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Monthly E-Newsletter

COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE



Enjoy a tour of the gardens and learn about the success gardeners had last season. You will also learn more about the community gardens, how you can rent a plot and how to grow a variety of plants.

Plots are 20' x 20' and available for only \$20 per plot. Reserve as many plots as you prefer; first come, first serve. Free mulch is available

on-site however, water is not available on-site.

Saturday, April 2, 1 pm—4 pm

Karohl Park, 2940 Hohl Dr., Beaver Creek

FREE

TOUCH-A-TRUCK ROLLS INTO THE FAIRGROUNDS RECREATION CENTER

This event celebrates the world of working vehicles and all things that go. Kids, both the big ones and the small ones, are invited to climb in, sit on, honk the horn and try out the vehicles that they see every day in their surrounding communities. Please, join us for this fun event....bring the kids, grandkids and even grab the neighbor kids (with permission of course). See you there!



Saturday, April 30, 10 am—2 pm

Fairgrounds Recreation Center, 210 Fairground Rd., Xenia

FREE



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Special Note

You are receiving this email because of your relationship with Greene County Parks. We are committed to protecting your privacy. We hope you enjoy receiving this e-newsletter and hope you will forward it to a friend! Please let us know if you wish to be removed from our list.

SPRING BEEKEEPING CLINIC

Join the Greene County Beekeepers Association during their spring beehive management clinic. Demonstrations include spring housecleaning, inspection, treatment for mites, swarm prevention and methods of honey production.

Saturday, April 9, 12 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
FREE



Visit www.co.greene.oh.us/parks for more information on activities and events

Sportsman's Seminar Series

Caesars Creek Lake Preview & Boat Inspections

These monthly seminars incorporate local outdoor pros from Stamper's Boat Barn of Miamisburg and the surrounding area to bring you tips, pointers and the "how-to's" on fishing, boating, hunting and more. This month's topic features a preview of Fishing at Caesars Creek Lake and Boat Inspections by Division of Watercraft.

Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm

Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
FREE

SHUTTERBUGS



This class is for beginning and intermediate level photographers. Each month the class will be learning different photography techniques. The April class will focus on lighting and using a flash. Everyone will learn something new and share their blunders. John Sheehan, local photography instructor, will be teaching the classes. Please bring your

camera to class. Students may be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks for use in promotional pieces.

Saturday, April 16, 9 am—11 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$10 Greene County Residents, \$15 non-residents

VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING

Greene County Parks offers a FREE monthly training for current volunteers and those interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist. Each month focuses on a different topic in nature. The topic for April is Worms, Slugs, Snails, Nature in an Inch. This session will be held both indoors and outdoors so be sure to dress for the weather. If you plan on attending or have questions, please contact Cris Barnett at 937-562-7469 or cbarnett@co.greene.oh.us.

Monday, April 11, 9 am—noon

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
FREE

YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

PROJECT FEEDER WATCH

Ever wonder what types of birds those are at your bird feeders? The naturalists have teamed up with Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology to monitor the type and number of birds that stay in the Greene County area over the winter. Join us to learn more about birds and bird feeding.

Saturday, April 2, 1 pm—2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
FREE

TOADS 'N TADPOLES NIGHT OUT

Children ages 4—12 are invited to the Nature Center for a Friday night out without Mom or Dad. We will play games, take a night hike and enjoy a snack.

Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm—9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$10 for Greene County residents, \$15 for non-residents

NESTLINGS - EARTH DAY

Each month children will explore a different topic in nature while enjoying a hike and a story. *For ages 2 1/2—4 and their adult companion.*

Wednesday, April 20, 10 am—11 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 for Greene County residents, \$5 for non-residents

NATURE NUTS - EARTH DAY

Open your child's eyes to nature. Each month we will take a hike, read a story and explore on a preschool level. This month we will focus on Earth Day. *For ages 4 1/2—6 and their adult companion.*

Wednesday, April 20, 1 pm—2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 for Greene County residents, \$5 for non-residents

PRESCHOOL NATURE PLAY

Preschoolers (ages 4-6) are invited every Monday for a play date in nature. Hikes, songs, exploring and crafts will all be a part of this 6 week session.

Mondays, April 25—June 6 (no class May 30), 9:30 am—11:30 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$60 for Greene County residents, \$70 for non-residents

Family Fun Day

Fun with Science

Spend a fun day at the nature center with the whole family learning about a different topic in nature each month. The naturalists have put together hands-on activities, experiments and exploration. This month will feature Fun with Science.

Sunday, April 17, 2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Bvck
\$20 per family of 4 for Greene County residents,
\$25 per family of 4 for non-residents,
\$5 for each additional family member

Photo Contest

People Enjoying Parks

Greene County Parks is once again holding a photo contest. This year's theme is people enjoying parks. Photographers of all ages are encouraged to take photos in Greene County Parks. All photos need to include people in one of Greene County Parks and be no larger than 8 x 10. Photos need to be turned in to the nature center no later than **May 15th** at 4:30 pm. Each photo must be labeled on the back with contestant's name, phone number and name of park where photo was taken. The top ten winning photos will be on display at the Nature Center from June 6—August 26, 2011.



EARTH DAY PARK CLEAN UP

Celebrate Earth Day by greening up the park. Help us remove some of those unwanted “treasures” that have made their way into the park over the winter. Long sleeves and gloves are recommended.

Saturday, April 23, 10 am

Creekside Reserve, meet at Beaver Creek Community Park, Factory Rd., Beaver Creek
FREE

Visit us online at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

Spring Bird Workshop

Orioles, Tanagers,
Vireos & More

The woods are alive with spring bird song and the vibrant colors of migrating birds. Join the naturalist to learn how to identify these birds by both sight and song. Binoculars are recommended.



Wednesday, April 20

7 pm—9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Bvck
\$25 Greene County Residents
\$30 non-residents

NIGHT RIDES

Join the Greene County Parks Trail Sentinels for a ride by moonlight along the various bike trails in Greene County. All riders must be 18 or older, wear a helmet and have lights on their bikes. Rides will be cancelled in the event of a thunderstorm. All rides are held on a Saturday at 7 pm.

April 9	Xenia Station to Cedarville	15 miles
April 23	Old Town Reserve to Young's Jersey Dairy	18 miles
May 14	Xenia Station to 5th 3rd Gazebo	20 miles
May 28	Yellow Springs Station to I-70 to Young's Jersey Dairy	15 miles
June 11	Xenia Station to Spring Valley	15 miles
June 25	Xenia Station to Cedarville	15 miles
July 9	Jamestown Connector—Beginning Location TBA	
July 23	Old Town Reserve to Young's Dairy	18 miles
Aug 6	Xenia Station to 5th 3rd Gazebo	20 miles
Aug 20	Yellow Springs Station to I-70 to Young's Jersey Dairy	15 miles
Sept 10	Xenia Station to Spring Valley	15 miles
Sept 24	Yellow Springs to Cedarville	15 miles
Oct 8	Jamestown Connector—Beginning Location TBA	
Oct 22	Old Town Reserve to Young's Jersey Dairy	18 miles

Note: Mileage listed is approximate round trip mileage.

Meeting Locations

Old Town Reserve, 1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, OH 45385

Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia, OH 45385

Yellow Springs Station, 101 Dayton St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387

**The Summer Activity Guide will be available at the beginning of April.
Registration is scheduled for Monday, April 11 for Greene County residents
and Wednesday, April 13 for non-residents.**

For more information on the events and activities listed here, please call 937-562-7440 or visit us on the web at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks.

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