

Parks, Paint and Playgrounds, Oh My!



Mural Painting at Fuller Park 7.11.24

It was a busy June! Volunteers helped clean up the river, spruce up a variety of playgrounds and gardens, paint a beautiful new mural, and more! Thanks to local artist **T'onna Clemons** and the **Youth Art Gallery** for the awesome new mural in Fuller Park! It will be appreciated for years to come.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

[Click here to learn more and register for our upcoming volunteer events!](#)

You can also email us: volunteer@a2gov.org

- Aug 2** Love a Park Day at **Gallup Butterfly Garden** 10am-12pm
- Aug 3** Bike Park Workday at **Tuebingen Park** 12:30-2:30pm
- Aug 8** Love a Park Day at **Redwood Park** 5-7pm
- Aug 10** Invasive Removal Workday at **Burr Oak Park** 9-11am
- Aug 10** Bike Park Workday at **Bandemer Park** 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Aug 15** Love a Park Day at **Bromley Park** 10am-12pm
- Aug 17** Bike Park Workday at **Tuebingen Park** 12:30-2:30pm
- Aug 23** Love a Park Day at **Windemere Park** 10am-12pm
- Aug 24** Aquatic Planting Workday at **Dolph Nature Area** 10am-12pm
- Aug 24** Bike Park Workday at **Bandemer Park** 12:30-2:30pm
- Aug 25** Invasive Removal Workday at **Burr Oak Park** 4-6pm
- Aug 29** Love a Park day at **Winewood Thaler Park** 4-6pm
- Aug 30** Love the River Day at **Gallup Park Livery** 11am-12:30pm
- Aug 31** Bike Park Workday at **Tuebingen Park** 12:30-2:30pm





JULY HIGHLIGHTS

July Totals: **32** Events / **348** Volunteers / **783** Hours



Love a Park Day at the Gallup Park Butterfly Garden July 12, 2024

A group of volunteers, including some of our regulars and some park adopters, helped do a ton of gardening to help maintain this beautiful and unique garden in the city's most popular park!

Bethel AME Church Ann Arbor at Rose Park July 13, 2024

This group helped revitalize the playground at Rose Park, hand-pulling all of the weeds in the playground area and picking up litter. They made a huge improvement!





FUMC Ann Arbor at Buhr Park July 14, 2024

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Ann Arbor helped transform this memorial to Joseph Buhr, the park's namesake. They pulled weeds, planted new plants, and spread mulch!

University of Michigan Stamps School of Art & Design at Baxter Park July 29, 2024

Staff from UM Stamps came out and refreshed this entire park! They weeded the playground, spread new play-safe woodchips, and helped weed a large garden bed in the park.



Huron River Watershed Council River Cleanup Trip July 30, 2024

Interns and staff from the Huron River Watershed Council picked up litter on the stretch of river between the Argo and Gallup Liveries. They recovered over 240 pounds! This year volunteers have already removed **over 1540 pounds** of trash, at the halfway point of the season!



TRICK OR TREAT ON THE RIVER 2024

Save the date!
Sunday, October 13th
12pm-4pm

Trick or Treat on the River is back for 2024! This event is a favorite every year for participants and volunteers alike. Our [signup link](#) is already live, but there's plenty of time to register!



Staff Spotlight: Oliver

Oliver started working for GIVE 365 in 2019, but we knew him already! Oliver started as a volunteer, joining GIVE at various volunteer events starting in 2017.

“GIVE 365 has quickly become like a second home to me. Over the years, I’ve seen myself develop and change so much, yet it has always been a constant in my life. I’m so thankful I get to be a part of so much amazing work that GIVE helps inspire.”

Volunteer Spotlight: Bridget & Andrew

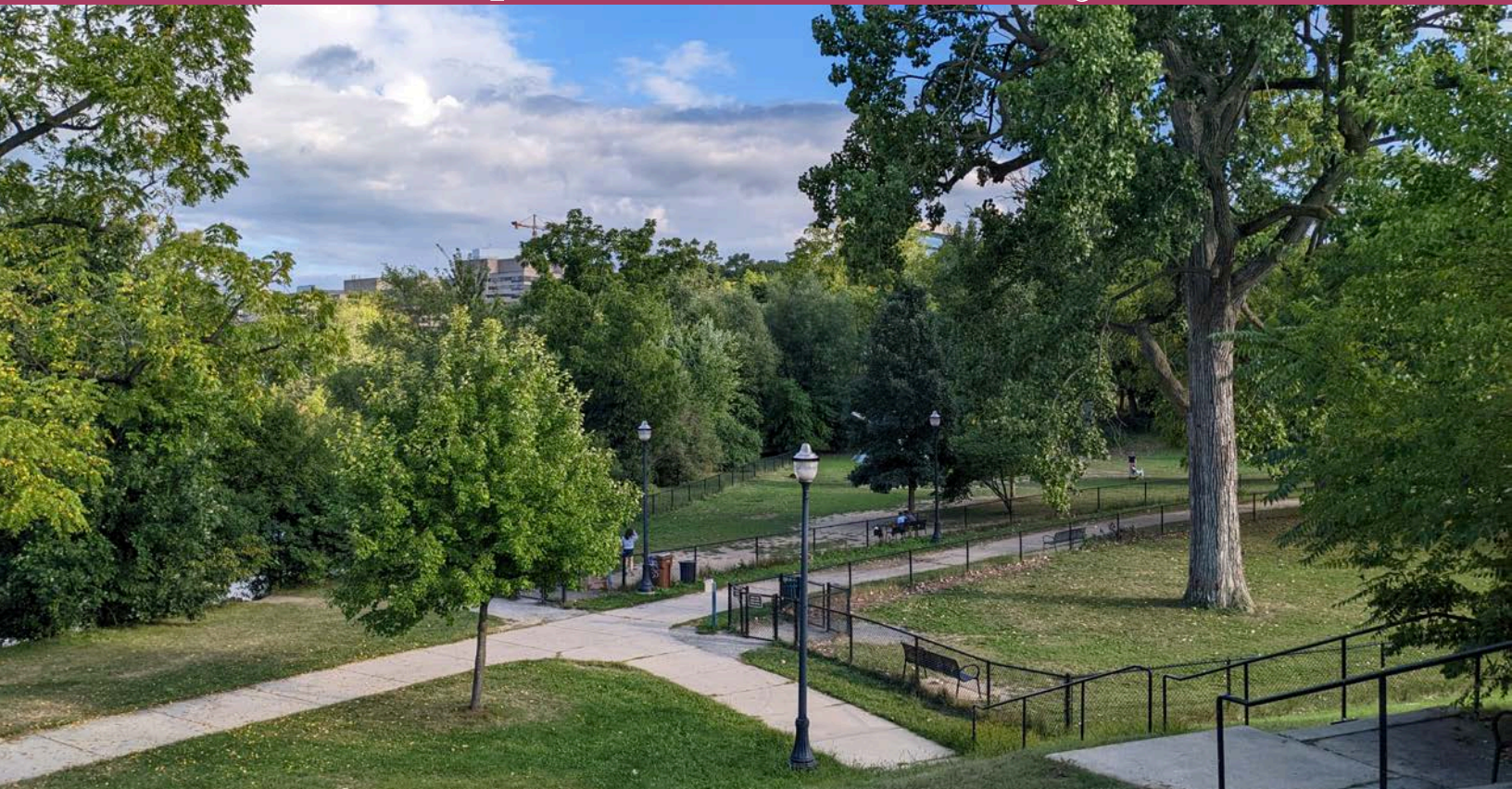
Bridget and Andrew are a mother-son duo who have volunteered at dozens of GIVE 365 events. Bridget says “We love volunteering with GIVE 365 because it makes us feel that we are making a difference to help nature and local parks! We love nature and really care about helping the environment! It’s also great to meet new people who become new friends, while doing something meaningful. It makes our days better to help others and the parks!”

Andrew’s favorite Give 365 work day was in 2022 at Love the River Day cleaning up a lot of trash out of the Huron River with his grandpa in a canoe. “We hope to volunteer at many more park workdays, and we hope to see you there!”





An Adoptable Park: *Broadway Park*



Broadway Park is a five-acre park along the river just north of downtown Ann Arbor and the Kerrytown area. The most notable feature in this park is the dog park. This area has fenced off areas for small and large dogs to play. It's also home to a large piece of art made from retired canoes. Learn more about the park at url.a2gov.org/Broadway!

There are a couple of small garden beds near the park's entrance that need care and attention! It would be great to have a group or individual who can stop by regularly.

If you're interested in adopting this beautiful park, email adopt-a-park@a2gov.org!

Links



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