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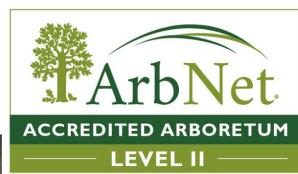
The fall color has been spectacular this year. It is inspiring to see all enjoy! October has been full of exciting news, fun events, new projects, and impactful memories. We are looking forward to an exciting November and invite you to enjoy the beauty this season brings.

"It's the first day of autumn! A time of hot chocolatey mornings, and toasty marshmallow evenings, and, best of all, leaping into leaves!" -Winnie the Pooh

Warm Regards,
Ashton Robinson, Park Superintendent

Level II Arboretum Upgrade

Mahr Park Arboretum is now a Level II Accredited Arboretum by The ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum for achieving particular standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens. Our team has worked diligently to care for our trees and continue to add more



through reforestation efforts.

In addition to the recent upgrade, Mahr Park Arboretum is recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world's arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants.

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Employee Spotlight:

Shawn Funkhouser



Shawn Funkhouser, a dedicated member of our team at Mahr Park Arboretum. Shawn has excellent character qualities, is humble, always looking out for others, and is dedicated to going above and beyond to serve his community and guests who visit the Arboretum. His work ethic and reliability are top-notch. Shawn says he loves his job because he gets to get up every day and spend it in God's creation. The simple beauty of the park, getting to see the wildlife, and being present to behold the change of each season is something he highly appreciates. Shawn takes pride in the upkeep of this beautiful gift that the community can love and enjoy long-term. He is thankful for his team and how we are a work family that helps each other through situations. He is thankful the good Lord blessed him with the opportunity to work here. Shawn enjoys spending time with his family outdoors, serving in his church, and watching sports, especially the UK Wildcats and Murray Racers! We appreciate you greatly, Shawn, and look forward to your continued service.

Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt



It was a great time exploring, finding fall treasures, and spending time on the Mahr land learning. After the fun fall scavenger hunt, the little explorers created natural art pieces!



Park Tours

We gave many park tours this month! These residents of Hillside Center enjoyed some fresh air and some beautiful fall views. If you or someone you know is interested in a tour reach out to us at 270-584-9017 or mahrpark@madisonvillegov.com.





Congratulations Hay Bale Trail 2023 winners! There were some incredible displays this year and the community truly enjoyed these all month!

Tagging Trees



The Kentucky Division of Forestry helped us tag trees this month. Their partnership in helping us identify

trees is vital. Did you know we have over 100 trees labeled with common and scientific names? Our goal is that you will be able to identify these trees more easily and use them as an educational tool while visiting.

Feedback Appreciated!

We are planning our 2024 educational event schedule for next year! One of the standards of being an arboretum is having quality educational programs.

What guided educational events are you interested in?

Guided Hikes

Educational Seminars

Art Classes

Contests

Star Party

Tours

Other

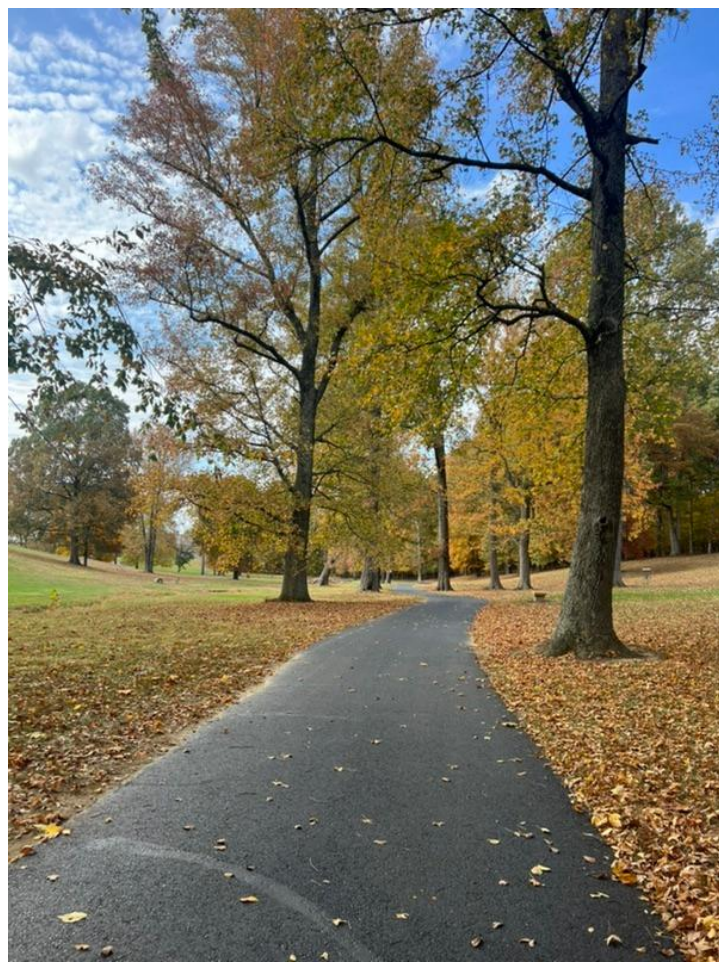
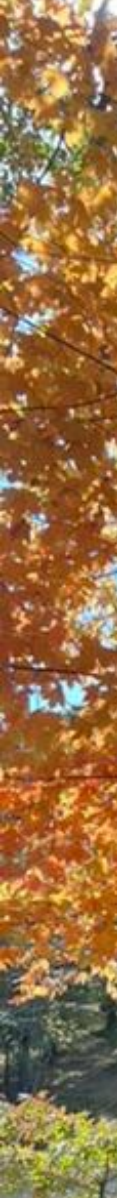


The Arboretum is an outdoor classroom for many!

American Heritage Girls Troop enjoyed earning their nature badge at the Arboretum this month. From learning about Eastern Bluebirds, trees, pollinators and more!

We appreciate our volunteers assisting with these important outings!

Enjoy Recreational Services!



Fall Photography Contest

Our Fall Photography Contest Awards will be held Sunday, Nov. 5, in Barn B at 2:00 p.m. Guest judge Richard Day will be joining us for a photography presentation and awards.

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Fall projects begin!



Our team has begun many fall projects, from new plant beds, to fall clean-up, and more. We appreciate their dedication and hard work.



Volunteers have been busy cleaning Purple Martin Gourd systems and storing them until next season!



Be sure to check out new native plant display beds. We have added 5 new native areas. 125 plants were planted by gardening volunteers. We are excited to see these areas grow and be enjoyed by guests and pollinators!



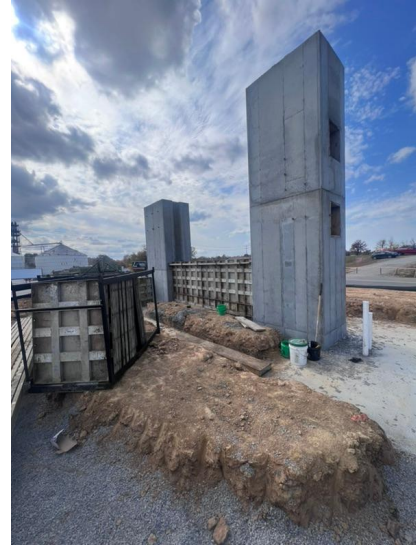
2023 Show and Go: Mahr Park Cruise-in

With 197 classic cars on display and many guests enjoying a fun time of cars, food trucks and fellowship. We were happy to partner with Show and Go Car Club to make this cruise-in happen. This is the second annual Mahr Show and Go cruise!



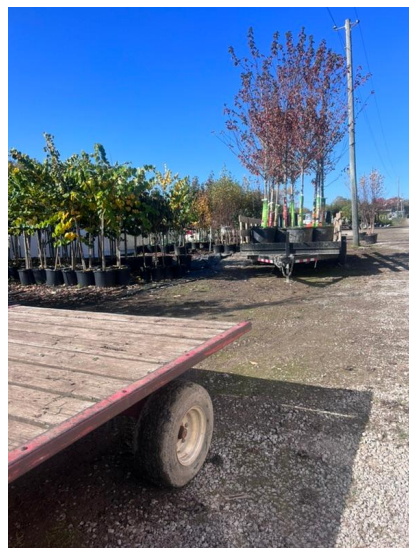
Entry Sign Progress

WOW! Have you been seeing some changes happening at the entry to Mahr Park Arboretum? We are pleased with the progress of the new Mahr entry sign. This project is funded by the Mahr Charitable Trust. It recognizes the gift of this land to our community by Dr. Merle and Glema Mahr. The sign rises to 17 ft. tall and features natural stone, lush landscape, water features, and unique design elements. The sign enhances visibility into the park. Stay tuned for more updates on this vital project.



Fall Reforestation Begins!

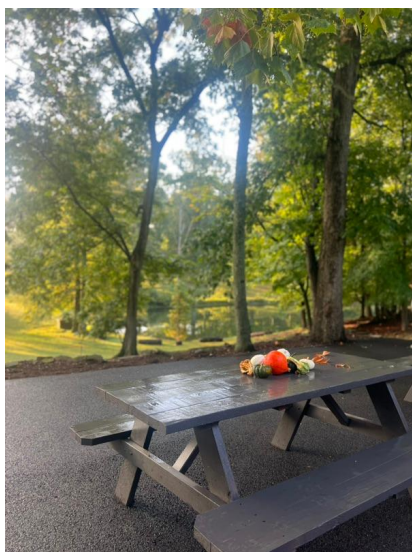
It is vital that we plan for reforestation annually. The park is ever-changing; we lose trees to age, disease, and mother nature. The future of our park matters. Planning and planting now will impact the long-term services we offer. Most of the trees within are mature. We are thankful for giving tree donors and being able to budget annually to grow our arboretum and sustain the park. We will begin planting nearly 75 trees within the next few weeks.



Event highlights this month!



Art at the Arboretum was inspiring! We appreciate local artist Dawn Moore for guiding guests in beautiful paintings with Mahr Park Arboretum as their inspiration.



The October Star Party was a great turnout with over 75 star gazers. Join Ross Workman and Charity Williams on November 18th, for the final 2023 Star Party. Stay tuned for the 2024 schedule.



Upcoming Events

11/05/23

2023 Fall Photography Contest Awards

*Barn B, 2 P.M.

11/05/23

Daylight Savings time ends

11/18/23

Jr. Naturalist

*Welcome Center- Discovery Classroom, 10 P.M.

11/18/23

Star Party

*Barn B, 6 P.M.

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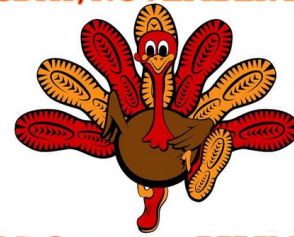
Run for the Hungry 5K/ Walk, Kids Fun Run

*Kayak Area Trail Head 8:15 A.M.

11/23/23

Happy Thanksgiving!

SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2023



RUN for the HUNGRY
Benefitting Christian Food Bank of Hopkins County

8am
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5K Run/Walk
Kids 1/2 mile Fun Run
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