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## Don't flush unwanted medications

**M**ost households have unused, expired, or unwanted pharmaceuticals. It's wise to get rid of what you don't need to reduce the risk of accidental poisonings or misuse. But what should you do with them?

National, state, and local governments in the United States typically do not provide guidelines to the public on how to properly dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals. Because there are no established procedures for consumers to dispose of unwanted drugs, they typically throw them in the trash or down the drain.

While this might seem like a fairly safe disposal method, it is the cause of significant water contamination, which affects the health of humans and wildlife. Sewage

treatment plants are not designed to treat all the substances contained in medications. So when they are flushed down the toilet or sink, some of these chemicals pass through the wastewater treatment facility altered or unaltered and can enter rivers, lakes, and groundwater. Any living organism that depends on these water sources is exposed to the chemicals that have passed through the wastewater treatment process.



Researchers have found that chronic exposure to low levels of pharmaceutical chemicals- within the same order of magnitude as has been observed in some waterways-

can have significant harmful effects on aquatic animals. Long-term effects of human

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## Pocket talkers help patients and first responders

**T**o infinity and beyond! The Fire Department has some new super-human powers, thanks to a new device called a pocket talker. A pocket talker is a hand-held device that amplifies sound and is designed for use by those with a hearing impairment.

The device was provided to the Fire Department by the Delaware Speech and Hearing Center through a grant from the Delaware County Council for Older Adults. Since Washington Township Fire Department's response district includes part of Delaware County, the device was placed in the

Medic at Station 93 (Brand Road), the medic that is most likely to respond first to Delaware County emergencies, due to its proximity to Delaware County.

The pocket talker has many potential uses in a variety of emergencies. If a patient is hearing impaired, the patient

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# Riverbox Tributary project comes to Washington Township parks

## Riverbox Tributary Unveiling

Saturday, May 21  
10 a.m. to noon

The Homestead Park  
Lakeside Pavilion  
4675 Cosgray Rd., Hilliard

Be among the first to receive  
clues and discover these new  
works of art.

Free of charge

Washington Township has partnered with Dublin Arts Council to bring three new original works of art into the Homestead and Kaltenbach Parks this spring. The Riverbox Tributary project is the latest in Dublin Arts Council's Riverboxes™ series, which is modeled after the popular pastime of letterboxing or geocaching and provides delightful 'treasure hunts' in scenic locations.

Riverboxes are permanent, three-dimensional site-specific public artworks, created as vessels that contain an artist-made ink stamp and a journal. Riverboxes are discreetly placed in area parks, with clues to their

locations posted online and distributed in brochures. Clues to the Riverbox Tributary locations in Kaltenbach and Homestead parks will be unveiled on May 21.

Three Ohio artists were awarded the Riverbox Tributary commissions by a jury of representatives from Washington Township and Dublin Arts Council.

Letterboxing and geocaching are relatively new hobbies that offer outdoor activity for all ages. Websites for each pursuit include information about caches all over the world. Hobbyists carry a journal and ink stamp, exchanging ink stamps in their own journals as a passport for their 'finds.' Comments and ink stamps are left in the Riverbox journals, and can also be left in an online journal at [www.dublinarts.org](http://www.dublinarts.org).

The Riverbox Tributary project was developed as a partnership between Dublin Arts Council and Washington Township to increase enjoyment of the parks and to encourage understanding and appreciation of the ecology, history and aesthetics of the sites.

The three new Riverboxes will be installed in April, with a community event planned for May 21 to unveil the clues to their whereabouts. To learn more about letterboxing and geocaching, visit [www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org) and [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Information about the current Riverboxes can be found at [www.dublinarts.org](http://www.dublinarts.org).

*David S. Guion, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Dublin Arts Council.*



Riverboxes contain a journal, an ink stamp and pad, and information about the site.



## Active Now Promotes Active Later

The West Branch of the Penobscot River in Northern Maine is one of the most beautiful places on earth. It's also a great place to increase your activity level and learn about yourself. My father took me camping and canoeing there for many years as a young girl, and those experiences have made me the person I am today—a physically active adult and a physical education teacher for 18 years with Dublin Schools.

My classroom may not be a river in Maine, but I know from personal experience that a lifelong enjoyment of movement starts at a young age, and exposure to as much movement as possible is key.

Giving children an opportunity to do something outside their comfort zone can be a great way for them to experience newfound skills and achievements.

I've experienced this first hand. I remember one fourth-grade boy who showed no interest in gymnastics until he mastered an inverted balance on the beam. He was so excited. We took a moment, student and teacher, to celebrate. Then I watched him run

off to the cargo net, determined to be equally successful at the next challenge.

In addition to building self-esteem, the connection between movement and success enhances social skills, creativity and imagination. Research also suggests gross motor movement increases neuron connections in the brain, which results in stronger academic progress and attentiveness.

Do you remember coming home from school, changing your clothes and running out to play? You probably didn't come home until dinner. Ah, the good old days! Movement doesn't have to be labeled as exercise or fitness. It can be FUN, something as simple as playing outside before supper!

As an instructor, I find the primary outlet for youth to experience physical activity is competitive sports, where the emphasis is on winning, and the perfection of specialized skills are often over accentuated. Many young athletes are asked to choose one sport and participate year round. I struggle with this notion. I think this limits possibilities and increases the chances of burnout and injury. Having a variety of choices enables people to be well-rounded individuals.

I know I am a healthier adult as a result of the positive childhood experiences and the variety of choices I had.

Take that canoe trip in Maine. My dad and I were known to paddle the day away, from sun up to sun down. Miles and miles covered, and time spent setting up and tearing down camp was an every day challenge and joy. I've done many active things in my life, marathons, Ironman competitions, but that 11-day adventure trip is a lifelong memory that I wouldn't trade for anything. I not only saw 112 moose, but I became a person who appreciates nature and a person who possesses a love of pure movement.

I think of that trip now, and who I am as a result of it, and I try my best to incorporate its' lessons into my teaching. In my professional opinion, to increase youth fitness, one shouldn't be concerned about miles, minutes, or weight repetition but instead, the aspects of interest, challenge, reward and fun. If we can get today's youth to enjoy movement, they might enjoy it for the rest of their lives.

*Sharon Hathaway is a teacher at Dublin Schools, where she has taught Physical Education for 18 years.*

## Only safe seats can be fitted

The Fire Department offers free child car seat fitting on Tuesdays (8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and Thursdays (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) by appointment only. We show you how your seat should be secured to maximize your child's safety in the event of an accident.

Knowing how fit a seat properly will make it easier to remove and re-install your seat as the need arises.

However, before our certified car seat technicians can help you install your seat in your vehicle, they must first determine if the seat is safe to use. Seats must meet the following criteria to be fitted:

- The seat is not listed on our product recall list.
- All seat parts are present and none are broken or compromised.
- If the seat isn't new, the owner can verify the seat hasn't been in a vehicle accident.
- The seat meets the child's height and weight requirements.

### **New this spring - evening appointments!**

Evening car seat checks can be scheduled from 5-8 p.m. on the following dates: May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15. Fittings require about 30 minutes per seat.

To schedule an appointment, call 614-652-3920.

## Unwanted medications *continued from page 1*

exposure to these chemicals and combinations of chemicals are unknown.

The United States Geological Survey conducted a study, from 1999-2000, of 139 streams in 30 states and found 82 different organic wastewater contaminants, including pharmaceuticals and pesticides. 80% of the streams they sampled had at least one contaminant. 75% of the streams tested had more than one present. 50% had seven or more and 24% had 10 or more. The water samples they tested were taken from locations that were downstream from urban areas and areas of livestock production.

Examples of human pharmaceuticals that have been identified in water bodies include birth control hormones, antibiotics, blood lipid regulators, analgesics and anti-inflammatories, beta-blockers, antidepressants, antiepileptics, antineoplastics (used in chemotherapy), impotence drugs, tranquilizers, retinoids and X-ray contrast media.

Help keep pharmaceuticals out of lakes, waterways and groundwater (sources of our drinking water) by disposing of any unwanted and expired medications at the OhioHealth Medication Disposal Day on Saturday May 7th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at several OhioHealth locations: Dublin Methodist Hospital, Riverside Methodist Hospital, Grant Medical Center, Doctors Hospital, Grady Memorial Hospital, and Westerville Medical Campus. There is no cost to participate.

# OhioHealth Medication Disposal Day

**Saturday April 30**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

for more information, contact  
Lea Blackburn 614-544-4320

## Fire-safe sleepovers

If your child invites friends to spend the night in your home, it's important to review fire safety procedures with your guests and share this information with their parents.

Think about what you would like to know if your child was staying with someone. Details you might want to share include:

- where the children will sleep
- that you have working smoke alarms outside the room where they will be sleeping
- that you will supervise the children during their entire stay

If you have a CPR or first aid certification, let parents know this as well. If you aren't certified and think you might want to be, you can register for a class at Washington Township Fire Department. CPR classes are offered twice monthly. First aid classes are offered in January, April, July, and October. Register today. You can register online at [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com)

For a sleepover checklist, visit the National Fire Protection Association's "Sleepover Checklist" at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



## Free radon test kits

Radon test kits are available (while supplies last) to residents in Dublin and the unincorporated Washington Township. Kits can be picked up at the Township Administration Building (6200 Eiterman Road) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (One per household, please.)

Once the Township's supply of radon detection kits is distributed, our role as a distribution site will end and the Franklin County Public Health Department will be filling all requests from County residents. This change is necessary to comply with State requirements.

Information about the Health Department's future radon test kit program will be available at their web site, [www.myfcph.com](http://www.myfcph.com). Questions can also be directed to the program coordinator Mike Lopinsky at 614-525-3859.

## Get rid of your household hazardous waste

The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) will hold a collection for household hazardous waste at Ashland, Inc. (5200 Blazer Parkway) in Dublin, on April 30, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SWACO also offers a permanent household hazardous waste collection site for all Franklin County residents:

1249 Essex Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201  
(corner of E. 8th and Essex Avenue)

### Hours are:

Wednesday	12pm-6pm
Thursday	9am-5pm
Friday	12pm-6pm
closed holidays	

Phone-614-294-1300

Residents can bring their old lawn chemicals, paints strippers, acids, insecticides, etc for environmentally safe disposal.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Latex paint will not be accepted. This product, once dried, is not considered hazardous and can be disposed of in the trash. Latex paint will dry if exposed to the air. Simply leave the lid off the paint until it dries. For a faster drying method, use a paint hardener, available in hardware and home improvement stores.

### Business generated waste

Businesses should contact EEI to inquire about the disposal of hazardous materials at a commercially licensed facility. Please call 614-294-1300

# Sportsmanship: an important part of youth development

Sporting events are a big part of the lives of many youth and adults today. Whether we are players or spectators, there are many aspects of the sports experience that are enjoyable- fitness, friends, personal achievement, family time etc. However, there is one aspect of sports and other competitive programs that no one enjoys- lack of sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is defined as “conduct becoming to an individual involving fair and honest competition, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of results.” Sportsmanship is important because it helps youth develop the skills, attitudes and aspirations they need to become contributing, competent, caring, capable adults.

Anyone can help encourage sportsmanship by demonstrating it before, during and after competitive programs and encouraging their children to practice these behaviors.



Here are some tips suggested by Ohio State University Extension’s 4-H Specialist Kathy Cox for ways adults can model the behaviors that will help youth learn sportsmanship.

## You can encourage youth sportsmanship

- Be objective, honest, fair and straightforward in everything you do and say.
- Be well-mannered and show respect for participants, spectators, program officials, judges, the media, supporters, and others.
- Be quiet and listen when participants are introduced, when program officials are talking or making announcements, and when other comments are being addressed to the audience.
- Accept that the nature of competition results in “winners” and “losers.”
- Give others the benefit of the doubt.
- Refrain from ill humor and arguing. Keep your emotions under control.
- Don’t gripe or complain or make excuses for losing or not performing well.
- Be happy but don’t gloat, brag, be conceited, or downplay a participant’s accomplishments.
- Thank leaders, coaches, program organizers, sponsors, judges, and others.
- Do not boo, heckle, make disparaging remarks, or make insulting comments about or to anyone including competitors from rival teams or groups and program officials.
- Congratulate the winners after the program.
- Be polite in asking questions, expressing concerns, and making helpful suggestions. Be considerate of the time program officials have to spend with you. Schedule an appointment or submit your comments in writing if you need more time than they have to spend with you at the program or event.

## Pocket Talkers *continued from page 1*

will be able to use a headset that will amplify the medic's voice, making communications easier. The device will also be useful with patients with a weak voice. In this case, the patient will have the microphone and the medic will use the headset to hear the patient's voice. Another possible use for the pocket talker in the Fire Department is during a rescue, especially if it involves a confined space where the fire fighters couldn't otherwise hear the person they are trying to rescue. In this case, the microphone's long cord stretches the distance between the message maker and message receiver, making it possible for rescuers to assess the trapped person's condition and exchange information that can expedite the rescue.

The Delaware Speech and Hearing Center is a non-profit agency that delivers more than 14,000 half-hour units of service to individuals with speech, language, hearing, balancing and swallowing disorders.

## Free CPR certification

**Saturday May 21**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Dublin Recreation Center**

sponsored by

Washington Township Fire Department

**Pre-registration is required**

**Seating is limited**

Must be at least 12 years old to participate

**Call 614-652-3920**

## Call before you dig

Call before you dig. It's free and it's the law.

Because even relatively minor excavation activities like landscaping or fencing can cause damage to a pipeline, its protective casing and/or buried utility lines, always call 811 before you dig.

811 is a federally-mandated number designated by the FCC to consolidate all local "Call before you dig" numbers and help save lives by minimizing damage to underground utilities. One easy call to 811 will start the process to get your underground pipelines and utility lines marked for free. Once your underground lines have been marked for your project, you can proceed, making sure to



stay clear of the marked areas. More information about 811 can be found at [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)

## New web site

The Township's web site was long overdue for an update. It had been nearly eight years since it was developed. We hope you find the new design user-friendly and easy to navigate.

So, the next time you are surfing the web, visit the new Washington Township web site and let us know what you think. If you have a comment or a question, send us an email through the *contact us* link at the top of our home page.

## Township Trustees' meetings

The Township Trustees will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays in March, April, May, and June at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. respectively.

Meetings are held at the Township Administration Building, 6200 Eiterman Road.

For future meeting dates, refer to the calendar of events on our web site, [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com).

## Problem gambling caused by *perfect storm*

Imagine the “Shoe” at OSU, with 100,000 screaming fans. Now imagine that 2000 of them are Problem Gamblers. Statistically this is an accurate number.

Much research suggests that roughly 2% of the population has some degree of a gambling problem. Close to a casino those numbers can be higher.

Problem Gambling affects teens, adults, and the elderly. Most people can participate recreationally and safely, with no dire consequences, but for those with a gambling problem, life can become a hellish cycle of chasing losses, deceiving loved ones, and a dominant mental and emotional preoccupation with gambling. While those around the gambler may see this problem as a character defect of some kind, research often points to a very different and more complex explanation.

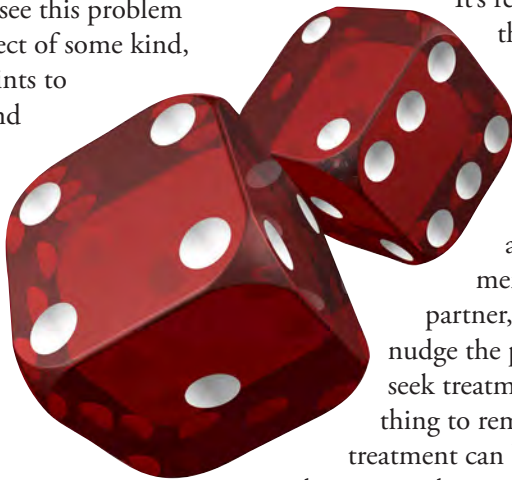
The maelstrom of problem gambling seems to come from a “Perfect Storm” of contributing factors.

- The intermittent and intense rewards from gambling—the occasional “Big Win” appear to contribute to the gamblers illusion of control over the gambling process.
- There appear to be brain chemistry changes—when a person is wrapped up in gambling (or anticipating it) that act like a mood altering drug. In this way it is much like any addiction, where one can develop a “tolerance” to

the experience, with the need to act in increasingly risky ways to experience desired mood changes.

- Gambling is very fantasy driven and it involves money. As such, it can temporarily address self-esteem problems and make the gambler feel more important—when they are winning.
- Problem Gambling can initially provide a sense of excitement and escape that overshadows or counterbalances some of our more mundane day to day experiences and responsibilities.

Soon Columbus will have a casino and many people who have never gambled before will give it a whirl.



It's reasonable to expect that some of those folks will develop a gambling problem and that some of those will seek treatment. Often a concerned family member, spouse, partner, or employer will nudge the problem gambler to seek treatment. The important thing to remember is that treatment can be very helpful. A

therapist with training and experience in treating gambling issues can help develop effective strategies to reduce the harm of problem gambling, or help the client to stop gambling all together.

Problem gambling can be thought of as a public health issue. Some States set aside a percentage of gambling revenues for treatment—which is primarily outpatient counseling. Gamblers Anonymous can also be instrumental in coping with or recovering from a gambling problem.

When a person gambles to excess, all of those around him or her can be impacted. Counseling should include significant others and the problem gambler when possible.

Gambling has been with us since mans early history. In America, there have been three historical surges of gambling. Typically these have occurred during or after times of war, and when the State or Federal governments needed to raise funds. Dependence on gambling, and gambling monies, is not, therefore, limited to the individual with a problem—or their family. Gambling also becomes a fairly built in, and reliable funding source for Governments.

Unfortunately, those relative few people with gambling problems account for perhaps a fourth of gambling revenues. The hidden costs of gambling—bankruptcy, divorce, crime, effects on retirement or academic funds, and various other concerns—are difficult to track, but very real for those impacted.

The bottom line is that gambling does often respond to treatment and education. If gambling were a drug, we'd consider it one of the worst. That it acts, in many ways, like a drug is worthy of our attention and of treatment.

*Philip Yassenoff, is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor at Dublin Counseling Center. He specializes in the treatment of problem gambling.*

## Free Internet Safety Education For Youth

i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation dedicated to protecting the online experiences of ages. Kids, teens, adults and seniors can learn about Internet Safety through i-SAFE's free i-LEARN Online (<http://ilearn.isafe.org>).

There are five options with five different users in mind: educators, parents, fifty+, students, and law enforcement.

The program is composed of six online video modules, which address personal safety, cyber-community issues, cyber-predator identification, cyber-security, intellectual property and community outreach. Included as part of the I-LEARN Online Program is the I-Mentor Training Network. These modules help empower students to take their knowledge of Internet safety in the real world to educate friends, peers, family and community members.



## Community gardening: friends, food, and fun

Producing locally grown food on park land is the latest craze that is sweeping the nation. With involvement of several community members, Washington Township Parks & Recreation Department opened a community garden last summer at the Amlin Crossing Park.

A community garden is many things to many people. Some enjoy the physical, mental and social aspects of gardening, while others concentrate on the economical and nutritional benefits they receive from growing their own vegetables. This garden is for individuals and families.

Richard Louv, author of the internationally best-selling book *Last Child in the Woods*, has brought to our attention the great need for children to be connected to nature. Gardening not only gets kids connected to nature, but also to nutrition. Planting, nurturing and harvesting their own

vegetables gives kids a healthier appreciation for good food.

Gardening improves the lives of people in the community and produces something of value. Last season, the community garden members collected extra produce

from their garden plots and delivered over five hundred pounds of produce to the local food pantry. What a great way to “pay it forward.”

The Washington Township Community garden plots are assigned on a first come first serve basis to residents of Dublin and the unincorporated Washington Township. If you are interested in having a plot in the Washington Township Community Garden, call 614-652-3922 or visit our web site, [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com), where you can get details and a copy of the garden plot application.



*Janell Thomas directs the Township's Parks and Recreation Department.*

# Backyard soil and water conservation

Backyard conservation can be defined in many ways. The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District defines it as those activities undertaken by homeowners that help protect soil and water resources.

## The Soil

If you are a gardener, you know that good soil promotes vigorous plants. If you live in a typical urban or suburban home, you are probably also aware that the area surrounding your home is more likely to be comprised of subsoil from an excavated basement than good fertile topsoil, and that it was likely compacted by heavy equipment during the building process.

The single best thing you can do to improve soil is to incorporate organic material such as compost. Compost adds nutrients, increases nutrient availability, and improves soil structure, allowing for better water infiltration, easier root penetration, and better oxygen and water transport to roots.

## Water Resources

The more water that penetrates the soil, the less runoff and erosion there will be. Think of runoff as both a quality and quantity problem.

It is a quality problem when rainwater that enters streams from the storm drain system picks up pollutants like lawn chemicals, motor oil and other car fluids, brake dust, pet waste and a host of other contaminants.

Runoff is a quantity problem when the added volume damages waterways by eroding banks and scouring streambeds. As erosion wears away banks and digs the channel deeper, it is

also adding to the amount of sediment in the water, a major pollutant of streams.

There are many simple things homeowners can do to help maintain the water quality in streams and rivers (the source of most drinking water in Central Ohio). A few examples include planting a rain garden, using soaker hoses instead of overhead irrigation and catching rain water in a rain barrel to name a few.



Planting native species can also help conserve water and stream quality. Because native plants are already adapted to local climate and soil conditions, they (once established) are more likely to survive periods of drought. An added benefit of planting natives is that your backyard will become a haven for wildlife.

If you would like to learn more about backyard conservation, including

practical how-to tips, Washington Township and Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District are offering a series of workshops you will want to attend.

The first, on March 17th, will cover the purposes of backyard conservation and will introduce rain gardens, rain barrels, composting, landscaping with native plants, and the responsible use of lawn chemicals.

The second workshop, on May 12, will focus specifically on rain barrels- their installation, use, and maintenance. A cost-share is available from the county for a terracotta-colored, easy-to-install, 60-gallon rain barrel. The WaterSaver™ rain barrel retails for \$139, but will be sold to workshop attendees for \$54.

To register for one of these classes, go to [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com)

*Mary Ann Brouillette is Communications Specialist at Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District where she assists local governments in outreach to residents about storm water issues including backyard conservation.*

## Something for everyone at Metro Parks

If you're looking to get out, get active and have a little fun in the outdoors, your 16 Metro Parks are an ideal destination. They're free, open daily and family friendly.

If you like to hike, bike, jog, blade or walk your dog, Metro Parks feature more than 200 miles of trails that wind through woodlands and prairies and along streams and wetlands. Trails range in length from half a mile to 14 miles. You can take an easy walk or bike ride along a paved path or traverse miles steep cliffs and meander through rugged ravines.

You can learn more about Ohio's flora and fauna by attending one of the many free naturalist-lead programs. While most programs are geared for the entire family, you can also find special programs for preschoolers and seniors 50 and older. Many parks even offer howl-at-the-moon hikes for you and your best furry friend.

Stop by one of the nature centers at Highbanks, Blendon Woods or Blacklick Woods and see wildlife through a "window on wildlife" viewing area. Naturalists and volunteers are on hand to answer your questions.

If you want to see ducks, geese and other waterfowl, visit the wetlands at Glacier Ridge, Pickerington Ponds, Highbanks or Slate Run or the Walden Waterfowl Refuge at Blendon Woods. Each facility has spotting scopes.

Adventure enthusiasts can head down to Scioto Audubon Metro Park near downtown Columbus and scale the 35-foot climbing wall. Climbers must have their own ropes and harnesses. This newest park along the Scioto River features a dog park with two agility courses for small and large dogs

and a sand volleyball court. The park is also home to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, which features avian displays and a wealth of educational conservation programs.

Anglers can enjoy fishing at numerous Metro Parks whether it's fly-fishing for brown trout at Clear Creek or casting for perch and catfish at Darby Bend Lakes at Prairie Oaks. Canoes, kayaks and other non-motorized boats are permitted at Darby Bend. One of the lakes has an off leash dog area and a place for dogs to swim.

If you're keen on Ohio's agricultural past, be sure and visit Slate Run Living Historical Farm near Canal Winchester. A stroll through the barns and farmhouse offers costumed staff and volunteers going about their daily chores as they were done in the 1880s before gas-powered tractors and electric refrigerators. The farm has many programs where families can help with activities at the farm. Whether it's maple syrup making or sheep shearing, work on the farm varies by season and is dependent on the weather.

Nothing says spring, like the bursts of daffodils, tulips and other colorful blooms at Inniswood Metro Gardens. Streams and woodlands filled with wildflowers and wildlife provide a majestic backdrop to the many beautifully landscaped garden features including a rock, rose, herb, children's and woodland garden.

Blacklick Woods in Reynoldsburg features two challenging golf courses and is rated one of the top ten most difficult public golf courses in Greater

Columbus by Business First magazine. Call 614.861.3193 for tee times, golf outings and lessons.

If swinging a golf club isn't your specialty, consider a round or two of disc golf at Glacier Ridge or Blendon Woods. A round or 18 "holes" is \$1.50 at Blendon Woods and play is free at Glacier Ridge.



Photo by Mac Albin

Picnicking is still a popular way many Central Ohioans like to spend a summer day. All parks except Inniswood Metro Gardens have grills, picnic tables and shelters. Most parks feature horse shoe pits and nets for playing volleyball.

Find out more about Metro Parks by visiting [www.metroparks.net](http://www.metroparks.net) or picking up a copy of the Parkscape, a quarterly magazine and program guide, at any Metro Park.

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## *Our Mission*

Orchestrate a safe,  
healthy, and exhilarating  
living experience for our  
community.

## Fire Stations

Station 91: 6255 Shier Rings Road  
Station 92: 4497 Hard Road  
Station 93: 5825 Brand Road  
Station 95: 5750 Blazer Parkway

## Parks and Recreation

4675 Cosgray Road  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
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4675 Cosgray Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
Community Center & Kaltenbach Park  
5985 Cara Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016  
Amlin Crossing Park  
5468 Cosgray Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

## Road and Bridge

4675 Cosgray Road  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 652-3921  
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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