

## Parks & Recreation Survey Summary

The Department is pleased to have received initial survey data as a part of the update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The survey was completed in March & April of 2013. 2,000 surveys were mailed to a random sample of households in the City of Gahanna. 745 were returned, a 37% return.

The report data will be used as a portion of the information used to create the updated plan. There is a tremendous amount of data points that can be used in the planning process. The complete survey results and plan will be presented at later date. In the mean time, there are a few major points that are worth sharing immediately, [online here](#).

## Coffee with the Mayor at the Senior Center

Please join Mayor Stinchcomb for Coffee with the Mayor at the Senior Center (480 Rocky Fork Blvd.) on Monday, April 29 at 9 a.m., coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Feel free to stop by and ask her any and all questions about the City of Gahanna, including the tax reform. For more information about the income tax proposal, [please click here](#).



## Income Tax Calculator

The City of Gahanna has developed an online tax calculator that allows you to understand how the income tax reform proposal will impact your take home pay. As a reminder, local income tax is paid primarily to the city in which you work. The current proposal under consideration is to change the income tax rate from 1.5% to 2.5% and increase the credit given for taxes paid to another municipality from 83.3% to 100%.

[Check out the calculator here](#). In addition, a Frequently Asked Questions document about the reform proposal can be found [here](#).

## Register for Parks & Recreation Programs!

Registration for programs in the Summer 2013 Gateway Program Guide for the City of Gahanna is now in progress. You can still get great rates for a pool membership if you register by June 4 for Sneak Peek rates. Regular rates now apply for Camp Friendship and CORE.

Some of our programs include Create & Play; Meditation for Stress-Less Living: The Basics; Family Herb Craft: Bubble Dough and Sun Tea: Capturing the Energy of the Sun at the herb center; swim lessons; Jump Start Sports camps and leagues; the Gahanna Scrapbook Crop; the new Adventure League; the Grandparents Series plus so much more. Remember, chose four herb center classes from this Gateway for additional savings with the new Rosemary Bundle!

Register through [Webtrac](#) or in person at City Hall. Contact the Parks & Recreation office, 342-4250, for more information or to set up an online account. See the 2013 Summer Gateway [online here!](#)

## Celebrate Herb's in Ohio's Herb Capital!

Celebrate all things herbal at this year's Herb Day, Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Ohio Herb Education Center and Creekside District.

Listen to speakers, purchase organic herbs for your summer garden, learn about the 2013 Herb of the Year (Elderberry), visit dozens of local herbal artists and vendors, get your herbal questions answered and meet Gahanna's new 'Herb Lady', Brooke Sackenheim.



- 10am-12pm - Meet and ask your garden related questions to Ohio's Garden Sage, Debra Knapke
- 10am - "Weeds as Companion Plants" with Barbara Arnold, Horticulture Program Coordinator at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- 12pm - "Plants as Edible Landscaping" with Val Jorgensen, owner of Jorgensen Farms, the official farm of the Herbal Trail
- 2pm - "Using Your Garden as Your Medicine Cabinet" with Dawn Combs, owner of Mockingbird Meadows

## ARTcade Kicks Off Summer of the Arts

In conjunction with Herb Day, the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation welcomes the ARTcade Day celebration at Friendship Park on Saturday, May 11 from 12-4 p.m. The celebration will include a hand-made arcade inspired by Caine's Arcade' the kick-off of the Story Trail, introducing a children's story written and illustrated by Gahanna students; interactive games and inflatables by Games 2U; and live music performances by Gahanna choir members.

## Save the Date:

Check times and locations on the Parks & Recreation page at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov).

May 11 Herb Day  
May 11 ARTcade Day  
May 24 Full Moon Golf  
May 25 Both Pools Open  
May 31 Music in the Park (Lone Raven)  
June 7 Creekside Live @ 5  
June 8 2nd Saturdays  
June 8 Cinema Under the Stars (Peter Pan)  
July 4 Freedom Festival

## Stay Connected

You can follow the City of Gahanna, Parks & Recreation, Creekside events and the Herb Education Center online. For a complete list of social media, visit our guide [online here](#).