



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

TO: Gahanna City Council
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

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

DATE: July 2, 2016

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, July 11, 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Lee Tucker, Chair of the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation will attend the July 18, 2016 meeting to present the Foundation's 2015 Annual Report.

The new Gateway will be mailed to residents the week of July 11th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

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 eat at 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.

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, 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 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!

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, 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

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

Herb Center Intensives Information Session Date: Tuesday, August 9 6:30pm
If you are considering one of our intensive series classes (Gahanna Herb Group and Fundamentals of Home Herbalism) but are unsure which one is the best fit for you, consider attending our free information session. We will discuss the details of each program, answer questions and meet instructors and past participants. No registration required. Begins promptly at 6:30pm at the Ohio Herb Education Center.

Geroux Garden Tour Date: Saturday, September 3 10-11am
Enjoy a guided tour through the herb garden named after Gahanna's most influential herb enthusiast. Come see the new and exciting changes to the garden. The Geroux Herb Garden features a shaded wisteria arbor surrounded by a variety of herbs in different stages of development. Learn about companion plant combinations and native herb plantings.

9/11 Walk to Remember

Join us in a special memorial as we remember the events on this day, 15 years ago. The program will begin at 8:30am and the walk will start promptly at 8:46am. The walk includes interpretive signs along the Big Walnut Trail remembering the events of the morning. Donations will be accepted and provided to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum (www.national911memorial.org).

Senior Center opportunities

Program Registration Day Monday, September 12 from 8:30am-4:30pm
Location: Gahanna Senior Center