



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

TO: Gahanna City Council
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

FROM: Troy Euton, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: June 23, 2016

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, June 27, 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Big Walnut Trail section 4 – We are currently evaluating qualifications to short list firms for interview. We will be bringing design contract legislation for this project in late July or early August.

Go Forward Gahanna Waterways Plan – At a central Ohio park director’s luncheon last Friday I discussed our intent to develop a waterway plan for the Big Walnut Creek (BWC). MetroParks Director Tim Maloney indicated they would like to participate in the plan, promotion and development with the City of Gahanna. He indicated MetroParks is working on similar plans for all the waterways in central Ohio.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Independence Day Celebration 2016

All events will be July 4, 2016 (Fireworks rain date is July 5)

The Gahanna Independence Day Celebration presented by KEMBA Financial Credit Union. Please join us in celebrating with the following events:

Lions Club Parade 10:30 a.m.

The community is invited to the 2016 Independence Day Celebration on Monday, July 4th! Start your day at 10:30 a.m. with the annual Lions Club parade. The parade will begin at Clark Hall, then head west on Granville Street and end at Stygler Rd. Show your American pride by decorating your bikes, strollers, and wagons.

Creekside Family Day 5 - 9 p.m.

Later in the evening, we invite you to listen to live music, participate in many family fun activities throughout Creekside Park and Olde Gahanna from 5-9 p.m.

Live music on the Rotary Stage

The Usual Suspects & the Repeat Offenders: 5-6:30pm (9 piece band, blues/rock/jazz)

Next Exit - 7-9pm (pop/rock covers)

Family activities throughout Creekside Park and Olde Gahanna
Gahanna Parks & Recreation GMAC activity area
KEMBA Financial Credit Union
104.9 The River
New Horizons Community Church face painting
Sport Clips at the Shops at Rocky Fork family activity
Irwin Irish Dance Academy
Cookie Cutters of Gahanna
Activity Provider Application - Deadline June 24
Games2U inflatables and activities Lew Griffin Insurance Parking log (wrist band required)
Paddle boats (\$5 per boat)

Food trucks along Mill St.

Fireworks Show begins at 10 p.m.

End the day with the main event at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course. The fireworks show will begin at 10 p.m. and the golf course will open for viewing at 8 p.m.

Beverage trailer (7Up products) and (2) food vendors on golf course

This year's celebration is presented by KEMBA Credit Union and Mifflin Township and made possible by:

Event Partners

Local Cantina
Dr. Pepper-Snapple Group

Supporting Partners

O'Tooles Irish Pub
Funtrail Vehicle Accessories
Gahanna YMCA
Shepherd Nazarene
Mark Thomas Family
Private donation

GRIN Family Pool Day Gahanna Swimming Pool July 3, 12-8pm

Gahanna Residents are invited to visit the Gahanna Swimming Pool on July 3rd from 12-8pm to celebrate Independence Day Weekend. Admission to the Gahanna Swimming Pool on this day will be a canned food item. Please bring your photo ID and a utility bill to verify residency.

Hunters Ridge Pool will be open for Members Only and full paying guests on this day.

Due to the expected turnout, each site will be limited to the following capacities:

Gahanna Swimming Pool 750 people at one time
Hunters Ridge Pool 275 people at one time

Creekside Live Creekside Rotary Stage

Creekside comes alive the 2nd & 4th Friday's June-August. Join us for a summer concert series featuring summer entertainment throughout the Creekside District headlined by popular bands from Central Ohio. The event brings the community together celebrating the heart of Gahanna, the Creekside District. Come early and one of our many local restaurants. Onsite beverage sales available supported by the Gahanna parks & Recreation Foundation, net proceeds support the Foundation's focus on making Gahanna a great place to live, work and play.

June 24	6pm - The Goldsberry's & Friends (Jamgrass) 7:30pm - Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)
July 8	6pm - Simba Jordan Duo (Country) 7:30pm - The Lee Gantt Band (Country/Rock)
July 22	6pm - Megan Bee (Americana)

7:30pm - Angela Perley & the Howlin' Moons (Rock & Roll)

August 12 6pm - Hebdo (Adventure Folk)
7:30pm - Reaganomics (80's Party Rock)

August 26 6pm - Fox N Hounds (Newgrass)
7:30pm - Soul Kitch'n (Funk & Soul)

Recreation Activities

Glow Golf Friday, June 24, Dusk - SOLD OUT
Friday, July 15, Dusk

Enjoy 9 holes of Glow Golf under the stars. Each golfer will receive 2 glow in the dark golf balls, some glow swag and 9 holes of golf with a cart. This event is a 4 player best all scramble that is fun for golfers all abilities. Prizes are available. Cost is \$30 per player. Call 614-342-4270 to reserve your spot.

Aquatics

Gahanna Swimming Pool
Family Hotdog Nights
Sundays - July 3, 17, 31
Time: 4-8pm
\$6/person or \$20/household
\$1 hotdogs, music and games
Members are free!

Hunters Ridge Pool
Ice Cream Nights
Tuesdays - May 31-Aug 30
\$6/person or \$20/household
\$1 ice cream, music and games
Members are free!

Hunters Ridge Pool
Movie Night - Dusk
June 25 Minions
\$6/person or \$20/household
Members are free

Big Walnut Creek Family Canoe and Kayak Float

The day will start at Woodside green Park with American Canoe Association instructors providing a Paddling SmartStart introduction. The float will begin at Woodside Green and conclude at Pizzurro Park. Appropriate for ages 8 and older; participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. A light lunch at Creekside will be included along with the canoes, life vests, paddles and tour guides for help along the float. Transportation back to Woodside Green is provided.

Date: Saturday July 16 Time: 9a – 3p
Cost: \$20/person; Gahanna Resident Rate: \$15/person.

Herb Center Opportunities

Herb Walks Dates: Friday, June 24, July 29, and August 26 Time: 5:30-6:30p
Beneficial herbs and plants are all around us, and often overlooked as simply "weeds." Join us on a walk in and around the Parks of Gahanna. Take home the knowledge of what you may be able to discover growing in your back yard! Arrive in comfortable shoes and be prepared to venture on foot around Gahanna and Creekside. Also, discuss proper wild-crafting etiquette. Dress for the weather. Walk begins promptly at start time.

Instructor: Herb Center Staff or Special Guest
Cost: \$10 Gahanna Resident Rate: \$8

Spirit of the Garden

Date: Saturday, June 25, 1:00-2:00p

The Summer Solstice is approaching, and our gardens are at the height of their power. Investigate many garden spirit traditions, including fairies, native plant mythologies and herbal energetics, as well as looking at lunar and solar cycles. Explore the possibility of the energy that comes from the growth of green things. Tune in to your plants to identify and grow your garden's energy.

Instructor: Jennifer Schneller

Cost: \$20

Gahanna Resident Rate: \$15

Cooling Summertime Beverages

Date: Saturday, July 9, 1:00-2:00p

What is more refreshing than a cool drink on a hot day? Shrubs and switchels combine herbs, fruit and vinegar are tangy, hydrating beverages that easily quench thirst. These old fashion sodas will become new again in our kitchens as we create and taste Lavender Mixed Berry Shrub and Ginger Switchel.

Instructor: Brooke Sackenheim

Cost: \$25

Gahanna Resident Rate: \$20

Practical Plant Dyes

Date: Saturday, July 16, 1:00-2:30p

Did you know you can capture some of the color from your garden plants to color and tint fabrics and papers? Explore the history and technique of using natural plant materials to dye a variety of fibers. Please dress appropriately for working with dyes.

Instructor: Jennifer Schneller

Cost: \$30

Gahanna Resident Rate: \$25

Preserving the Seasonal Harvest

Dates: Wednesday, July 6, 10a-12p SOLD OUT or
Saturday, August 13, 10:00a-12:00p

The harvest season is upon us! Join Herb Center staff as we demonstrate harvesting and preserving techniques. Each session will also feature a specific herbal preservation technique, such as sage bundling, herbal honey or making herbal vinegar. These sessions are very hands-on. Participants spend time in the garden and in the drying shed processing freshly harvested herbs with Herb Center Staff. Arrive dressed for the weather and prepared to use your hands in the garden.

Instructor: Herb Center Staff

Cost: \$7

Gahanna Resident Rate: \$5