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Art Walk in the Park

This year's Art Walk in the Park brought an estimated 3,000 visitors to The Park to browse a variety of food and craft vendors. Sixty vendors lined the path of Tioga Trail and the Tioga Pavilion. Items included handmade seasonal decor, jewelry, fiber arts, dog treats and accessories, and plants.



Photo by Hailey Dzurko

Denise Urban, a Stackhouse Park Board Member, organized the event to showcase the talents of local artists and crafters. Proceeds from raffles donated by participating vendors benefit The Park and will go towards purchasing new equipment, maintaining trails, providing educational programs, and adding a permanent bathroom. Starting in 2020, attendance at the event has increased by nearly 1,000 visitors yearly!

Visitors kept cool in the shade while exploring vendors and listening to upbeat tunes from Strings and Bellows, followed by Nat & Pat. Guests could be seen enjoying water-ice and rice bowls from Dajawn Wit Waterice, pulled pork sandwiches from Red's Texas BBQ, and hummus and vegetables from Balance and sipping on drinks from Disobedient Spirits or a coffee from Mill House Cafe & Co. Some of the other vendors included Kona Ice, Hungry Owl, and Backwoods Kettle Corn.

Children enjoyed blowing giant bubbles, having their faces painted, and crafting. The StoryWalk, located near the Spangler Pavilion, showcased "Betsy the Rescue Dog" by local author Marianne Spampinato. The Dogs of Stackhouse contest featured three categories at the Spangler Pavilion.

A shuttle from Hiram G. Andrews Center, provided by McIlwain School Bus Lines Inc., was very well received after parking became limited at the Westmont Hilltop Elementary School lot. Golf carts driven by volunteers from For Johnstown were available to assist guests with going up and down the trail and assist with carrying purchases.



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We're Doggone Crazy about Dogs!

For many dogs, Stackhouse Park is one of their favorite places to go for a w-a-l-k! For National Dog Day, a new sticker was designed to appreciate our furry friends.

The 4th annual Dogs of Stackhouse Park contest was held during Art Walk in the Park. Categories included most talented dog, best costume, and longest kiss between human to dog. The contest was sponsored by The Write Cup Coffee Shop who provided Chewy gift boxes to the winners.



To purchase a membership for your dog and get your sticker, complete the form on page 4. The design is also available for print on a T-shirt or hoodie through the online store at bonfire.com/store/stackhouse-park-web-store/

Hike with a Board Member Series

Grab your camera and join Board Member and photographer Tyler Smay on a fall foliage hike in October. Hikers will be led to popular photo spots in The Park and taught basic photography tips.



August's hike was hosted by Denise Urban. Hikers enjoyed looking around for natural objects to log in a handmade nature journal. At the end of the hike guests discussed what they found.

In September, Leah Spangler led a quick hike highlighting several of the trails, including Ecology, Elk Run, Norton Path, Brownstown Trail, Crystal Path, Luzerne Path, and Tioga Path. The hike finished just in time to join "Neighbor Night" across Luzerne St at Millhouse Cafe.

Run the Park Summary

The Run the Park train run/hike isn't your typical 5k; it's a rugged trail run through dense woods, steep inclines, and rocky terrain. Clifford Kitner, Cambria County Conservation Recreation Authority's Executive Director, calls it the toughest 5K in Johnstown. Despite this reputation, dozens of participants joined the 5k race on August 28th. Prepare to join us next year to see if you have what it takes to break the record!

Have you seen the Spotted Lanternfly?

The first time you see one, you may think it's a beautiful bug. But, it's a troublesome and invasive pest.

First discovered in Berks County, PA in 2014, this invasive planthopper has the potential to greatly impact the Pennsylvania grape, hops, and logging industries. Early detection is vital for the protection of Pennsylvania businesses and agriculture.

How can you help? If you see this pest, squash it and report it to 888-4-BADFLY. Scrape egg masses into a container of rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. Before traveling, inspect your vehicle for hitchhiking bugs and egg masses.





Stackhouse Park Turkey Trot

The Stackhouse Park Turkey Trot trail run/hike sponsored by the Johnstown Rotary Club is held on Thanksgiving Day. Racers can begin picking up their packets at 7:30a. The race will begin at 8:30a.

The route consists of double track trails and gravel roads. Racers who register in advance are guaranteed some extra swag.

Don't forget your turkey costume! The best costume will win a prize sponsored by the Westmont Interact Club and Westmont Student council.

StoryWalk

"The Belonging Tree" by Maryann Cocca-Leffler is a story about a family of squirrels who learn about respect, inclusion, and acceptance amongst a community of woodland creatures. It will be the next story on display in October and November.

The Story Walk will close out the year with "Best in Snow", a non-fiction picture book about the wonder of snowfall by April Pulley Sayre.

Planned Giving

Do you love Stackhouse Park? Consider leaving a planned gift in your will. The park works with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to ensure your gift will support the park forever. Call 814-536-7741 to learn more.

2023 Membership Drive

While the City of Johnstown owns Stackhouse Park, Inc., it provides no financial support for maintenance, operations, or programming. Everything at the Park is made possible by those who support us with their 100% tax deductible donations.

To sign up, visit:

<https://www.cfalleghenies.org/fund/stackhouse-park-fund/>



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EVENTS

October

- TBD** StoryWalk changes to "The Belonging Tree" by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- 20** Keystone Hike Fest afternoon outing <https://www.kta-hike.org/fallhikefest.html>
- 21** Hike with a Board Member, Tyler Smay
4p
- 21** Trail Maintenance
9-11a



November



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- Trail Maintenance **18**
9-11a
- Turkey Trot **23**
Packet Pickup 7:30a
Race Start 8:30a

December

- TBD** StoryWalk changes to "Best in Snow" by April Pulley Sayre
- 16** Trail Maintenance
9-11a



Renew Your Membership or Join Us!

Powell Stackhouse Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, we seek your support for the continued operation of Powell Stackhouse Park. The Park is owned by the City of Johnstown, but the City provides no financial support for maintenance, operations, or programming. Our expenses are underwritten by those who support us each year with their 100% tax deductible donations.

Membership comes with a free subscription to Chatter; admission to the Annual Member Picnic and Jamboree, and an "I'm Nuts About Stackhouse Park" adhesive squirrel sticker.

Please select your membership pledge(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$40) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog (\$15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Lifetime (\$50) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | |

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