

# JUNE



# 2024

## PLK INVASIVES REMOVAL

On May 21st 36 staff from PLK Communities came out to Rentschler Forest MetroPark. and worked with our Natural Resources staff to clear half an acre of incredibly dense Honeysuckle and Clary Pear from the hillside along the bike path as well as around the perimeter of the wetland on the Wetland trail. This same amount of work would have easily been a week-long project for our natural resources crew to fit into their schedule. PLK strives to host quarterly volunteer opportunities for their staff with an emphasis on environmental work.



PLK Communities started out as a real estate management company with a focus on multifamily and industrial properties. Today, PLK has over 200 full-time associates and manages over 6,700 apartment homes across Ohio, Kentucky and Florida.

## 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](mailto:volunteering@yourmetroparks.net)

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Woodsdale Park - Chrisholm MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Antenen Nature Preserve- Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Green Heron MetroPark

## Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! Your stories, will be featured in the monthly newsletter. So everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages and any photos you want to share send them to [volunteering@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:volunteering@yourmetroparks.net)

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

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## Tuesday Hound Hike

Join us for a tail-wagging, paw pattering hound hike. Bring your canine friend for a fun, stress-free walk at different parks throughout the summer. We are looking for volunteers to provide general support, assist with the setup, and teardown of the event, and serve as sweeps during the hike. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own dogs as well!

- June 11th - 6:30pm-8:00pm  
Voice of America MetroPark

## TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- June 21 - 10:00am-11:00am  
Forest Run MetroPark

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- June 21 - 11:30am-12:30pm  
Forest Run MetroPark

## Community Service Day - Trail Maintenance

Trails throughout Indian Creek MetroPark have started becoming pretty overgrown during this warm wet weather and we need your help to cut it back. We'll cut back and prune the Mound Trail to clear the trail of hazards and discourage trail braiding. We'll be working with loppers, handsaws, and pruners. Feel free to bring your own or you can borrow ours.

- June 15 - 9:00am-12:00pm  
Forest Run MetroPark

## Farm Helper Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- June 7 - 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Chrisholm MetroPark

## Community Service Day - Mural Wall Prep

This Summer the MetroParks will be getting a new public mural painted in the breezeway of the lodge by the Brightwall Collective Team. We need your help to get the breezeway cleaned and prepped for the artist by priming the walls for the mural.

- June 17 - 10:00am-1:00pm  
Voice of America MetroPark

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# BIG BACKYARD NATURE BASH

JUNE 22, 2024

**Kickoff the Great American Campout with us in June! Don't know a trilobite from a damselfly? Want to see a box turtle in person? We've got you covered as your family samples some of our favorite nature activities to try in your own backyard. From your first step in the creek until the last dying campfire ember, this will be one bash to remember!**

**Sebald MetroPark**

**All Ages, Registration Required at [YourMetroParks.net](http://YourMetroParks.net)  
\$5/Person, Ages 2 & Under FREE**



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## Creeking in the Parks

Water isn't just fun to play in, it can also tell you a lot about our environment. Join MetroParks and Butler Soil and Water Conservation District for our fourth summer creek exploration! We'll find out about our watershed and the creatures that call Dry Fork Creek home. We'll supply everything you need to explore the water, the creek's fossils, and aquatic wildlife. Volunteers will support staff in the transporting of creeking supplies, helping keep the group together, and interacting with program participants.

- June 6 9:30am-11:30am  
Elk Creek MetroPark
- June 13 9:30am-11:30am  
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- June 20 9:30am-11:30am  
Indian Creek MetroPark
- June 27 9:30am-11:30am  
Governor Bebb MetroPark

## Big Backyard Bash

We are looking for volunteers to help provide general help for the event by doing several tasks including but not limited to event setup, check-in table/registration, activity station support, hiking sweeps, and tear-down.

- June 22, 6:30pm - 10:30pm Elk Creek MetroPark

## Chopportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks making room for natives to thrive

- June 4 - 9:30am-11:30am  
Green Heron MetroPark
- June 11 - 9:30am-11:30am  
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- June 13 - 9:30am-11:30am  
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- June 18 - 9:30am-11:30am  
Forest Run MetroPark
- June 20 - 9:30am-11:30am  
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- June 25 - 9:30am-11:30am  
Elk Creek MetroPark
- June 27 - 9:30am-11:30am  
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