



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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TO: Gahanna City Council  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

FROM: Jeff Barr, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: December 13, 2016

**RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, November 28, 2016**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution CFP Grant Process**

**Action Item #1**

We are requesting a resolution of support from Council and permission for the Mayor to submit and sign all documents for application and contracts and acceptance, if awarded; and for authorization for the Finance Director to establish a special fund for the grant, if awarded, from the USDA Forest Service's Community Forest Program (CFP) Grant.

The grant would help fund purchase of trees for the McCutcheon Road park property. Trees would be planted along the northern and eastern edges of property providing visual screening for home owners that border park property.

This is a matching grant i.e. dollar for dollar. Other means to match the grant amount can include; dollar amount of City staff working on tree planting(s), dollar amount of volunteer hours planting trees, and in kind services. Value of volunteer hours and paid City staff hours will be used for the matching portion of the grant. Parks staff will coordinate volunteer group(s) to assist with tree plantings.

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

Nothing at this time

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

Holiday Character Breakfast

Saturday, December 10, 8am-12pm

Centerpoint Church, 620 McCutcheon Rd.

## Join Gahanna Parks & Recreation's Holiday Happenings

Be sure and stroll through Creekside Plaza and enjoy the holiday lights and the holiday houses at Gahanna Historical Society Settlement.

### Sensory Friendly Visit with Santa Claus

Santa and his helpers are offering this special event for children and their families who may need a more relaxed environment with less sensory input. Santa and his elves are ready to meet your child however your child is most comfortable. The Herb Center has accessibility for wheelchairs or limited mobility. A limited number of appointments available. This program is intended for students with special needs and their families. Gahanna residents and school students will have priority registration through November 11. Open registration beginning November 12. Pre-registration is required.

Sun Dec 4 1-3pm

Sun Dec 11 4-6pm

RDR/NR: \$5/\$7

### Visit with Santa at the Herb Center!

Meet the jolly old elf, Santa Claus! Santa is taking time out of his busy toy-making season to talk with the little ones about visions of sugar plums, toy soldiers and ponies! As you walk up to the decorated North Pole Annex (the Ohio Herb Education Center) you will be greeted by Santa's elves and helpers that will guide you to the letter writing station. You will then get to sit on Santa's knee and pose for a special keepsake photo. Then step into Mrs. Claus' parlor for special make & take crafts – Santa's Favorite Hot Chocolate Mix; Everything Nice Herbal Sugar; and Mrs. Claus' Peppermint Bath Blend!

All ages are welcome.

Day	Date	Time
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Sat	Dec 3	9am-1pm
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Sat	Dec 10	9am-1pm
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Sat	Dec 17	9am-1pm
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RDR/NR: \$5 per craft/photo or 3 items for \$12