




Humane Ohio is a low-cost spay/neuter clinic that serves pet parents, animal shelters and rescue groups in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. It is located at 3131 Tremainsville Road in Toledo. Call 419-266-5607, or visit [online at www.humaneohio.org](http://www.humaneohio.org).

Pet Photos with Santa Humane Ohio's "Pet Photos with Santa" fundraiser will start on December 5 from 10AM-2PM at Pet Supplies "Plus" located at 6923 West Central Avenue in Toledo, and will continue on December 6 from 10AM-5PM at Pet Supplies "Plus" at 839 West Alexis Road in Toledo.

Three photo packages will be available to choose from, ranging in price from \$10-\$25. Children and family photos are welcome, with or without a pet. No appointments are necessary.

Freeze Frame Photos and Kohne Camera & Photo are donating their time and printing, allowing 100% of the proceeds to benefit Humane Ohio.

 The **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** is located at 3900 Wildlife Way, five miles south of downtown Cleveland. The Zoo is open daily from 10AM-5PM. Call 216-661-6500, or visit www.clemet zoo.com.


December Days – The Zoo will offer discount admission, holiday entertainment, and festive fun from December 21-24, and 26-30.

Special activities from 11AM-3PM will include ice carving demonstrations on the Welcome Plaza, cookie decorating in The RainForest, eco-friendly craft workshops at Wolf Lodge, and live holiday music. On December 21-24, Santa Claus will pose for pictures at Wolf Lodge.

Visitors will also be able to see the traveling GEICO Gecko Exhibit in the Zoo's

Exhibit Hall, which ends its run on December 31.

During December Days, admission to the Zoo is \$6 per adult, \$4 per child (ages 2-11) and free for Zoo Members and children under 2.

 The **Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA)** is located at 11150 East Boulevard in Cleveland. The CMA is open TUES-SUN 10AM-5PM; WED & FRI 10AM-9PM. Call 1-888-CMA-0033, or visit [online at www.clevelandart.org](http://www.clevelandart.org).

Winter Lights Lantern Festival – The CMA presents the 16th annual winter festival December 4-13, which contributes to Holiday CircleFest, a day of seasonal music, shopping, workshops, and refreshments hosted by the University Circle community.

Beginning in the evening of December 4, the CMA will present the collaborative art installation of lanterns entitled "Environment of Lights" on Wade Oval, which will remain on view through December 13.

On December 6, the CMA will hold a "Procession of Lights" to Wade Oval, starting from the CMA's North Entrance at 5:30PM, and winding through the "Environment of Lights". Participants will be able to create lanterns to carry in the procession themselves. Other activities at the CMA during CircleFest will be available from 1-5:30PM on December 4.

 Send mail for the **French Creek Merchants Association** to P.O. Box 4, Avon, Ohio 44011. Call 440-934-6119, or visit [online at www.frenchcreekdistrict.org](http://www.frenchcreekdistrict.org).

Candlelite Walk – The 30th annual Christmas Candlelite Walk will be held on December 4 from 12-10PM, December 5 from 10AM-10PM, and December 6 from 11AM-5PM, at the French Creek District merchants along SR 254, SR 611, Stoney Ridge (south of I-90), and SR 83 in Avon.

Visitors will be able to enjoy some holiday shopping in antique stores, craft and gift boutiques, and other galleries housed in historic buildings throughout the district. The festive holiday weekend will also feature a craft show, caroling, and visits with Santa.



The **Erie MetroParks (EMPs)** main office is located at 3910 Perkins Avenue in Huron. Call 419-625-7783, or visit www.eriemetroparks.org.

Volunteers Needed – The EMPs welcome volunteers for the following upcoming events and projects:

- Dog License Registration, Dog Park Registration & Monitor
- Gift Shop Attendant
- Clerical/Computer Data Entry/Answer Multi-line Phones
- Adopt-a-Flower Bed, Adopt-a-Trail
- Invasive Plant Control, Prescribed Prairie Burns Helper (March-May)
- Lawnmowing, Trail Clean-up, Litter Clean-up around the Recycle Bins (year-round)
- Special Event Assistant, Canoe Floats Helper, "Look Who's Walking" Assistants, Safety & Volunteer Fair Attendants
- Senior Programs, Craft Program Attendants
- Maintenance Support (mechanics, carpenters, painters, etc.)

If you are interested in helping with these, or any other EMP projects, please contact Amy Bowman-Moore at 419-625-7783, ext. 226 or e-mail deputydirector@eriemetroparks.org.




The **Midnight Moon Metaphysical Shoppe** is located at 186 East Market Street in Sandusky. Call 419-621-1169, or visit [online at midnightmoonmetaphysical.com](http://www.midnightmoonmetaphysical.com).

Spirit Festival in January Midnight Moon is proud to

present the Embrace the Light Spirit Festival on January 16, from 11AM-6PM at the Sandusky State Theatre (107 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky).

The event will feature a variety of vendors and Readers, with mini-lectures throughout the day. Admission will be free, and open to the public.

 The **Black Swamp Conservancy (BSC)** encourages protection of natural and agricultural lands in northwest Ohio. Send mail to P.O. Box 332, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552. Call 419-872-LAND, or visit www.blackswamp.org.

Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve - Public access to Ohio's Lake Erie coast was recently enhanced with the acquisition of 25 parcels in Port Clinton. Combined, the Port Clinton Lakefront Preserve includes 12.04 acres of coastal wetlands and marsh, and a 1/3-mile sand beach shore.

The preserve is located north of East Perry Street (Ohio 163). The road is part of the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail of the National Scenic Byways Program, while the land is an Audubon Ohio Designated Important Bird Area. The city of Port Clinton owns the property, and the BSC holds a conservation easement over the entire preserve, requiring that the land be maintained as a nature preserve forever.

With only 16% of Ohio's 312-mile Lake Erie shore publicly accessible, this acquisition increases the state's publicly accessible coastal miles to 48.9, at 144 sites. Just as the preserve links land, the purchasing process brought together partners at the local, state and national level, including the city of Port Clinton, the Trust for Public Land (TPL), the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP), and the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund, among others.

The City of Port Clinton plans to seek additional

grant funding for removal of invasive plants and improvements to coastal marsh habitat.

 **KinShip** is a supervised child visitation center helping families traumatized by disputes caused by separation, divorce, domestic violence, or abuse. The main office is located at 3920 East Perkins Avenue, in Huron. Call 419-625-2672, or visit www.kinshipinc.info.

Grants Awarded KinShip, Inc. is proud to announce the receipt of two grants, one for \$20,000 from the Sam S. and Rose Stein Foundation and another for \$10,000 from the Frost-Parker Foundation. KinShip will use these funds for children and non-custodial parents who may have lost the means to pay for supervised visitation and exchange services.

 The **Jodie McCallum & Company Fine Art Gallery and Studio** is located at 724 West Main Street in Marblehead. The gallery is open daily from 11AM-6PM, closed TUES. Call 419-798-3318, or visit www.jodiemccallum.com.

McCallum Nativity Promotion – This holiday season, several Marblehead merchants are offering great discounts with proof of purchase of Jodie McCallum's new 12-piece Nativity Set. To purchase or reserve an artist-signed and dated set, stop in at the Jodie McCallum & Company Fine Art Gallery (724 West Main Street (Rt.163) Marblehead).

Participating area businesses where discounts may be available with the mention of the "McCallum Nativity Promotion" include:

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