

GIVE GAZETTE

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A Look Back at an Incredible Year

The busy volunteer season has come to an end, but as always, check our page for any upcoming events. In this issue, we want to shout out and feature all of the incredible volunteers who work tirelessly to improve our parks, and recap some of the many awesome events from 2023. This year hundreds of volunteers performed **over 5700 hours** of service at more than 250 workdays! We wish we could include absolutely everyone and every group in this issue, but there's no way we could fit everything. We appreciate everyone who volunteered this year. Thank you so much to everyone who has lent a hand!

Farewell Melissa!

We're wishing a fond farewell to **Melissa**, who has worked as the Adopt-a-Park Coordinator since 2016. She is beloved by co-workers and park adopters, and we are going to miss having her around! Melissa is moving to Austin, Texas with her partner and has accepted a job at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.



A Word From Melissa

My time as Adopt-a-Park Coordinator has been such a fun experience as there's never a dull moment in the parks! I've become so fond of the staff and volunteers that I've had the joy of seeing regularly and who have become lifelong friends. I am leaving Ann Arbor feeling inspired by our awesome park system and by all of the kind, passionate, and knowledgeable volunteers I've met over the last six and a half years! It's a bittersweet move for me but new adventures await. :)



2023 in Pictures



Buhr Blitz 2/20



SkySpecs at Vets 4/12



Neighborhood AAP Workday at Graydon 5/6



Huron River Day 5/21



2023 in Pictures (Continued)



Bandemer Mural Painting 5/26



River Cleanup Trip with Google 6/2



Bandemer Bike Park Jump Clinic 6/10



Creal AAP Workday 6/11



Neighborhood Event at Waterworks 6/17

2023 in Pictures (Continued)



Bandemer Bike Park Clinic + Workday 6/24



Love a Park Day at Arbor Hills 7/19



AME Bethel at Baxter 7/22



AAP Mitsubishi at Southeast 8/1



Love the River day 8/23



UM Chemical Biology at Vets 8/24



AAP Neighbors at White Oak 8/26

2023 in Pictures (Continued)

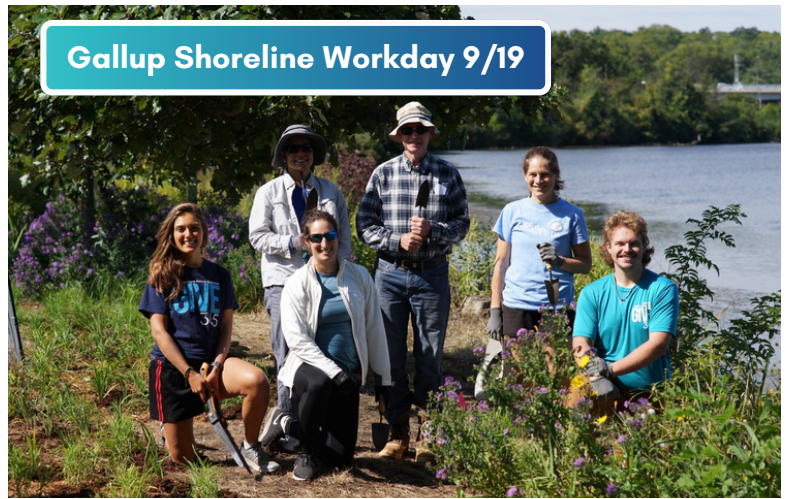
Aquatic Workday at Dolph 9/10



Toyota-Subaru River Clean 9/15



Gallup Shoreline Workday 9/19



Waterworks Fall Event 10/7



Invasive Removal Workday at Fairview 10/27



Thanks to all the groups & organizations that partnered with us this year!



To those without a logo or one we couldn't find, we appreciate you as well!

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