

City of Gahanna Freedom Festival and Fireworks Canceled

The 2013 Gahanna Freedom Festival and fireworks show have been canceled due to budget and service reductions that are being made throughout the City. The cancellation of this event is just the first of many cuts the Mayor and city officials will need to implement to make up for the projected \$12.9 million budget deficit projected in 2014.

In the past, the City has spent close to \$45,000 for the event which included the cost of the fireworks, police and fire support, staffing and logistical support to make the festival run as smoothly and safely as possible.

Click here for the [full press release](#).

Front Pool at Gahanna Swimming Pool Opening Delayed Due to Repair

The front pool at the Gahanna Swimming Pool, 148 Parkland Dr, will not open Saturday, May 25, due to a maintenance project taking longer than expected. Earlier this year, Parks and Recreation staff began the process to repair the pool floor. This work took longer than anticipated due to inclement spring weather and the discovery of additional maintenance needs once the work began.

Maintenance on the pool floor was imperative for the safety of all users this summer. The process includes sandblasting, patching concrete, resurfacing and painting. Once maintenance is complete, the pool will need to be filled with water and chemically balanced before it can open in June.

Click here for the [full press release](#).

Creekside Live @ 5

Creekside Live @ 5 is a new summer concert series benefiting the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation this summer. It will take place the first and third Fridays, June through September, on the Rotary Stage at Creekside Plaza. Popular regional bands, including The Reaganomics, which was just voted 614 Magazine's "Best Cover Band", will support the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of Gahanna Parks & Recreation services for a healthier community.

Fans will enjoy local food, drink and music in a park atmosphere. DJ Brad Hudson kicks off the fun from 5-7 p.m. followed by live music from 7-9 p.m. [Click here](#) for a full list of bands.

Live @ 5 is sponsored by Yuengling, Donatos and Strathmore Development.

Volunteer at Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival

Calling all community minded, fun loving local peeps with an addiction to hot jazz, cool blues, BBQ and deep fried stuff: WE NEED YOU! Volunteer for a few hours at this year's Creekside Blues & Jazz Fest (June 14-16) and get free admission to Ohio's best outdoor, under-the-stars event. (Okay, maybe we're a little biased.) Email kcyjceee@aol.com or call 614-418-9114.

Visit www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com more information.

Get Ready to Paddle June 7

Paddle boat season is set to begin Friday, June 7, during the premier of Creekside Live @ 5.

Creekside Park Paddle Boats Cost: \$5 per boat for 30 minutes.
Summer hours Beginning June 10, paddle boats are closed on Mondays.
Tues-Fri: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sat: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Family Fun Continues at 2nd Saturdays

Join the Department of Parks & Recreation as we kick off 2nd Saturday activities June 8 from 3-6 p.m. Live music begins at 2 p.m. This event includes a variety of programs including: family friendly games and crafts, live music, engaging outdoor activities, exposure to a variety of cultures and influences; and fun, active experiences enjoying Gahanna's Creekside Park. For complete schedule of events, click [here](#).

#GahannaSmiles

You've seen the Facebook posts, now you can share Gahanna Parks & Recreation fun on Twitter and Instagram this summer using the hashtag, #GahannaSmiles. Or, tag the City of Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation on Facebook to share with your friends.

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](#).