

## July Volunteers



Give Back Crew Chisholm MetroPark – Historic Farmstead 7/8/2021



Farm Caretakers Chisholm MetroPark – Historic Farmstead 7/14/21



Four Mile Creek MetroPark – Mill Race area. Photos by Rich & Joell House



Elk Creek MetroPark – Meadow Ridge area  
Photo by Therese McGoron



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### Don't Forget!

- Don't forget to log or send in your hours/timesheet.

### Did You Know?

- The Crazy Cardboard Regatta is a go for 2021! It will be held on September 11, 2021 at the Voice of America MetroPark. See Upcoming Opportunities below for more information.
- Parts of Gilmore MetroPark will be closed through Fall of 2022 for work related to the Miami to Miami Connector.

### Contact Us

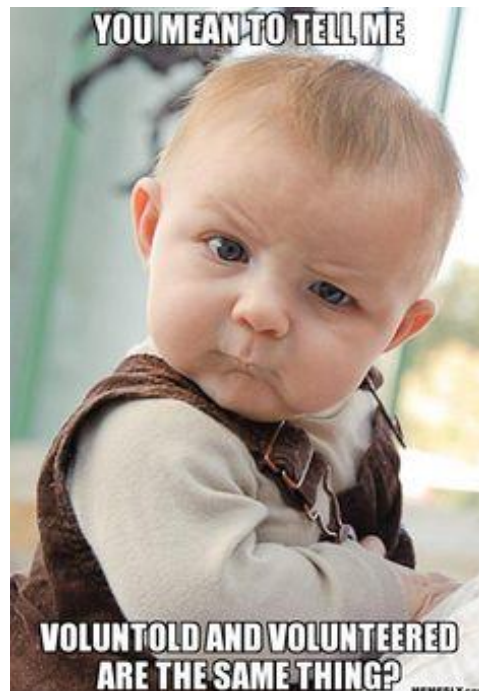
Give us a call or visit us on the web for more information about service opportunities.

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Or email Amy Pellman at  
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### August Birthday Corner!

Christine Ludwig	8/1	Bernard Souder	8/20
Nathan Hogan	8/3	Leslie Ward	8/21
Suzanne Bruce	8/5	David Brown	8/22
Miles Dumyahn	8/8	Margaret Ernst	8/22
Braden Thomsen	8/9	Nathan Adelhardt	8/24
David Johnson	8/10	Deb Richardson	8/24
Connor Lindberg	8/10	Katelyn Rousch	8/24
Emily Moore	8/10	Ken Brown	8/25
Carri Mosier	8/11	Fred Tito	8/25
Carole Poffinbarger	8/11	Michael Brown	8/27
Ted Schellenbach	8/13	Virginia Hertenstein	8/29
Charles Aynes	8/19	Glen Moore	8/30
Michael Jones	8/20	Andrew Stocker	8/30



# MetroPark Volunteer Spotlight



## **Jim Peters – Trail Ambassador**

### **How long have you lived or worked in Butler County?**

I have lived in Butler County for 2 years. I moved here from Indiana when I retired to be close to my 2 daughters and 4 of my 6 grandchildren

### **Tell me a little about your family:**

My wife and I have been married 48 years and now live closer to our daughters and our son, although he is in Pennsylvania. I have 3 granddaughters and 3 grandsons who live nearby. We have been able to attend their sports and academic programs and now are helping out more with virtual learning and supervising them while their parents are working mostly remotely and also some "in person."

### **Do you have any hobbies?**

I enjoy bicycling, especially the Great Miami trail and others in Butler County. I also enjoy motorcycling, tennis and golf.

### **What do you like to do for fun or Is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?**

I enjoy the above hobbies and attending church activities. I also volunteer for the Cincinnati Tri-state Red Cross chapter.

### **What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks?**

It gives me the opportunity to get outdoors and participate in physical activity which is so important to us all. I enjoy working with other volunteers and staff members and have found them all to be engaged and very positive people. Also, since the Covid 19 pandemic I have noticed many more people using the MetroParks which is certainly a good thing!

## Upcoming Service Opportunities

If you are interested in any of our opportunities, please contact Amy Pellman at [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) or by calling 513-867-5835 x 212 for more information.

### Miami Valley Trails – User Survey 2021

Multiple shifts/dates available: **August 28, 2021** 8:00 am – 8:00 pm (Rain date August 29, 2021)

**September 7, 2021** 8:00 am – 8:00 pm (Rain date September 15, 2021)

Where: Great Miami River Trail, MetroParks River Center 120 South Carmody Blvd, Middletown OH 45044

What: Help us collect information on the Great Miami River Trail! The data collected helps with long and short range planning of trails in the area. We will focus on the Great Miami River Trail in Middletown at the River Center. Here is a link to the signup genius to choose your timeslot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA5A722A6FA7-miami>

### Crazy Cardboard Regatta

When: September 11, 2021, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Multiple Shifts Available. Contact Amy for details.

Where: Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: All hands on deck!! Looking for 50-60 volunteers to assist with setup, boat registration, boat inspection, concessions, children's activities, boat retriever/launchers, timers, gofers and cleanup. Come join us for this fun filled soggy day!

### Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River

When: September 18, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Elk Creek MetroPark – Sebald Park area, 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown OH 45042

What: The Clean Sweep is an annual volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of the Great Miami River. It's a day for communities to demonstrate their desire for clean water and healthy rivers, as well as a opportunity to learn more about the river and its importance to our region. If interested, please visit [www.GreatMiamiRiverCleanup.org](http://www.GreatMiamiRiverCleanup.org) to pre-register. Pre-registrants receive a t-shirt!

## Ongoing Service Opportunities

### Feeder Fill Monitor

When: Tuesdays; during park hours 8:00 am – dusk

Where: Forest Run MetroPark – Timberman Ridge area, Welcome Center

What: This opportunity is for the birds. Literally! Become a Feeder Fill Monitor and help keep our birds happy and full. Monitors fill up to eight (8) feeders in a central location at the Welcome Center and clean the bird bath on a weekly basis. Volunteers in this position will need to successfully complete a background check prior to starting the position.

### Trail Maintenance Steward

When: Flexible; during park hours 8:00 am - dusk

Where: Assigned hiking trails within MetroParks

What: Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in an assigned MetroPark at least 4 hours a month. Stewards report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff and pick up any trash.

### Group Service Projects

When: Flexible

Where: Various

What: MetroParks always has a variety of projects for groups to complete! If you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information.