



Friends of Erie MetroParks Update

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7th Annual Gathering Sunday, March 15th, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

"Keeping Ohio Clean and Green."

Speaker: Kerry Crossen,
Executive Director/State Leader

As Executive Director, Kerry serves as a liaison between Keep America Beautiful and local Keep America Beautiful affiliates throughout the state. Other responsibilities include fundraising, marketing the KAB program to new affiliates, public relations, coordinating training opportunities for affiliates, and developing statewide programs.

Previously as Program Manager for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Kerry spearheaded the Great American Cleanup event in Cincinnati for 6 years, administered the community mini grant program and the



annual community awards reception, managed the Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Highway program, and many other projects for litter prevention, graffiti abatement, and beautification.

Kerry received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Cincinnati. Kerry's interests include travel, reading, softball and camping. She resides in Nova, OH.

HOME-MADE
◆ SOUPS
◆ SALAD BAR
◆ DESSERTS

FELLOWSHIP
&
FUN



Meet a Friend.... Ruth Parker



Ruth Parker is a true Friend of Erie MetroParks and conservation efforts.

A kind, gentle, and wise philanthropist, Ruth has contributed to upgrade the quality of life wherever she travels. In the late 1970's her father, John Frost, renovated The Frost Center, a building that once was used at the Osborn Prison Honor Farm. This act began a pattern of family giving that has continued. The Frost-Parker Foundation was formed after Ruth's husband, William, passed away and it contributed to building the William Parker memorial steel bridge that gave usability to Parker Lake at McBride Arboretum at Firelands BGSU campus. The foundation has given contributions to Adventure Walkway at Edison Woods and interpretive signs at Osborn Park. The Shoreline Park in Sandusky happened because of Ruth.

She donated to The Trust for Public Lands to accomplish its mission to conserve lands that have significance historically, ecologically and recreationally to the people of Ohio. This includes the pledge to aid in preserving

East Sandusky Bay region under management of Erie MetroParks. Its purpose is to be for recreational, educational, and interpretive programming.

A graduate of Wooster College, she and her late husband William have three children, John, Jim, and Allison. Ruth has six grandchildren.

FRIENDS GO GREEN



Consume Less.

Instead of buying a package of 8 individually wrapped juice boxes, buy frozen condensed juice that you can pour into a reusable container.

Say No to the Bottle.

Purchasing a water filter will help your wallet and the environment. Only 25% of Erie County recycles, therefore most water bottles are sent to the landfill.



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Pedal Erie Parks 2009
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Go Take a Hike Kick-Off
2008



Greyhounds, Skunk Cabbage,
Hot Dogs, and great weather . . .

It was another great kick-off
for our hiking program.



Join the
Friends
in 2009



Simply fill in this form and send it with your check to:

Over 270 families have joined The Friends.
As a Friend you can choose to become an
active member, just support us with your
dues, or become a Go Take a Hike Sponsor.

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Pick a membership:

- Student/Senior \$5
- Individual or Family \$10
- Business \$25
- Silver Donor \$50
- Gold Donor \$100
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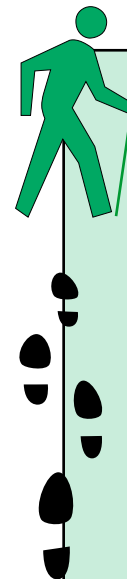
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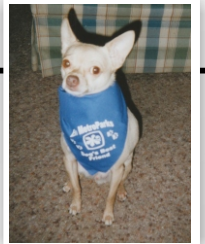
Winter Challenge Hike
Sat, Jan 24, 10 am-12 pm,
Edison Woods

Go Take a Winter Hike
Sat, Feb 7, 9-10 am
Mills Creek Golf Course

Valentine Hike
Sat, Feb 14, 10 am-12 pm
Old Woman Creek

Radiant Night Hike
Sat, Feb 21, 7-8:30 pm,
Adventure Walkway
Edison Woods Preserve

Marmaduke
wearing his
MetroParks
bandana



GO TAKE A HIKE
letter in Ohio AAA magazine

For the past three years, my husband and I have participated in our local MetroParks' Go Take a Hike program. Eleven hikes are recommended, and everyone who completes at least seven receives an Arkansas walking stick or a leather medallion to hang on the stick. We are working on our third medallion this year. our little Chihuahua, Marmaduke, will receive his second medallion this year.

The hiking program takes us all over Erie County, Ohio. We've hiked through beautiful areas we didn't know existed. We love looking at the autumn leaves, finding horse chestnuts and hedge balls, and watching the leaves swirl in creeks along the hiking path. We keep our walking sticks and medallions as reminders of fall memories.

Jacquelyn Davis