VOLUNTEER - NEWSLETTER **NOVEMBER 2023**

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



As we look back at October we saw a month full of many service projects ranging from a **Community Service Day tree** planting at Forest Run **MetroPark to Miami Athletics** cutting a new trail at Mill Race Area in Four Mile Creek MetroPark along with our special events The Howl and Trunk or Treat You all got out there and got some serious work done. There is one group in particular that came out and quite literally changed the appearance of one of our parks.

On October 17th Butler Rural Electric Cooperative brought their entire staff out to Indian Creek MetroPark to clear some serious honeysuckle. Over the span of four hours, the Coop staff cleared over two and a half acres worth of honeysuckle from around the Oxford Reily Road Area of Indian Creek. This same project would have easily been a month-long project for our staff to handle alone and helps clear a significant amount of space for native plants to thrive.

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution cooperative dedicated to providing members with the best possible service. They strive to be a good_corporate citizen and neighbor, as well as a recognized leader in the utility industry. Their staff are regularly encouraged to participate in local volunteer opportunities.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER

To reigster and see other events sign in to your Mylmpact Account

Evening Lantern Hike:

Join us for a guided lantern hike through Rentschler's forests. Look at the stars through the tree tops and listen to the sounds of nature on this laid back hike. We will go about a mile and traverse some uneven terrain and minor slopes. We are looking for volunteers to follow behind the the group and make sure no one is seperated

November 11th, Reigart Road Area - Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

- Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge (Bike)
- Gilmore MetroPark Miami 2 Miami (Bike)
- Gilmore MetroPark (Hike)
- Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Miami Woods (Hike)
- Salamander Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Voice of America Metro Park (Hike)

HOW FAR HAVE THEY GONE!?

AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO TURN AND LESS PEOPLE ARE GETTING OUT WE WANTED TO SHARE THE SERIOUS DISTANCES OUR TRAIL AMBASSADORS HAVE COVERED IN 2023

Since the beginning of the year, our biking Trail Ambassadors have ridden and inspected 5,436 miles in our parks for those measuring at home that's the same distance as from Hamilton to Anchorage via a detour in San Francisco! Not to be left our hiking Trail Ambassadors have hiked and inspected 614 miles which is more than a quarter of the length of the Appalachian Trail and given the longest single trail in our park system is only 3.6 miles (Valleyview Trail, Elk Creek MetroPark) that's some serious hiking!

We want to thank all our Trail Ambassadors for the work they do in our parks helping keep our trails neat, tidy, and well-maintained!

THE MISSION OF THE METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE A SUPERIOR PARK SYSTEM THAT MAXIMIZES THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.



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