



Portage Park District

December 2019 Newsletter

Staff news



Work with Portage Park District

We are hiring!

Position: Maintenance Worker III

This is a semi-skilled and skilled position within the Park District which performs in all areas of the operations department, including but not limited to: groundskeeping, equipment maintenance, mowing, trail trimming and maintenance, minor construction and repairs, painting, cleaning, landscaping, litter removal, herbicide application, and other duties necessary for the upkeep of the park and its facilities. The position includes overseeing staff and volunteers as necessary.

Full description and application information [here.](#)

Welcome baby Reyna!

Congratulations to our administrative assistant, Rory Becker

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Trail news

Trails aren't just a part of our community, they're the heart of our community! The Industrial Heartland Trails Coalition celebrates our trail communities and all that they have to offer.

Check out [Trail Trips](#) on the Industrial Heartland Coalition website

Upcoming programs

Wild Hike

Wednesday

Dec. 4, 4-5 p.m.

and her family as they welcomed their baby girl Reyna to the world on December 1st.

Thank you to our intern, Taylor Ruiz

Taylor worked with the park district for his fall internship. He assisted Andrea and Jen on a variety of projects including promotion of programs, content creation, and most importantly videography. Taylor was able to put together a new promotional video for us that we will be able to use in several ways to share how wonderful it is to have a park system in our community! Thank you Taylor and good luck in your next venture.

Program news

Winter activities in the parks

Our winter program calendar has launched with lots of fun activities for you to enjoy. Join us for a variety of programs including: crafting, history hikes, nature hikes, and Park Rx. Check out the [website](#) for detailed program descriptions and registration.

Pop-Up Programs

Since the weather in Ohio can be unpredictable, we are looking at holding some Pop-Up programs that involve SNOW! If we are getting a good amount of snow, you might see a pop-up event (online and on social media) for snow related activities. Towner's Woods has a beautiful sledding hill that we want you to discover!



Christmas Bird Count - volunteers needed Saturday, January 4, all day

The Portage Park District is once again partnering with Hiram College Field Station to organize the Christmas Bird Count. If you are interested in birding this day, [email Jen](#) to sign up by December 9.

Foundation news

Annual friends campaign

Our Portage Park District Foundation's Annual Friends campaign is underway! The Portage Park District Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was established in 2010 with the purpose of supporting the Portage Park District. During the campaign, friends of the park district and foundation are encouraged to make donations either online or by mail. To donate online - click [here](#).

Owlet Adventures: Animal Tracks

Dec. 7, 10-11 a.m.

'tis the Season

Dec. 9, 6-7 p.m.

Railroad History on the Headwaters

Dec. 12, 4-5 p.m.

Doggy Howlday in the Park

Dec. 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Crafting Fun

Dec. 17, 6-7 p.m.

Winter Animal Signs

Dec. 20, 4-5 p.m.

Solstice Walk

Dec. 21, 4-5 p.m.

Visit our [Things to Do](#) page for more information and registration.

Click the image below to visit our website to download a program flyer.

Month	Date	Program Title	Location
DECEMBER	7	Owlet Adventures: Animal Tracks	Headwaters
9	6-7 p.m.	'tis the Season	Headwaters
12	4-5 p.m.	Railroad History on the Headwaters	Headwaters
14	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Doggy Howlday in the Park	Headwaters
17	6-7 p.m.	Crafting Fun	Headwaters
20	4-5 p.m.	Winter Animal Signs	Headwaters
21	4-5 p.m.	Solstice Walk	Headwaters
JANUARY	4	Christmas Bird Count	Hiram College Field Station

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Wild Hikes Challenge 2019 - Year of the Pollinators

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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