

AGENDA
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SUMMIT METRO PARKS
September 9, 2025

1. Pledge of Allegiance
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 - A. Ratification of Bills Paid
 - B. Authorization to Transfer Funds
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 - E. Authorization to Return Advanced Funds
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 - G. Authorization to Update Purchasing Manual
 - H. Authorization to Replace the Flat Roof at the Tuscarawas Shelter at Firestone Metro Park
 - I. Authorization to Award a Contract for Lighting at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center
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September 9, 2025

Minutes of Proceedings
Of
The Board of Park Commissioners
Of
Summit Metro Parks

The Board of Park Commissioners of Summit Metro Parks met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 11:30 A.M., at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm, 1828 Smith Rd., Akron, OH 44313.

ITEM 1: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened by S. Theresa Carter, Chair, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Roll call showed S. Theresa Carter, Chair, Herb Newman, First Vice-Chair, Joel D. Bailey, Second Vice-Chair, Jill M. Stritch, Member, Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr., Member and Lisa M. King, Executive Director. Also in attendance were Lindsay Smith, Aaron Hockman, Demetrius Falconer, Mark Szeremet, Jen Harvey, Angie Hardman, Josh Hamblen, Dale Fobean, Mike Johnson, Bonnie Burhoe and Joe Leslie.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2025 PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

Resolution 93.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Bailey, that the minutes of the August 12, 2025, board meeting were approved. The previous minutes were emailed for the Commissioners' review.

The vote being:	S. Theresa Carter	Aye
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Abstain

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

The Executive Director's reports were reviewed and discussed. Copies of these reports are attached at the end of the minutes.

ITEM 5: ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- None

ITEM 6: CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 94.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Newman, seconded by Ms. Stritch, that the consent agenda items of the Board of Park Commissioners were approved. All supporting documents are at the end of this report.

The vote being:

S. Theresa Carter	Aye
Herbert Newman	Aye
Joel D. Bailey	Aye
Jill M. Stritch	Aye
Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

A. RATIFICATION OF BILLS PAID

OPERS	August 2025	\$206,558.09
Medicare	August 2025	\$20,027.68
Interim Bills	August 29, 2025	\$734,800.99
Payroll	August 1, 2025	\$471,926.71
Payroll	August 15, 2025	\$470,161.16
Payroll	August 29, 2025	\$461,808.27
TOTAL	BALANCE	\$2,365,282.90

Resolution 95.2025

The action of the Executive Director in paying the above bills was hereby ratified.

B. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

The Executive Director requested authorization to transfer \$90,000.00 from the general fund into the internal service healthcare fund to cover self-insured healthcare expenditures. The transfer is to comply with ORC 9.833, self-insurance program for healthcare benefits. The designation of the transfer of funds is as follows:

Transfer: 90119010-599900 Transfer Out +90,000.00

Cash Transfer: 90119010-599900 Cash Transfer out of General Fund \$90,000.00 Debit
90189010-499901 Cash Transfer into Healthcare Self-Insurance Fund \$90,000.00 Credit

Resolution 96.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to transfer \$90,000.00 from the general fund into the internal service healthcare fund to properly account for self-insured healthcare expenditures.

C. AUTHORIZATION OF THE ADVANCEMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

WHEREAS, the Summit County Fiscal Officer has requested that local agencies request advancement of local taxes annually by resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Summit Metro Parks that the Summit County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and requested to advance any and all local taxes to Summit Metro Parks for the 2025 tax year, payable in 2026, in order to comply with Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code to receive advance payment of local taxes.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Summit County.

Resolution 97.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to request the advancement of local taxes for the 2025 tax year, payable in 2026, in order to comply with Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code to receive advance payment of local taxes and is also directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Summit County.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF RATES & AMOUNTS OF TAX LEVY

The Executive Director reported that the Budget Commission has furnished the certificate entitled, "Summit County Budget Commission Certification of Tax Levy" for 2026 rates and amounts for Summit Metro Parks. The total revenue estimated from tax levy collections is \$26,422,141.

Summit Metro Parks required to adopt a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio by October 1, 2025.

WHEREAS this Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS the Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Fiscal Office of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten-mill tax limitation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Summit Metro Parks, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be accepted, and be it further

RESOLVED that there be and hereby levied on the tax duplicate of Summit County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied without the ten-mill tax limitation as follows:

Amount to be derived from levies outside the ten-mill tax limitation is: \$26,422,141. The Summit County Fiscal Office's estimate of the tax rate to be levied outside the ten-mill tax limitation; 2.00; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Director of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution for the Budget Commission of the Summit County Fiscal Office.

Resolution 98.2025

The Executive Director was directed to certify a copy of this Resolution for the Budget Commission of the Summit County Fiscal Office.

E. AUTHORIZATION TO RETURN ADVANCED FUNDS

The Executive Director requested authorization to return advanced funds from a capital fund back into the general fund. The designation of the return of advance is as follows:

Capital Fund – Clean Ohio

Return of Advance 90129090-9090000006-599901 Advances Out +2,000,000.00

Return of 90129090-9090000006-599901 Cash Advance out of Capital Fund 2,000,000.00 Debit
Cash Advance 90119010-499901 Cash Advance into General Fund 2,000,000.00 Credit

Resolution 99.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to return advanced funds from a capital fund back into the general fund.

F. AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE CASH HANDLING POLICY

The Park District routinely updates its policies to reflect operational changes and administrative guidelines. Staff recommend these changes be reflected in the cash handling policy:

- Update courier responsibilities due to swim park closures.
- Update the personnel involved with cash handling.

The Executive Director requested authorization to update the park district's Cash Handling Policy to reflect operational changes and administrative guidelines.

Resolution 100.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to update the park district's Cash Handling Policy to reflect operational changes and administrative guidelines.

G. AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE PURCHASING MANUAL

The Park District routinely updates its policies to reflect changes in law and administrative guidelines. The Bidding and Contracting Procedure Manual was recently approved and updated due to changes in the State of Ohio Revised Code. Staff recommend these changes be reflected in the purchasing manual along with the following revisions:

- Increase the threshold of purchases with a cost of less than **\$1,000 to \$3,500**. These purchases are within a department's current budget and are made by comparative shopping, without quotation, competitive bids or prior board approval. Authorization will be given by the department head and a purchase order will not be required.
- Remove account descriptions from the manual creating a separate document that can be updated as needed with changes occurring in the county software system.
- Update travel expenses to raise the per diem daily total meal rate from **\$50 to \$70**.

The Executive Director requested authorization to update the park district's Purchasing Manual to reflect the Ohio Revised Code changes adopted in the Bidding and Contracting Procedure Manual along with increasing the comparative shopping threshold and per diem meal rate.

Resolution 101.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to update the park district's Purchasing Manual to reflect the Ohio Revised Code changes adopted in the Bidding and Contracting Procedure Manual along with increasing the comparative shopping threshold and per diem meal rate.

H. AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE THE FLAT ROOF AT THE TUSCARAWAS SHELTER AT FIRESTONE METRO PARK

The Tuscarawas Shelter flat roof needs replaced due to its age and condition. Quotes for contracting this work were received.

Summary of quotes:

The Kozlowski Co.	\$30,613.00
Legacy Roofing	\$32,420.00

The Executive Director requested authorization to sign a contract with The Kozlowski Co. to replace the flat roof on the Tuscarawas Shelter at Firestone Metro Park, for the quoted amount of \$30,613.00 and the requested an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$33,674.30.

Resolution 102.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to sign a contract with The Kozlowski Co. to replace the flat roof on the Tuscarawas Shelter at Firestone Metro Park, for the quoted amount of \$30,613.00 and the additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$33,674.30.

I. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR LIGHTING AT F.A. SEIBERLING NATURE REALM VISITORS CENTER

The lighting inside the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center is aging out and needs replaced. Quotes for doing electrical work and lighting installation to improve lighting in multiple sections of the building were received.

Summary of quotes:

Speelman Electric \$46,012.89
ANR Electric Updated quote not received by due date

The Executive Director requested authorization to sign a contract with Speelman Electric to complete electrical work to improve lighting at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center, for the quoted amount of \$46,012.89 and requested an additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$50,614.18.

Resolution 103.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to sign a contract with Speelman Electric to complete electrical work to improve lighting at the F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm Visitors Center, for the quoted amount of \$46,012.89 and requested the additional 10% contingency, at a cost not to exceed \$50,614.18.

J. AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 DISTRICT-WIDE RESTROOM REPLACEMENT DESIGN SERVICES

Due to deterioration, maintenance, and location issues, many of our existing free-standing vault restrooms need replaced. Staff would like to replace four restrooms in 2026 which are located at O’Neil Woods Metro Park, Goodyear Heights Metro Park – Pioneer Area, Sand Run Metro Park – Big Bend Area, and Sand Run Metro Park – Old Portage Area. The trailheads will also be improved with ADA accessibility to restrooms and trailhead amenities.

Qualifications were received and reviewed in July 2025 and GPD Group was chosen as the most qualified firm. Following scope and cost negotiations a proposal was received from GPD Group with a fee of \$265,000 which includes additional survey work, geotechnical, permitting and construction document services.

The Executive Director requested authorization to sign a contract with GPD Group for design and engineering services to develop concepts into biddable construction documents for permitting and construction of four district-wide restrooms and trailheads for the fee of \$265,000.

Resolution 104.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to sign a contract with GPD Group for design and engineering services to develop concepts into biddable construction documents for permitting and construction of four district-wide restrooms and trailheads for the fee of \$265,000.

ITEM 7: UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ITEM 8: CORRESPONDENCE

- None

PUBLIC PORTION

- None

ITEM 9: EXECUTIVE SESSION: O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (1), (G) (2), (G) (3) AND (G) (4)

I ask for a Motion that the Board of Park Commissioners adjourn to Executive Session to consider appointment, employment, discipline, investigation, promotion, demotion/compensation of a Summit Metro Parks employee, O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (1); the purchase of property for a public purpose pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (2); to confer with counsel concerning disputes that are the subject of pending litigation and imminent litigation pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (3); and to prepare for discussions with public employees concerning terms and conditions of employment pursuant to O.R.C. §121.22, (G) (4).

Resolution 105.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Stritch, seconded by Mr. Bailey, that the Board of Park Commissioners adjourn to executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE	S. Theresa Carter	Aye
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

Resolution 106.2025

Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Newman, seconded by Rev. Walker, that the Board of Park Commissioners return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE	S. Theresa Carter	Aye
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

The Board returned to open session.

Resolution 107.2025

The Executive Director was authorized to apply for Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant funding in the amount of \$1,436,648.00 for the acquisition of the Heritage Farms property. The total purchase price is \$2,750,000.00, with additional funds to be raised through private donations and grants. Some funds from SMP's general budget may also be allocated to the purchase of this property. The Board also authorized Lisa King, Executive Director, to sign all necessary documents and act on behalf of Summit Metro Parks in connection with the grant application.

The vote being:	S. Theresa Carter	Aye
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

Resolution 108.2025

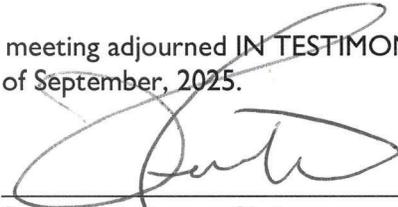
The Executive Director was authorized to apply for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant and further gives Lisa King, Executive Director, authority to sign on behalf of Summit Metro Parks.

The vote being:	S. Theresa Carter	Aye
	Herbert Newman	Aye
	Joel D. Bailey	Aye
	Jill M. Stritch	Aye
	Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr.	Aye

ITEM 10: FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. – F. A. Seiberling Nature Realm

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand, this 9th day of September, 2025.



S. Theresa Carter, Chair



Lisa M. King, Executive Director

True copies emailed to all Commissioners on September 12th, 2025.

ITEM 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

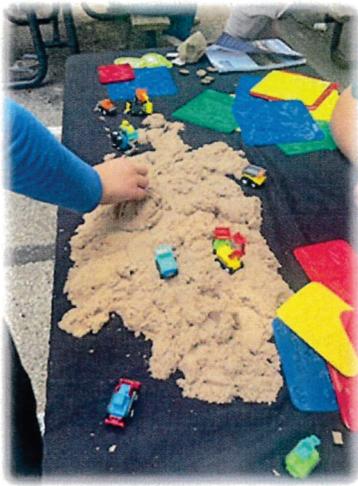
	Central Region	North Region	South Region
Building Visitation	4,498	2,800	1,135
Phone calls	221	84	50
Number of Programs	20	17	27
Programs Attendance	367	370	554
Number of Special Events	2	-	-
Special Event Attendance	666	-	-
Number of Outreach	4	2	4
Outreach Attendance	309	40	108
Number of Virtual Programs & Outreach	-	-	1
Virtual Programs & Outreach Attendance	-	-	40
Number of Other (Impromptus, School Groups, Visits)	10	10	5
Other Attendance	329	529	57

Center Highlights: (FASN)

This month, we welcomed thousands of visitors to our special events. Touch-A-Truck, PorchRokr, and the Fall Hiking Spree Kickoff were successful because of the excellent customer service and teamwork of park staff.

The sensory hour at Touch-A-Truck welcomed a variety of ages. Families of all styles enjoyed a matching game, visual cards and a sensory activity with kinetic sand and mini trucks. The PorchRokr event was busy and fun! Naturalists and marketing were able to offer something a little different this year by providing one of the only stations for children.

The Fall Hiking Spree Kickoff was an enormous success! Hikers were able to interact with an oversized woolly bear who may have predicted an early winter. Visitors discovered the process in which leaves change colors, in addition to creating their own leaf print!



What's Next

During the month of September, the community engagement department begins to transition from less public offerings of recreational programs such as camping, fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding to more group programs with local schools and community organizations. Call your nearest nature or visitors center if you are interested in having a naturalist-led program to educate your group about the natural wonders of northeast Ohio.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

- We have resumed fall swarming surveys around the caves at Liberty Park. Our goal is to assess population trends of rare and endangered bats post white-nose syndrome.
- SMP hosted a tour of Globally Responsible Leadership Initiative (GRLI) funded projects for local, state, and federal officials. The event was well attended and included a stop at the Gorge Dam and Valley View areas.
- SMP continues to team with the University of Akron to host Geographic Information System (GIS) classes that address conservation issues.
- Cultural resources responded to a disturbance notification along the Chuckery Race resulting from excessive vibrations from construction activities. Per the plan, work was temporarily halted, and a mitigation plan was implemented to reduce impacts to the resource.
- We are preparing for the 2025-2026 archery season. This year, nearly 400 archers selected from a public lottery will be allowed to hunt deer from 37 locations throughout the district. Last year, over 250 deer were safely removed from our parks and conservation areas. This program compliments other management efforts to maintain an appropriate deer density in balance with the surrounding landscape.

CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT

August

Headquarters

Calls: 1,472

Visitors: 94

HUMAN RESOURCES

Milestone Anniversaries:

Desrosiers, John	5 Years of Service	Ranger
Elia, Ben	10 Years of Service	Forestry Technician

Promotions:

Owen, Ryan	Park Technician I
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Postings:

08/12/25	PTYR Park Technician I
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Seasonals:

Sherman, Robert	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Monnard, Jaxon	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Byars, Dillon	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Fellenstein, Anna	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Bodossian, Grace	End of Season	Seasonal Horticulturalist
Naiman, Joseph	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Edwards, Julia	End of Season	Seasonal Biologist
Ulbricht, Lucas	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Harman, MacKenzie	End of Season	Seasonal Campground Attendant
Rupert, Jenna	New Hire	Seasonal Maintenance
Jones, Aaron	End of Season	Seasonal Horticulturalist
Horak, Annemadison	End of Season	Seasonal Cons. Maintenance
Hostler, Brennan	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Ulbricht, Wyatt	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Prescutti, Jori	End of Season	Seasonal Cons. Maintenance
Gaetjens, Melissa	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Nicholas, Noah	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Roberts, Carson	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Cooler, Hannah	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Schlarb, Adam	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Collins, Bradley	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Garner, Joshua	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Neville, Cora	End of Season	Seasonal Biologist
Pira, Olivia	End of Season	Seasonal Biologist
Churchin, Miriam	End of Season	Seasonal Biologist
Butke, Connor	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance
Perich, Richard	End of Season	Seasonal Maintenance

Volunteer Program:

- Volunteer Engagement
 - In August 2025, 126 reoccurring volunteers reported 1,287 hours within 32 assignments across the park district and community including PorchRokr, Akron Pride Festival and a trash clean up on the Cuyahoga River.
 - Episodic volunteers, including employees from American Endowment Foundation, Firestone High School Cross Country and MGM Northfield Park contributed 196 hours maintaining native beds at Liberty Park and Cascade Valley Metro Park, cleaning trash along the Freedom Trail and prepping Fall Hiking Spree shield packets.
- Recruitment
 - Coordinated with 14 corporate groups on possible volunteer service projects.
 - The interest of 53 prospective volunteers was expressed within August via our volunteer sign up at summitmetroparks.org/volunteer.aspx.
- Impact
 - On Aug 23, the volunteer department had the opportunity to host the final 2025 trash clean up along the Cuyahoga River in partnership with Paddle the River. Volunteers collected 675 pounds of trash, 11 tires and additional bulk items. This brings the totals for summer 2025 to 1,968 pounds of debris, 47 car tires, 9 bike tires, 8 traffic cones and several bulk items removed from the water.

- On Aug 27, 10 volunteers and volunteer department staff provided adaptive bike rides for 24 Hudson residents around Munroe Falls Metro Park lake. For many this was the first time in many years to be on a bike of any kind.

Photo: Photos of volunteer activities (top left: river cleanup, top right: Freedom Trail cleanup, bottom left: Cycling Without Age, bottom right: Fall Hiking Spree shield assembly)



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- **This September**, the Marketing & Communications department is focused on:
 - Planning and execution of fall events including the 62nd Annual Fall Hiking Spree, Fall Family Outing and Truck-or-Treat and supporting the upcoming “**SummitUP**” employee event, planned for September 15, where staff will hear a high-level overview of the new Strategic Plan with answers to frequently asked questions.
- **Media coverage in August** included mentions or stories in the following outlets: 19 News (car break-ins at parks), Akron Beacon Journal (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal, Black by Nature program, Music by the Lake, best water recreation spots in the Akron-Canton area, opinion piece: SMP’s future), Akron Life Magazine (Best of the 330), Cleveland.com (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal), Cleveland Magazine (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal), Hoodline (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal), Ideastream (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal, archaeology, Northampton Point), News 5 Cleveland (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal), NewsBreak (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal, Cuyahoga River restoration, car break-ins at parks, Fall Hiking Spree), Outdoor News (ODNR Hall of Fame inductees), Patch (car break-ins at parks), Record-Courier (SMP ranger response to demonstrators), Signal Akron (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal, hiking and favorite trails in Greater Akron, Akron PorchRokr, meadow coming to Hardesty Park), Spectrum News 1 (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal, car break-ins at parks, archaeology), West Side Leader (Fall Hiking Spree, Medina County Park District land purchase, multimodal trails in Copley and Fairlawn taking shape) and Yahoo! News (Free the Falls project/Gorge Dam removal).
- The **Fall Hiking Spree ad campaign** is underway and includes placements across the web, social media sites, streaming TV, various print publications and radio stations.
- **Maple Leaf Gifts** had an incredible month, as we processed more than \$16,800 in sales in-shop and at several large events, an impressive increase over last August’s sales. Best-selling items were T-shirts, stickers and magnets, and nature-based toys.
- Marketing staff attended several **internal and external community events** in August, engaging nearly 5,000 people, including:

Date	Event	Location	Contacts
8/1/2025	Kenmore First Friday	Kenmore Blvd.	113
8/2/2025	Touch-a-Truck	MF	942
8/2/2025	Back to School Giveaway, Remedy Church	North High School	748

8/12/2024	Music by the Lake	SC	154
8/13/2025	SPARK Ohio's Graduation (AMHA Early Childhood Initiative)	Seiberling CLC	98
8/16/2025	PorchRokr	Highland Square	915
8/23/2025	Akron Pride	Downtown Akron	1,359
8/24/2025	Fall Hiking Spree Kickoff	Liberty Park	580
Total			4,909

OPERATIONS

Park Areas and Structures

- SMP annual asphalt preservation program is wrapping up. The program includes crack sealing, repairs, repainting parking lot lines and ADA parking spaces.
- Goodyear: Staff are working on replacing kitchen cabinets and countertops in both rooms to meet ADA requirements. Improvements will be completed this month.
- Sand Run: The roof on the Service Center and a storage garage were replaced.
- Nature Realm: Staff obtained quotes to improve lighting at the Visitors Center.
- Firestone: Staff obtained quotes to replace the Tuscarawas Shelter roof.
- District-wide: Memorial benches for SMP Foundation will be installed this fall.
- Staff are working with the planning department to develop plans for the future central maintenance facility, Silver Creek and Munroe Falls master plans, Munroe Falls shelter repairs, Daffodil Trail improvements, docks for Nimisila C3 area and Long Lake area, Sand Run Parkway culvert replacements, paving and Fitzpatrick restroom replacements.

Trail Improvements

District-wide: Fall Hiking Spree is underway, and informational signs have been installed at designated trailheads.

- Goodyear: Staff are replacing a 16-foot bridge and headwalls on the Parcours Trail. The trail will be temporarily closed while the bridge is replaced.
- Hampton Hills: Staff are preparing to improve a small section of Adam Run Trail this fall.
- Furnace Run: Staff are preparing to stabilize a section of stream bank along Rock Creek Trail this fall.
- Wood Hollow: Staff are creating a trail improvement plan to address trail surface and aging boardwalk on Downy Loop. Work to be completed in 2026.
- Towpath: Crews are repairing sections of handrail and bridge approaches from Wilbeth Road to Clinton.
- Bike & Hike Trail: The section between Young Road and Graham Road will be paved and signs replaced this fall in partnership with the city of Stow.
- District-wide: Staff are grinding asphalt humps and repairing root damage on our multipurpose trails.
- John Brown Memorial: Park staff are working with the Akron Zoo and local partners on constructing a foot trail.

Park Activities & Events

- Staff are preparing for the annual Fall Family Outing event at Munroe Falls that will be held on October 4. The public can enjoy free hayrides, bonfires, naturalist activities, music, apple cider, cookies, and lumberjack shows. A wheelchair-accessible hay wagon is available.

- SMP will continue our partnership with the Akron Marathon that attracts more than 7,000 athletes and nearly 100,000 spectators to our area. Park staff provided race support for sections in our parks. The course uses the Towpath Trail from North Street to Portage Path and Sand Run Parkway. The Akron Marathon will be held on September 27.
- Cross-country season has begun, and our parks will be heavily used for practices and races. Races will be held at Silver Creek and Goodyear Heights throughout the fall. Participants include athletes from elementary schools to universities. Attendance for events ranges from 100 to 2,500+.

Training:

- Congratulations to Josh Perdok for successfully passing all requirements to obtain NPRA's Certified Playground Safety Inspector certification!
- Tree Risk Assessment Training
When: September 10 & 22, 2025
Attendees: Managers, Crew Leaders, Horticulturalist, Forestry Crew Leader and Forestry Technician.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Below is a high-level summary and status update of the active park planning and development projects.

District Wide

ADA Transition Plan:

- Status:
 - ADA consultant finished their initial facilities assessment and setting up spreadsheet of projects to review with staff.
 - ADA meeting with consultants to help finalize plan in early November.

Summit County Trail & Greenway Plan:

- Teaming up with Ohio & Erie Canal Canalway Coalition to begin countywide trail planning process.

Cascade Valley

Towpath Trail Connector:

- EMH&T is working on alternative bridge designs for the park to consider. Site visits were made to review alternatives and choose the best locations for bridges.
- Ravine crossing alignment is chosen and going to engineering phase.

Chuckery Area Master Plan:

- Working internally to master plan and coordinate for after Northside Interceptor Tunnel (NSIT) and Gorge Dam projects are complete. To open the area back to the public.

Gorge

Dam Removal:

- Sediment Disposal: status
 - Ohio EPA and Severson are setting up to begin sediment removal in the Gorge Dam pool.
 - Working on permits, land acquisition and review of project documents.
 - Began considering park alternatives to the Chuckery Area when park opens.
- Dam Structure Removal: status
 - This phase of the project is generally on hold until sediment is removed.
- Cuyahoga Falls Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Design and coordination are ongoing, hoping to coordinate soon.

Hampton Hills

Riverwoods Area Plan:

- Looking at alternatives to provide public access to the area.

Munroe Falls

Master Plan for Park

- Staff are working on final edits on master plan document to present to the board in October.

Freedom Trail Connector Trail

- Design of the connector trail from Munroe Falls to Freedom Trail is nearing completion.

Bathroom Buildings Assessment

- Request for proposal (RFP) for consultants went out on August 28.

Goodyear Heights

Pioneer Area Improvements

- Design and engineering of new restroom with ADA access from parking lot and trail.

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

New Shelter

- Survey work is complete for a shelter near parking lot.
- Design and details being worked out currently; public meeting scheduled for September 16.

O'Neil Woods

Restroom Replacement – includes upgrades to restroom and ADA updates of parking lot and trailhead facility planned; preliminary design underway.

Trails

Bike & Hike Trail:

- Trail extension in Sagamore Hills
 - Status: Working on agreements with partners, initial trail alignment approved through utilities, moving forward with survey and design.

Freedom Trail:

- Phase 4: Planning continues for the final phase to the Metro RTA Station and Towpath Trail.
 - Looking into alternatives to make the connection to the Towpath Trail more cost effective and efficient.

Silver Creek Trail is a proposed trail which would connect Silver Creek Metro Park in Norton to the Towpath Trail in Barberton.

- First Energy has agreed to allow the trail on their property from Wadsworth to Barberton. Survey work completed, agreement with First Energy underway.
- Working on Request for Quotation (RFQ) to design and engineer trail.

Copley (Boughton Farm) Property

Master Plan

- Restoration work has begun on the site with removal of the drainage tiles and adding of clay liner.
- Master Plan mapping and alternatives have begun.

Sand Run

Big Bend Restroom Replacement: Upgrades to the restroom and trailhead.

- Survey work completed and applied for Ohio & Erie Canal Strategic Initiatives Grant for \$30,000 to help with construction costs.

Silver Creek

Lake Area: upgrades to the entire old beachfront area:

- Beach restoration and playground design underway.
- Building assessment is in process.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Cascade Valley

City of Akron North Side Interceptor Tunnel (NSIT):

- Construction work continues; discussions on restoration in September.

Freedom Trail

Middlebury Road:

- New trail connector to the Portage County Hike and Bike Trail, includes a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the CSX railroad tracks along with a trail; bridge installed and work for switchbacks underway.
 - Project is open to the public and complete.

Southwest Bridge:

- The existing bridge will be removed due to age and high maintenance and will be replaced with a precast concrete box culvert.

Freedom Phase 4:

- Project began in March 2025; includes trail corridor with pedestrian access on University Avenue.
 - Mill Street parking lot is graded and stoned.

- Began switchback to University Avenue and building supports for ramp down from University Avenue bridge.



Ramp structures coming off University Avenue bridge.

Central Maintenance Facility:

- Construction documents for the site and building are to be complete soon to start site work and utility construction in 2025.
 - Pre-Construction meeting was held on August 28.
 - Security cameras were installed and working.
 - Fence around facility has begun.

Goodyear Heights

Entry Drive and Parking Lot Improvements

- Existing asphalt and curbs will be removed and ADA access to the lodge and restroom buildings improved.
 - The parking lots at Goodyear Heights Lodge are open with some small restoration needed.



Main Parking Lot with ADA accessibility.



ADA accessible walkway to restroom building.

Sand Run

Retaining Walls and Railing Replacement

- Status: Contractor has set up traffic controls and work area limits, drilling steel columns and placing steel plates for the wall has begun, all three wall sections are nearing completion.
- Work on Jogging Trail replacement, handrails and guardrails.
- Small retaining wall being built to stabilize slope.

GRANT ACTIVITY		
Grants-Pending: (Application made, awaiting word)		
Summit County Community Grant	Western Access to Cuyahoga Valley	\$ 7,500
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Big Bend Trailhead Upgrades	\$ 30,000
Total		\$ 37,500
Grants-Awarded:		
Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau	Summit Lake Nature Center Signage	\$ 2,500
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Sagamore Hills Trail Engineering and Design	\$ 20,000
Clean Ohio Trail Fund	Freedom Trail Phase 4	\$ 500,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Towpath Trail - Portage Path N. Improvements	\$ 12,000
FHWA - AMATS	Freedom Trail Phase 4 (2024)	\$ 700,000
FHWA - AMATS	Freedom Trail Middlebury Connector Trail (2023)	\$ 700,000
Ohio & Erie Canalway Association	Barberton Towpath Bridge	\$ 25,000
O&ECC - Summit County Community Grant	Freedom Trail Phase 4 Engineering and Design	\$ 5,000
Total		\$ 1,964,500

RANGER DEPARTMENT

- 53 incident reports were completed for the month of August 2025.
- 600 hours of ranger foot patrol were completed for the month of August. The ranger’s primary means of patrol is on foot, checking designated trails, conservation areas and park boundaries.
- 3,567 visitor contacts were made for the month of August. A visitor contact may be as simple as assisting the park visitor with directions and may be as involved as having to arrest and remove a disorderly park patron for just cause.
- The ranger department received two letters of commendation from both Mayor Don Walters and Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department Chief Chris Martin for our involvement in the rescue, search, and recovery operation involving Braxton and Patrick Cross on the Cuyahoga River June 21st, 2025. Although Patrick Cross still remains missing, we are hopeful he will be found and be peacefully laid to rest.
- On August 5, rangers attended National Night Out Against Crime events in both Cuyahoga Falls and Stow. Thank you to both Ranger Kathy Kwasnik and Ranger Ian Hensley for representing our department.
- On August 4-6, nearly half of the ranger department was trained by the Ohio Tactical Officer’s Association (OTOA) in basic patrol rifle. All rangers will be required to complete this training in order to deploy a patrol rifle.
- On August 12-14, Ranger Spencer Forshey attended a Basic Inland Search and Rescue (BISC) course hosted by National Park Service. The BISC was taught by the US Air Force and US Coast Guard from the U.S. Coast Guard Force Readiness Command (FORCECOM) and Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The BISC was developed to bring “SAR from a Federal perspective” to the men and women of local, state and federal agencies within the United States. Topics include AFRCC Overview, Resources & Mission Types, SAR Tools, Distress Beacons Mission Operations (to include family/media), an introduction to Search Theory and Lost Person Behavior
- On August 20, Ranger Bill Kelly, Spencer Forshey, and Project Manager Ron Arpajian attended a joint drone training with Macedonia Fire Department. The overall goal is to eventually establish a Summit County Public Safety Drone Team composed of firefighters and law enforcement who can provide assistance to other agencies within the county and conduct joint training together.

2025 MONTHLY WORK FORCE REPORT, SUMMIT METRO PARKS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Full Time Employees, Job Positions												
Accounting/Payroll Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Accounting/Payroll Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Administrative Office Mgr/Executive Asst. (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Assistant Park Manager (2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Assistant Purchasing Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Brand Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Carpenter (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Community Engagement (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Conservation (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Finance (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Human Resources & Admin (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Marketing & Communications (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Operations (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Planning (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Philanthropy (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Chief of Rangers (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Community Engagement Coordinator (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Community Engagement Manager (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Community Engagement Specialists (2)	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2				
w Leader I (9)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9				
w Leader II (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Customer Service Rep (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Donor Relations Coordinator (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1				
Donor Relations Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Executive Director (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Events Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Fleet Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Forestry Crew Leader (1)	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1				
Forestry Technician (1)	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1				
Graphic Designer (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Horticulturalist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Human Resources Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Human Resources Manager (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Interpretive Artist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6				
Landscape Architect (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Lead Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Lead Naturalist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Maintenance/Utility Technician (2)	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2				
Manager Volunteer Programs (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Marketing Assistant (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Marketing & Public Relations Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Marketing Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Mechanic (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Mechanic - Small Engine (1)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1				
Natural Resources Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Operations Project Manager (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Operations Service Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Park Manager I (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Park Manager II (8)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
Park Planner (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1				
Park Ranger (20)	16	16	16	16	15	17	17	18				
Park Technician I (36)	37	37	36	37	36	37	37	37				
Park Technician II (1)	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0				
Park Technician III (5)	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4				
Planning & Development Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Purchasing Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Ranger Captain (1)	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0				
Ranger Lieutenant (1)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Ranger Project Manager (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Ranger Sergeant (3)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Regional Manager (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
Sales Supervisor (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Supervisor of Cultural Resources (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Supervisor of Ecological Resources (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Supervisor of Wildlife Resources (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Trail Crew Leader (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Trail Technician (1)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1				

Utility Technician (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Volunteer Coordinator (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Total Full-Time Hired	157	157	154	155	156	159	160	161				
Total FT Authorized	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170				
Part-Time, Year Round Employees												
Accounting Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Civil Engineer/Construction Supervisor (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Cultural Resource Specialist (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Community Engagement Specialist (6)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6				
Customer Service Rep (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Interpretive Naturalist (6)	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6				
Outreach Program Assistant (1)*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Park Technician (11)	11	10	9	9	9	11	11	10				
Park Biologist (3)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3				
Sales Assistant (2)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1				
Watershed Resource Specialist (1)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Total Part-Time, Year-Round Hired	32	31	30	30	30	32	32	30				
Total PT, YR Authorized	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34				
Seasonal Employees												
Community Engagement	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	4				
Conservation	3	2	2	6	12	13	13	13				
Operations	5	3	2	6	31	37	35	32				
Total Seasonal Hired	10	6	5	13	47	54	52	49				
Total Seasonal Authorized	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104				
Casual Employees												
Ranger (5)	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0				
Community Engagement Specialists (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total Casual Hired	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0				
Total Casual Authorized	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5				
Intern Employees												
Total Interns Hired	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Total Interns Authorized (9)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9				
Grand Totals												
Grand Total Hired Employees	200	195	190	199	234	245	244	240				
Grand Total Employees Authorized	322											

Summit Metro Parks

August 29, 2025

I certify approval for payment of the vouchers listed:

Vendor	Description	Amount
ABC PORTA THRONES	Portable Restroom Rental	320.00
ACCURATE AUTO GLASS INC	Vehicle Supplies	150.00
ACTUALLY HOLDINGS LLC	Equipment Rental	575.00
GAS USA LLC	Maintenance Supplies	193.40
AKRON BEARING CO INC	Equipment Supplies	51.00
AKRON LITHO PRINT COMPANY INC	Printing Services	971.00
AKRON SAFETY LITE & EQUIPMENT CO INC	Maintenance Materials	225.00
AKRON TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT INC	Equipment Supplies	1,822.70
AKRON UNIFORMS	Uniforms	2,686.59
ALL TOWN & COUNTRY SEPTIC TANK SERVICE INC	Septic Service	850.00
ALWAYS ANGLIN INC	Maintenance Materials	700.00
ALWAYS ANGLIN INC	Lodge Handrail Installation	5,400.00
ALWAYS ANGLIN INC	Gate Fabrication	1,425.00
APOSTOLOS GROUP INC	Maintenance Materials	250.00
ART X LOVE LLC	Gift Shop Items	120.00
AUSTIN IGNITION COMPANY	Equipment Supplies	2,050.95
AUTOMATION MAILING & SHIPPING SOLUTIONS INC	Office Supplies	240.97
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BUREAU LLC	Background Checks	152.90
BAKER VEHICLE SYSTEMS INC	Vehicle Supplies	699.48
BARBERTON TREE SERVICE	Forestry Services	1,000.00
BARTLETT, TERRY	Gift Shop Items	65.00
BENEFITS LLC	COBRA & FSA Administration	333.98
BG ENGINEERING GROUP LLC	Boundary Survey	3,750.00
BIALOSKY AND PARTNERS ARCHITECTS LLC	Silver Creek Assessment	13,551.96

BUCKEYE UNIFORMS INC	Uniforms	844.48
BUCKINGHAM DOOLITTLE & BURROUGHS	Legal Services	856.00
C & L SHOES INC	Uniforms	229.99
EMEL SAW COMPANY INC	Tool Sharpening	175.96
CAR PARTS WAREHOUSE INC	Vehicle Supplies	123.90
CARDINAL CEMENT & EXCAVATING COMPANY INC	Pavement Improvements	67,100.00
CHUCKS CUSTOM LLC	Trailer	2,950.00
CITY OF AKRON	Roadway Resurfacing Assessment	3,465.32
CITY OF AKRON	Radio Fees	144.00
CITY OF AKRON	Water & Sewer Services	2,877.19
CITY OF AURORA	Water & Sewer Services	130.31
CITY OF BARBERTON	Water Service	110.97
CITY OF CLEVELAND	Water Service	103.85
CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS	Electric & Water Services	180.09
CITY OF HUDSON	Electric Service	15.39
CITY OF MUNROE FALLS	Water Service	156.24
CITY OF STOW	Water Service	32.98
CITY OF TALLMADGE	Water Service	300.30
CLEVELAND VICON CO INC	Maintenance Materials	823.00
COLIN BAKER	Advertising	2,813.00
COMDOC INC	Copier Service	572.72
RANDALL CO INC	Vehicle Supplies	157.95
CTW INC	Maintenance Supplies	151.63
CURTIS, EMILY M	Gift Shop Items	295.00
CUSTOM APPAREL ETC LLC	Uniforms	9,141.00
D & K MATERIALS INC	Maintenance Materials	286.22
DARRELL YODER ROOFING	Service Center Roof Replacement	51,640.00
DATABASE MARKETING INNOVATORS INC	Mailing Services	626.22
DAYWALT MANAGEMENT LLC	Vehicle Supplies	337.10
EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY	Gas Service	1,065.47
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	Vehicle Lease	46,584.35
EQUIPARTS CORP	Maintenance Materials	724.91
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDING INC	Water Testing	30.00
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Construction Services	2,559.92
EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON INC	Valley View Bridge Design	5,101.10
E-VOLVE CREATIVE GROUP LLC	Program Reservation Development	550.00
E-VOLVE CREATIVE GROUP LLC	Website Services	13,055.50
FALLSWAY EQUIPMENT CO INC	Vehicle Supplies	331.69
STENAL COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	17.79
FEATHER FUR OUTFITTERS INC	Ranger Equipment	944.98
FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	Phone & Internet Services	6,300.04
FISHER SAND & GRAVEL INC	Maintenance Materials	218.40
FORESTRY SUPPLIERS INC	Maintenance Supplies	618.45
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	Postage Meter Rental	144.00
FRED MARTIN MOTOR COMPANY	Vehicle Supplies	98.40
FRED W ALBRECHT GROCERY COMPANY	Program Supplies	166.19
GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	Uniforms	226.99
GANNETT MEDIA CORP	Advertising	3,527.88
GCN ENTERPRISES	Concrete Sealing	16,045.00
GENTLEWAY INSTITUTE	Community Engagement Training	2,250.00
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	Vehicle Supplies	562.51
GOOSE DOCTORS LLC	Wildlife Management	650.00
GVS SAFETY SUPPLIES INC	Protective Apparel	531.35
HALL PUBLIC SAFETY CO	Radar Certification	200.00
HARTVILLE HARDWARE INC	Maintenance Materials	23.92
HIGH ENERGY ASSOCIATES LLC	Maintenance Supplies	95.90
DEPENDENCE OFFICE AND BUSINESS SUPPLY CO INC	Maintenance Supplies	529.10
JABEBO LLC	Gift Shop Items	1,440.00
JAMF HOLDINGS INC & SUBSIDIARIES	Annual Software Renewal	5,750.00

JW GEOPFERT CO INC	Boiler System Repairs	57,600.00
KAMM STAR CONTRACTORS LLC	HVAC Maintenance	7,964.80
KASTNER WESTMAN & WILKINS LLC	Legal Services	1,344.00
/ CO	Maintenance Materials	554.73
...TH C LUCKS EXTREME TREE SERVICE LLC	Forestry Services	16,525.00
KENMORE CONSTRUCTION CO INC	Freedom Trail Construction	45,845.60
KG NORTON LLC	Vehicle Supplies	50.08
KUBICKI ENTERPRISES INC	Maintenance Materials	45.58
KURTZ BROS INC	Disposal Service	108.00
LAMAR COMPANIES	Metro RTA Advertising	1,400.00
LEPPO INC	Equipment Rental	1,350.00
M CONLEY CO	Maintenance Supplies	1,422.56
MAGIC GARAGE DOOR INC	Garage Door Repairs	1,894.00
MARS ELECTRIC CO INC	Maintenance Materials	555.63
MCDONALD HOPKINS LLC	Legal Services	595.00
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	163.96
MCMILLEN STEEL LLC	Maintenance Supplies	40.40
MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	Vision & Hearing Claims & Administration	160.28
MIDWEST MOTOR SUPPLY CO INC	Maintenance Supplies	484.99
MITCHELL MEDIA LLC	Advertising	3,350.00
...V VENTURES LLC	Employee Appreciation Event	1,012.50
TOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	Ranger Equipment	899.57
NATIONAL LIME & STONE COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	617.34
NESTLED PINES WOODWORKING	Gift Shop Items	317.95
NICKS LANDSCAPING OF OHIO LLC	Disposal Services	540.00
NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT	Stormwater Services	60.90
NORTHEASTERN EDUCATION TELEVISION OF OHIO	Advertising	1,110.00
OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	1,784.75
OHIO CONCRETE SAWING & DRILLING INC	Concrete Services	735.00
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Pesticide License Renewals	805.00
OHIO EDISON CO	Electric Service	14,515.86
OHIO MACHINERY CO	Equipment Supplies	80.47
OHIO TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION	Ranger Training	6,800.00
OHIO UNDERGROUND INC	Equipment Supplies	242.31
OLIGER SEED CO	Maintenance Materials	112.18
ORCHARD HILTZ & MCCLIMENT INC	Freedom Trail Connector Design	9,305.00
ORCHARD HILTZ & MCCLIMENT INC	Trail Survey	9,375.00
OREILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	Vehicle Supplies	337.30
...BORN ENGINEERING COMPANY	Freedom Trail Design Services	13,892.16
CAR BRUGMANN SAND & GRAVEL INC	Maintenance Materials	72.54
PAINTERS SUPPLY	Maintenance Supplies	28.27
PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC	Pavement Management Program	7,500.00
POND MANAGEMENT GROUP HOLDINGS LLC	Aquatic Weed Management	2,647.50
PPG ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES INC	Maintenance Supplies	192.50
PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY	Landscape Materials	147.00
PRIMAL SCREEN INC	Gift Shop Items	9,924.50
PRO DOOR AND SECURITY INC	Maintenance Materials	567.24
PROBE TECHNOLOGIES LTD	Computer Software	24,987.24
PROBE TECHNOLOGIES LTD	Computer Services	14,917.99
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES INC	Construction Testing	1,896.00
R J THOMAS MANUFACTURING COMPANY INC	Maintenance Materials	4,832.00
RCR WASTE MANAGEMENT LLC	Composting Service	52.32
REPROS INC	Maintenance Materials	1,850.72
REPUBLIC SERVICES INC	Disposal Services	2,834.65
ROBERTSON ENTERPRISES LLC	Maintenance Materials	405.60
ROETZEL & ANDRESS LPA	Legal Services	570.00
/ INDUSTRIAL COATINGS GROUP INC	Maintenance Supplies	610.76
...YE KORP CONTRACTING	Equipment Supplies	501.87
SACKMANN STAMP AND STENCIL CO INC	Office Supplies	25.96

SANTMYER ENERGY INC	Fuel Service	17,674.86
SEALMASTER OF PENNA INC	Maintenance Materials	5,820.00
SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC	Security Monitoring Services	2,742.61
SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC	Security Camera Installation	29,819.17
SEMERWIN WILLIAMS CO	Maintenance Supplies	556.80
SOHARS ALL SEASON MOWER SERVICE INC	Equipment Supplies	930.36
SOURS BUIE AND ASSOCIATES LLC	Appraisal Services	2,800.00
SOUTHERN COMFORT KITCHEN	Employee Appreciation Event	2,210.00
STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Life Insurance	417.77
SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM	Drug Screens	179.50
SUMMIT C & D TRANSFER LLC	Disposal Services	550.00
SUMMIT COUNTY OH	Background Check	15.00
SUMMIT METRO PARKS	Visa & FSA Reimbursement Check	48,926.71
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA	Dental Claims & Administration	6,595.08
TESELLATE LLC	Software License Renewal	6,000.00
TIGER SAND AND GRAVEL LLC	Maintenance Materials	4,273.74
TOTH, DANIEL EDWARD	Training Reimbursement	915.60
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON	Police Academy Tuition	5,468.00
URBAN ONE	Advertising	3,680.00
US DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	Wildlife Management	2,679.01
UTRIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	Wireless Services	2,951.27
VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD	Sewer Service	708.80
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	Copier Service	350.66
VISUAL EDGE IT INC	Nature Center Copier	7,350.00
W W GRAINGER INC	Maintenance Materials	964.89
WARREN PUMP & SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Materials	230.75
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO INC	Disposal Services	1,605.24
WEST PUBLISHING CORP	Software Subscription	226.01
WEST SIDE PUBLISHING CO INC	Advertising	2,070.00
WESTERN RESERVE COMMUNITY BAND	Naturalist Program	300.00
WHISTLE CREEK LLC	Gift Shop Items	395.00
WHOLLY FRIJOLES MEXICAN STREET FOOD	Employee Appreciation Event	1,270.00
WINSUPPLY AKRON OH CO	Maintenance Materials	219.06
WL TUCKER SUPPLY COMPANY	Maintenance Materials	160.00
ZIEGLER TIRE & SUPPLY CO	Equipment Supplies	486.96
ZOLLINGER SAND & GRAVEL CO	Construction Debris Disposal	126.00
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		734,800.99