SPRING 2024

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES | OUTREACH & PARKNERSHIPS** 

# Spring is Here With Opportunities to Volunteer!



After a mostly dormant winter (with some invasive cutting events!) our calendar is now "officially" open! We are so excited to welcome back returning volunteers and meet hundreds of new ones. April is **National Volunteer Month** and we'll have plenty of volunteer events in the parks.

#### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Click here to view or register for our upcoming volunteer opportunities!

You can also email volunteer@a2gov.org

Mar 20 Invasive Removal Workday at Fuller Park 10am-12pm

Mar 22 Love a Park Day at Scheffler Park 2-4pm

Mar 27 Love a Park Day at Broadway Park 3-5pm

Mar 29 Tree Pruning at Huron Highlands Park 5-7pm

Apr 5 Invasive Removal Workday at Island Park 11am-1pm

Apr 12 Love a Park Day at South University Park 10am-12pm

Apr 17 Love a Park Day at Frisinger Park 3-5pm

Apr 19 Junior Volunteer Club at A2 Senior Center 4-5:30pm

Apr 20 Trash-a-Thon at Veterans Memorial Park 10am-11:30am

Apr 22 Earth Day Workdays at 3 Different Parks 10am-3:30pm

Apr 25 Love a Park Day at Bicentennial Park 1-2:30pm

Apr 26 Love a Park Day at Bryant & Arbor Oaks Park 2-3:30pm



#### **Welcome Dana!**

**Dana** has joined the GIVE 365 team as the new **Adopt-a-Park coordinator**. Dana joined the team in February after working with our friends at Natural Area Preservation (NAP) for over 16 years. Dana is excited to be here and we are so excited to have her on board with us!



#### **Welcome Rachel!**

Rachel has joined us at GIVE 365 as the new Assistant Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator! Rachel will be managing the inbox, replying to volunteer inquiries, answering the phones, and more. Rachel joined us first as a volunteer at several events last year and is now on staff!

#### **LOOKING BACK AT LAST YEAR: 2023 SEASON REPORT**

As Spring is here and the busy volunteer season kicks off, we're taking a moment to reflect on everything volunteers accomplished in 2023. Our 2023 Season Report is now live! Check it out to see an overview and highlights of GIVE 365's activities last year.

Click here to view 2023
Season Report (40MB file)



We also have reports on the <u>VEP Challenge</u>, <u>Alternative</u> <u>Mowing Pilot Program</u>, and work at the <u>bike parks</u>.

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#### **Junior Volunteer Club Returns**

The Junior Volunteer Club is kicking off in April! This program provides volunteer opportunities for youth ages 10 and up. Check out the <u>Youth Volunteer Opportunities</u> <u>page</u> to learn about upcoming dates and how to sign up!

#### Earth Day Extravaganza

GIVE 365 is hosting three events as part of our Earth Day Extravaganza on Earth Day, April 22nd! We will have events at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, West Park, and Argo & Longshore parks. Help us clean up and spruce up these beautiful parks! These are all on our <u>upcoming events page</u>.



### RIVER CLEANUP SCHEDULING IS OPEN!

Cleanup program! This program takes groups of volunteers onto the Huron River in the summer to help clean up trash that accumulates in and along the river. The boat rentals for these trips are covered by the MiCorps Volunteer Stream Cleanup Program (VSCP) grant. We also plan several "Love the River Day" events for individuals and small groups! Learn more at our River Cleanup page or email our river cleanup coordinator Ryan at rpoling@a2gov.org.



# **Group Event Scheduling**

As our calendar is now officially open, we are once again scheduling customized workdays with groups! If you've got a group and you're looking to volunteer, fill out our <u>Group Volunteer Inquiry form!</u>
We'll reach back out with project ideas.



# VISIT EVERY PARK CHALLENGE



## 2023 VEP Highlights

2023 was the biggest year for the VEP Challenge yet, with 32 people becoming champions, representing 16 households! We had record numbers of champions, registrations, and participants. Check out our 2023 VEP Highlights here.

# New Prizes Coming Soon, A2 Bicentennial Tie-In

VEP Prizes will change on April 1st! Some prizes will stay the same, while some will be replaced with new ones. All of this will be revealed soon. (Keep an eye on our social media channels!) 2024 is the **Ann Arbor Bicentennial** and some of the new prizes will tie into that!



# Zinks





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