

# Metro Parks E-Newsletter

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May 18, 2009

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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](mailto:enaturalist@metroparks.net). Most questions will be answered by the end of the next business day.

## More on your Metro Parks

**website:** [www.metroparks.net](http://www.metroparks.net)  
**Infoline:** 614.508.8000  
**Telephone:** 614.891.0700

## Metro Parks levy

Thank you Franklin County voters for your support of Issue 1 on May 5. Nearly 92,000 ballots were cast and about 11 percent of the registered voters participated in the election. The levy passed by 57.7 percent. Click here to see how voters weighed in on Issue 1 in Franklin County... [more](#)

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## Summer Parkscape

You can find your free copy of Metro Parks quarterly magazine Parkscape in the May 27 Columbus Dispatch, pick up a copy in a nearby Metro Park or download [Parkscape](#) now from the Metro Parks website.

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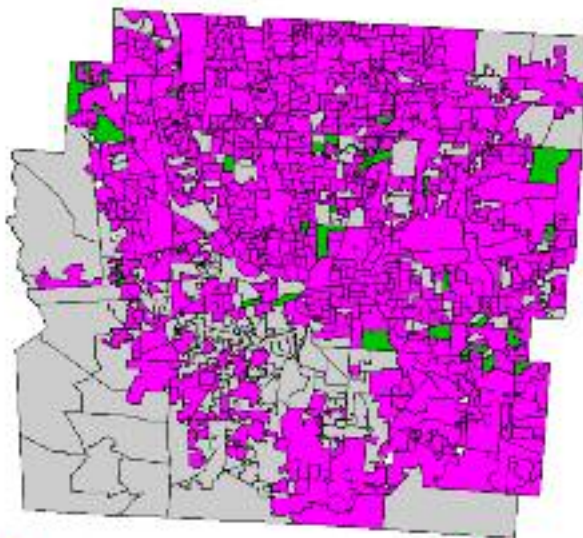
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## Metro Parks Levy — map and table of voter results

Click on the links below to download a larger map and the full table of voter results on Issue 1 on the May 5 ballot.

### Issue 01 - Metro Parks



**Fuchsia** For the Tax Levy  
**Gray** Against the Tax Levy  
**Green** Tie

### MAY 5, 2009 ELECTION RESULTS:

PRECINCT TOTALS	Registered	Total
COLUMBUS	550,868	36,0
BEXLEY	10,407	8
BLENDON TWP	5,251	7
MINERVA PARK	1,127	2
WESTERVILLE	22,617	5,0
BROWN TWP	1,739	1
CLINTON TWP	2,894	1
FRANKLIN TWP	5,312	1,1
MARBLE CLIFF	524	
VALLEYVIEW	495	
GRANDVIEW HTS	5,508	9
HAMILTON TWP	3,456	4
OBETZ	2,950	3
JACKSON TWP	3,155	1,3
GROVE CITY	24,280	9,6

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Highlights included:

- Seventeen species of warbler (very vocal yellow-breasted chats and good looks at many of them, and about three or four prairie warblers along the horse trail)
- The regular flycatchers and thrushes
- A red-headed woodpecker in the wetland
- A nice variety of sandpipers and plovers in the wetland (about six species), where the water levels have been drawn down a bit
- A hen wild turkey along Duvall Road
- Grasshopper and Henslow's sparrows (as well as the regular sparrows) in the grassland, and a possible savannah sparrow as well

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## **Festival at Slate Run features in the Pelotonia**

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Pelotonia opens on Friday, August 28 with registration, an expo, dinner, beverages and an opening ceremony which will feature remarks from Lance Armstrong and live music. On Saturday,

Pelotonia riders, including Lance Armstrong, will embark on Pelotonia's four fully supported routes that span the distance between Columbus, Ohio and Athens, Ohio. The routes include a one-day, 25-mile route; a one-day, 50-mile route; a one-day, 100-mile route; and a two-day, 180-mile route. Riders participating in the 100-mile and 180-mile rides will enjoy a festival at Ohio University on the evening of Saturday, August 29. Riders participating in the 180-mile ride will spend Saturday night on Ohio University's campus and will also enjoy a festival at Slate Run Metro Park in Canal Winchester upon completing their ride on Sunday, August 30.



Lance Armstrong

For more information and to sign up to ride, donate or volunteer visit

<https://www.pelotonia.org/ride/ride.jsp>

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## **Camp Chase Rail Trail public open house meetings in June**

Metro Parks will be holding two public open house meetings on Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 23rd to provide information and gain public comment on the Camp Chase Rail Trail project. The Camp Chase Rail Trail is a proposed 11-mile shared-use trail on the west-side of Columbus, originating in Madison County and continuing to Sullivant Avenue in Franklin County. Both meetings will be at the Cedar Ridge Lodge in Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

Representatives from Metro Parks and the Rails to Trails Conservancy will be on hand to provide information and seek public comment.

Please contact Steve Studenmund at 614.895.6231 for additional information.

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## Hop aboard the Metro Parks tram

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### THREE CREEKS PARK

#### SENIOR EXCLUSIVE: TRAM TIME

Wed May 27, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a tram ride and look for wildflowers, birds, insects and mammals. Meet at Heron Pond bulletin board

#### ALL ABOARD

Sat May 31, 1 or 2:30 p.m.

Hop on the tram to discover the plants and animals preparing for summer. Meet at Confluence Trails bulletin board

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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 schedule of where the 42-passenger tram will be located during spring, summer and fall: [tram schedule](#).

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### Workshops and Dates:

Ohio Farming: The Land, Work and Culture, June 18 & 19, \$50

Getting the Dirt on Rocks, Minerals and Soil, June 24 & 25, \$50

Physical Education in an Outdoor Setting, July 14 & 15, \$50

Nature's Weird and Wonderful, July 21 & 22, \$50

You may register for these workshops online at [www.metroparks.net](http://www.metroparks.net). For each 2-day workshop completed, a teacher may earn one semester hour of credit through Ashland University. Registration and payment for tuition is separate and can be done at the workshop.

For more information contact Susan Boggs at 614.895.6211 or [sboggs@metroparks.net](mailto:sboggs@metroparks.net)