

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](#).

Mifflin Division of Fire: "Know 2 Ways Out"

The Mifflin Division of Fire held its Student Government Days last week, meaning that Gahanna Lincoln seniors walked down to Station 131 for fire-safety training. The program, called "Know 2 Ways Out," offered the teens some practical emergency tips for their transition to college.

"Know 2 Ways Out" was a new approach to a three-decade relationship between the school and department. For years, students would sit in the bay and watch a presentation. Organizers decided there was a better way, and this year seniors went through a series of hands-on stations.

You can see [photos from the program here](#).

Lone Raven Kicks Off Music in the Park!

Gahanna Parks & Recreation hosts this FREE family-oriented summer concert series Fridays, May 31 - August 16, from 7 -9 p.m. at Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave.

May 31 - Lone Raven, Celtic
June 7 - Salty Caramels, Americana
June 21 - Central Ohio Brass Band, Big Band
June 28 - The Incredible Awesome Bros., Party Variety
July 5 - Shaw Brothers, Acoustic Folk
July 12 - Soul Kitchn', Soul
July 19 - Death by Banjo, Blue Grass
July 26 - Back Porch Swing Band, Country Swing
August 2 - Blue Level, Adult Contemporary
August 9 - Lords of Literature, Classic Rock
August 16 - Fo/Mo/Deep, Jazz Funk

This is a #GahannaSmiles event! Post your pictures to Twitter or Instagram using #GahannaSmiles.

Gahanna Swimming Pool Front Pool Update

Maintenance on the floor of the front pool at GSP is now complete. Parks crews will fill the pool with water today, Friday, May 31.

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 included sandblasting, patching concrete, resurfacing and painting.

Don't have your pool membership yet? You can still purchase it at Hunters Ridge Pool (341 Harrow Blvd) or Gahanna Swimming Pool (148 Parkland Ave), the Parks & Recreation office at Gahanna City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, on the phone or online through Webtrac at Gahanna.gov. Please remember, you will need to call 614-342-4250 to be set up in our system if you have not registered with us online.

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](#).

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.

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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 kjaycee@aol.com or call 614-418-9114.

Visit www.creeksidebluesandjazz.com more information.

#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](#).