



ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION

GIVE GAZETTE

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The Garden Edition



7/13: Volunteers from MHealthy at UM helped us maintain the garden beds at the **Gallup Park Livery!**

Upcoming August Events

- Aug 2** Love a Park Day at **Leslie Park** 10am-12pm
- Aug 4** Gardening Workday at **Gallup Butterfly Garden** 10am-12pm
- Aug 10** Gardening Workday at **Redwood Park** 10am-12pm
- Aug 15** Adopt-a-Park and OSI Workday at **Bandemer Park** 8:30-10am
- Aug 15** Playground Workday at **Longshore Park** 10am-12pm
- Aug 19** Love a Park Day at **West Park** 1-3pm
- Aug 23** Love the River Day at **Gallup Park Livery** 1-2:30pm
- Aug 25** Gardening Workday at **Gallup Butterfly Garden** 10am-12pm
- Aug 25** Junior Volunteer Club Meeting at **Fuller Park** 5-6:30pm
- Aug 27** Shoreline Planting Workday at **Dolph Nature Area** 10am-12pm
- Aug 30** Gardening Workday at **Frisinger Park** 4-6pm

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

or

email us at volunteer@a2gov.org

July Highlights



7/6: Volunteers came out to our **Love a Park Day** at **Huron Highlands Park** to help maintain the garden beds!

July Totals
22 events
259 volunteers
634.5 hours



7/12: Volunteers from **Treasuring Christ Church** braved through the rain to spread new woodchips at **Churchill Downs Park!**



7/17: Volunteers helped clean up the Huron River at our **Love the River Day** event. VegMichigan partnered with us to provide free plant-based food for volunteers after the event!



7/23: Improvements were made at the **Bandemer Bike Park** to add more kid-friendly elements! Thanks again to Garret and Stuart for all of their work at the bike parks. Check out these unique amenities!



The **AADL Summer Game** is still in full swing until August 27th! Stop by the "VEP Lounge" outside of our office to find a code! There are a few codes on our websites too...

[VISITOR PARK-ING Badge](#)
[HOWDY, PARKNER! Badge](#)

[Learn about the AADL Summer Game here!](#)

The **goats** were at Broadway Park! Check out [the Goats at Work page](#) to learn more!

Spotlight: Park Gardens

There are **53** parks with gardens, and throughout the warmer months these beds are filled with spectacular blooms. In this issue we wanted to highlight these lush gardens and the dedicated volunteers that are helping beautify and maintain them!



North Main Park



A Year of Gardening

By Amelia Clark, GIVE 365 Gardener

Gardening sometimes feels like putting on a fireworks display. November through March are spent planning, researching plants and suppliers and color palettes, measuring and sizing and sketching. April hits and suddenly we transition from planning to orchestration, coordination, and implementation. The bloom starts soon after and from there on in I'm walking nurseries, pulling weeds, filling in bare spaces, with a dizzying cast of adopters and volunteers lending hands. The flowers go by in a blur. By now – late July, early August – most of the summer blooms are finishing up, a final flush of chrysanthemums and sparkling glitter and booms. Soon the dry season will begin, and the grand finale of autumn will come with a fantastic burst of royal and butter yellow, scarlet and gold to lead us gently into winter. But for now, there is a lull, and I get a little bit of time to enjoy the flowers myself and reflect on the imprints left behind from a glorious spring.



Above: Fuller Park - Below: Wheeler Park



Park Adopter Spotlight - Gardens

North Main & Wheeler Park

The perennial gardens in North Main Park and Wheeler Park are a must-see in the Kerrytown neighborhood. A group of park neighbors led by our adopters **John, Kelly, and Kathie** have cared for these garden beds for many years by weeding, watering, and carefully choosing plant species. At these gardens you can find native butterfly weed, columbine, and wild indigo, along with gorgeous roses and daylilies. There's always something in bloom!



Gallup Butterfly Garden

The butterfly garden at Gallup Park is a true gem of our park gardens. It was installed by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North in 1991 and they have led its maintenance ever since. Care of this garden is being led by our gardener, **Amelia**, club member **Scott**, and new adopter **Sarah**. You are sure to find one of our Michigan butterflies stopping at the garden, along with several species of bees and other pollinating insects and birds. The garden is home to a wide variety of native plants including bee balm, coneflower, stiff goldenrod, and Culver's root. Take a walk through the garden, located near Gallup's Geddes Road parking lot and boat launch, during your next park visit.

Esch Park

Esch has recently been adopted by **Cathy C!** Several small perennial gardens call Esch Park home and have changed quite a bit over time. Cathy is already doing a fantastic job weeding the gardens. We're hoping to introduce some more variety of plants this year!

If you're interested in adopting and taking care of a garden bed in a park, let us know! There are plenty that need love and attention. Email adopt-a-park@a2gov.org to inquire!



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