Fairlawn
Parks & Recreation

October 2019 - February 2020
Halloween Open House and Movie in the Park
Saturday, October 19
6:00 pm
*movie starts about 7:00 pm
Fort Island Park (413 Trunko Road)

The Learning Resource Center will be open for our annual Halloween Open House and Costume Party. The event includes a costume contest with prizes, a spooky hike, roasted marshmallows and s’mores at the fire pit, painting pumpkins, and we’ll have the telescopes set up so we can star gaze and view Mercury!

Hocus Pocus will be shown near the playground. Bring your friends, blankets and chairs and enjoy the movie!

No registration required. No rain date.

Beggars' Night
Sunday, October 27
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Homes wishing to participate should turn on their front porch light.

Pajama Program
Donate new pajamas and books at our Gingerbread House Making program and Noon Year’s Eve event. Each book or pair of pajamas will enter you into a drawing for that day! Check our Facebook and website for more information on the grand prize and look for our donation box at each event! All pajamas and books will be donated to the Eastern Ohio Chapter of Pajama Program (www.pajamaprogram.org)

One raffle ticket per new item donated. Look for the moon symbol!
Gingerbread Decorating

Wednesday, December 11
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

$5 per gingerbread house (includes gingerbread cookies too!)

Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center (3486 S. Smith Road)
Register by December 10 at fairlawn.activityreg.com
We are unable to take registrations at the event.

Make your own graham cracker gingerbread house with your favorite candy and decorate some gingerbread cookies to take home! We will have all the basics, but you may bring your own special toppings if you wish!

Don't forget your pj's or books to be entered for the Gingerbread night raffle.

Noon Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

$5/family

Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center (3486 S. Smith Road)
Register by December 27 at fairlawn.activityreg.com
We are unable to take registrations at the event.

Ring in 2020 with us at this family friendly event and enjoy all the fun of a party, just a bit earlier! Pizza, a photo booth, crafts and surprises will fill the time before we countdown and celebrate the stroke of noon with a balloon drop, noise makers, and a sparkling apple juice toast.

Don't forget your pj's or books to be entered for the Noon Year's Eve raffle.

New!! Snowman Contest

Build a snowman between December 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020. Take a picture of your creation and submit it to parks@fairlawn.us. Please include the names of the builders, telephone number, date the snowman was built. The top three will win a Fairlawn Parks and Recreation goodie bag!

Keep an eye out for your snowman on our Facebook page!

Cover photo by Naturalist Troy Dunn...Goldenrod and tall ironweed at Fort Island agricultural loop
Nature Programs are held at the Fort Island Park Learning Resource Center (413 Trunko Road) and the surrounding park. Dress Requirements: Participants are required to wear shoes or boots, dress appropriately for the weather (we hike rain or shine) and dress to get messy. Some suggestions for outdoor programs are: Water-proof shoes or boots, gloves and hats, sunscreen and/or bug spray applied before the program. A water bottle is recommended. Please make arrangements for siblings as only those children registered may attend the program. Refund requests must be made 72 hours prior to start of class, after that there are no refunds.

Register at fairlawn.activityreg.com

$ program has a fee
R program requires registration
NR program does not require registration

Questions? 330-668-9518  dunnt@fairlawn.us

LRC Hours:
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  Monday - Friday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm  Saturday
Closed Monday - Friday from 12:30-1:30

The classroom is closed during scheduled programs and hikes.

Come Out & Play!
October

NR  Fall Leaf Collecting and Leaf Art
    Friday, October 11          2:00pm
Bring the family and hike with us to collect different beautifully colored fall leaves and learn how to identify them, learn why they turn different colors in the fall, and we will use them to make some art!

NR  Halloween Open House & Party
    Saturday, October 19       6:00pm
The Learning Resource Center will be open for our annual Halloween Open House and Costume Party. The event includes a viewing of Hocus Pocus on the big screen outdoors, a costume contest with prizes, a spooky hike, roasted marshmallows and s’mores at the fire pit, painting pumpkins, and we’ll have the telescopes set up so we can star gaze and view Mercury! Movie starts at 7pm. (Weather permitting)

R  Bats and other Creatures of the Night
   Wednesday, October 30       6:00pm
Learn about some of the night life that you may find in nature at this time of year, especially about the importance of bats and how to identify them. Bat craft included. Presentation will be followed by an evening bat hike.

Recurring Fall/Winter Home School Science Program

R  Home School Science Thursdays
   Elementary Ages
   Every Other Thursday Beginning Oct 10 10:45am-12:00pm
Registration is required and will remain open. Come to any or all of the classes you want. Throughout the fall and winter this home school science class will cover general topics in biology, chemistry, natural science, environmental science, ecology, and other related topics. Each lesson will be accompanied by a hands-on activity and/or an associated craft. Lessons will be in line with Department of Education guidelines for science grades 1 through 6.

November

NR  Ferret Friday
    Friday, November 1          4:00pm
Here’s a chance to get up close and personal with Popcorn and Soda Pop, our two ferrets. Learn more about them, watch how to trim their nails, learn about their natural history and diet, and help them play in their play gym.
**Night Hike (Full Beaver Moon)**  
**Tuesday, November 12**  
5:30pm

Encounter the sights and sounds of the evening by taking a nature walk through Fort Island Park with the Naturalists by the light of the full moon. We'll listen, observe, and discover some of the night life that abounds when the sun goes down in late fall and learn a little moon lore. Bring a flashlight.

**Autumn Star Gazing**  
**Friday, November 15**  
8:00pm

Autumn is a good time to see a number of notable constellations, including the zodiac constellations of Aquarius, Aries and Pisces, and the constellations in the Perseus family: Andromeda, Perseus, Cassiopeia, Pegasus, Triangulum, Cetus and Cepheus. Cassiopeia’s W, the Great Square of Pegasus and Lacerta’s zig-zag shape make it easy to find them. Bring your own telescope or use one of ours. Weather permitting.

**Turkey Talk**  
**Tuesday, November 26**  
5:30pm

This is the time of year we talk turkey! Join us for a short program on turkeys, their natural history, their communication style and turkey calls, and some Thanksgiving lore. You will also get to examine a full-size taxidermy turkey up close! The turkey is an amazing and powerful animal that creates very personal social bonds. See you at the turkey table!

**December**

**The Magic and Science of Harry Potter**  
**Monday, December 2**  
2:00pm

No school today? Let’s make it Harry Potter Day! Dress as your favorite Harry Potter character, play some HP trivia and win prizes, and learn the science behind some of the HP spells from the books and movies by re-enacting some experiments!

**Jr. Animal Care Day**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
11:00am

If you would like to know how we feed and take care of our animals at the LRC then come today and find out. You can watch, learn, and help us do animal care and handling on this day!

**Night Hike (Full Moon/Cold Moon)**  
**Thursday, December 12**  
5:30pm

Learn about and encounter the sights and sounds of the evening as we transition into winter by taking a nature walk through Fort Island Park with the Naturalists. We’ll listen, observe, and discover some of the night life that abounds this time of year. Bring a flashlight.
Christmas Bird Count  
Saturday, December 14  
Orientation Saturday morning at 10am
Looking for volunteers to give a little of your time today to help us with counting birds for the Annual Christmas Bird Count. Bird counts will be added to the Greater Akron Audubon Society’s database. This helps to monitor and document bird populations in our area. See a Naturalist for details or call the LRC direct at 330-668-9518, or you can meet the Naturalists at the Fort Island Park Trailhead at 8am. You can even count from your own backyard! Thank you in advance!

Holiday Open House Event  
Monday, December 23  2:00pm-5:00pm
Stop by and usher in the Yuletide week with us during our celebration of the holidays. Music, crafts, finger painting, trivia and finger snacks will be part of our party. Come dressed as an elf or another one of Santa’s helpers and win a prize!

Winter Birding Day  
Friday, December 27  10:30am
Join a Naturalist on a winter bird hike through Fort Island Park this morning. Winter is a great time to find and see birds that do not migrate and stay in the area for the winter. Dress warm and bring your binoculars. We have some extras if you don’t have your own. We’ll warm up after the hike with a cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Reptile Day  
Monday, December 30  2:00pm-4:00pm
Stop in the LRC anytime during this two-hour time frame to get an up close and personal look at some of our reptiles that call the LRC their home. Learn about some of the unique features of our turtles, our snakes, and our bearded dragon. You can even touch or hold one! Make a reptile craft at one of the tables.

January  

Jr. Animal Care Day  
Saturday, January 4  11:00am
Here’s another chance to get up close and personal with our LRC animals. During this program, you will learn how to properly handle and take care of our educational ambassadors that make the LRC their home.

Growing Up Wild Winter Edition  
Ages 3-7  
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28  10:00am-11:00am
This is a 4-week class that will target some basic concepts in nature, especially as it relates to the winter months. We will explore winter animals, hibernation, animal tracks, over-wintering birds, tree shapes and those that lose and hold on to their leaves, and more.
Winter Star Gazing
Friday, January 17      6:30pm
While northern hemisphere observers can observe a total of 30 constellations at various times of the year, there are seven constellations traditionally associated with the winter months, headed by Orion, with its nearby constellations including Canis Major, Gemini, Taurus, Perseus, Eridanus, and Cetus. In addition, there are five constellations that are visible throughout the whole year because they are north circumpolar and therefore appear to be orbiting the North Star (Polaris), these being Cassiopeia, Cepheus, Draco, Ursa Major, and Ursa Minor. Bring your own telescope or use one of ours. Weather permitting.

February

Jr. Animal Care Day
Saturday, February 1      11:00am
Here’s another chance to get up close and personal with our LRC animals. During this program you will learn how to properly handle and take care of our educational ambassadors that make the LRC their home.

Hibernation Station!
Tuesday, February 4      2:00pm-3:00pm
Stop in this afternoon for a free mini-class about winter animals and to learn about hibernation, which animals truly hibernate in winter, how and why they hibernate, hear a story, and make a craft.

Full Moon/Supermoon Hike (Snow Moon)
Monday, February 10      5:30pm
Come learn about what Native Americans refer to as the Full Snow Moon while taking a winter evening stroll through the park with the Naturalists. We’ll end our hike with a cup of Hot Chocolate topped with marshmallows.

Valentine’s Craft Day
Friday, February 14      During open hours
Looking to make something special for someone you care about or just want to do something fun? You can come to the LRC today and make a Valentine related craft. A variety of supplies will be available in the classroom, just bring your imagination and some love!
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**October 2019**

- **10/2**: Beggars' Night 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **10/9**: Home School Science Program 10:45 am - 12:00 pm
- **10/16**: Columbus Day
- **10/23**: Halloween
- **10/27**: Bats and other Creatures of the Night 6:00 pm
- **10/30**: Open House & Party
- **10/31**: Movie in the Park, Fort Island Park 7:00 pm

**LRC Program**
- **10/12**: Fall Leaf Collecting and Leaf Art 2:00 pm
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- **10/26**: Home School Science Program 10:45 am - 12:00 pm

**Recreation Event**
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- **10/31**: Halloween

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Blue: Recreation Event  Green: LRC Event  Red: Registration Required  S: Registration Fee

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Did you know...

Fort Island Park and Fairlawn Park (Oxbow) Hikes
The Naturalists will be offering hikes throughout the spring and summer as part of scheduled programs and as separate hike events to be posted on our calendar and on social media. If you have any group of 5 or more that would like to schedule a general or specific hike with a Naturalist please call the Learning Resource Center or email to schedule your hike.

Invasive Plant Control Volunteers Needed!
If you, your family, school group, scout troop or any other group is looking for a volunteer opportunity to help maintain our parks, then we need you! Garlic Mustard is an invasive plant that is taking over areas of the park and choking out the native plants, and we need you to help us get rid of it so that our native plants can thrive keeping our park as biologically diverse as possible. Please contact a Naturalist by phone or email to schedule a Garlic Mustard Pull.

Looking to complete Scout Badge requirements?
If you have any scouting group (daisies, brownies, lion’s dens, webelos, girl scouts, cub scouts, boy scouts, etc.) and are looking to fulfill badge requirements we can help with that. We can help your scout or troop with requirements by providing content for badges such as home scientist, recycling, geology, forestry, and others. We have a wonderful resource here with the Learning Resource Center and natural outdoors of Fort Island Park. Please call or email a Naturalist to schedule your scout or troop.

Home Schoolers
If you are a home schooler or have a larger home school group, consider scheduling your group for a Home School Science program at the Learning Resource Center/Fort Island Park. We can accommodate just about any home school science topic upon request. Also, watch for our special two-day home school science camps offered periodically. Ask for a program request form today!

The Naturalists travel too!
The Naturalists will come to you! We travel to schools, daycares, senior citizen centers, nursing homes, and other formal settings. Ask for a program request form by calling or emailing a Naturalist and schedule a visit soon!

Watch For These Fall and Winter Astronomy Events

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**FAIRLAWN-KIWANIS COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**  
3486 S. Smith Road

**Epilepsy Support Group**  
See website for dates  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Upper Level
Meet others who understand epilepsy. Learn strategies to manage your or your family member’s seizures and make new friends. Food is provided and the event is free. We can’t wait to see you there! For more information: info@empoweringepilepsy.org or Leigh Goldie 440-248-6158.

**Fairlawn Seniors**  
First Monday of each month  
11:00 am  
Upper Level
Join our Fairlawn Seniors for a different event each month. Email seniors@fairlawn.us to be put on the notification list or with any questions.

**TAI CHI... Health. Balance. Strength.**  
Mondays  
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm  
Lower Level
Tai Chi’s movements are slow and deliberate, coordinated with mindful breathing. Regular practice can improve cardiopulmonary fitness, bone health, leg strength, endurance and balance. It’s good for the brain! Low-impact, weight-bearing, Tai Chi is a great exercise program for people of all ages and physical abilities; a great cross-training program for athletes. Certified Instructor Nancy Gardner, LMT, APP. REGISTER: Call NG Energy at 330-945-5533.

**Fairlawn City Women’s Club**  
1st Friday of each month  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Upper Level
All women (regardless of residence) are invited to attend the Fairlawn City Women’s Club meetings. This club is a civic/social organization. Fundraisers are held for scholarships given to students residing in the Copley-Fairlawn School District and the needs of the community. For more information, please contact President Carol Brockenbrough (330) 388-8074 or Membership Chairman Becky Katzenmeyer at (330) 472-4579.

**Fairlawn City Garden Club**  
2nd Friday of each month  
9:30 am  
Upper Level
We have a variety of programs planned, including daytrips to beautiful parks in NE Ohio, crafts to make, and great speakers! Please join us! For more information contact Bridget Dolin – President at 330-472-6394 or bridgetd6@aol.com or Sandy Maxson - Membership Chair at 330-701-2370 or smaxson@smaxsonmed.com

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Fairlawn Post #349**  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
10:00 am  
Conference Room
“The ties that bind.” All VFW members are welcome to attend. For information regarding membership, please call Commander Bruce Killian at 330-204-0386 or Peter Ryerson at 330-867-7813.

**World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars Roundtable**  
4th Thursday of each month  
6:45 pm – 8:30 pm  
Upper Level
This organization meets once a month with a speaker on topics relating to World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. Yearly dues are $15.00. Please call Joe Geiger at 513-460-3291.

**Fairlawn Toastmasters**  
1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month  
7:00 pm – 8:15 pm  
Upper Level
We provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which everyone can develop communication and leadership skills, which, in turn, fosters self-confidence and personal growth. To learn more about Toastmasters, e-mail president-2803@toastmastersclubs.org

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Mayor William J. Roth Jr.
Council Members

Russ Sharnsky At Large, President
Barbara Potts (W2) Vice President
Kathie Baum (W6)
Phil Brillhart (W4)
Michael Detorakis (W5)
Todd Stock (W3)
Maria Williams (W1)

Park & Recreation Board
Dot Rapp
M. J. Parri
Judy Gerdes
Bunny Lacey
Tara Regan
Tom Craig, Alternate

Park & Recreation Department
Laurie Beisecker, Director
Katie Tomek, Asst. Director
Troy Dunn, Naturalist
Gabriel Bosen, Asst. Naturalist

Upcoming Senior Events
Seniors (55+) from Fairlawn and the surrounding communities are welcome. All events take place on the first Monday of the month (unless otherwise dated) at 11:00 am at the Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center, 3486 S. Smith Road. Coffee, tea and water will be provided at each event. Homemade desserts are always welcome!

ROMEO’S
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
2nd Tuesday of every month
9:00 am at Bob Evans

Ladies Out To Lunch Bunch
3rd Monday of every month.
11:45 am at designated restaurant.

Questions?
Email seniors@fairlawn.us

Volunteer at the LRC
You must be at least 10 years old and have your parent’s permission. We also welcome adult volunteers. Adult volunteers must also submit a volunteer application and background check. Duties include but not limited to feeding animals, cleaning cages, handling animals for visitors, cleaning and organizing the LRC, helping with programs and hikes, helping with younger children, watering plants and some gardening, etc. Adult volunteers duties may also include answering phones, office duties, greeting and directing visitors, handing out literature, answering questions, etc.

Applications are available at the LRC or you can request one by email from dunnt@fairlawn.us or venskoskee@fairlawn.us
Overnight Parking
Fairlawn has an overnight parking ordinance (COF 452.08) that is enforced. Parking on city streets is prohibited between the hours of 3:00 AM and 6:00 AM. If you have a special temporary circumstance, such as out of town guests or driveway repairs, contact the Police Department at 330-670-4300 and they will extend courtesy to you.

Fairlawn City Hall
3487 S. Smith Road
Fairlawn, OH 44333

City Hall Main Line 330-668-9500
City Departments:
  Building & Zoning Department 330-668-9500
  Fire, non-emergency 330-668-9540
  Police, non-emergency 330-670-4300
  Service Department 330-668-9550
  Tax 330-668-9525
  Traffic Court 330-668-9505
  Finance Department 330-668-9524
EMERGENCY 911

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3487 S. Smith Road
330-668-9515

Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center
3486 S. Smith Road
330-668-9515

Bicentennial Park Croghan Park Fairlawn Park Fort Island/Griffiths Park
3486 S Smith Rd 99 N. Miller Rd 3303 Ridgewood Rd 413 Trunko Rd

Cancellation/Refund Policy for all Fairlawn Parks and Recreation Events:

Due to the overwhelming success of our programs and the number of children that are put on waiting lists we have implemented the following policy:
Refund requests must be made 72 hours prior to start of class, program or activity, and provided the request does not drop the enrollment below the required minimum, after that there are no refunds. Failure to attend a registered class, program or activity will be considered a forfeiture of materials supplied and all money paid.

Please Note...

Classes/programs are canceled if the Copley-Fairlawn schools are closed due to weather