

GIVE GAZETTE

365 November 2023



10/27: Volunteers cut down a huge amount of invasive brush at the historic Fairview Cemetery, revealing the beautiful stone entryway behind!

End of Season Recap & Look Forward

Our busy volunteer season is winding down! While we usually have a few volunteer opportunities in the winter, GIVE 365's operations shift into low gear, as the vast majority of our work is spent outdoors in parks during the warmer months. You can view any [upcoming volunteer events at our calendar here!](#) Thanks so much to all the hundreds of volunteers who have put so much hard work into beautifying and maintaining our parks over the last 8 months or so. Our calendar "officially" opens in March, and we are so excited to welcome back returning volunteers and meet hundreds of new ones next year. There's a lot of important work to do in 2024!



October Highlights



10/3: Volunteers from **Mitsubishi**, who adopt **Southeast Area Park**, helped paint another mural on the restroom building as part of an ongoing paint project at the park!



10/6: Care Evolution

continued shoreline work in **Gallup Park** near the Universal Access Playground. There have been several volunteer workdays here planting native plants to prevent erosion!

October Totals

40 events

394 volunteers

927 hours



10/8: A large group came out to honor the memory of **West Park** neighbor **Jude Walton** by volunteering at the park. These friends of Jude cleaned up over 50 pounds of trash and did a lot of work to revitalize a garden bed off of Huron Street by planting shrubs and mulching.

October Highlights (Continued)



10/8: Volunteers from **Temple Beth Emeth** began work planting a garden bed at **Veterans Memorial Park**, which will be a display garden showcasing native alternatives to typical lawn turfgrass! This display garden was finished on October 28th!



10/10: **Ann Arbor Apartments** cleaned up litter in **Argo Park**. They searched around the livery, along the water, and even put on waders to clean up litter from the water in the Argo Cascades! They removed over **150 pounds** of waste material. (That's a lot!)



10/20: **Toyota-Subaru of Ann Arbor** came out to **Gallup Park** again to finish the shoreline work, planting native plants to prevent erosion. They worked hard through nasty weather!



10/21: **Coupa** and a few individual volunteers worked on the garden beds at **Huron Highlands Park**. The beds here have been drastically improved this year thanks to several workdays!

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Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers!





Fond Farewell

We're sending our best wishes to **Conor**, who has left GIVE to move on to new adventures. If you've planned an event with us over the past year or so, you've probably seen his helpful and detailed communications. Thanks for everything, Conor!



Snow Match 2023-2024

The City of Ann Arbor's Snow Match Program pairs residents with nearby neighbors who volunteer to assist them with snow removal on their sidewalks. Residents who receive these services are seniors or persons with disabilities. [Learn more here!](#)



Newest VEP Champions

Some of our most recent VEP Champions are two big family groups! Each of these two families visited all 162 Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation properties as a unit. Congratulations to the **Miller Family**, the **Kennedy + Hull Family**, and **Aladdin** for becoming champions! That's a total of 14 new champions in October!



Prize Pickup Pauses in December

Pickup for prizes earned through the VEP Challenge is available only March through November! Any prizes earned during the winter or prior can be picked up starting in March. If the prizes are what motivate you, keep this in mind!

October Highlights



10/7: Ann Arbor Farm & Garden and Adopt-a-Park hosted a **Fall Celebration at Waterworks Park**. There were games and crafts and a celebration of the three new trees that were planted there thanks to AAF&G!



10/20: A new grove of Japanese cherry trees intermixed with native serviceberry trees was planted at **Buhr Park**. These trees celebrate Ann Arbor's relationship with its sister city of Hikone, Japan. The idea for this grove was proposed by a resident, and the Elizabeth Dean Fund provided funding to pay for the trees & installation. Once these trees are established, they should have spectacular springtime blooms!



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