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BREAKING NEWS



We have bees!



Bee Kind, Pollinate Your Mind

We were awarded a \$2,500.00 Friends of NACD Grant early this year. We partnered with a local bee farm, Nature's Image Farm, to install and equip two bee colonies at the site of our largest 1.5-acre community garden, Marshall Greens, which also serves as a site for education and demonstration of conservation practices. The outcome of this project is to educate our staff on the art of bee keeping and teach the community the importance of bees, conservation, and pollinators.

This grant allowed us to purchase two bee colonies, two wax dipped hive kits, food for the bees, a smoker, smoker fuel, hive tools, three sizes of adult protective wear, youth educational books, and twenty youth protective veils. The bottom boards of the hives will allow additional harvesting opportunities for pollen, thus adding another educational element to our programming.

A few of our staff members attended training in "The Learning Yard", which is hosted by Nature's Image Farm. This will allow us to share with the community and to teach youth and adult community members everything we learn! We are so excited about this project and eager to keep learning more!

ATV

Registration Fee
\$20.00

Tour

COME JOIN US



*Saturday,
September 14, 2024*

- Day of Registration: 7:00 AM
- Leave promptly at 8:00 AM
- Return at approximately 4:00 PM



Philo/Duncan Falls Area

- Tour will begin at Cornerstone Full Gospel Church, 4509 Salt Creek Drive, Duncan Falls, Ohio



Registration is Required

- The registration form is included in this newsletter. It can also be found on our website.
- Registration can be done by mailing the form, dropping the form off at the District office or online.
- There will be no sign-ups the day of the event.
- Please provide an email address on the registration form. Updated information will be emailed, available in the District office, on social media, and posted on our website at www.muskingumswcd.org.



Additional Information

- Participants are encouraged to pack coolers with water and snacks, sunglasses/safety glasses, bug spray, and clothing for all weather conditions. All drivers are required to have a valid driver's license. The tour is a pet-free and smoke-free zone. Please start the tour with a full tank of gas. We reserve the right to trailer slow-moving ATVs. No golf carts or non-recreational vehicles on tour. Liability waivers are required for each participant and are available on our website or at the District office.

No waiver, no riding!



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2024 Registration for ATV Conservation Tour

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Phone _____

UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED ONLY. (Please Print)

Email: _____

Number of ATV (s): _____

Make and Model of each ATV: _____

If you would like to travel in the same group as a friend, please indicate whom you would like to group with.

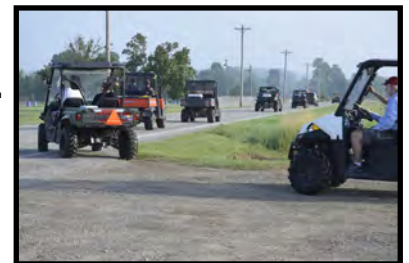
_____ Number of ATVs that will travel 25 mph and over.

_____ Number of ATVs that will travel between 15 mph to 25 mph.



Reservations only. Space is limited.

**Registration Deadline:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**



Number of Participants _____ **X** **\$20.00** = _____ **(Grand Total)** No refunds

I have included a signed ATV Conservation Tour Waiver for **each participant**. Waiver is located on our website—www.muskingumswcd.org or in our district office. **No waiver, no riding!**

Registration fee and forms can be dropped off, mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Suite 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701, or register online at www.muskingumswcd.org. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (service fee will be applied).

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2024 SUMMER INTERNS



Dylan McNabb

This will be Dylan's third summer working for MSWCD, and this year he had the opportunity to explore his passion further in a forestry internship. He is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from an online program through Unity University. With the experience and knowledge he has gained from MSWCD, he plans on pursuing a job in natural resources or a related field in the near future!



Gracyn Armstrong

Gracyn is a sophomore at Muskingum University. She is majoring in biology, environmental science, and chemistry. She is a summer Muskie Fellow through Professor Dr. Zook, who's partnership with MSWCD has allowed her the opportunity to be a summer volunteer intern.



Riley Moore

Riley is a senior at Muskingum University, expecting to graduate this August with a bachelor's degree in animal studies and a minor in psychology. Over the years, she has developed a strong interest in horticulture and botany. This internship has provided her with the valuable opportunity to learn and experience these fields firsthand.



Hailey Hodge

Hailey is a senior at Bowling Green State University pursuing a degree in biology with specializations in conservation/ecology and aquatic/marine biology. She is enjoying spending her time hiking, kayaking, reading, and playing with her dog.

Muskingum SWCD

Supervisor Candidate Announcement

A Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor represents county residents in soil and water conservation and natural resources management. Supervisors set the District's policy, provide guidance to staff, and assist on projects. The Board consists of five supervisors who serve for three-year terms on a voluntary basis. Supervisors participate in monthly and special board meetings, and attend area and state meetings. This year, candidates will be nominated to fill two open position. Potential candidates are expected to have experience relevant to the District's goals. The qualities of a potential supervisor include:

- Widespread knowledge of natural resources in the county
- Complement the existing make-up of the district board so that all geographic, educational, and land-use interests within the district are represented
- Leadership ability and willingness to share time and talent.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates. Qualified residents, 18 years of age or older, may also petition to be on the ballot. For more information, call our office at (740) 454-2027 or contact Larry Daniels, Nominating Committee Chair, at 740-607-0702 or by email at daniels57@live.com.



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2024 AWARD NOMINATION INFO

We need your help identifying those in our community who are practicing resource conservation in some way! Each year the MSWCD likes to recognize those in our county who are contributing to the betterment of the environment. Examples include a farmer you purchase produce from at the Farmers' Market; a business that has installed energy-saving lighting through-out its site; a neighbor who has established a garden of native plants for pollinators; a group that has started a community garden; or a teacher who is passionate about the environment and passes that on to his/her students. Please consider nominating a deserving individual, group, or business for one of the award categories listed below. You will find nomination information on our website at <https://www.muskingumswcd.org/Events/Award-Nomination/>. The nomination form can be printed from our website and mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville. Nomination can also be submitted via our website. Deadline to submit your nomination is July 29, 2024. If you have any questions, please call Doreen at 740-454-2027.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

Resource Conservation Award, Agricultural Division
Resource Conservation Award, Non-Agricultural
Backyard Conservationist
Conservation Educator of the Year
Special Educational Outreach Award
Friends of Conservation Award



CONSERVATION SCHOOL

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UPDATE

Six high school students (from Zanesville, West Muskingum, and Tri Valley) participated in Conservation School from November 2023 through May 2024. Throughout the course of the program, these students visited The Wilds, Zanesville's Water Treatment and Waste-Water Treatment Plants, Mission Oaks, Zane State's biology lab and Nature Center, Dillon State Park, Nature's Image Bee Farm, Dawes Arboretum, and Glenford Fort Preserve, where they were able to meet with specialists and tour the facilities. Students started each day with Samantha Ramsey from Zane State College for activities in career readiness and were also able to meet with MSWCD's two Ag Specialists on topics such as soil health and assessment and pollinators. In addition, Conservation School students visited several of the Urban Greens gardens (part of MSWCD's urban agriculture program) and met with Central State University Extension Educator, Denise Natoli-Brooks, at the CSU demo site at our Brighton Grows Garden. Students were exposed to a wide variety of potential career opportunities in conservation and environmentalism and made many important connections. Upon completion of a presentation to our MSWCD Board of Supervisors, students will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to apply to their future endeavors. A huge thank you to the J.W. & M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation for financing this program and to all the specialists who volunteered their time to make it all possible!



New to the Gardens



Meet **Opal Wharton**. Opal is one of the Garden Coordinators for our largest garden, Marshall Greens. She previously had a food pantry in Zanesville, and she is very excited to be on the other side of growing the produce to help the community. She is eager to learn more about how she can make a difference.

Meet **Carrie Turner**. Carrie is the Garden Coordinator for Brighton Grows. Carrie has been involved in community gardens in New Concord and Zanesville for more than five years as well as her home garden. In her own garden, she is attempting to grow garlic the size of softballs. She is looking forward to testing out yellow watermelon and okra, as well as learning about three sister's planting.



Meet **Amber Allen**. Amber is the Garden Coordinator for both Restoration Park and the Zanesville Community High School Garden. Amber is a recent graduate of Bowling Green State University, where she studied ecology and conservation biology. She is new to gardening, but has quickly fallen in love with the art and the people who work alongside her in the gardens.

Meet **Carrie Held-Batog**. Carrie is the Garden Coordinator for Maple-Harding. Carrie really loves gardening, so much so that she finished the Master Gardener volunteer program in May. She will happily try to answer any gardening questions or help out weeding.



Meet **Reily Bell**. Reily is one of the Garden Coordinators for our largest garden, Marshall Greens. Reily is currently attending The Ohio State University working on a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications. She is passionate about nutrition and food production.

Welcome Back to the Gardens
Dylan McNabb and Mariya Kemp

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



OUR MISSION:
GROWING FOOD
GROWING COMMUNITY
GROWING WITH PURPOSE

IT'S TIME TO GIVE BACK.

WE APPRECIATE EVERY
HELPING HAND WE CAN GET!

- PLANTING & HARVESTING
- WEEDING & MOWING
- TRANSPORTING PRODUCE
- EDUCATION AT THE GARDEN



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO ACCESS
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES



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FREE MOVIE Night



JUNE 21ST

JULY 12TH

AUGUST 10TH



WHAT?

Movies, games, art activities with artist Kristen Brown

WHERE?

Restoration Park
252 Muskingum Ave
Zanesville

WHEN?

Activities begin at 6:30
Movie begins at dusk

Happy Camper
Hot Dog
Food Truck



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BRIGHTON GROWS GARDEN FUN FEST



YOUTH GARDEN
GRAND OPENING

GAMES

MAKE IT TAKE IT
WATER PLAY

FOOD DEMOS
LIVE DJ

SCAVENGER HUNT
ACTIVITIES

FOOD TRUCK
SNO CONES

JULY 9TH
6PM-8PM
BRIGHTON
GROWS GARDEN
604 BAKER
STREET



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GARDEN OLYMPICS 2024

MAY 1- OCTOBER 26

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO
GIVE BACK THIS YEAR?

JOIN US IN CREATING A HEALTHIER
UNIFIED COMMUNITY BY
PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024
GARDEN OLYMPICS!



VOLUNTEER

Groups of at least 4 people will be participating in community garden clean-up, planting, and harvesting! We will operate on a point system based on hours volunteered, and competitions completed and won. There will be 3 winning categories and your team will be recognized throughout the entire season!

WHO'S INVITED

- Corporate Groups
- Nonprofits
- Community Groups
- Church Youth Groups
- Homeschool Groups
- 4H Groups
- School Organizations

GOALS

- Maximize food donated to food pantries
- Spread the message of Urban Greens
- Inspire all ages to give back to the community
- Teach community to grow food
- Inspire community to eat more local fruits and vegetables
- Promote community engagement

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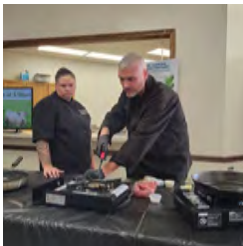
Watch for us at the 178th Muskingum County Blue-Ribbon Fair! - August 11-17, 2024



Join the MSWCD, the Muskingum County Farm Bureau, and the Muskingum County Fair Board for “Appreciate Agriculture with Local Foods”, three cooking demonstrations to be held at the 2024 Muskingum County Blue-Ribbon Fair! The events will be held Sunday, August 11th, Tuesday, August 13th, and Thursday, August 15th. All demonstrations will be held at the Veterans’ Building kitchen at the fairgrounds. Local farmers will be donating the produce and meat, and local chefs will be donating their time to teach participants how to use local fresh foods to create a meal.



Without the help of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau, Muskingum County Fair Board, and our local farmers and chefs, this event would not be a reality. Thank you for helping us bring “Appreciate Agriculture with Local Foods” to the community.



WELCOME JENCEL RODRIGUEZ-CRUZ



Jencel Rodriguez-Cruz is the new Resource Conservationist for NRCS in Muskingum County. He was born and raised in Hatillo, Puerto Rico. His interest in the protection of natural resources, concentrating on soils, led him to university studies. Jencel earned a B.S. in agronomy and M.S. in soil science at the University of Puerto Rico in Mayaguez. During his college years, he held an internship with Iowa State University, where he worked with soybean breeding. His thesis research was related to the incorporation of organic material in the soil. He came to work in Muskingum County after four years working in Northwest Ohio with NRCS as a Soil Conservationist. In his free time, he likes to fish and hike. Jencel is excited to be joining the NRCS team in Muskingum County.

WELCOME BACK JEVON CLARKE

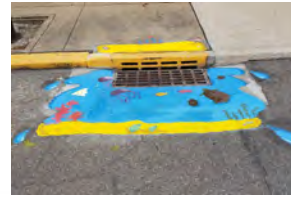
Hello, I am Jevon Clarke, a USDA 1890 National scholar from The Fort Valley State University, located in Fort Valley Georgia. I am interning for the second summer here in Zanesville as an NRCS Soil Conservationist trainee. My experience here in Muskingum County has been wonderful. There is a great amount of history and natural attractions here, which have kept me busy and entertained throughout the summer days. This also influenced me into coming back here. I am super excited to be back working and learning while networking with you all.



STORM DRAIN ART

Only Rain Down The Drain

In April, Deserae Green's Zanesville High School art classes engaged in a presentation about Storm Water Education, at the end of which students were challenged to create a design (and possibly a catchy phrase), that would be painted around identified storm drains on Blue Avenue and Market Street. The purpose of the design is to bring awareness to what is going down our storm drains and to keep trash and other contaminants out of the water. Approximately 75 students completed designs, which were voted on by ZHS staff. The top five students were then awarded a day out of school at the end of May to paint their designs around the identified drains. A huge thank you to Lowe's and Sherwin Williams for donating paint and to Deserae Green and Maria Brent with the City of Zanesville for working with us to make this happen. Congrats and thank you to our storm drain artists, Kenzlee Bogle, Terriana Gibson, Hannah Sholler Stem, Lyndi Souder, and Dylan Whitehair; your designs are now enjoyed by many!



2024 Forestry and Wildlife Roundtable



Muskingum SWCD An Equal Opportunity Employer

August 8th 2024, 6PM to 8PM

"I've Got Woods, Now What?"

An intro to Basic Forestry and Wildlife Practices

Grodi Farm

9980 Dutch School Road

Dresden, Ohio 43821

**Mark your calendar
for the next roundtable
event!**

November 14, 2024

Via ZOOM

Subject to be Determined
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Save the Date

Office Closed	July 4 & 5
Mid Day News	July 9
Board Meeting	July 9
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	July 16
Farming After Dark	July 17
Mid Day News	July 23
Conservation Crafts	July 23
Mid Day News	July 29
Ag Breakfast	August 6
Board Meeting	August 6
Forestry and Wildlife Roundtable	August 8

Muskingum County Fair	August 11-17
Mid Day News	August 13
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	August 20
Mid Day News	August 27
Labor Day Office Closed	September 2
Ag Breakfast	September 3
MSWCD Board Meeting	September 10
Mid Day News	September 10
ATV Tour	September 14
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	September 17
Farming After Dark	September 18
Mid Day News	September 24 & 30

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