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April 13, 2009

Metro Parks levy

For more information about Metro Parks' proposed levy that will be on the ballot May 5 in Franklin County, [click here for a fact sheet](#) and feel free to reproduce it or email it to friends and family. You can learn more about the levy by going to vote4metroparks.com.

Earth Day Party

Be sure and stop by the Metro Parks' or Stewards of Metro Parks' booths at the Earth Day Party at Goodale Park on Sunday April 19 from noon to 7 p.m. Learn more about Metro Parks' upcoming levy and enjoy some fun activities with our naturalists. There will be lots of other environmental groups, live music, animals and a kids' tent with fun activities.

More on your Metro Parks

website: www.metroparks.net

Infoline: 614.508.8000

Telephone: 614.891.0700

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Metro Parks is now on Facebook

If you are on Facebook, you can now connect with Metro Parks by looking up Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks... [more](#)



If you have a question about some aspect of nature or about a Metro Park, the naturalists at Blendon Woods Metro Park can help. Email your question to enaturalist@metroparks.net. Most questions will be answered by the end of the next business day.

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The Central Ohio Folk Festival returns to Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park for another great weekend of folk music and fun

Saturday May 2, 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday May 3, 1 to 4 p.m.

Annual Saturday Night Concert — Saturday May 2, 7 p.m.

The Central Ohio Folk Festival is now in its 13th year and gets bigger and better by the year. This year's festival includes free concerts, jam sessions and kids' activities such as the ever-popular instrument petting zoo. A small registration fee is required to participate in the many workshops being presented over the weekend.



Banjo player Fred Starner at a previous Festival.
Photo courtesy of the Columbus Folk Music Society

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, a special event, "For Pete's Sake, Sing!" will celebrate the life and work of American legend Pete Seeger, who turns 90 years old on this day.

There is a \$10 entry fee for the annual Saturday night concert at 7 p.m. This year's concert features singer/songwriter Kitty Donohoe, who draws from her Celtic and American roots to create her songs for a modern world, sung with the rich texture of her three-octave voice. Kitty backs herself on guitar, cittern or keyboards. The concert also features the mellow voiced and always humorous Matt Watroba, host of the national radio show "The Sing Out! Radio Magazine." Butch Ross will entertain the audience with his mountain dulcimer, and the duo Mustard's Retreat will perform their original songs. Tickets for the Saturday night concert will be available at the concert tent.

To see the full workshop and concert schedule for the weekend festival, go to www.cfms-inc.org

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Kids join the fun and help build bluebird boxes for the Stewards of Metro Parks' nesting box and bison reintroduction projects



The Stewards of Metro Parks held a special workshop at Highbanks Metro Park on Saturday April 11 at which members and their families built and painted 10 bluebird boxes. Twelve kids participated in the workshop and they'll be able to follow the progress of their "houses" which will soon be installed at Prairie Oaks Metro Park as part of the Stewards' bison reintroduction project at the park.



The Stewards of Metro Parks is a charitable organization, created in 2008 to support the programs and facilities of the Central Ohio area Metro Parks. As an all-volunteer membership organization, the Stewards are formulating an aggressive program to create interactive opportunities for Central Ohio residents to enhance their personal experiences while enjoying the Metro Parks.

For more information on the Stewards of Metro Parks, and to sign up to become a member, go to www.stewardsofmetroparks.org.

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Hop aboard the Metro Parks tram

See beautiful wildflowers, discover animals awakening from hibernation, enjoy the melodies of migrating songbirds, or listen for the wild chorus of mating frogs and toads—all from the comfort of Metro Parks' 42-passenger tram. Check out the following programs:

THREE CREEKS PARK

MIDWEEK TRAM TREK

Wed April 15, 1 p.m.

Take a tram ride to discover wildflowers and migrating songbirds. Meet at Confluence Trails Bulletin Board

CRUISING FOR CRITTERS

Sat April 18, 8 p.m.

Take a moonlit tram ride and look and listen for animals awakening from hibernation. Meet at Confluence Trails Bulletin Board

TRAM, BIRDS AND BLOOMS

Sun April 19, 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Hop on the tram to see what's blooming, who's awake and who's returned for the upcoming spring. Meet at Heron Pond Bulletin Board

GLACIER RIDGE METRO PARK

CAVITY NESTERS TRAM RIDE

Sat April 25, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a tram ride and look for bluebirds and other cavity nesting birds. Meet at the bulletin board in picnic area near main park entrance

AMPHIBIAN NIGHT RIDE

Sat April 25, 8 p.m.

Take a tram ride to the wetlands and listen for frogs and toads on a walk along the wetland boardwalk. Bring a flashlight. Meet at the bulletin board in picnic area near main park entrance

Besides regularly scheduled tram programs, youth, adult and senior groups can also arrange their own free tram program by calling 614.891.0700. Check the list below for the schedule of where the 42-passenger tram will be located during spring, summer and fall, or bookmark the web link, [tram schedule](#).

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