



Gahanna in the News

Purple Marks Awareness for Relay For Life

Original story by Marla Kuhlman, [ThisWeek Community News](#)

Gahanna is being decorated in purple to bring awareness to the upcoming Relay For Life of Gahanna - New Albany 2014, scheduled for 6 p.m. June 6-7 at Lincoln High School, 140 South Hamilton Road.

This year's Relay is expected to reach the milestone of raising \$1 million total for the American Cancer Society since the local event began in 2000, said Stephanie Musko, event chairperson.



Eight-year old Jordan Merriman helps to "paint the town purple" with members of the Relay for Life of Gahanna-New Albany 2014 at Gahanna's Creekside on Friday, May 2.

Volunteers began decorating the Creekside area May 2 with purple ribbons and painting local business storefronts purple in support of the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event that brings together teams of families and friends from local companies, schools and organizations to walk around a track in relay fashion. All

May 9, 2014

Upcoming Events

May 10, 2014

Annual Herb Day
Celebration
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May 12, 2014

Council Committees
7:00 p.m.

May 13, 2014

Council Listening Tour
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Spring/Summer 2014 Gateway Program Guide

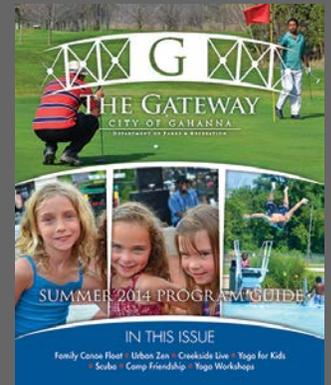
proceeds raised from the event are used for cancer research, education, prevention and patient services.

Mayor Becky Stinchcomb proclaimed Saturday, May 3, as Paint the Town Purple Day.

"Cancer is a disease that knows no boundaries and impacts many of our loved ones," Stinchcomb said. "We wanted to do our part to bring awareness and to show our support in fighting this disease in our community."

Activities for the Paint the Town Purple event included purple-themed displays in storefronts, decorating houses, swapping out white bulbs for purple bulbs and wearing purple at work or school.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



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City News & Events

Celebrate Herbs in Ohio's Herb Capital!

Saturday, May 10, 2014

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



HERB DAY

HERB & PLANT SALE · LOCAL VENDORS · SPEAKERS

Saturday, May 10, 2014

9am-4pm

Creekside District, 117 Mill St, Gahanna

OhioHerbCenter.org · 614-342-4380

Speakers

10am Three Local Medicinal Natives That Deserve a Second Look
Dawn Combs, Mockingbird Meadows Herbal Health Farm

12pm Wicked and Weird: Stories and Cautionary Tales
Debra Knapke, The Garden Sage

2pm Herb Walk with United Plant Savers
Erika Galentin, United Plant Savers

Demonstrations

11am Lavender, Tarragon, and Thyme: Better Living through Cooking with Fresh Herbs
Mark Kopp, The Golf Depot

1pm Homemade, Healthy Herbal Snacks
Dawn Combs, Mockingbird Meadows

3pm Sweeping Up the Leftovers: Herbal Whisk Brooms
Janell Baran, Blue Owl Garden Emporium Herb Farm

PRESENTED BY:



Listen to expert speakers, enjoy Creekside Park and peruse all the herbal plants and crafts during Mother's Day weekend at Creekside Plaza for the annual Herb Day. The event is *free* and attendees will be able to enjoy

Get Connected!



City of Gahanna
200 South Hamilton
Gahanna, OH 43230

614.342.4000
614.342.4100 Fax

Hours of Operation
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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"Get to Know Gahanna"



demonstrations throughout the day. Over 100 varieties of herbs will be on sale, as will unique crafts from local artisans. Enjoy the musical sounds of Gahanna Jefferson students and other local musicians as you browse and learn about herbs for a variety of everyday uses.

For more details, contact the [Ohio Herb Center](#) or call 614.342.4380.

Sneak Peek Rates Before Pool Season Available Now!



Sneak Peek Rates are now available through Wednesday, June 4 for pool memberships to Gahanna Swimming Pool and Hunters Ridge Pool. One membership for both pools! Membership to Gahanna aquatic facilities allows for free admission to Ice Cream Nights, Hot Dog Nights and Dive In Movies at Hunters Ridge.

For more details, contact the [Gahanna Parks & Recreation](#) or call 614.342.4250.



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"Jump Start" Recreational Summer Camp

Spend the summer running, jumping, playing and exploring! There's a new camp opportunity for kids ages 6-12 in 2014 with Jump Start! Campers will enjoy weekly field trips, pool days, and theme-based activities to help keep them active and have tons of fun in the sun. Field trips include the Columbus Zoo, Groveport Aquatics, a Clippers game and COSI, among others.



Jump Start Camp is conveniently located at Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave., with easy access to I-270 and I-670. Camp Friendship has very limited availability at Hannah Park so call today to reserve your spot!

For more details about our summer camps, contact the [Gahanna Parks & Recreation](#) or call 614.342.4250.

Big Walnut Trail Closing Update

The Woodside Green Bridge crossing the Big Walnut Creek to Academy Park is currently closed for painting. Although the initial repairs to the bridge were completed in December 2013, painting was delayed due to winter weather conditions.

The expected completion date for this project is May 26, weather permitting. Individuals will not be permitted to enter the bridge until barricades and scaffolding have been removed and all work has been completed.

For further information, contact the [Gahanna Parks & Recreation](#) or call 614.342.4250.

'Best Hometown' Photo Contest Kicks off Monday, May 12, 2014



The City of Gahanna and the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau (GCVB) will kick off the second installment of the "2014 Best Hometown" Photo Contest on **Monday, May 12, 2014**.

Participants will have a chance to share their best photos of Gahanna for an opportunity to have their picture displayed at City Hall and at the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For more information, including contest rules click [here](#).

Community Events

City Council Listening Tour Dates



Gahanna City Council will be hosting a series of informal meetings across to the city. The purpose of the "*Listening Tour*," is to provide a platform for Gahanna residents to ask questions or discuss concerns with members of City Council.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Panera Bread

91 North Hamilton Road

Saturday, May 24, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Peet's Coffee & Tea

1370 North Hamilton Road

For more information contact the Council Clerk's office at 614.342.4090. To view notes from previous meetings, click [here](#).

**Volunteers Needed for the 16th Annual
Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival**

June 20-22, 2014

Do you love outdoor summer music, festivals, shopping, food trucks and/or working with kids?



Then the Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau needs you to be a part of their award-winning Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival! (June 20-22 at Creekside/Olde Gahanna). Volunteers enjoy free admission, a complimentary t-shirt, snacks and more.

Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer today! You may also call 614.418.9114 for more details.