CITY OF GAHANNA Update

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Tax Reform in the News

ThisWeek News published an article explaining that the tax reform proposal will sustain the City of Gahanna's services, to read this article please click here.

ThisWeek News also produced a video about the City's income tax reform proposal, please click here to watch.

As a reminder, you can use an online calculator to see how the reform proposal would impact you online, here. In addition, a Frequently Asked Questions document about the reform proposal can be found here .

Parks & Recreation: Who We Are

The City of Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation is a catalyst for economic growth, it improves our quality of life and provides environment benefits for our community. The recreation department had an 88 percent recovery rate in 2012. Learn more about the successes of this department in a condensed annual report, available here.

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.

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.

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.

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