



FOOTNOTES

August 2025

All about Music Fest

Five incredible bands filled The Lodge with lively music, community gathering, and even an impromptu dance floor on Saturday, July 19th at the Richfield Heritage Preserve. With the help of Oviatt House and volunteers from the RJRD board and the Richfield community, approximately 500 people gathered for food, drinks, music, lawn games, and more from noon to 7:30pm. The lineup started with the Rockin' Rabbits, a newly formed band from Northeast Ohio playing blues and rock & roll. Many attendees showed their support wearing t-shirts with the band's logo. Next up was Low T, who played music with soul-infused vocals and rich instruments, and then came Space Train, a Grateful Dead tribute band. After a break, Morning Star Bluegrass, a four-piece acoustic band from northern Ohio played bluegrass, gospel, and americana. To end the night, Dawn to Dusk Trio covered classic and alternative rock, blues, R&B, country, motown, and more. Attendees listened to the music in the lodge, but the sound also drifted outside, where people enjoyed hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks provided by Oviatt House. Proceeds from the food sales supported their 'Open Doors to History' Capital Campaign. Some bands also sold merch. With a combined effort from the RHP, Oviatt House, each of the talented bands, and many more, the Waterfront Music Fest was a huge success.

- Ellie Price, volunteer



Rockin' Rabbits



Low T



Space Train



Dawn to Dusk Trio



Morning Star Bluegrass

From our Park Director

I would like to thank everyone that stopped in at the Waterfront Music Festival on July 19th! We had almost 500 people come through the doors and it was a great family event with 5 live bands, food, drinks, and a great time was had by all that participated.

The dog days of summer are upon us and given the long-range forecast, August will be a very warm one. This is the time of the year that we actually start our planning for all of 2026. Do you have a hobby or a skill that you would love to share with others? Have you ever wanted to share that skill and make a few dollars doing so? We are looking for instructors for teaching in 2026 so now is the time to contact us and we can walk you through all of the steps on making this happen. I can be reached at park-director@rjrd.org.

Until next time, I hope to see you out on the trails!

- John Piepsny, Park Director
park-director@rjrd.org

Upcoming Events at RHP

Please see <https://rjrd.redesk.com> for complete program listing and to register!

August 1 - Summer Camp Continues; 9 am to 3 pm

Chagrin Valley Cabin. Grades K-12; presented by JumpStart Sports.

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Docents at Kirby's Mill; 2 pm to 5 pm

Kirby's Mill. Satisfy your Mill curiosity with this informal Kirby's Mill Q & A! **Free!**

August 7 - Paddle YogAdventure; 6 pm to 8 pm

Enjoy the beauty of blue and green nature with paddleboard and yoga instructor Lisa Meranti.

August 8 and 9 - Invasive Teasel Removal; 9 am to 12 pm

Packout Building. Learn all about invasive teasel and do some removal at the upper lake during this 2 day long outdoor workshop. **Free!**

August 14 & 21 - Richfield Library Story Hour; 11 am to 12 pm

Waterfront Shelter. Enjoy an hour of nature-themed stories, rhymes, music, and more!

August 16 through 17 - Master the Flames 2 Day Workshop

Campsite High Lea. 2-day long intensive class on modern and primitive fire-making techniques

From our Volunteer Coordinator/Recreation Programmer

August is Family Fun Month! Why not celebrate by creating memorable moments with your loved ones at Richfield Heritage Preserve? As the weather gets warmer, it's the perfect time to enjoy scenic hikes, have a relaxing picnic, try fishing, or bring your kayak or paddleboard to explore the beautiful Upper Lake. Be sure to check the RJRD RecDesk calendar for upcoming programs and events at the park. If you're looking to make a positive impact, consider volunteering as a family—it's a wonderful way to create meaningful memories together. For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact volunteer-info@rjrd.org. Make lasting memories and enjoy Family Fun Month at RHP!

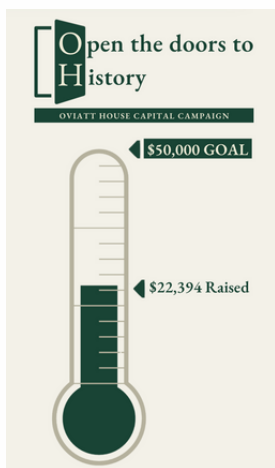
- Susan Czaplicki, Volunteer Coordinator



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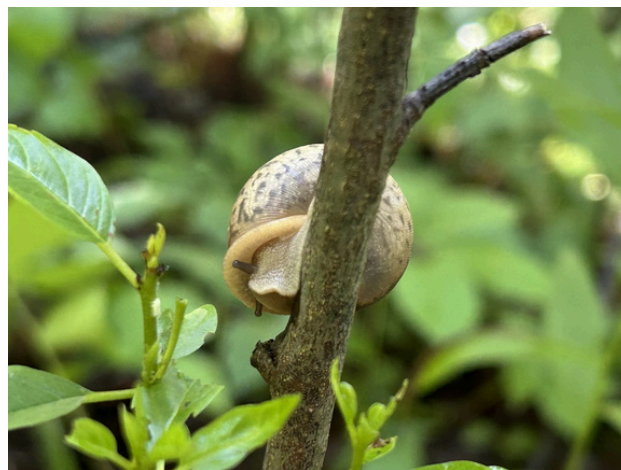
Thank you to all who volunteered and came out to support us at the Waterfront Music Fest! We had a blast and were thrilled to make just over \$1,400 to apply toward our [Open the Doors to History Capital Campaign!](#) We still have a long way to go to reach our \$50,000 goal so please help spread the word and visit our website at oviathouse1836.com for more information. Thank you for all your support!

- Tricia Steiner, President, Oviatt House Inc



Your Photos, In Print

Remember to email your beautiful or interesting photo of Richfield Heritage Preserve to volunteer-info@rjrd.org. We want to see what *you* see in the park!



Lauren O'Malley contributed this month's photo of a white-lip globe snail in June of 2025. Thank you, Lauren, for your contribution.



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See you on the trails!