

# Portsmouth Area Community Calendar 2017 - 2018



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Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce - 740-353-7647  
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## 2017

**October 28<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Bazaar** at the Lucasville Masonic Lodge, 326 Robert Lucas Road. The bazaar will be held 9 am to 3 pm featuring handmade gifts and goodies. For more information call 740-935-0158 or 740-352-4466.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ohio State University Marching Band** - TBDBITL is coming to the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. If you have ever seen The Ohio State University Marching Band enter the Horseshoe in Columbus, you know the excitement and emotion that the crowd of 105,000 plus feels when the drums start down the Ramp Entrance. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dancing With Our Stars Kick-Off event.** For more information, please call the American Red Cross Ohio River Valley Chapter at 740-354-3293.

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Chili Cook-off sponsored by the American Red Cross Ohio River Valley Chapter.** Event located in the parking lot at Jeremy Burnside Law Office, 1118 Hutchins in Portsmouth. For more information, call 740-354-3293.

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Jaycees Christmas Parade** in downtown Portsmouth. For more information, call 740-353-7647.

**November 18<sup>th</sup> - The Annual Main Street Portsmouth Holiday Open House.** Show a loved one you truly care by finding the perfect gift downtown, where you find the uniqueness a box store lacks. We look forward to seeing you downtown soon, spreading holiday joy and being a part of this wonderful community. For more information, call Main Street Portsmouth, 740-464-0203.

**November 20<sup>th</sup> – Par-Tee Golf Tournament at the Elks Country Club** sponsored by the American Red Cross Ohio River Valley Chapter. For more information, call 740-354-3293.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club's 57th Annual Covered Dish Dinner**, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Court Streets. Dinner at 6pm. Program starts at 7pm. Speaker Kathy Nelson, Friends of the Underground Railroad, with a program about the pre-Civil War journey to freedom. Contact: Cork Walker 740-858-5080.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Train Show** at the Friends Community Center. Details coming soon.

**November 30<sup>th</sup> - The Barefoot Movement Holiday Show** at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts - Complete with all of the classic seasonal favorites wrapped in a Christmas package, you'll hear acoustic renditions of everything from Chuck Berry's RUN RUN RUDOLPH to Perry Como's IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS and emotional takes on the more tender songs of the season like O HOLY NIGHT and HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

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**December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open House at Shawnee Park Lodge** - Christmas Open House / Buffet Served 11:30AM - 3:30PM - Menu featuring Beef and Noodles/ Chicken Pot Pie/ Mashed Potatoes/ Buttered Corn/ Dinner Rolls/ Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings and Assorted Desserts. Adults \$14.00 / Seniors 10% discount/ Children 4-10 \$7.95 / Children 3 and under Free. DAYLONG HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES with a large variety of vendors, entertainment and Santa will be making appearances throughout the day. Free hot chocolate and cookies. Plus A MAGICAL DISPLAY OF OVER 40 THOUSAND LIGHTS ON MORE THAN 40 TREES AND DISPLAYS DESIGNED AND ARRANGED BY AREA GARDEN CLUBS

**December 13<sup>th</sup> - Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Celebration 2017** - Admit it, you are just as excited as we are to see the Oaks return to town with their Christmas show. Even if they didn't bring truckloads of fun, you'd show up just to say "Hi" because they are one of your most favorite parts of the Christmas season. For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club's Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count.** Meet at Portsmouth Bob Evans at 7:00am. Contact: Dave Riepenhoff 740-820-8382 (\$3.00 fee is paid by the Nature Club.)

**December 16<sup>th</sup> – The Portsmouth Wind Symphony presents "Sounds of the Holiday Season"** at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7:30 pm. For ticket information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club's Meeting** at Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Dave Riepenhoff with a program on "Nature Photography and Christmas Bird Count. It. Contact: Marijean Rapp 740-858-2758.

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**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club Meeting** Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Martin McAllister with an Update on the Edge of Appalachia. Contact: Mary Martha Questel 740-354-2096.

**January 24<sup>th</sup> - Dirty Dancing at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts.** DIRTY DANCING is a record-breaking live theatre sensation, exploding with heart-pounding music, passionate romance and sensational dancing. Featuring the hit songs, “Hungry Eyes,” “Hey Baby,” “Do You Love Me?” and the heart-stopping “(I’ve Had) The Time of My Life.” Don’t miss your chance to see this record-breaking live theatre sensation. You’ll have the time of your life! For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - The Sound Of Music at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts.** A brand new production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is coming. This Tony, Grammy and Academy Award winning musical brings us the story of Maria and the von Trapp Family. The Sound of Music features music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II with beloved songs including MY FAVORITE THINGS, DO RE MI, CLIMB EV’RY MOUNTAIN, EDELWEISS and the title song. You will leave singing or humming a few of “your favorite songs!” For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club Meeting** at Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Hollie Fluharty on coyotes. Contact: Cork Walker 740-354-5080.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> - The Counseling Center’s 10th Annual Celebrity Chef Dinner & Auction** will be held on at 6:00 PM at SOMC’s Friends Center. Contact 740-351-2707

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club Meeting** at Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Jenny Richards, with a program on Native Plants and Pollinators in the Landscape. Contact: Cork Walker 740-858-5080.

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Dancing With Our Stars at the Friends Community Center.** For more information, please call the American Red Cross Ohio River Valley Chapter at 740-354-3293.

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – The Portsmouth Wind Symphony presents "Repercussions"** featuring the symphony’s percussion section. The event is held at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts at 7:30pm. For ticket information, call the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club Meeting** at Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Cheryl Carpenter with a program "Nature Awareness Beneath the Canopy." Contact: Doug Roberts 614-937-5558.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Children’s Choir and Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra** at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Join us in a preview of their highly anticipated Carnegie Hall performance. These extremely talented young people will thrill you in their very first visit to the Scioto County area as they present musical works which span genres and centuries in a family friendly event you won’t want to miss! For more information, contact the McKinley Box Office at 740-351-3600.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club Meeting** at Hill View Retirement Center 7:00pm with speaker Melisa Moser with a program on "Ohio's Green Gold" (ginseng). Contact: Doug Roberts 614-937-5558.

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – Gene Bennett Classic** – High School Elite baseball tournament. More details coming soon.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – Shawnee Nature Club End of Year Covered Dish Picnic** at Earl Thomas Conley Riverside Park (small picnic shelter) - Dinner at 6pm. Contact: Marijean Rapp 740-858-2758.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Counseling Center's Annual 5K Run & Fitness Festival** will be held at 7:00 AM at the Earl Thomas Conley Park in West Portsmouth. Contact 740-351-2707.

**June 30<sup>th</sup> - Adams County butterfly count.** Meet at shelter house on Waggoner Riffle Rd. just past the Eulett Center at 9:30am. Contact Jenny Richards 740-858-6652

**July 1<sup>st</sup> - Shawnee Nature Club's Scioto County butterfly count** with Jenny Richards. Meet at Shawnee State Park Lodge parking lot at 9:30am. Contact Jenny Richards 740-858-6652.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – The Portsmouth Wind Symphony presents "Celebrating Freedom"** at Tracy Park. Free concert begins at 7:00 pm.

## **Annual Events in the Portsmouth Area**

January – Portsmouth Murals Inc. Annual Baseball Banquet. Contact 353-7647

February – Notre Dame Schools “Bid Your Heart Out” fundraiser. Contact 353-2354.

February – Mainstreet Portsmouth Chocolate Walk. Contact 464-2023 (always first Saturday in February)

February – Main Street Portsmouth Dinner. Contact 464-0203

March – St. Patrick’s Day Parade in downtown Portsmouth. Contact 355-9015.

March – The Counseling Center’s Celebrity Dinner and Auction. Contact 354-3829.

March – American Red Cross, Dancing With Our Stars. Contact 354-3293.

April – Reds Day. Chamber sells tickets to Reds game. Contact 353-7647.

April – Shawnee State University’s President’s Gala. Contact 351-3284.

April – Trout Derby sponsored by the Portsmouth Jaycees.

April – Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643.

April – Portsmouth Wind Symphony Spring Concert [www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com](http://www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com)

May – TOSRV bicycle tour from Columbus to Portsmouth and back. Contact 353-1116.

May – Hike for Hospice. Contact 740-356-2567.

May – Main Street Portsmouth Farmers Market – thru October. Contact 464-2023

June – American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Contact Rosie Williams at 740-354-4363.

June – Gene Bennett Baseball Classic at SSU – Call SSU Athletic Dept.

June - Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643.

June – The Counseling Center’s annual 5K run. Contact 354-3829 ext 240.

July – Free concert in Tracy Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> – Portsmouth Wind Symphony - [www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com](http://www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com)

July - Main Street Portsmouth’s Farm to Table Dinner. Contact 464-2023

August – Roy Rogers Festival. 740.259.1195 or 740.727.4444.

August – Scioto County Fair at the fairgrounds in Lucasville.

August – Red Cross Heroes Event. Call 740-354-3293.

August - SOMC Triathlon. Contact <http://www.hfpracing.com>

September – Rotary Fish Fry. Call Sean Boldman 740-353-5433(Friday of Labor Day weekend)

September – River Days on the banks of the Ohio River.

September - Ducky Derby. Contact the United Way of Scioto County 353-5121

September - St. Mary’s International Festival. Contact 354-4551. 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September

September – Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. Contact 353-7647.

September – Steven A. Hunter Hope Fund Annual Tennis Tournament. [www.stevenshopefund.org](http://www.stevenshopefund.org)

September – Walk to End Alzheimers. Contact 800-272-3900.

September - Trade Days at Scioto County fairground. 937-728-6643

September – Jazz Concert in Tracy Park – Sunday before Labor Day (rain location- American Legion on Gallia)

October – Jaycees Haunted House.

October – John Simon Sorghum Festival. Contact 259-6337.

October – Main Street Portsmouth Fallween Festival. Contact 740-464-0203

October - Annual Dirt Track World Championship at Portsmouth Raceway Park. 740-354-3278 or 740-858-6661

October – Otway Covered Bridge Festival. Contact Friends of Scioto Brush Creek 740) 493-3062.

October – Portsmouth Wind Symphony fall concert - [www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com](http://www.portsmouthwindsymphony.com)

November – Annual Jaycees Christmas parade in downtown Portsmouth. Contact 353-7647.

November – SOMC’s Winter Wonderland (ball, tea, train expo, pj party). Contact 356-6160.

November – Annual Oak Ridge Boys concert at the Vern Riffe Center. Contact 351-3600.

November – Main Street Portsmouth Holiday Open House. Contact 464-2023

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December – Portsmouth Wind Symphony Christmas concert. Contact 351-3600.

December – Annual Boy Scout auction. Contact 354-2811.

December – Tour of Historic Churches sponsored by the Business/Professional Women. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in December