

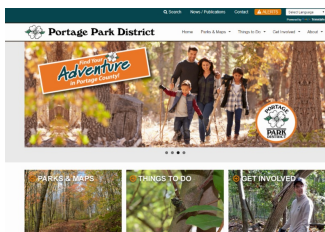


Portage Park District

April 2019 Newsletter

In the parks

Launch of new website



We are proud to announce we have launched our new website. We hope that you will find it easy to navigate and informative. Take a moment and visit to see new park maps, programming details

and registrations, ways to get involved with Portage Parks and more. [Visit now.](#)

Trail Cam Tuesday



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April Programs

Park Rx Kickoff

April 2, 5:30-7 p.m.

Park Rx Group hike

April 9, 9 a.m.

Park Rx Group hike

April 14, 1 p.m.

Park Rx Group hike

April 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

Birding hike

April 28, 3:30 p.m.

For detailed information and registration on all events and programs, [click here.](#)

Important dates

Each Tuesday, you can see which critters are visiting our parks as we post on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. Like our pages and follow the fun.

Volunteering

Tree planting opportunity

Volunteer group tree planting - April 20 9 a.m- 2 p.m.

Location: Dix Park
7318 State Route 44
Ravenna, OH 44266

Project Description

Bob Lange, Natural Areas Steward will lead a group of 15 volunteers (no prior training needed) at Dix Park. The group will plant 250 trees over the course of several hours. Interested volunteers can sign up on our [website here](#).

Foundation news

The Perfect Pooch of Portage Contest



The Portage Park District Foundation (PPDF) and the Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust (MFAWT) are searching for the perfect pooch and it could very well be your dog. The PERFECT POOCH OF PORTAGE will be chosen through an online photo contest with the dog receiving the most votes crowned as the PERFECT POOCH of 2019. The contest runs from March 19 through May 8, 2019.

"We have some really great prizes for the winners. Thirsty Dog Brewing Company is our brewery sponsor and will brew a special pilsner that will feature the winning dog's picture on the label, along with smaller pictures of 2nd and 3rd place finishers.," said Chas Madonio, originator of the MFAWT. The families of the top ten winning dogs will also be treated to a tour and tasting at Thirsty Dog Brewing Co.

[Enter your pooch or vote here!](#)

Environmental Conservation Awards Dinner

Registration is now open. [Click to register](#)

**Wild Hikes Challenge 2019 -
Year of the Pollinators**

Opening day for Trails, Rails to Trails Conservancy (RTC) April 13

This year marks RTC's seventh annual Opening Day for Trails! On Saturday, April 13, 2019, people across the nation will kick off the spring trail season by hitting their favorite trails for a walk, run, ride or special event.

[Learn more.](#)

Earth Day April 22

Arbor Day April 26

Volunteer needs

Volunteer opportunities

- Mascot costume
- Special events
- Group hike attendees
- Trail ambassadors

If you are interested in volunteering in 2019, fill out an [application](#) to get started!

Like us on Facebook



Follow on Twitter



This year, we celebrate pollinators for the essential role they play in supporting life, and recognize the need to promote pollinator health across the landscape.



To participate, just walk, hike, skip, jog, run or stroll on 8 of the following trails before December 31st to earn a hiking staff (1st year) and/or a 2019 Wild Hikes medallion. Forms can be downloaded [here](#).

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