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Celebrating 60 Years

Medina County Park District Celebrates its 60th Anniversary TODAY -- April 19, 2025

Medina County Park District proudly celebrates 60 years of enhancing the quality of all life through education, conservation, and the protection of natural resources. Established on April 19, 1965, the park district has become a beloved community resource, offering residents and visitors access to more than 22 park sites, over 50 trails, and a variety of educational programs that inspire people of all ages to connect with nature. Over the decades, the park district has emerged as a leader in conservation, successfully acquiring and managing nearly 9,000 acres of protected land.

"We are incredibly proud to reach this milestone and are deeply grateful to the residents of Medina County who have supported our mission over the years," said Medina County Park District Director Nathan Eppink.

"This anniversary is not just a celebration of the past 60 years but a commitment to preserving our natural spaces for generations to come."

To honor this milestone, the park district has planned a series of celebratory events and activities throughout the year, and a number of new park areas and amenities will be opening to the public.



Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary/Oenslager Nature Center

Here's a glimpse of some exciting capital projects planned for 2025.

Rivendell Nature Preserve
Westfield Center and Westfield Township

This 203-acre property was donated to the park district in 2022. Phase 1 of the nature preserve will open in late summer with parking, trails, restrooms, a fishing pond, and more.

Chippewa Lake Park
Lafayette Township

Phase 1 of public access to the former amusement park property will open in October this year. It'll feature approximately one mile of aggregate trail, restrooms, and a picnic shelter. The trailhead will be built next to a house the park district is leasing to the Chippewa Lake Historical Society, which will establish a small museum there.

Shotwell Gardens at Lake Medina
Medina Township

Over several years, the Shotwell family donated 25 acres at the corner of Foote and Weymouth roads. Phase 1 of this new entrance to Lake Medina will open in October.

Liverpool Meadows Nature Preserve
Liverpool Township

This will be the first park district site to open in Liverpool Township. This 104-acre preserve will feature a one-mile aggregate loop trail and views of the Rocky River.



Park Perks Challenge Starts TODAY

Celebrate Medina County Park District's 60th anniversary by taking part in the Park Perks Challenge! This is a self-guided adventure where you will need to successfully complete challenges to collect perk points to earn park prizes! Challenge yourself across three categories: *Research*

It, Seek and Find, and See You There, all designed to help you explore and learn about Medina County parks.

Prizes will be awarded at four different levels based on the number of park perk points achieved. The more points you collect, the more prizes you'll get! Prize value increases with point values. **The challenge officially begins on April 19 and runs through October 4.** Download the form at www.medinacountyparks.com. Hard copies are available at the nature centers or park headquarters.