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SIMPSON GARDEN PARK: THE PERFECT SUMMER STOP

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BOWLING GREEN — Blooming flowers, colorful plants and stunning trees, oh my! Simpson Garden Park offers many leafy attractions throughout its 11-acre garden, displaying a wide variety of plants, shrubs, flowers and trees for all to enjoy.

Simpson Garden is an excellent resource for learning about plants, soil and climate. The Bowling Green park aims to educate its visitors about the role plants play within the web of life, and also emphasizes which plants you could grow in your own backyard. According to its website, the public garden arrived in 2002 after Bowling Green grew a vision for a new, colorful park. After years of fundraising and planning, organizers brought their stunning, vegetation prospect to life.

Containing 12 major foliage attractions, this garden surely has something for everyone. Listed below are just a few of Simpson's one-of-a-kind allurements.

East Entry Garden: Known as the backbone of the garden, this walkway delights guests with its seasonally changing entry urns and charm. It contains creative attractions and inspires ideas for at-home gardens.

Children's Discovery Garden: This hands-on, educational area allows visitors to explore, touch, pick, Continued on Page 3





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water and plant within the garden. Its main goal is to unite people to the land through the teaching of gardens.

Sensory Garden: This garden features raised planting beds, a running waterfall and seating areas. It is designed to stimulate the senses: sight, smell, sound and touch.

Peace Garden: A stream, pond and waterfall are contained within this site. Additional elements will be installed through several phases of funding, but it currently contains very peaceful, enjoyable paths surrounded by water and wide variety of unique plants.

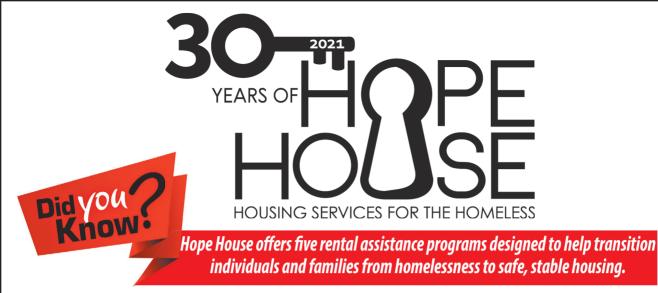
Sculpture Garden: This area consists of mounded hills and an inground amphitheater, where Simpson hosts shows throughout the year. This garden contains rotating patchwork and art, which will add pizazz to any summer stroll.

Year-round general nature hikes and programs are available upon request for families, schools and community groups. These hikes provide access to the Nature Center and are given by a personal tour guide. Simpson Garden Park also participates in annual plantings, providing new changes within the garden and even adding new sections. Volunteers are welcome to participate in maintaining the garden, which includes seed collecting and weed pulling, by contacting the park's natural resources staff.

Simpson Garden Park is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, or sunrise to sunset. Tours of the park, both on foot and golf cart, are available upon request through the park's website, www. bgohio.org.







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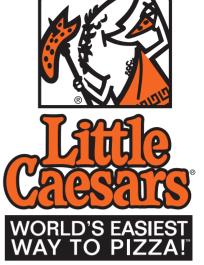








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Humans of Findlay is a documentary project based on the blog "Humans of New York." The project was created to introduce many of the unique people of Findlay, Ohio. The man behind the lens and the project is Dave Morrow. Morrow has interviewed over 700 people of Findlay, ranging from age 5 to 102 years old, with a wide range of diversity and backgrounds. Jenna Wilkins has joined Dave in continuing the Humans of Findlay project.

On April 4, 2018, a proclamation was signed by Mayor Lydia Mihalik designating the day as "Humans of Findlay Day." Each of the stories have been read up to 30,000 times, and can be located on humansoffindlay.com, Humans of Findlay Facebook page, as well as in this monthly magazine. Know someone that you feel should be featured? Send a nomination on the Facebook page.

DEPUTY MICHAEL MCGUIRE



Michael McGuire passed away June 13, 2021. In his memory, we are sharing his Humans of Findlay story from January 2019.

The uniformed officer is often only "recognized" as someone who attempts to control our speed, makes sure we have that "restricting" seatbelt on, and is always looking for ways to catch us in "some illegal activity". The public's relationship with law enforcement is often a "us versus them" attitude. The truth is, that inside each uniform there is a living, breathing, dedicated person who honestly desires to be a friend, a resource and to protect those they are sworn to serve. We received a nomination for one such individual who has been willingly and actively working for over thirty years in our neighborhoods to be such an officer.

Michael McGuire is a lifer here in Findlay, born at Blanchard Valley fifty-six years ago to

Chuck and Jean. He would later be joined by younger sister Starla. Active in football and basketball in high school, Mike graduated from Liberty Benton in 1981. At the age of twenty-one, while working at Kuss, Mike applied for a position with the Hancock County Sheriff's office. He was hired and graduated from the Findlay Police Academy becoming a reserve deputy in 1986. On February 21st, 1989, Deputy McGuire would become a full-time deputy and begin to serve all 532 square miles of Hancock County.

For all first responders there is usually one event in their career that is burned into one's memory and soul. In his first year, Deputy McGuire was on scene trying to assist a suicidal individual. It ended tragically with the person shooting himself in front of him. "I still hear the gunshot, smell the gun powder." He has worked very hard since then to be someone that people in stress can come to trust and allow him to help them. He is one of the many county and city law enforcement officers who have completed Crisis Intervention Training, a course designed to diffuse mental health situations they might be called to help.

Through the years, Deputy McGuire has responded to every village in the county, handling domestic calls, barking dogs, motor vehicle accidents, drug issues and an endless list of situations that required him to deal with people on a personal level. He left patrol for nearly fifteen years to become a School Resource Officer working daily in the halls, on the campuses, rotating through all six county schools. "Every school is a unique community, with distinct personalities, rules and dynamics established by the students." He found the need to adapt at every campus. "My goal was to get to know the students, allow them to become comfortable with me, and let them see I am a human being, not just an authority figure in a uniform."

Mike continues to be of service to the public even when off patrol duty. He has worked the county fair and Balloon Fest security for years. He is often found providing a safety buffer for freeway workers on the midnight shift in his patrol car. Deputies often work school events, add security to local church services and any village events they are invited to help at. His job has transformed greatly over the years, especially with the addition of computers loaded with GPS, NCIC, and active dispatch capabilities.

Always looking to improve himself and his department, Mike has served on the Buckeye State Sheriff Association for five years as Deputy Director over the 21 counties in NW Ohio. For nine years he was appointed to the state Ohio Crime Prevention Board where he served as the director.

Mike has been a volunteer fire fighter for Allen Township, (VanBuren), for the past 35 years. For 26 years he volunteered as the county Law Enforcement Explorer Post advisor for youth aged 14-21, who had an interest in a future law enforcement career. In his FREE time, he has a mowing and snow removal business.

Mike has four children from two previous marriages: Matthew, Chase, Brooke and Drew. Chase was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident five years ago at the age of twenty-six. (This was a turning point in Mike's outlook on life.) "Don't take life for granted, it can change in an instant."

Between spending time with his children, 6 grandbabies, and following the kid's sports activities he is kept hopping Deputy McGuire looks to retire from full-time law enforcement in three years. He will maintain his peace officer certification and serve as needed. He does look forward to more time with family and time up at Lake Erie. (Deputy McGuire retired just one month ago.)



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