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Families and friends 'Run to Remember' at Beech Acres

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ANDERSON TWP.- In association with the family and friends of Nancy Horn, the Anderson Township Park District is holding its 4th annual "Run to Remember" event in Beech Acres Park and Parenting Complex, Saturday, Sept. 8.

This community event, which includes a free concert by rock 'n' rollers Midnight Special, food and beverages, is a 2.5 mile run/walk with all proceeds going to the completion of the all-inclusive playground, at Beech Acres Park.

The event began to honor the memory of Nancy Horn, "a loving wife and mother who lost her 14-month battle with brain cancer in September of 2003," according to a release from the park district.

"It all started with Nancy. She was an amazing mother and friend," said Franki Zerhusen, a long-time friend of Nancy's. "It was the perfect idea to give back to the community for her. It has brought us all together."

Nancy's husband, T.J. Horn, has since opened the event up to honor the loved ones of other community members.

"It is a good way for families to grieve and pay their respects. We are going to keep it going as long as the park district and everyone involved wants to keep it up," said Horn.

Horn will announce the event and fire the opening shot from the starter's pistol.

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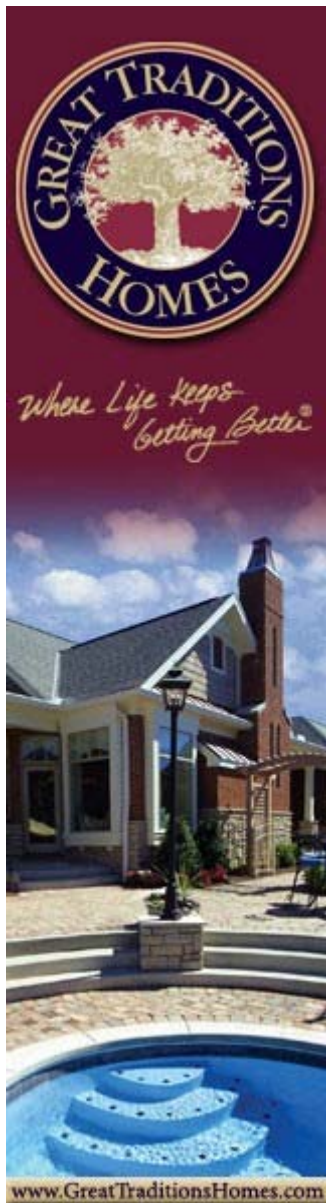
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Mandi Wilson leads Anderson Park District Board Commissioner Mark Bissinger and Lauren Meisman, daughter of 2006 and 2007 Run to Remember honoree Gerry Meisman, in last year's race.

Run to Remember Registration

Pre-registration is \$20 and the deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 4. Register online at AndersonParks.com or call 474-0003. Those pre-registered are guaranteed a free T-shirt.

Registration on race day is \$25. There will be employees registering people before the race at Beech Acres Park, 6910 Salem Road, Anderson



The logo of the event, which features a woman flexing on a rock in a sunset background, comes from a photograph of the late Nancy Horn taken while she was on vacation on an island in Panama.

According to Anderson Park District Recreation Director Emily Armstrong, 427 runners and walkers participated last year.

She estimates that nearly 800 people came out to support the event and enjoy the festivities. Park district employees participate to honor one of their own, Lonnie Bettle.

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Volunteers must register by Friday, Aug. 31. Volunteer registration forms are available online at AndersonParks.com or by calling Brian Jordan at 474-0003, ext. 5093. Fax forms to 388-2494 or E-mail them to BJordan@AndersonParks.com.

Mail forms to Anderson Park District, ATTN: Brian Jordan, 8249 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

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