



2026 Small Agency Forum

Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

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10:00am	Welcome Kris Myers · Bellefontaine Joint Recreation District Woody Woodward · OPRA
10:15am	From Oops to Opportunity: Parks & Rec Lessons in the Wild We learn from the past...right? Join us for a candid (and sometimes wild!) look at the real-life stories from our Parks and Recreation Department—from equipment hiccups to the heartbreak of lost trees and plants. Out of the valleys and mishaps came growth, lessons, and a chance to reimagine what our department could be. Come hear how we turned setbacks into comebacks — with a few laughs along the way! Amanda Gehres · Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Donna Bauman · Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Brian McGuire · Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation
11:15am	Planning Hacks for Small Parks Erie MetroParks performed a community engagement survey in the last quarter of 2024 and published a 5-year strategic plan based on the results. Melissa will provide very practical information on working through this type of process with zero dollars. Melissa Price · Erie MetroParks
12:00pm	Lunch & Directors Panel Kris Myers · Bellefontaine Joint Recreation District Melissa Price · Erie MetroParks Myranda Vance · Ross County Park District
1:15pm	Roundtables
2:15pm	Power Partnerships: Growing Your Organization Through Community Connections Success isn't just about what you do—it's about who you collaborate with. This session explores how agencies can build strategic partnerships with local Chambers of Commerce, school districts, and non-profits to expand impact and resources. Learn how to foster meaningful connections, create mutually beneficial relationships, and leverage community assets to help your organization grow and thrive. Walk away with actionable strategies to turn partnerships into powerful growth opportunities! Angie Clifford · Northmont Area Chamber of Commerce
3:15pm	Ask an Attorney BYOQ (Bring Your Own Questions!) Ben Yoder · Bricker Graydon
4:00pm	Adjourn



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