



CITY OF GAHANNA

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

TO: Gahanna City Council
Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor

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

DATE: August 4, 2016

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for Monday, August 8, 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL UPDATES

McCutcheon Road Park

We have received the administrative direction packet for the \$250,000 State Capital Budget appropriation for McCutcheon Road Park. There are two options for receiving the funds. The simplest is to not receive funds in advance, but to be reimbursed as funds are expended on the project. We can utilize the \$300,000 appropriation from last meeting to cover these expenses to submit for reimbursement.

We have scheduled a final community input meeting on September 20th at 6 pm at the Centerpoint Church Barn. At this meeting we will discuss alternative concept masterplans to gain input to arrive at a final masterplan for development of construction documents for use in 2017.

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.

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)

Aquatics

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!

Herb Center Opportunities

Herb Walks Dates: Friday, 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

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.mnational911memorial.org).

Senior Center opportunities

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

Senior Expo

September 14 from 10am – 3pm
Gahanna Senior Center

Join us for a day of everything Senior! This event will showcase guest speakers, complimentary classes, informational vendors, give-a-ways, food, music, and more? If you or a loved one are 55+ and want to learn more about services and activities that are offered in the area, please stop by the Senior Expo! All Gahanna residents & non-residents welcome?

Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Creekside Hops & Vines Fest

a beer and wine tasting event

Benefitting the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation

Saturday, September 10, 6:30-10pm

Creekside Park & Plaza

Join the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation for the 3rd annual Creekside Hops & Vines Fest on September 10 from 6:30-10:00pm for a tasting event that fundraises for your parks.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at: www.gahannaprf.org

Tickets:

Early Bird: \$40

Regular Admission: \$45

At the Door: \$50