



## Newsletter

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### August 2023

#### Hello friend,

The summer heat is here, but fall is on the horizon! The month of August has seemed like it has flown by us. We are gearing up for a busy next few months. With over 18,000 vehicles coming through this month, it is a sure sign that we are still in the busy season. Look for new projects, exciting events, and more upcoming outdoor adventures- more details within!

"In nature, nothing is perfect, and everything is perfect." Alice Walker

Warm Regards,  
Ashton Robinson, Park Director

**New entry sign beginning soon!**

## Mahr Entry Sign



Be on the lookout for dirt work and construction to begin soon with our entry sign! We are thankful for the generous investment from the Mahr Charitable Trust to complete this essential project that will allow guests better visibility and ease in locating the Arboretum and honoring the beautiful legacy of Dr. Merle and Glema Mahr. The entry sign features unique design elements that connect the park's natural features and branding standards. The sign will have two pristine water features, natural stone, and lush plants, standing at 17 feet on the rear column. The sign will genuinely honor the Mahrs and allow guests ease of locating their destination. The project will begin dirt work within the next few weeks, with construction starting shortly after. After project completion, a dedication will be announced



### Employee Spotlight: Aidan Brummer

Aidan has worked seasonally for Mahr Park Arboretum for the past two years, working with our office and grounds crew. Aidan is a delight and joy to work with and always helpful to others; his positive attitude, dedication, and personality are top-notch. Aidan loves the beauty that Mahr Park Arboretum contains. When he thinks about Mahr Park, he thinks of it as a place where the community can be built and a sanctuary of serenity. He has enjoyed taking pride in the park's upkeep as he enjoys the view. Aidan enjoys playing both our Championship and Recreational disc golf courses. Aidan will attend his 2nd year at the University of Kentucky this fall. In his free time, he enjoys doing anything outdoors! We are thankful to have Aidan, who will always be a part of our Mahr team.

## Harvest Fest 2023, September 15th and 16th!

Mark your calendars as we kick off all things fall

at Mahr Park Arboretum in Madisonville, Kentucky!

**September 15, 2023**

**Friday Night**

**Location: Barn B**

**5-9 p.m.**

**LIVE MUSIC, food, drinks, hayrides and fun!**

**September 16, 2023**

**Saturday**

**10-6 p.m.**

**Retail, activities, food trucks, ag displays, hayrides, corn pit, hay maze, and more!**



## Hay Bale Trail



### Family fun through October!

"Hay, Hay, Hay!"

The 3rd annual Hay Bale Trail at Mahr Park Arboretum kicks off Harvest Fest weekend and can be seen through October!

Be sure to drive through and enjoy the amazing designs and vote on your favorite!



### USO Summer Days!

We were thankful to host Fort Campbell families at the Arboretum. Guest was treated to Dibby's Ice Cream, kayaking, park tours, dinner, and a fun time!

Special thanks to all who helped to make this day a success for all!





We are always looking for ways to make your guest experience unique. Check out these beautiful engraved boulders on your visit!



## Rent our NEW pedal boats!



Enjoy the view from a new pedal boat. Rentals are \$15/ hour and are available at our Welcome Center. Lifejacket included with a rental.

## That's a wrap!



We completed filming a legacy video honoring the Mahrs and featuring Shirley Peyton and Dr. Jack Hamman. We hope to release this in the coming months and will keep you posted!







Calling all skill levels for our fall photography contest at the Arboretum! Richard Day is our guest judge! Refer to our website for details!  
[Photography Contest](#)



### Arboretum Expansion

We have been working hard at planting trees and identification to apply to level II Arboretum status. We will be able to apply soon and are proud of the accomplishment. We will announce when an application has been approved! We are still accepting fall tree donors!  
[Arboretum](#)



### Upcoming Events

**08/26/23**  
**CASA SuperHero Walk**  
 9:00 a.m.  
 \*Kayak Launch Area

**08/26/23**  
**Star Party**  
 8:00 p.m.  
 \*Barn B

**09/15/23**  
**Harvest Fest**  
 5-9 p.m.  
 \*Barn B

**09/16/23**



**Harvest Fest and Hay Bale Trail Kick-Off  
10-6 p.m.**

**09/23/23  
Farm to Fork  
\*Barn B, Ticket Required**

**09/23/23  
Jr. Naturalist Class  
\*Welcome Center**

**09/28/23  
Happy Feet  
\*Barn B, Ticket Required**

**09/29/23- 10-01/23  
KY State Disc Golf Tournament**

Hopkins County Farmers Market every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Danny Peyton Education Center.

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The Mahr legacy lives on...



Tag us on social media or email your photos of your next visit to Mahr Park Arboretum! You may be featured in the following newsletter!  
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