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## Park Police Department Will Move to Its Own Building Later this Summer



Medina County Park District's Police Department will soon have a new address. In an effort to free up office space and garage bays at MCPD headquarters, the police department will move to 6717 Wedgewood Road in Lafayette Township later this summer.

Built in 1890, the future police headquarters building was once the home of Theda and Fred Schleman. If the name "Schleman" sounds familiar to you, that's no coincidence. Upon her passing, Theda Schleman (1900–1976) donated the 67-acre Lafayette Township property to the park district that had been the family farm of her late husband.



Theda Schleman

Schleman Nature Preserve was the original Buckeye Woods Park; it opened October 31, 1976. Later, when the park district acquired additional adjacent land, Theda's former land was renamed Schleman Nature Preserve in her honor. The Schleman homestead and surrounding land was purchased by MCPD in 2023.

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## New Playground Installed at River Styx Park

Exciting news for kids at River Styx Park! A brand-new playset was installed in late June. River Styx Park is located at 8200 River Styx Road in Guilford Township.

Named after the local community, River Styx Park is over 83 acres in size and opened in May of 1996. As erosion by a glacier and water shaped the meandering River Styx Valley, the upland ravines of River Styx Park became a quiet haven for flora and fauna.

River Styx Park is a popular get-away for hundreds of visitors each year. These visitors fly from the rain forests of Central America to spend their summers in Medina County. Who are they? Migrating neo-tropical songbirds! This park is one of the few remaining sites in Medina County where these birds nest each year. The combination of open fields and mature forests makes the area attractive to these fascinating birds.

A .75-mile nature trail guides you through the mature forests of River Styx Park and provides great opportunities for bird watching. The month of May is the prime time to see the greatest variety of birds.

A .5-mile paved loop trail circles the three-acre pond found at this site and passes through a wooded area. The pond is fed by a unique aeration tower. The park district periodically stocks this pond for family fishing enjoyment with large mouth bass; blue gill; some channel catfish; and, in the spring and fall, rainbow trout.

Visitors can enjoy a family picnic at the park or reserve a picnic shelter for group activities. Paved paths make the restrooms and shelter at this park fully accessible.



## Onion Bag Litter Prevention Station Installed at Killbuck Lakes

Visitors to Killbuck Lakes will notice something new near the water. An Onion Bag Litter Prevention station was recently installed to help prevent litter from accumulating in the lake and trails. Don Dotson, a frequent visitor to Killbuck Lakes, sponsored and installed the box free of charge!



We encourage visitors to Killbuck Lakes to take an onion bag with them while out on the water or on the trails and fill it with any trash they come across. Bring the bag back to shore, dump the trash into the garbage can, and put the onion bag back in the receptacle for the next person to use.

Learn more about this project here: <https://theonionbaglitterpreventionproject.org/>.