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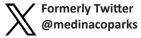


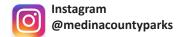
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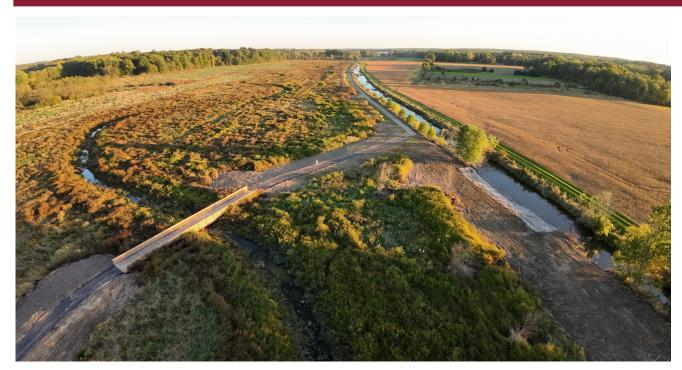
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Your Connection to Nature

The Entire Chippewa Inlet Trail is Now Open!

Over the course of a year, the Chippewa Inlet Trail was closed from Chippewa Road to State Route 162 for a wetland restoration and trail reconstruction project. The project focused on diverting water from the Chippewa Inlet through more than 4,000 feet of linear wetland to reduce nutrients and improve water quality north of Chippewa Lake. Portions of the trail were permanently re-routed to accommodate the wetland restoration, including two new 100' bridges over the wetland. The project improved sections of the popular walking and biking trail by making it more accessible during wet weather.

Funding for the wetland construction project was provided by H2Ohio. Launched by Governor Mike DeWine in 2019, H2Ohio is a collaborative water quality effort to provide clean and safe water to Ohio. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Agriculture, and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency each has a significant role in H2Ohio through the natural infrastructure of wetlands, the reduction in nutrient runoff, and increasing access to clean drinking water and quality sewer systems. To learn more, visit h2.ohio.gov.

Experience the Rewards of Trekking Through Autumn

Medina County Park District's self-guided hiking program,

Trekking Through Autumn, is the perfect opportunity for individuals to get out and experience the crisp days and spectacular colors of fall. Hikers complete the walks at their own pace and on their own schedules. To participate, pick up a Trekking Through Autumn form



at Medina County Park District Headquarters, Oenslager Nature Center, or print one at www.MedinaCountyParks.com.



Water Shut Off in Parks

As of October 15, the water will be shut off in the parks. Water fountains will not be operational. The water station at the dog park will also be turned off.

Please remember to bring your own water after this date. This measure is necessary to prevent freezing pipes during the winter months. The water will be turned back on in the late spring. Thank you for understanding.

DONATION CORNER

Tree of Life

In Memory of Steve Chylik Larry and Vicki Luschek

Oenslager Nature Center Monetary donation BBA50K Inc.



Join us for the 23rd Annual Nature Art Fest featuring unique items inspired by nature from professional artists! From paintings to stained glass, you'll find unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list.

2024 Artisans

Bill Bachtel – hand-turned bowls and platters Marita Bitans – digitally-enhanced nature photography Barbara Bloom - hand-painted silk items, cocoon earrings, and cold-process soaps

Maria Burke – wildlife gauche

Kelley & Michael Clark – wood birdhouses and suet feeders

Cindy Craft – pen and ink watercolor paintings

Henry Edinger – acrylic bird and nature paintings on slate

Carrie Elvey – welded, enameled, and pottery insects and plants

Cathy Everly – stained-glass and glass mosaics

Mark Gifford - wood intarsia

Robert Hansen – hand-carved wildlife figures

Darrell Kent – ink marker pointillism landscapes

Josh Koppen – plein air acrylic and oil paintings

Laura Kovach – copper work

Mary Krosse – hand-formed and painted dough sculpture Kristina Malcolm – handmade sterling silver jewelry

Jane Mallorn – paper cut-out art; small gourd earrings

Gail Martonicz – watercolor paintings

Laurie Musser – wildlife image digital prints

Amy Jean Nichols – glass enamel and bead jewelry

Lara Roketenetz – seed bead jewelry

Mary Ryan – mixed media watercolor birds and needle-felted birds

Mary Sandmann – unaltered nature photography Barbara Tartir – watercolor paintings

Carol Thombs – eco-printing with natural, organic dyes

Suki Warden – wheel-thrown pottery