

# Metro Parks E-Newsletter

Columbus & Franklin County



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## Metro Parks' SEED program continues to grow

Thousands of fifth graders and their teachers from Columbus City Schools, Southwest District, and Groveport will be heading out to the parks in the next couple of weeks as part of Metro Parks' Students Exploring Ecosystem Dynamics (SEED) program. SEED focuses on the life sciences curriculum and includes field trips to the parks, classroom visits by naturalists and teacher training.

## Sunny Sundays at Inniswood

Members of the Central Ohio Unit of the Herb Society of America will be in the Herb Garden to answer your questions on every Sunday until Oct. 25, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



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)

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## Stimulus funding will help Metro Parks' restoration efforts

Metro Parks will receive \$3 million in funding for water quality improvements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act... [more](#)

## Prairie seed collection promises to yield a bumper crop for Metro Parks' staff and volunteers

Metro Parks' Resource Manager John Watts says it's going to be a bumper year for collecting prairie seeds... [more](#)

## Inniswood Metro Gardens honors the Innis sisters as it celebrates its 25th anniversary on Sunday Sept. 27 with music and programs

Mary and Grace Innis were two wonderfully forward-looking women. The sisters, who were accomplished gardeners and dedicated wildlife watchers, maintained a charming 37-acre estate in Westerville... [more](#)

## Commit To Be Fit Healthy Hikes

Join us this Sunday, Sept. 20 for the next hike in the series, at Three Creeks Metro Park, starting at 1 p.m. The following two hikes are at Prairie Oaks on Sept. 27 and Slate Run on Oct. 4... [more](#)

## Don't miss the annual Blacklick Creek Celebration event this weekend and enjoy a tram ride through the first Metro Park

Visit Blacklick Woods Metro Park this Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon wading in the creek, catching and releasing creek animals, riding the tram, fish printing and more.... [more](#)