December Special Events

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

**Winter Celebration TOYLAND**

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.

**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 w/ 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 Cafe. Draft fees $1.
FOR THE BIRDS
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Coffee With the Birds $ Ford Nature Center 12/10 Noon - 1:00 pm Join us for Coffee and Birds Across the World. $5

GOLF
THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SALE Mill Creek Golf Shop 12/10 to 12/12 | 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 12/12 | 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 Members will receive additional savings and surprise give-aways. Free coffee, snacks and drinks, while supplies last. But don’t forget to wrap up any purchase. This is an “everything must go” sale, with sales being final for the 2017 golf season.

HEALTHY LIVING
FRAGRANT FRIDAYS: Clearing Negative Energy $ Friends Riverside Gardens 12/10 | 11:30 am Learn about essential oils with Martha Peros. Cultivate a relationship with plants in a new way through the sense of smell. December brings a focus on the power of increasing energy using your aromatherapy essential oils. Ingredients, blessings and recipes. Bring a journal to take notes. Register/pay by 11/25. 522-4FG $20

YOGA IN THE GARDENS $ Various MCMAP Locations 12/5, 12/17, 12/24 | 9:30 – 11 am Join Martha Peros for a blend of energizing yoga classes that will help you keep a healthy outlook. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and small blanket. Drop-in $12/class

TAI CHI STEP ONE IN THE GARDENS $ Friends Riverside Gardens 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 | Noon – 1 pm Case study, improve health, and increase vitality Join Maria Leow in warm-ups, breathing exercises and selected movements from a classic Chen Tai Chi form. Drop-in $10/class

SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE $ Friends Riverside Gardens 12/2 | 6 – 7 pm Ages 13+. A deep meditative experience where you will relax by laying on your mat and receive the sound that is played. The low frequency sound waves vibrate through our gongs, crystal bowls and bamboo. Plutonium, flutes and other instruments take you on a healing journey, awakening every cell in your body. This experience will start a process of relaxation and shift you into a higher level of awareness. You will leave feeling relaxed, peaceful and more “in-tune” with all that you are. Underwrite by 4 pm on 12/12. Space is limited. $25

EXHIBITS
OIL AND PASTELS Fellowes Riverside Gardens – Welker Gallery Through 11/14/18 Tues., Sat., Sun., 10 am – 5 pm Room of murals, form, line and space highlight Mill Creek Park and Youngstown. Susan White’s art is created in oils and pastels. Susan’s work is tranquil, serene, and builds a potential within a medium to represent simple beauty that we pass by unconsciously. Mill Creek Park $10

TROLLEY TOURS
REMEMBERING VOLNEY ROGERS $ Around the Mill Creek Park 12/2 | Noon – 3:30 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 12/13 | 2 – 4 pm Kick off the holiday season with a hike around Lake Cohasset, a “place of pines”. We’ll enjoy the sights and sounds, and smells of nature. Afterwards, come inside to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Moderate, 3 mi.

RECREATIONAL HIKES $ Around Mill Creek Park 12/10, 12/17, 12/24 | 9 am Meet at MetroParks Boydton Trailshead 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.

HOLIDAY BULB ORNAMENTS $ MetroParks 12/2 | 10 – 1:30 pm Using polymer clay and glass bulb ornaments you’ll create your own Christmas ornament to take home. You will make 2 ornaments within the time allotted. Hang them on your tree or give them as a gift. Registration by 11/25. $25, 522-4FG $25

HOLIDAY PINE WREATH $ Fellowes Riverside Gardens 12/10 | 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 as they come into your home. $20:

BUXWORTH TREE $ Fellowes Riverside Gardens 12/11 | 10 am – 12 pm It is that time of the year to decorate your home with beautiful seasonal designs. Marie Bonczor, will walk you through the steps of making a fresh boxwood tree using boxwood, fresh mini-carnations, mums, statice, and seasonal decorations. Registration by 11/9. $34, 522-4FG $34

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECES $ Fellowes Riverside Gardens 12/19 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm Create a beautiful centerpiece for your holiday table with Marie Bonczor. The centerpiece will include fresh pine, boxwood, knothole balsam, berries, and pine, element with seasonal decorations. Registration by 12/17. $34, 522-4FG $34

FOR FULL EVENT DETAILS OR TO VOLUNTEER, VISIT MILLCREEKMETROPARKS.ORG

FOR THE BIRDS
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Coffee With the Birds $ Ford Nature Center 12/10 | 10 am – 4:30 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. Coffee With the Birds at Ford Nature Center is a stationary bird feeder walk. Bring your favorite cup. Limited space, register by 12/14.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT: Bird Hikes Various MCMAP Locations 12/10 | 10:00 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. The birding tours are timed to coincide with the bird count tables.

JOY TO THE BIRDS Ford Nature Center 12/18 | 1 – 3 pm Let’s enjoy the joy of the season by lending a hand to our overwintering birds. We’ll create edible bird ornaments, then take to place them on an evergreen tree. Call 740-467-5070 for details. Moderate, 2 mi.

MILL CREEK PHOTO CLIQUE: Mounting & Matting Photos $ Pioneer Pavilion 12/10 | 10 am – Noon This Mill Creek Photo Clique gathering features Frank Mert, 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: Jingie Bells Hike $ Mill Creek MetroParks 12/11 | 1 am – 1 pm Jingie all the way past the festive evergreens of Lake 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 Jingie bell collars. Moderate, 1 mi. Hike: FREE for all. Refreshments and photos with Santa: Metromutts Members - FREE; not-members - $2. ‘Tis the season to give! Please bring an item for Animal Charity.