



Muskingum Valley Park District Newsletter



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TRAIL OF TREATS

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8
5:00-7:00PM**

Sponsoring a booth at the Trail of Treats event on October 8, 2022 is a great way to promote your organization or business. Previous events drew over 2000 participants to the Muskingum Valley Park District's Collegial Woods Trails on the Ohio University Zanesville/Zane State College Campus. There are no fees for organizations or businesses interested in participating in the Trail of Treats. All we need is your firm commitment to participate. In return, you should plan for the following:

- This is a Halloween event. Be creative with your booth. As a minimum you should have a 10'x10' easy-up tent to define your space. Decorate with a Halloween or seasonal theme. You are encouraged to bring a folding table and chairs for the comfort of your booth's attendants. (There will be prizes for the most creative booth!)
- The event will take place rain or shine. Dress for the weather and preferably in costume.
- The event starts promptly at 5:00pm. You must arrive before 3:00pm if you plan to drive to your booth location and unload supplies. All vehicles must vacate the trail by 4:00pm.
- We recommend a minimum of three people to staff your booth. Up to 2000 participants visiting your booth during a two-hour period is exhilarating. Beverages and snacks are advisable. There will be refreshments available for purchase during the event.
- Please plan on 2000 pieces of candy or other treats. You may hand out promotional materials for your organization or business, as well.
- The event ends at 7pm or when the last child goes through the trail. Vehicles will not be permitted in the event area to pack up your belongings until 7:30pm.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Upcoming Events!

- **Conservation Kids Club!**

We meet the last Sunday of every month at Mission Oaks Gardens. Sign up [here!](#) Free.

- **Performing Arts in the Parks**

Sunday, July 24th and August 14th from 2-4pm at Mission Oaks Gardens. Join us for a read along, art fun, and music. Free books available thanks to our partners at Muskingum County Literacy Council. Free.

- **"Twain's Tales"**

Theater in the Park Presentation by Homegrown Players. Live show at 7pm on August 13th at Westview Community Park. Part of our Performing Arts in the Parks series. Free. Bring a chair!

Learn about the new community calendar on [Yodel!](#)

[View our events here!](#)

PARK UPDATES Summer is here! There is green everywhere! Get out and explore!



PC: Haley Johnson

WESTVIEW COMMUNITY PARK

We are continuing to add NaturePlay elements. The Muskingum County Master Gardener's have made a commitment to landscape at Westview. This park offers a great open space for family fun. Special thanks to Bo Hartman and his crew for seeding the grass.



PC: Russell Edgington

JOHN MCINTIRE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The outdoor classroom has a newly installed shade structure. Special thanks to Zanesville City Schools. This is a great fenced-in area with plenty of open space to learn and discover pollinator plants. The geology feature will soon be installed.



PC: Michelle Illing

MISSION OAKS GARDENS

This park location took major damage during the hail storm in early May, but the garden fairies did arrive. You can visit their villages in the perennial garden now through Oct 31. We had a hawk nest in the spring with 2 chicks, and currently a Barred owl may be seen in the gardens.



PC: Russell Edgington

GALE GARDEN

The Hostas received damage during the hail storm. Special thanks to Gail, Gayle, and Darlene that help maintain Gale Gardens. Special thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Zanesville and artist David Griesmyer for the metal sculptures. One has images honoring the Mosaic Tile Company.



PC: Christina Walker

MCGRAW EDISON RECREATION AREA

MERA is a secluded park with a wetland, pond access, a healthy stream, prairie area, and a Hemlock grove. Be sure to use bug spray to repel ticks when visiting this park. Special thanks to AOA for maintaining most of the mountain biking trails.



PC: Russell Edgington

MUSKINGUM RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Wetlands are a great habitat for waterfowl and mosquitoes, so bug spray is highly suggested. River otters have been spotted on the Muskingum River. This trail continues to suffer from storm damage. Report any trees via the "Contact Us".



PC: Michelle Illing

JOE'S RUN RECREATIONAL TRAIL

This 1.5 mile paved trail connects Blue Avenue to the college campus on Newark Road at Collegial Woods Trails. Joe's Run is great for birding, hiking, running, or biking. The trail is pet friendly and we will be adding two pet waste stations.



PC: Eve Hypes

COLLEGIAL WOODS TRAILS

Some of the new natural surface trails that connect to the gravel loop trail were hardened with gravel in April during Fanatics' Global Impact Day. Thank you! We had 32 volunteers from the Frazeysburg DC helping at CWT and MOG park locations.

Our *Explore the Muskingum Valley Park District* brochure features all of our park locations and directions to each area. The trails and parks maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District offer many miles and acres to "Wander into the Great Outdoors".

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VOLUNTEER CORNER!

We want to send a special thanks to all of the volunteers for your help with the greenhouse, plant sale, storm clean up, fairy garden, planting in Olga's Children's Garden, programming, garden maintenance, and sprucing up for the busy season.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with park district needs. We have garden maintenance like weeding and planting. We grew thousands of plants this year and plan to add them throughout our park properties.

Special thanks to the Muskingum Valley Garden Society for helping move and repot plants for us.

Thank you!

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WE WANT TO CONNECT!

We could use more "eyes" on the trails. Here are a couple of reasons to contact us with any concerns:

- You hike a trail and see a tree down. To report, [email](#) us with photos and location descriptions so we can find the tree. This helps us to know the best equipment needed for the task. You can sign up to "[Adopt-a-Trail](#)" and report trail conditions regularly.
- You need to report someone that is not following established polices or [rules and regulations](#). If immediate danger, call 911 first, then report to us.

We are always happy to answer any questions about our parks, gardens, and trails. Click below to contact us.

[CONTACT US](#)



EXPLORE OUR WEBSITE! ↴

Our website is full of information about all of our park locations (which includes directions), events calendar, Conservation Kids program, and fact sheets on the native plants from the plant sale.

We also have information about our rental venues and policies for special occasions like birthday parties, dinners, weddings, and business meetings.

You can find links to community organizations and our partners, brochures about our parks, and all of the trails in Muskingum County, and more!

Learn about the park district's history, staff and board members, too. If you have questions or concerns, you can use the "Contact Us" to reach us anytime.



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OUR MASTERPLAN AND MORE!

We have been working on a masterplan for the park district for several months. This masterplan will help guide the park district in the coming years to meet what our statistically valid survey results provided us from the community, and what the park district needs. Once finished, we will do a press release for the public to view the document.

We require a Special Use Permit to use any of our parks for organized group activities. This includes 5K's, education programs, celebrations, and field trips. All activities must follow our rules and regulations.

Photographers and pets are welcome, but must follow established policies.

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