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Portage Park District

February 2020 Newsletter

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Your Portage Park District Board of Commissioners

On January 2 and 7, respectively, Thomas J. Hrды of Garrettsville and Scott A. McKinney of Kent were sworn in for another three-year term on the Portage Park District Board of Commissioners. Hrды and McKinney will serve with fellow Commissioners Charles Engelhart and Allan Orashan to guide the mission and vision of the Portage Parks.

The Portage Park District has been very fortunate since its inception to have high-quality leaders to serve as Park Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners of the Park District is appointed by the County Probate Court Judge Robert Berger. The board can have up to five members, who oversee the Executive Director and are responsible for setting policy, developing rules and regulations and approving the budget. They serve as volunteers for a renewable 3-year term.

Welcome to our newest employee

Logan will work with our operations staff as a Maintenance Worker II. He resides in Rootstown and attended Maplewood Career Center where he graduated from their carpentry program. He previously worked for a local contractor in residential construction and remodeling. He enjoys hiking and canoeing and has enjoyed family vacations to the National Parks in

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Upcoming programs

Resolve to Reduce

Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Full Moon Walk

Feb 9, 7-8 p.m.

Park Rx:

Nutrition/Herbs and Spices

Cooking Demo

Feb. 11, 4-5 p.m.

Treasure Hunt

Feb. 13, 5-6 p.m.

Railroad History & Switch Tower Open House

Feb. 17, 5-6 p.m.

Birding Basics

Feb. 19, 5-6 p.m.

Park Rx: Yoga & Meditation

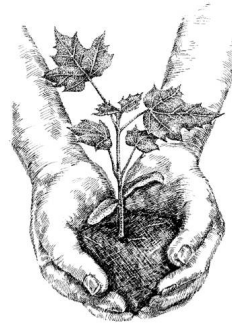
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the Northwest. One of his hobbies includes re-purposing wooden pallets into end tables and shelving.

Foundation news

Environmental Conservation Awards Dinner date announced

On Saturday, **April 25 at 5:30 p.m.** the Portage Park District Foundation will hold it's the 22nd annual Portage County Environmental Conservation Awards Dinner. Each year, local environmental heroes are recognized for their dedication to the community and conservation. Do you know someone that you would like to nominate? Visit our website for the [nomination form](#).



Headwaters Adventure Race



The Headwaters Adventure Race will take place on **July 11 beginning at 8 a.m. in Mantua**. Run, pedal and paddle to the finish line individually or as a team. Early Bird [registration](#) is live, prices will increase on April 1!

Preserve Peek

Feb. 25, 5-6 p.m.

Early Bees Pollinate Early Crops

Feb. 27, 6-7 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.

Winter Program Guide			
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Wild Hikes Challenge 2020 - Year of the Owl

2020 ushers in the Year of the Owl for the Portage Park District Wild Hikes Challenge. Our trusty mascot, Owlbert, is particularly excited about this year's theme. Owls are fascinating, mysterious creatures that are abundant in our county.

To participate complete 8 of the following trails before December 31st to earn a hiking staff (1st year) and/or a 2020 Wild Hikes medallion. Forms can be downloaded [here](#).



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