

Newsletter of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park



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Second Annual Chase Your Shadow 5K Race Is On by Lynn Stamp **Whether there are signs of more winter or an early spring**

A spinoff of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Day frenzy, the second running of the Chase Your Shadow 5K race, hosted by Friends of Portage Lakes State Park, is on the calendar for February 5, 2011. Race Chairman, Jerry Davis says, "serious or casual runners and walkers will get their exercise whether that groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not."

The race is part of the Subway Challenge Series, a group of approximately 50 races across Ohio from 5K to half-marathon. Runners compete for awards, merchandise, cash, & fun through out the racing season. There are four divisions-Elite, Competitive, Recreational, & Walking. Like all races in the series, "Chase Your Shadow" will be ChampionChip timed with results posted on the web race day at www.ohiochallengeseries.com.

The 3.1 mile closed-course run/walk, starts at 10 a.m., and wraps its way through scenic Portage Lakes State Park, 5031 Manchester Rd, in the City of New Franklin. Entry fees are \$20 in advance and \$25 day of the event. 100% of the net proceeds will benefit programs and services for the park. All pre-registered entrants receive a commemorative t-shirt, prizes are awarded by age group and hundreds of goodie bags are available on a first come, first served basis. The top male and female finishers will receive special awards.

Due to the very nature and size of this event, volunteers are needed to ensure this event runs correctly. Experienced or not, please help us make sure this year's event is as good as we can make it. We can't do it without you! The next committee meeting will be Monday, December 13, 2010 @ 7 PM at Panera Bread, 3200 South Arlington Road, Akron, Ohio. For more information call Jerry Davis at 330-644-1841 or email runbike39@aol.com.



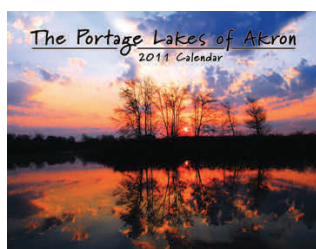
Mark Your Calendar! New Members are Always Welcome!

Monday, December 13, 2010, 7 PM, Chase Your Shadow Committee Meeting followed by a short board meeting, Panera Bread, 3200 South Arlington Road.

Thursday, January 20, 2011, 7 PM, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive.

Saturday, February 5, 2011, 2nd Annual Chase Your Shadow Race, 5031 Manchester Rd.

Thursday, February 17, 2011, 7 PM, Portage Lakes Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Drive.



2011 Portage Lakes Calendar

Now available from any member of the Friends of Portage Lakes State Park the 2011 Portage Lakes Calendar. The third annual 13-month calendar hopes to establish a new Portage Lakes tradition and is dedicated to promoting the Portage Lakes area.



Buckeye Dock Dogs teaching dogs to jump from the dock.



2010 Bark in the Park Dog Halloween Event

Sponsored by Friends of Portage Lakes State Park

Photos by Lew Stamp Photography



Angel Glass & Dillon won the most look-alike owner and dog award.



Left to right, Jerry Davis, Polly Price, Laura Davis, Tom Burge, Tom Fry handle the raffle.



The Royal Court Clarence, Sophie, Elwood & Roxie



Joy Gross and dog Spike.

For additional event photos please visit www.facebook.com/portagelakesdogpark.



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Thank You by Peggy Bergholz

The Bark in the Park Halloween Costume Contest on Saturday, October 30th, 2010 was a huge achievement! Over 125 people came out for the event and 38 dogs registered in the costume contest. The costumes were fantastic...so creative. As chairperson of this event, I appreciate everyone who helped to make our first dog park fund raising event possible. It was a lot of work, took dedication and we raised approximately \$600.00. This will help build the new dog park. My thanks go to the Buckeye Dock Dogs, Larry Hunter, President of Friends of Portage Lakes State Park, the organizations, donors, vendors, and all the people and dogs in attendance.

I have received many positive and happy comments expressing how much fun was had. Many are anxious for the new Dog Park to be built. Buckeye Dock Dogs (Steve Bacon, Traci Butler and others) helping to teach other dogs the sport of dock jumping.



Peggy Bergholz with Latté, Photo by Krista Galloway



Thanks to our judges (Mark Snyder, Amber Kaufman and Richelle Moore) of the dog costume contest. There were many happy and proud owners and dogs.

Congratulations to all the raffle winners. I cannot thank all of the donors enough for the wonderful donations of prizes for the raffle.