

Metro Parks E-Newsletter

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March 4, 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 also see the [entire levy plan](#), which details the exciting programs and plans that the park system will implement over 10 years, pending voter approval of the levy

Metro Parks Annual Report for 2008

The Metro Parks Community Update document is [now available online](#) and you can receive a print copy by calling 614.891.0700.



More on your Metro Parks

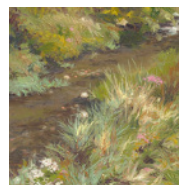
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If you have a question about some aspect of nature or about a Metro Park, the naturalists at Blendon Woods Metro Park can help. Email your question to enaturalist@metroparks.net. Most questions will be answered by the end of the next business day.

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The Camp Chase Rail Trail will be a major component in the completion of the Ohio to Erie Trail, which is intended to connect Cincinnati to Cleveland. Significant lengths of the trail have already been completed throughout southwest and northeast Ohio. The Camp Chase Rail Trail will fill one of the major gaps in Central Ohio.

The Camp Chase Rail Trail will eventually link Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park and the Big Darby Creek watershed to urban Columbus.

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Join Rattan Lal, Director of Ohio State University's Carbon Management & Sequestration Center, for a look at the impact of climate change on food at 2 p.m., Sunday April 5 at the Beech Maple Lodge at Blacklick Woods Metro Park. Doctor Lal's research includes soil processes and greenhouse effects, natural resource management, food security and soil restoration. His numerous professional awards include a 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Certificate from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

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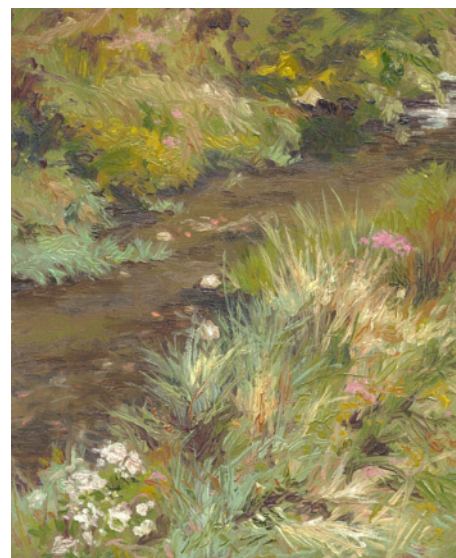


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The work of artist Angela Gage is featured this month at the Innis House in Inniswood Metro Gardens. Her oils and pastels are an expression of her love of nature and the serenity and peace she finds there. "In painting people or landscapes, I hope to invoke feelings of familiarity and peace, and to remind the viewer of the beauty of the everyday that surrounds us," said Gage. You can meet Angela at the artist reception on Sunday March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Innis House, 940 South Hempstead Road, Westerville. To see some of her works visit: [Artist Angela Gage](#)



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Battelle Darby Creek

Running Sap Full Moon Hike (4 miles)

Wed March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Blacklick Woods

Sap Moon Walk (2 miles)

Tue March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Pickerington Ponds

Bright Moon Night Walk (2 miles)

Mon March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Woods

Adult Full Moon Hike (3.5 miles, adults only)

Tue March 10, 8 p.m.

In addition, you might like to take your favorite canine friend along for one of the **HOWL AT THE MOON** hikes:

Battelle Darby Creek

Fri March 13, 7:30 p.m. (2 miles)

Highbanks

Sun March 8, 7 p.m. (3.5 miles)

Prairie Oaks

Wed March 11, 7:15 p.m. (2 miles)

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Incorporated in April 2008, the Stewards of Metro Parks "advocate the value of parks and open spaces for individual and community social, physical, economic, and spiritual well-being, and the importance of securing the vitality of Metro Parks and its programs in perpetuity."

Membership is tax deductible and good for a year. For information visit www.stewardsofmetroparks.org.