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

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

Click here to view or register for our upcoming volunteer opportunities!

or

e-mail us at volunteer@a2gov.org
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!

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!

Sept Totals

- **34 events**
- **384 volunteers**
- **832.25 hours**
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!
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.

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**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!

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

GIVE 365 Page & Upcoming Events

Visit Every Park Challenge

Social Media

Facebook

X (formerly Twitter)

Instagram