Fishing Derby

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SUPPORT OUR CENTURY RIDERS THIS SUMMER!

Nearly 150 cyclists are signed up to participate in this year’s Huntington Towpath Century Ride, bicycling 101 miles in support of the Towpath Trail. If you would like to support our riders in their journey, visit towpathcenturyride.com.
Along the Towpath

Along the Towpath....

by Dan Rice, OECC President & Chief Executive Officer

Over the past year, the work of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition has continued to grow thanks to the continued support of our partners, donors, and Towpath Trail supporters like you. The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail is expanding, reaching toward the goal of 101 miles, with plans for development of trail in Tuscarawas County in various stages of fundraising and engineering.

As we enter a new year, one of our key partners, Canalway Partners announced the transition of their long-time director Tim Donovan, and welcomed new director Mera Cardenas. It has been an honor and privilege working alongside Tim Donovan over the past 27 years on the development of the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area and Towpath Trail. Through Tim’s passion, hard work and dedication, the Ohio & Erie Canalway, Towpath Trail and connector trails are becoming a reality in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. I am grateful for Tim’s partnership and I wish him well in his retirement.

We are welcome to welcome Mera Cardenas, former Director of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area outside of Atlanta, Georgia. I look forward to working with Mera on the continued development of the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, Towpath Trail and connector trails.

We are excited to welcome another year of events, programs, and projects along the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area, while celebrating the work we’ve accomplished in the last year and beyond. I invite you to join us at our programs and events in 2020 to show your support. Working together, we are creating a legacy for future generations.

Annual Fishing Derby
Encouraging stewardship and sustainability

The Ohio & Erie Canal & Towpath Trail winds through a variety of landscapes, both urban and rural. Begin your bicycle ride in south Akron, and within 30 minutes, you’re surrounded by lush greenery. And there’s no doubt wherever you go on the trail, you’ll run into the variety of wildlife that call the Ohio & Erie Canal home.

Through the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition’s annual catch-and-release Fishing Derby, we offer students from Akron Public Schools the opportunity to see some of this wildlife up close, and close to home. For more than 15 years, this fishing event has welcomed third and fourth graders to the Ohio & Erie Canal in south Akron, for an afternoon of fishing with friends, family, and volunteers.

Fishing Derby participants.

The Fishing Derby is an important opportunity to learn the value of stewardship and recreation for the more than 200 children who attend annually. This is why community partners like Huntington Bank and Cargill Salt support this event.

Since the event’s inception, volunteers from Cargill Salt’s Akron plant have supported the event, cooking the picnic dinner and teaching children to fish. And as in 2019, Huntington Bank is once again donating $10,000 to support as many children as possible at the event. Thanks to the support of these partners, along with other individual donors and volunteers, we are changing the lives of children and creating stewards of our natural resources for years to come.

To learn how you can make donations to support the future of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and events like the Fishing Derby, visit www.ohioeriecanal.org/donate.

Thank you for your continued support for the Ohio & Erie Canalway and Towpath Trail. For more information about our events, please visit our web site at www.ohioeriecanal.org.

See you along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail!

Dan Rice
Upcoming Events

Healthy Steps
April 3 - May 3, 2020
Join us for our free health and wellness program along the Towpath Trail! Healthy Steps encourages people to explore the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area while promoting healthy living and healthy eating.
To register, visit our website or contact Lauren at oeccintern2@ohioeriecanal.org.

Canal Cleanups
April 18, July 11, & Oct. 24, 2020
9 AM – 12 PM
Canal Cleanups offer a number of opportunities throughout the year to become a steward of your local natural resources. Over the past 15 years, volunteers have removed more than 100 tons of trash from the Ohio & Erie Canal, Towpath Trail, Summit Lake, and surrounding areas.
For more information, visit our website or contact Darion Edding at dedding@ohioeriecanal.org.

Canoe Adventure
July 20, 2020
Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake
Our main on-water event of the year, Canoe Adventure, offers travelers the chance to paddle through the urban areas of Akron, along the Towpath Trail, and across Summit Lake, the "high point" of the Ohio & Erie Canal.
Visit our website to learn more or contact George Eley at gbey@ohioeriecanal.org.

Congressman Regula Memorial Ride
August 8, 2020
St. Helena Heritage Park
Join us for our family-friendly bicycle ride through Stark County! Ride 8, 16, or 32 miles beginning in Canal Fulton, before returning to St. Helena Park for a picnic lunch.
To sign up and learn more, visit our website or contact Shannon Keeling at 330.374.5657 or skelley@ohioeriecanal.org.

Huntington Towpath Century Ride
June 6 – 7, 2020
In the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition's largest fundraiser of the year, more than 100 bicyclists raise money for the organization, continued development of the Towpath Trail, and development of connector trails.
For more information, visit towpathcenturyride.com or contact Alyssa Jones at ajones@ohioeriecanal.org.

Bridge Builder
Bridging the gap to complete the Towpath

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(July - December 2019)

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Joining is easy!
1. Join online at ohioeriecanal.org/membership or Call 330.375.5657 or 330.374.5657 or 330.374.5657
2. Mail in the form to the right

Please note: We take the health and safety of our supporters seriously, and we are monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Some event details may change in the coming months. Please check our website at ohioeriecanal.org or call our office at 330.374.5657 for the most recent updates.
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