS

Your gift of real property, in any form, may be converted to income-producing investments.

SHARING OF ASSETS

If it is your wish that the assets of your estate be divided with other beneficiaries, you may provide that a portion of the proceeds from your estate be given to the Foundation.

WHO BENEFITS?

EVERYONE! Park District facilities and programs are designed to be enjoyed by everyone from the youngest to the oldest and from the very active to the physically impaired. Your gift, along with those from others, will enable the Park District to expand its services and facilities for ALL visitors to enjoy.

FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Amphitheater

Evan's Archery

Shelters @ Hermon Woodlands

Lee and Ruby Roebuck Shelter

2024 Friends Of The Parks



These 2024 Friends of the Park memberships made additional programs, events, supplies, equipment, and exhibits possible for the people of Allen County. Thank you!

FRIENDS

Teresa Adams
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Nature Photography

Contest Winners



We are pleased to announce the winners of our Annual Nature Photography Contest. The contest was judged by professional photographer, Tyler Flicker of Sabrewing Nature Tours.

Thank you to all of our participants and congratulations to all the winners. There were 354 photos submitted for this year's contest. All of the winning photos can be viewed on our website jampd.com and our Flickr page [Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District](#).

A special thank you to Alloway Environmental Testing Services for their continued sponsorship. Also, thank you to Art Space Lima and the Lima/Allen County Civic and

Convention Center for displaying the winning photos.

Best of Show - Brad Crawford

Youth Landscape

- 1st place - Clare Turnwald
- 2nd place - Abram Hodges
- 3rd place - Mason Cunningham

Youth Nature - Flora

- 1st place - Mason Cunningham
- 2nd place - Phoebe Hodges
- 3rd place - Irene Wey

Youth Nature - Fauna

- 1st place - Irene Wey
- 2nd place - Mason Cunningham
- 3rd place - Irene Wey

Youth Parks Potpourri

- 1st place - Caleb Schroeder
- 2nd place - Mackenzie Bailey

3rd place - Clare Turnwald

Adult Landscape

- 1st place - Grace Bailey
- 2nd place - Bobbie Dawson
- 3rd place - Awilda Ortiz-Pastor

Adult Nature - Flora

- 1st place - Benjamin Rife
- 2nd place - John Martin
- 3rd place - Richard Vertrees

Adult Nature - Fauna

- 1st place - John Martin
- 2nd place - Rebecca Pescosolido
- 3rd place - John Martin

Adult Parks Potpourri

- 1st place - Joel Vega
- 2nd place - Duc Tran
- 3rd place - Duc Tran



Best of Show
Brad Crawford



1st Place - Youth - Landscape
Clare Turnwald



2nd Place - Youth - Landscape
Abram Hodges



3rd Place - Youth - Landscape
Mason Cunningham



1st Place - Youth - Flora
Mason Cunningham



2nd Place - Youth - Flora
Phoebe Hodges



3rd Place - Youth - Flora
Irene Wey



1st Place - Youth - Fauna
Irene Wey



2nd Place - Youth - Fauna
Mason Cunningham



3rd Place - Youth - Fauna
Irene Wey



1st Place - Youth - Parks Potpourri
Caleb Schroeder



2nd Place - Youth - Parks Potpourri
Mackenzie Bailey



3rd Place - Youth - Parks Potpourri
Clare Turnwald



1st Place - Adult - Landscape
Grace Bailey



2nd Place - Adult - Landscape
Bobbie Dawson



3rd Place - Adult - Landscape
Awilda Ortiz-Pastor



1st Place - Adult - Flora
Benjamin Rife



2nd Place - Adult - Flora
John Martin



3rd Place - Adult - Flora
Richard Ventrees



1st Place - Adult - Fauna
John Martin



2nd Place - Adult - Fauna
Rebecca Pescosolido



3rd Place - Adult - Fauna
John Martin



1st Place - Adult - Parks Potpourri
Joel Vega



2nd Place - Adult - Parks Potpourri
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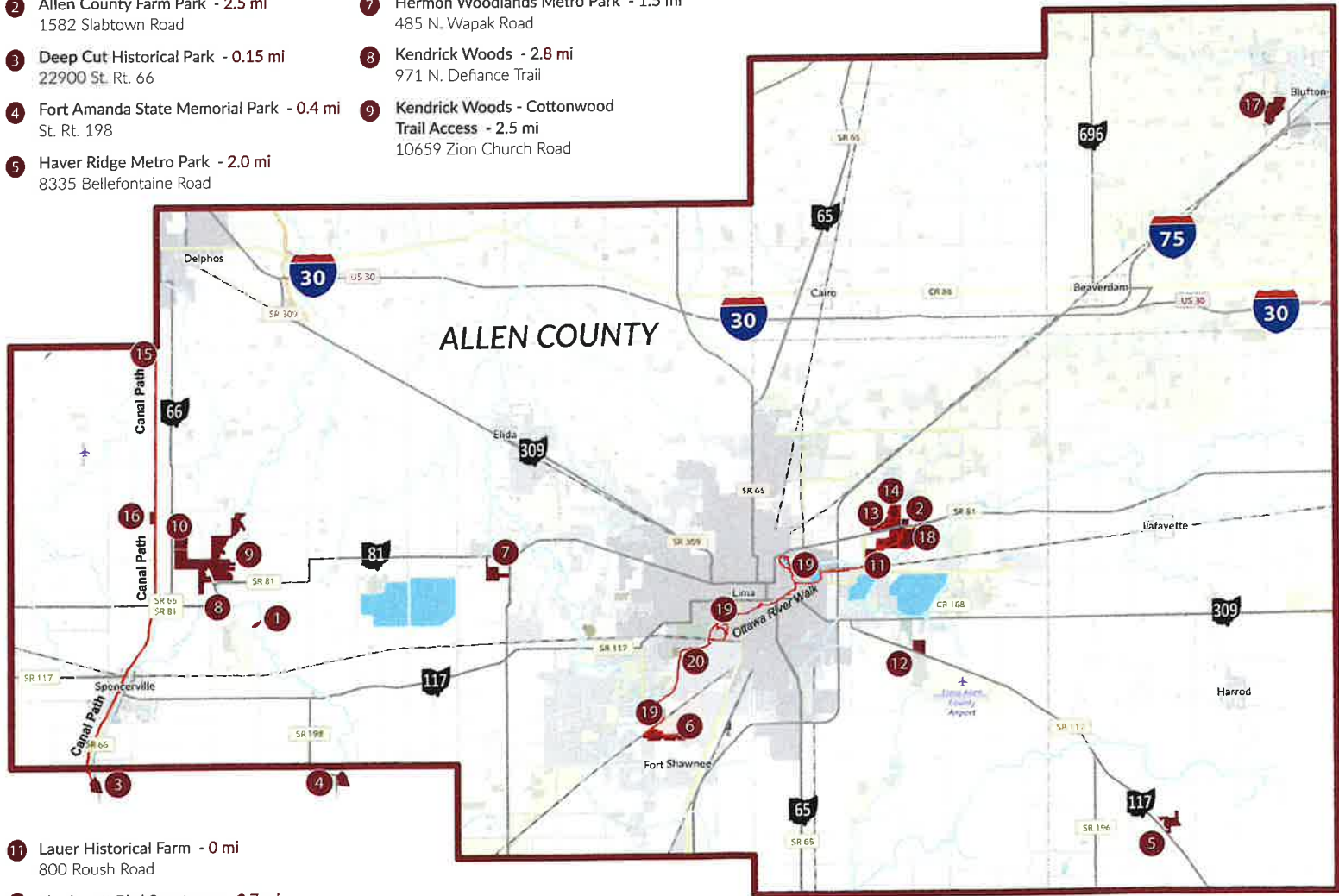
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- 1 Agerter Road River Access - 0 mi
16410 Agerter Road
- 2 Allen County Farm Park - 2.5 mi
1582 Slabtown Road
- 3 Deep Cut Historical Park - 0.15 mi
22900 St. Rt. 66
- 4 Fort Amanda State Memorial Park - 0.4 mi
St. Rt. 198
- 5 Haver Ridge Metro Park - 2.0 mi
8335 Bellefontaine Road
- 6 Heritage Park - 3.8 mi
2092 Reed Road (West Ent) 1772 Reed Road (East Ent)
- 7 Hermon Woodlands Metro Park - 1.5 mi
485 N. Wapak Road
- 8 Kendrick Woods - 2.8 mi
971 N. Defiance Trail
- 9 Kendrick Woods - Cottonwood Trail Access - 2.5 mi
10659 Zion Church Road
- 10 Kendrick Woods - Evans Archery Range - 0 mi
1376 N. St. Mary's Road



- 11 Lauer Historical Farm - 0 mi
800 Roush Road
- 12 Lippincott Bird Sanctuary - 0.7 mi
3093 Bellefontaine Road
- 13 McElroy Environmental Education Center - 0 mi
2355 Ada Road
- 14 McLean Teddy Bear Park - 2.25 mi
2004 N. Dixie Hwy.
- 15 Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail - 12.5 mi
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- 16 Robert K. Antibus Trail Access - 0.20 mi
12395 Zion Church Road
- 17 Motter Metro Park - 2.0 mi
10740 Columbus Grove Bluffton Rd. Bluffton
- 18 Ottawa Metro Park - 5.0 mi
2632 Ada Road
- 19 Rotary Riverwalk/Ottawa River Bikeway - 4.6+ mi
from Heritage Park to Ottawa Metro Park
- 20 Veterans Freedom Flag Monument - 0 mi
1191 Buckeye Road