

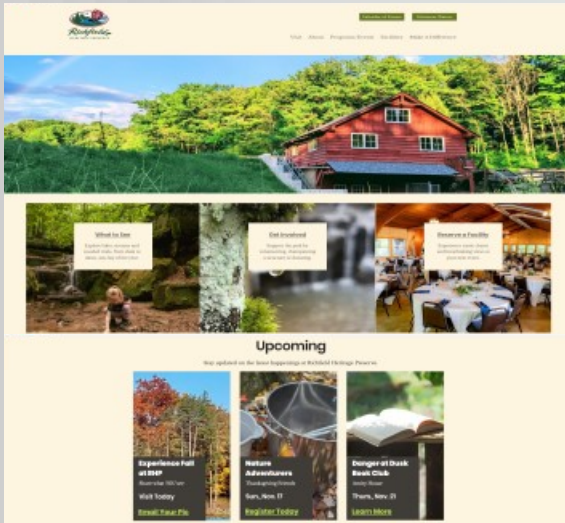
## A note from the RJRD Board

I hope readers have explored Richfield Heritage Preserve's new website. A major goal of the update was to help visitors better understand the many ways to enjoy the park, from walks to events to volunteering. The website also highlights the many fabulous spaces that make the park so unique. It is rich with beautiful photography to tell our story.

One of the many ways we work to keep operating costs down as much as possible at the park is by leveraging our volunteers. Although certain aspects of a project may require a paid expert, we supplement completion with as many volunteer hours as possible. While this type of collaborative approach may not result in the fastest completion, it does mean we have funds to put toward another area of need.

As with most of our projects, the new website was a labor of love. We sincerely thank everyone who was involved.

- Holly Price,  
RJRD Trustee



## From our Park Director

The entire month of November we will be running a contest for the naming of the two lakes on the property. Currently, they are known as the Upper Lake and the Lower Lake, respectively. This is your opportunity to help us be creative in the naming of the lakes as we continue to transition RHP into the amazing community park that it already is! Please submit your wonderful ideas to us at [office@rjrd.org](mailto:office@rjrd.org) no later than November 30th.



As the Amity House project comes to completion, we are set to start on our next adventure as we look to bring North House into the mix. I am happy to announce that HTZ Design+Build has graciously offered to be the lead design team for the North House project! In the month of thanks, I am very thankful for the generosity of this Richfield company in donating their expertise on the project!

We are in the process of renaming the trails and creating new trail wayfarer signage that will be put up throughout the park. This will make it easier for guests to explore the park throughout the seasons.

Finally, we are still looking for instructors to teach classes at the park in 2025. If you have a hobby that you would like to share with others, feel free to contact me at [park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org).

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

- John Piepsny, Park Director  
[park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org)

## See your photo in print!

Remember to email your beautiful or interesting photo of Richfield Heritage Preserve to [office@rjrd.org](mailto:office@rjrd.org). We want to see what *you* see in your park!



A park volunteer contributed this month's photo of the upper lake in Autumn. It was taken in Fall of 2022. Thank you to our volunteer for this contribution.

## November Upcoming Events -

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

**Nov. 2 & 16 - FITNESS IN THE FOREST; 9AM-10:30AM.**  
Mindfulness hike with resistance conditioning, meditation.

**Nov. 17 - HIKE YOGA ADVENTURE: SUNDAY SERIES; 10AM-12PM.**  
Hike with accessible yoga pauses throughout.  
Presented by OneTreeLove.

**Nov. 17 - NATURE ADVENTURERS; 10-10:45AM.** Chagrin Valley Cabin. "Thanksgiving Friends": Have your own friendsgiving with your nature friends! Play in the Thanksgiving-themed mud kitchen, do a make & take craft, and other fun Thanksgiving nature activities!  
\$22 per child; pre-registration required.

**Nov. 21 - "DANGER AT DUSK" BOOK CLUB; 6:30PM-8:30PM;**  
Amity House. Presented by Richfield Library.

**Look at all that's happening in RHP!**

## From our Volunteer Coordinator/Recreation Programmer

In November, as the vibrant foliage gives way to cooler, crisper air, we want to express our deep appreciation to the Richfield residents for supporting Richfield Heritage Preserve. We are grateful for the support of our family, friends, and all those who contribute to the success of the park. Your support, whether through volunteering your time, participating in our volunteer opportunities, attending enriching programs and events, leading activities, donating essential supplies, or contributing financially, is invaluable to us.

We encourage you to visit the park as we enter this new season. Walk along the winding trails to immerse yourself in the park's awe-inspiring natural splendor. The stunning views of the majestic trees, colorful leaves, and tranquil lakes that reflect the clear blue skies above are a sight to behold. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or an opportunity to connect with nature, the park offers an abundance of natural wonders waiting to be explored.

Photo courtesy of Don Tyler



Interested in finding out more about volunteer opportunities at RHP? Email [volunteer-info@rjrd.org](mailto:volunteer-info@rjrd.org).

- Susan Czaplicki,

RHP Volunteer Coordinator/Recreation Programmer

## Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve

### QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Friends are holding their last 2024 quarterly membership meeting - which is free and open to the public -- on Wednesday, November 20, 7:00-9:30 p.m. in The Lodge. Attendees will hear updates on Kirby's Mill restoration and Garfield Hall stabilization efforts as well as learn about plans for this year's Winter Wonders event - to be held on Saturday, December 7, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in The Lodge - and have the opportunity to make an ornament for the special "Stars of Our Lives" tree. They will also have the chance to suggest activity/hike ideas for next year. Refreshments will be provided.

- Karen Smik,  
Vice President,  
Friends of RHP



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## SEEKING HIKE AND PROGRAM LEADERS!

Do you have a hobby, skill, or talent that you're willing to share with others? We want to learn from you!

Richfield Heritage Preserve is seeking individuals or groups to lead programs and guide hikes in the park in 2025. Adult, children, and general programs are welcome.

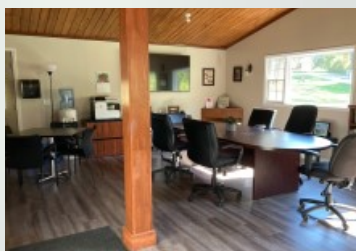


If you're interested in this enriching experience, contact RHP Park Director John Piepsny at [park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org) for more details. 2025 will be an exciting year at RHP!

## Chagrin Cabin and Park Office Available to Rent!

Need a space for a small party or meeting, employee reviews, or team-building exercise?

Chagrin Valley Cabin offers a rustic setting with space for up to 50 people. The cabin is hike-in, has a latrine nearby, and is located in a lovely clearing near the north end of the park.



The main meeting room in the Park Office has space for up to 20 people with parking close to the building.

For more information, please contact the park office at (330) 888-0511 .

## Oviatt House Inc.

We had a wonderful time at our Septemberfest FUNdraiser! Thank you to all who attended and partook in our activities, volunteered at the event, partnered with us, and opened your hearts to contribute to our success! We are so very grateful to everyone for your continued support!

- Tricia Steiner, Secretary,  
Oviatt House, Inc.



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