

Metro Parks E-Newsletter

Columbus & Franklin County



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March 24, 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

website: www.metroparks.net

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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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Places remain on eight of the 29 Summer Nature Adventure Camps for kids, although Metro Parks will still accept names on a wait list for filled camps, and notify those people on the wait list if and when an opening does arise. For details of all the adventure camps, download the web version of the [camp brochure](#).

The eight camps with places still open are as follows:

PRESCHOOL

Peek-a-Boo and Nature Too

Sharon Woods Metro Park, June 22–26

Peek-a-Boo and Nature Too

Highbanks Metro Park, July 6–10

KINDERGARTEN

Nature and Me

Blendon Woods Metro Park, August 3–7

GRADES 1–3

CSI: Metro Parks

Slate Run Metro Park, June 22–26

CSI: Metro Parks

Blacklick Woods Metro Park, July 20–24

CSI: Metro Parks

Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, July 27–31

GRADES 4–6

Hook a Kid on Golf

Blacklick Woods Golf Courses, June 15–19

Metro Parks and Beyond III

Pickerington Ponds Metro Park, June 22–26

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Get into the swing at Blacklick Woods Golf Courses

As the weather warms you may want to get into the swing of things this spring with an outing at Blacklick Woods Golf Courses in Reynoldsburg. Blacklick Woods features two challenging courses and is rated one of the top ten most difficult public golf courses in Greater Columbus by Business First magazine.

Forty acres of the course's 235 acres are natural area—a place where birds and birdies peacefully coexist. Audubon International has certified the golf courses as a Cooperative Sanctuary for their comprehensive environmental management and protection of wildlife habitats. Metro Parks has developed the courses with a long-range vision of protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

Call 614.861.3193 for tee times, golf outings and lessons.

Click [Blacklick Woods Golf Courses](#) for more information, including rates.

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Baby lambs ring in the spring at Slate Run Living Historical Farm



The first of the spring lambs, a pair of twins, were born on March 13th at Slate Run Living Historical Farm. Ten healthy lambs were born to two ewes this year and can be seen on a visit to the Farm. Over the course of the next couple of weeks or so, additions to the Farm's livestock will include a calf and a litter of piglets. The Farm resumes normal programming and operations on April 1, with opening hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

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Another spring arrival in your Metro Parks is our 42-passenger tram designed for those who want to experience nature up close but may not be able to walk the trails. On Saturday, April 4 at 1:30 or 3:30 p.m., check out what's blooming and who's awake as you ride the tram along the Greenway trails at Three Creeks Park. 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 tram will be located during spring, summer and fall, or bookmark the web link, [tram schedule](#).

- MARCH 8–APRIL 19 Three Creeks Park
- APRIL 21–MAY 3 Glacier Ridge Metro Park
- MAY 5–MAY 17 Blacklick Woods Metro Park
- MAY 19–MAY 31 Three Creeks Park
- JUNE 2–JUNE 14 Highbanks Metro Park
- JUNE 16–JUNE 28 Slate Run Metro Park
- JUNE 30–JULY 12 Sharon Woods Metro Park
- JULY 14–JULY 26 Blendon Woods Metro Park
- JULY 28–AUG 23 Three Creeks Park
- AUG 25–SEPT 7 Glacier Ridge Metro Park
- SEPT 9–SEPT 20 Three Creeks Park
- SEPT 22–OCT 8 Blacklick Woods Metro Park
- OCT 10–OCT 22 Three Creeks Park
- OCT 24–NOV 5 Slate Run Metro Park

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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.