

IN THE KNOW

November Newsletter



PARK UPDATES

The Parks Department has been very busy over the past few weeks completing improvement projects such as finishing the installation of the new Riley Park playground as well as resealing the Rieke Park trail. If you have not gotten the chance to visit Riley or Rieke Park in the last few weeks we highly suggest paying a visit, whether it be taking your kids to play on the new playground or taking a morning stroll on our trails. In addition to these improvement projects, the maintenance team has also spent several weeks setting up this year's Halloween Walk, which includes many hours of assembling large props, hanging lights from trees, running extension cords strategically, and more! The Holiday Walk's success is accredited to the maintenance team as well as Courtney Butler (who spent hours painting all of the beautiful props) for taking the programming event layout and bringing it to life. Next time you're out in the park and see a maintenance team member be sure to thank them for all the hard work!

If you'd like to know more about what is going on in your park system, the Auburn Parks and Recreation Park Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Rieke Lodge. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.



PROGRAM & EVENT UPDATES

The Programming Department has added a new member to the team! Sarah Umbdenstock is the new Recreation Coordinator for the Department and joined the team at the beginning of October. Sarah is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio where she obtained her Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati in Sports Administration and worked as the Marketing & Events Coordinator for the City of Blue Ash. Outside of work, she loves to go on adventures with her husband Nick and her puppy Marvel, play sand volleyball, and make crafts.

In November, the Fall fun continues with Turkey Treats, Painting with Sherian: Beach Pour, Snowman String Art, and the Princess Tea Party. The Princess Tea Party is full at this time. If you're interested in learning more about our November programs visit auburnin.recdesk.com.

OCTOBER RECAP

The last few weeks have been full of festive activities the community enjoyed such as the Hunt for the Great Pumpkin, sponsored by Kroger, Walmart, Jimmy Johns and Buffalo Wild Wings, and the 25th Annual Halloween Walk sponsored by the Community Foundation of DeKalb County, Auburn Essential Services and the DeKalb County Council on Aging. This year the Halloween Walk was free to the community thanks to our sponsors. The attendance for this year's walk has broke the record of attendance reaching over 4,000. Attendees enjoyed Eckhart Park transformed into spooky Halloween Town while taking pictures with popular characters such as Jack Skellington, Oogie Boogie, Sally, and more!



Sarah Umbdenstock,
Recreation Coordinator



2020 Halloween Walk

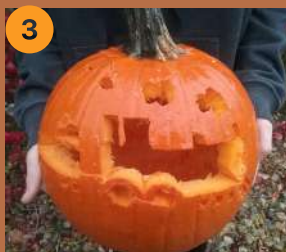
PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST WINNERS



Addison, Age 14



Hayley, Age 23



Marcus, Age 17