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December 2017

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Winter Celebration
December 2 - 31

December Special Events

Take a look inside the MetroParks Calendar for a wide variety of programs.



Winter Celebration TOY LAND

December 2 through 31 • Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm
FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

BRING THE FAMILY TO "COME PLAY!", AS YOU DISCOVER TOYLAND IN THE DAVIS CENTER. SHOW YOUR KIDS FAVORITE GAMES AND TOYS FROM YOUR PAST AS YOU WANDER AMONGST GIANT GAME PIECES, TEN-FOOT TOY SOLDIERS, AND MORE. PLUS, ENJOY THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE WALK, SCAVENGER HUNT, AND OF COURSE, THE SEASONAL BLOOMS.

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FIRST NEWS



Breakfast with Santa

December 9
9-10:30 am
or 11:30 am-1 pm

Fellows Riverside Gardens • Rossi Auditorium

Celebrate the season with Santa as you enjoy a delicious kid-friendly breakfast by Inspired Catering by Kravitz with Santa Claus! Santa will be available to pose with you and your family for photographs throughout the event while children can participate in fun holiday-inspired activities! Space is limited. Please call Fellows Riverside Gardens to make reservations. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. All participants, including children younger than 2, must be pre-registered. \$15 ages 12 and older, \$10 ages 2-11, under 2 free.



Winter Celebration Nights

*Fellows
Riverside Gardens*

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 5 - 7 pm

Saturdays in December, we are open late until 7 pm. Experience the outdoor light display and the Toy Workshop and Reindeer Games. Plus, find that perfect gift at the Shop in the Gardens and savor refreshments available for purchase in the Garden Café. Craft fee: \$1



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NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT CALL FOR PHOTOS

SUBMISSION DATES
12/19 - 1/7 | TUES. - SAT., 10 AM - 5 PM; SUN., NOON - 5 PM
AT FORD NATURE CENTER

2018 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT DATES: JAN. 21 - APR. 1 AT FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS - WELLER GALLERY

FULL DETAILS, CATEGORIES, AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT MILLCREEKMETROPARKS.ORG.

SUBMIT PHOTOS AND FEE PER ENTRY BETWEEN 12/19 & 1/7 AT FORD NATURE CENTER. \$4 R; \$6 NR.

Receive notices of MetroParks events by email! Sign up for our mailing list at millcreekmetroparks.org



FOR THE BIRDS

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Coffee With the Birds ♦

Ford Nature Center
12/16 | 8 – 8:45 am or 8:45 – 9:30 am
The Great Christmas Bird Count is a century old tradition with participants as far north as the Arctic Circle and as far south as the southern tip of Argentina. We Want You! to participate this year, right here at Mill Creek MetroParks. Feel free to pick and choose from any of our programs during the day. Coffee With the Birds at Ford Nature Center is a stationary bird feeder watch. Bring your favorite mug. Limited space, register by 12/14.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Bird Hikes

Various MCMP Locations
12/16 | 9 – 10:30 am, 11 am – 12:30 pm or 2 – 4 pm
The Great Christmas Bird Count is a century old tradition with participants as far north as the Arctic Circle and as far south as the southern tip of Argentina. We Want You! to participate this year, right here at Mill Creek MetroParks. Feel free to pick and choose from any of our programs during the day.
• **9 – 10:30 am** - Hike at Mill Creek Preserve on Western Reserve Rd.
• **11 am – 12:30 pm** - Hike around Newport Wetlands meet at Newport Wetlands parking lot
• **2 – 4 pm** - Hike at Hitchcock Woods on Hitchcock Rd

JOY TO THE BIRDS

Ford Nature Center
12/28 | 1 – 3 pm
Let's spread the joy of the season by lending a hand to our overwintering birds. We'll create edible bird ornaments, then hike to place them on an evergreen tree. Call FNC for details. Moderate 2 mi.

THIS & THAT

MILL CREEK PHOTO CLIQUE: Mounting & Matting Photos ♦

Pioneer Pavilion
12/2 | 10 am – Noon
This Mill Creek Photo Clique workshop gathering features Frank Marr, noted area photographer and Youngstown Photo Club Secretary, presenting photo matting and mounting techniques that will assist in preparation for entering your photos in competitions or just for displaying them at home. Free, but please call Ford Nature Center to reserve your spot.

METROMUTTS: Jingle Bells Hike \$

Pioneer Pavilion
12/9 | 11 am - 1 pm
Jingle all the way past the festive evergreens of East Cohasset. Santa will be at Pioneer Pavilion for a holiday photo with your canine. Enjoy cookies and refreshments after the hike. Member dogs receive free jingle bell collars. Moderate, 1 mi. Hike: FREE for all. Refreshments and photos with Santa: MetroMutts Members - Free; not-yet-members - \$2. 'Tis the season to give! Please bring an item for Animal Charity.

Program Key

- \$ Fee charged for this program
- ♦ Registration Required
- Add'l fee after deadline
- G Guardian/adult must accompany child
- R = Mahoning County Resident
- NR = Non-Resident
- FFRG = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

GOLF

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SALE

Mill Creek Golf Shop
12/10 – 12/21 | 10 am – 4:30 pm
Annual Golf Shop Holiday Sale. Each day a special sale price will be revealed on a select item. The savings will be too low to advertise, so stop in each day and check out the great savings. Many of the items will be at or below cost. It's a great opportunity to take advantage of spectacular savings and stock up for Christmas. Mill Creek Players Club Members will receive additional savings.

3RD ANNUAL - “BIG” CHRISTMAS GOLF SHOP SALE

Mill Creek Golf Shop
12/22 | 10 am – 5 pm
Annual Golf Shop Holiday Sale for the upcoming golf season. Take advantage of the great savings and stock up for the upcoming golf season. Special pricing on select merchandise in the Golf Shop. Mill Creek Players Club Card Members will receive additional savings and surprise give-a-ways. Free cookies, snacks and drinks, while supplies last. Free gift wrapping with any purchase. This is an “everything must go” sale, with all sales being final for the 2017 golf season.

HEALTHY LIVING

FRAGRANT FRIDAYS: Clearing Negative Energy \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/1 | 10 – 11:30 am
Learn about essential oils with Marina Perdos. Cultivate a relationship with plants in a new way through the sense of smell. December brings a focus on the power of increasing positive energy into your surroundings using essential oils rituals, blessings and recipes. Bring a journal/paper to take notes. Register/pay by 11/28. \$22; FFRG \$20

YOGA IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/5, 12/7, 12/12, 12/14 | 9:30 – 11 am
Join Marina Perdos for a blend of energizing yoga styles that will help you keep a healthy outlook. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and small blanket. Drop-in. \$12/class

T’AI CHI STEP ONE IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/6, 12/13, 12/20 | Noon – 1 pm
Ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Join Marie Lew in warm-ups, breathing exercises and selected movements from a classic Chen T'ai Chi form. Drop-in. \$10/class

SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/12 | 6 – 7 pm
Ages 13+. A deep meditative experience where you will relax by lying on your mat and receive the sound that is played. The low frequency sound and vibrations of our gongs, crystal singing bowls, pyramids, flutes and other instruments take you on a healing journey, awakening every cell in your body. This experience will induce a deep state of relaxation and shift you into a higher level of awareness. You will leave feeling relaxed, peaceful and more “in-tune” with whom you are. Register/ pay by 4 pm on 12/12. Space is limited. \$25



KIDS & TEENS

HOLIDAY CAMP \$ ♦

Various MCMP Locations
12/3, 12/10, or 12/17 | 1 – 5 pm
Ages 6-13. Need somewhere to drop off your kids for a couple of hours so you can get some holiday shopping done? Leave them with us! We will explore our winter wonderland, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and each day we will make a different gift from them to you!
• **12/3 MetroParks Farm**
• **12/10 Yellow Creek Park**
• **12/17 Pioneer Pavilion**
Register/pay at FNC, 2 days in advance. \$10 first child; \$7 each additional sibling

CHILDREN’S NATURE HOUR: The Snow Tree \$ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center
12/7 | 10 – 11 am
Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join us as we read and enact a holiday favorite, The Snow Tree! Outside discovery and a craft are part of the festivities. Register/pay by 12/5. \$4 R; \$6 NR

SPROUT CLUB \$ ♦ G

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/14, 1/18, 2/15 | 1 - 2 pm
Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join the Sprout Club this winter to learn about the amazing world of plants with topics that include: candy canes, popcorn, and honey! Each class will include an activity and snack. Attend all three classes and receive a plant-related prize. Deadline for series is 12/12. \$15/ series; \$7/class

HIKES & WALKS

Call FNC for details.

REMEMBERING VOLNEY ROGERS

Ford Nature Center
12/2 | 7 – 8 pm
Volney Rogers arrived on Earth December 1st and left on December 3rd, 73 years later. We'll remember him and his work on our walk to his memorial statue and back. Moderate, 1.5 mi.

PLACE OF PINES

Ford Nature Center
12/3 | 2 – 4 pm
Kick off the holiday season with a hike around Lake Cohasset, a “place of pines”. We'll enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of nature. Afterwards, come inside to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Moderate, 3 mi.

RECREATIONAL HIKES

12/6 | 9 am - *Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at Kirk Road.* Easy, 2 or 4 mi.
12/20 | 9 am - *Meet at East Newport Dr. Boat Launch Parking Lot.* Moderate, 1 or 3 mi.

TROLLEY TOURS

REMEMBERING VOLNEY ROGERS

\$ ♦
Boards at Ford Nature Center
12/2 | Noon – 1:30 pm
Mill Creek Park founder, Volney Rogers, left an incredible legacy for the Mahoning Valley. He was born on December 1st and 73 years later, passed away on December 3rd. We'll ride the Cohasset Express to view his work in Mill Creek Park, and visit his grave at Tod Cemetery on Belmont Avenue. Register/pay at FNC by 11/30. Adults: \$8 R, \$11 NR; Seniors/youth: \$6 R, \$9 NR

EXHIBITS

OIL AND PASTELS

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
Through 1/14/18 | Tues. – Sun., 10 am – 5 pm
Realistic images of shape, form, time and space highlight Mill Creek Park and Youngstown. Sean Bulker's art is created in oil paints and pastels. Sean's work represents sound compositional principles and potential within a medium to represent simple beauty that we pass by unknowingly.
MEET THE ARTIST:
12/9 | 4 – 6:30 pm in the Weller Gallery

MILL CREEK METROPARKS HISTORY

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Melnick Museum
Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm
The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

HOLIDAY BULB ORNAMENTS \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
12/2 | 10 – 11:30 am
Using polymer clay and glass bulb ornaments you will learn how to sculpt! Dan Dinsio, B.F.A. an Italian trained artist, will lead you through the process. Learn how to work with the clay to create a one of a kind Christmas tree ornament. You will make 2-3 ornaments within the time allotted. Hang them on your tree or give them as a gift! Register/pay at FRG by 11/30. \$26 R; \$28 NR

HOLIDAY PINE WREATH \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/2 | 10 am – Noon
Create your own holiday wreath with the guidance of Judy Stanislaw. Adorn your entrance with fresh pine, greens and seasonal colors, welcoming your guests to a home full of cheer. Register/pay by 11/30. \$28; FFRG \$24

BOXWOOD TREE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/5 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
It is that time of the year to decorate your home with beautiful seasonal designs. Marie Borocz will guide you in the design of a fresh boxwood tree using boxwood, fresh mini-carnations, mums, statice, and seasonal decorations. Register/pay by 12/3. \$34; FFRG \$28

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
12/19 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Create a beautiful addition for your holiday table with Marie Borocz. The centerpiece will include fresh pine, boxwood, scotch broom, carnations, and mums, along with seasonal decorations. Register/pay by 12/17. \$34; FFRG \$28

