



Licking Park District

Newsletter & Program Guide



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The Month of June... Did You Know?

- June is the month of the year with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The June birth flowers are the Rose and Honeysuckle.
- June is derived from Juno, the goddess of marriage.
- June is international men's month.
- June 5 is World Environment Day, a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
- June 14 is Flag Day.
- June 19 is Juneteenth. On this day in 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating slaves in the state.
- June 20 is the start of summer.
- June 21 is Father's Day.

Preventing Tick Bites

Diseases spread by ticks are an increasing concern in Ohio and are being reported to the Ohio Department of Health more frequently in the past decade, with Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) being the most common.

Below are some steps you can take to prevent tick bites.

- Clothing. Wear a hat and light-colored clothing - long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Repel. Consider using insect repellent. Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing, and camping gear and remain effective through several washings. Alternatively, you can buy permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- Exposure can occur year-round, but ticks are most active during warmer months (April - September).
- Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors and check again once indoors. Remove ticks as soon as you can, and watch for symptoms.

The Licking County Health Department is conducting a Tick Surveillance and Lyme Prevention Project and has placed tick collection stations at Infirmity Mound Park, Taft Reserve North, and Lobdell Reserve Disc Golf Course. If you are visiting these parks and find a tick, you can deposit it in their collection station to assist with their research.

Rent.Fun Kayak & Paddleboard Rentals

Visitors to Infirmity Mound Park (4351 Lancaster Rd., Granville, OH 43023) are now able to rent kayaks and stand-up paddleboards (SUPs).

The Licking Park District has partnered with Rent.Fun for this new app driven venture. Users can either paddle on Mirror Lake or transport their unit in their vehicle to their preferred lake or river.

The Rent.Fun mobile app lets you unlock and rent the equipment with the touch of a button. Reservations are not accepted. Kayaks and SUPs are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Rental Fees: \$25/2-hour minimum rental
\$15/hour for any hour thereafter
Or \$50/all day rental

Please keep in mind that Infirmity Mound Park is open dawn to dusk.

Paved Trail Closures & Projects

The TJ Evans Trail is closed east of Granville between the cemetery and Rotary Bridge due to a bank slip which has eroded the bank along the trail and compromised the stability of the bank and trail. A contractor has been hired and will begin work once all state and federal permits and clearances have been secured. Please do not move or go around the barricades! They are there for the safety of all.

The TJ Evans Trail at the Thornwood Crossing Bridge Project will be closed during working hours Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, until further notice, as overhead work continues over the trail and other related work is completed. The trail at this location will be open on weekends and after 5:00 pm on weekdays.

The TJ Evans Trail at the SR 16 bridge and tunnel project is currently open. There will be few times in the summer and fall when the trail will be intermittently closed at this location during working hours Monday - Friday.

The Panhandle Trail (between Licking Valley Rd. & Long Drive) will be closed May 30 - June 5 for ditch clearing.





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Yoga at the Park

When: Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM

Where: Shelter 3 - IMP

This yoga class will be accessible to all people, regardless of age or yoga experience. This class is good for beginners and seasoned yoga practitioners alike for an overall body stretch. You will build strength, flexibility, awareness & confidence. Please bring your own yoga mat or a towel for class. Free. All ages welcome. Please check before class in case of cancellation.

Wild Storytime

When: Thursday, June 6 @ 10AM

Where: Shelter 5 - IMP

Join us for a story, snack, and activities! The program lasts about an hour. Dress for the weather as we will take a short walk. For ages 3 - 6. We will meet at the James Bradley Center if there is inclement weather. Free.

Music @ the Gazebo

When: Thursday, June 13 @

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: LCCHMP

Free, live outdoor music! "Harold Stewart & The Blues Hounds" will be playing. Poppy's Roadside Diner will be on hand with delicious food. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of entertainment with friends and family!



HAROLD STEWART
& THE BLUES
HOUNDS

Tai Chi at the Park

When: Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

Where: Shelter 3, IMP

Drop in for this enjoyable one hour class of simple, easy to learn Tai Chi and Qi Gong practices in the beautiful setting of Infirmary Mound Park. The exercises in this introductory course are gentle, repetitive, and very easy to follow. Tai Chi and Qi Gong also provide gentle stretching and range of motion to the muscles and joints. Free. All ages welcome.

Location Key:

IMP: Infirmary Mound Park, 4351 Lancaster Rd, Granville
James Bradley Center is first building on left @ IMP

LCCHMP: L.C. Children's Home Memorial Park
745 East Main St, Newark

TR-S: Taft Reserve South, 10383 Fairview Rd, Heath

LR - D: Lobdell Reserve- Disc Golf , 5474 Battee Rd, Alexandria

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

INFIRMARY MOUND PARK | GRANVILLE

JUNE 1st - NOON to 4PM

Food Trucks, Try It Paddlesports, Zipline, Bounce House, Community Organizations, Crafts, Disc Golf, Petting Farm, Archery, The Bugman, Rock Wall, Fairy Trail, Nature Playscape, and more!



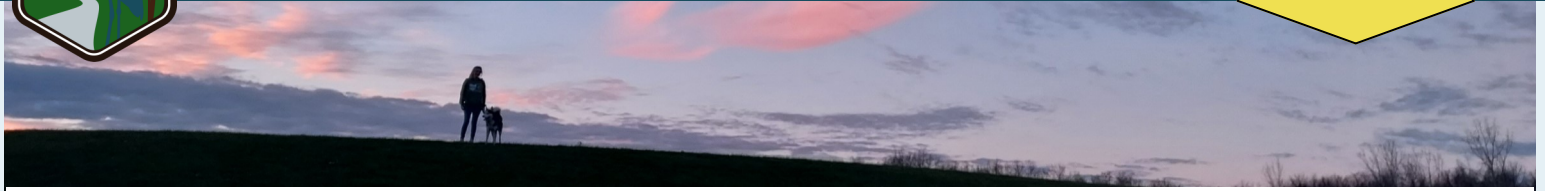


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Family Adventures - Lobdell Creek

When: Saturday, June 15 @ 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Where: LR-D

Come explore the waters of Lobdell Creek. Participants will meet at the shelter house at the Lobdell Disc Golf Course for a brief presentation and to pick up creek exploration kits, followed by on-your-own exploration time. This event is weather dependent. Free.

Summer Puzzle Hike and Campfire

When: Saturday, June 15 @ 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Where: IMP - Arena Area

Take a self-guided hike through Infirmity Mound Park, find the activity stations, solve the puzzles, and win a prize. End at the campfire for iced tea, hot dogs, and s'mores. Activities start at the Arena area. Free.

Wellness Walk with OSU Extension

When: Tuesday, June 18 @ 10AM - 11AM

Where: IMP - Shelter 6

Join Shari Gallup, Certified Health and Wellness coach and Ohio State University Extension Educator for peaceful wellness walks in nature during the summer months. This is a great way to soak up some nature, meet new friends and nourish our minds. Register by June 15. Free.

Nature Explorers - Ages 7-9

When: Tuesday, June 18 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Where: IMP - Shelter 4

Nature Explorers will take place every other Tuesday from June 18 to July 30. Free. Activities will include STEM activities, habitat exploration, art projects, games, and more. This is a drop off program. Register by June 14.

Nature Adventurers (Ages 10-12)

When: Tuesday, June 25 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Where: IMP - Shelter 4

Nature Adventurers will take place every other Tuesday from June 25 to July 23, plus August 13. Free. Activities will include STEM activities, habitat exploration, art projects, games, and more. This is a drop off program. Register by June 20.

Art in the Park - Watercolor

When: Thursday, June 20 @ 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: IMP - Shelter 4

Fee: \$20. Come spend a creative evening painting outdoors. Whether you've never touched paint or have some experience with watercolors, in this workshop you will enjoy learning a range of brush strokes that will have you painting in no time. All supplies provided. Snacks and drinks provided. Ages 15+. Register by June 15.

Paint the Parks

When: Thursday, June 27 @ 6 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: James Bradley Center - IMP

Fee: \$20. Join us at the James Bradley Center at Infirmity Mound Park for a Paint the Parks class. Supplies and snacks provided. BYOB/W. Ages 16+. Minors should be accompanied by an adult. Register by June 20.

Nothing with Butterfly Ridge

When: Friday, June 28 @ 9PM - 11PM

Where: IMP - Arena Area

Join Chris Kline, Director of Butterfly Ridge Conservation Center, for a half hour talk followed by a couple hours at the lights, identifying and discussing the moths that arrive. Meet at the Arena Area. Free.

Butterfly Walk with Butterfly Ridge

When: Saturday June 29 @ 10:30AM- 12PM

Where: IMP - Shelter 5

Join Chris Kline, Director of Butterfly Ridge Conservation Center, on a walking tour of Infirmity Mound Park, looking for butterflies, discussing their importance, and how to make butterfly-friendly improvements to residential landscapes. Free.

Family Adventures - Camp Night

When: Saturday June 29 to June 30

Where: TR-S

Fee: \$20 a campsite. Come experience a fun-filled, family overnight adventure with games, star gazing, and fire-making, plus crafts, nature exploration, and S'mores around the campfire. Suitable for children age 6+. Bring your own tent, gear, and snacks. Register by June 13. More info on our website.



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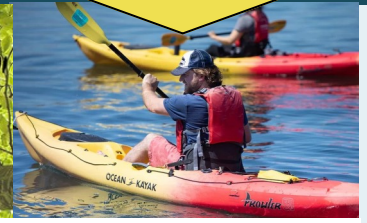


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"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home."

—Gary Snyder

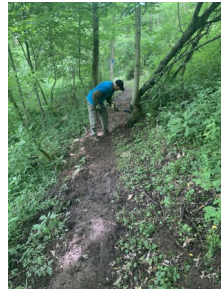


Volunteer Spotlight

This month's Volunteer Spotlight shines brightly on Jack Lyon. When Jack Lyon entered my office to complete his New Volunteer Orientation and Training, I immediately knew I was meeting a volunteer who would make incredible contributions to the Licking Park District. Over four years and 350+ hours later, I was right! In fact, after one year of service Jack earned Volunteer of the Year honors. Jack has volunteered for events, programs and maintenance projects and is also a Trail and Park Monitor. Jack has worked on many trail maintenance projects in the coldest and hottest weather. He has hand-benched trails and cleared huge dead trees with unwavering energy.

Jack is a wonderful advocate and represents the Licking Park District at our community outreach events. We are grateful and honored to recognize Jack's dedication and service to the LPD.

"Whenever I need help on a special project, I think, "Who you gonna call? JACK LYON!" He has worked on special assignments such as our Park Watch, rebuilding split rail fences, setting up horse jumps for our Pace at the Park event, and making weights for our event tents. He is definitely one of my top go-to volunteers whenever I need help." - Tami McAdams, Operations Administrator



Q: Why do you volunteer for the Licking Park District?

A: To help maintain the parks in the best condition, to support the many park events, to become more knowledgeable by working with the excellent park staff, and to get great exercise.

Q: What volunteer activities have been most memorable for you?

A: I have several great memories volunteering with the Licking Park District. To name a few, the annual Harvest Moon event, the annual PACE event and various trail maintenance projects.

Q: Do you have a favorite LPD park or trail?

A: TJ Evans Trail and Infirmary Mound Park.

Q: Do you have any advice for anyone considering volunteering with the Licking Park District?

A: Explore it. Try it. I can guarantee it will be a worthwhile experience.

Q: What are your favorite movies?

A: Twister and Aliens

Q: What is one thing people don't know about you that they would be surprised to discover?

A: I'm a United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran.



Group Volunteer Opportunities

Wouldn't your employees, service group members or students enjoy spending a few hours outdoors giving back to the Licking County community? The Licking Park District has fantastic group volunteer opportunities for you!

Your group can join our Volunteer Stewardship Program and help beautify our parks, trails and playgrounds. We can accommodate any size and customize a volunteer opportunity to meet your group's needs. We have indoor and outdoor opportunities for all ages and abilities, weekdays and weekends. Please contact Karen Jennings (Trail & Volunteer Program Manager) at 740-587-2535.

12 Father's Day Gift Ideas for the Outdoors Dad

1. Hiking Poles
2. Compass
3. Tent
4. Hiking Boots
5. Fishing Pole
6. Cornhole Game Set
7. Fire Pit
8. Hammock
9. Headlamp
10. Bluetooth Speaker
11. Leatherman Multi-Tool
12. Kayak or Paddleboard

Best Free Gift Ideas

1. Spend some quality time with your dad.
2. Tell him how much you love him.
3. Give him a hug and a kiss.

