

GIVE GAZETTE

365 — October 2023 —



9/10: Volunteers helped plant native aquatic plants at Dolph Nature Area in partnership with the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office!

Upcoming October Events

- Oct 1** Bike Park Workday at **Bandemer Park** 10am-12pm
- Oct 3** Love a Park Day at **Southeast Area Park** 1-3pm
- Oct 5** Love a Park Day at **Ward Park** 11am-1pm
- Oct 8** Bike Park Workday at **Bandemer Park** 10am-12pm
- Oct 15** Bike Park Workday at **Bandemer Park** 10am-12pm
- Oct 15** Trick or Treat on the River at **Gallup Park** 12-4pm
- Oct 17** Love a Park Day at **Bandemer Park** 8:30-10am
- Oct 20** Love a Park Day at **Huron Highlands Park** 10am-12pm
- Oct 21** Love a Park Day at **West Park** 1-3pm
- Oct 27** Stewardship Workday at **Fairview Cemetery** 12-1:30pm

[Click here to view or register for our upcoming volunteer opportunities!](#)

or

email us at volunteera2gov.org

September Highlights



9/12: UMCU helped paint a mural at the concessions and restroom building at **Southeast Area Park**. There are plans to come back and paint the whole structure!

Sept Totals

34
events
384
volunteers
832.25
hours

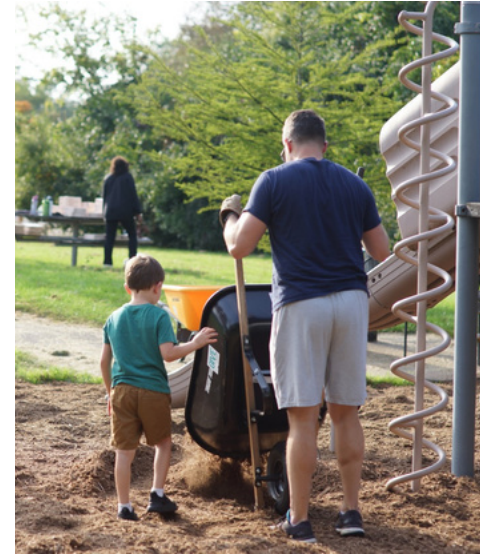


9/15: Toyota-Subaru of Ann Arbor helped clean up trash along the Huron River, paddling from Argo Livery to Gallup Livery and picking up over **50 pounds** of litter along the way!



9/19: Volunteers helped at a shoreline workday in **Gallup Park** near the UAP! We've been doing regular work here to prevent erosion & establish native plants!

September Highlights (Continued)



9/21: The University of Michigan **Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation** helped refresh the playground at **Waymarket Park**, pulling weeds and spreading a new layer of play-safe woodchips on the playground!



9/22: Students studying **Industrial Operations Engineering (IOE)** at the University of Michigan have been having regular workdays at **Gallup Park** for years, volunteering and then conducting analysis of our tools & processes. These students helped clear a large amount of invasive brush on the “goat islands” in Gallup!



9/24: Volunteers from the **Ismaili Community** of Mississauga, ON brought a big group of volunteers to refresh the playground at **Greenbrier Park**, pulling lots of weeds and then spreading play-safe woodchips!



River Clean End-of-Season Recap

THANK YOU to all the 2023 river cleanup volunteers!



1611.4 pounds of litter removed
25 events
295 volunteers
573.75 hours

The river clean-up season has come to an end! Despite challenges due to weather, air quality, logistics, and more, volunteers managed to remove over **1600 pounds** of litter from the Huron River. Thanks to all the groups who came out to help clean up the Huron:



- UM OUD
- Ann Arbor SPARK
- Google
- BSA Troop 1
- Element
- Qiagen
- UM Dentistry
- UM Bridge Program
- WDI at UM
- DTE
- Tenneco
- Toyota-Subaru of AA
- TIAA
- Ann Arbor Jaycees
- Kappa Phi Lambda UM
- Arbor Research
- Toyota
- IOE at UM



September Workday Highlights



9/17: Neighbors and friends of **Graydon Park** came out to spruce up the well-loved park. Volunteers pulled weeds and planted some native plants, focusing on the rock wall area that connects the park to Stadium Boulevard.



9/17: The city **Office of Sustainability & Innovations (OSI)** has been having regular workdays at **Bandemer Park**. OSI helped cover up graffiti in the bathroom and IOE joined to clean up litter!



9/24: The Michigan Lions Club came out to **Fuller Park** to do some gardening work, transplanting plants that were getting a little too much chlorine from the pool facility.



9/24: **Target** came out to **Buhr Park** to do more work on the garden beds at the entrance of the pool and ice arena facility.



Fall Celebration at Waterworks Park Saturday 10/7 10am-Noon

Ann Arbor Farm and Garden, in partnership with Adopt-a-Park, are hosting a free community event at Waterworks Park. All are invited to welcome the fall season with activities including crafts, lawn games, and planting mums in the park. Donuts and cider will be offered. Join us!

Congratulations to our newest VEP Champions!



Rachel & Kellen



Parag



Jim & Ginny

These newest Champions completed their **Visit Every Park Challenge** in September! Congratulations to these accomplished individuals, who now find themselves on the Wall of Champions after visiting all 162 Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation properties.

Plenty of people are out right now, attempting the VEP Challenge! Here are some of the photos they've shared:



Links



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[Visit Every Park Challenge](#)

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