



RESOURCE ROUNDUP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES & EVENTS

5/8/25

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ONGOING / SELECTED DATES

- **UTILITY BILL HELP** – The Salvation Army of Summit County's Utility Assistance Program offers financial relief for eligible low-income households facing shut off. Help is available once every 12 months and is based on available funding. Call 330-762-8481 to apply.
- **HOT MEALS** – From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on **Thursdays** and **Saturdays** at the Homeless Charity and Village Outreach House, 47 N. Arlington St., Akron.
- **FEEDING HOPE FOOD PANTRY** – Hours are 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Mondays** and 9 a.m.-noon **Tuesdays** at the First Congregational Church of Akron, 292 E. Market St. People experiencing food insecurity can receive food for 12 meals, per family member, once per calendar month. The pantry allows recipients to pick the food they need for the meals. Personal care items also available. For more, visit <https://akronfcc.org> or call 330-253-5109.
- **FOOD PANTRY** – **Every Sunday and Wednesday** at The Sanctuary, 847 Lakewood Blvd., Akron. **Sunday**: registration on day of pantry is 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Food is distributed from 12-12:30 p.m. **Wednesdays**: Registration from 5-6:30 p.m. Distribution is from 6:30-7 p.m. It is recommended that you bring a cart or something on wheels (or box or bag). Info: akronsanctuary.com.
- **GOODIES, GAMES & GABS** – Lighthearted get-togethers on **the third Tuesday** from 11-11:55 a.m. at Firestone Park Branch Library, 1486 Aster Ave., Akron.
- **MINDFULNESS MEDITATION CLASS** – For anyone in recovery and families impacted by addiction. **Third Saturday** of each month at 10 a.m. at Tyler's Redemption Place, 2684 Sanitarium Road, Akron. Learn techniques to calm the mind, create inner peace and enhance overall well-being.

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- **PARK CELEBRATION** – The Akron Mayor's Office and the Akron Parks Collaborative will host a park celebration for the revitalized Kerr Park in West Akron **May 10** from noon-3 p.m. A program will begin at 1 p.m. The event also will include music, food trucks, and free tennis and pickleball lessons on the improved court. Details: <https://bit.ly/4jA7oic>.
- **RECOVERY JOB FAIR** – Jake's Reach Recovery job fair for those in recovery **May 10** at IBH Reach Facility, 1601 S. Main St., Akron. Pizza and soda will be served at 11:30 a.m.; question and answer after with signups at 12-2 p.m. Details: www.jakesreach.org.

- **TAILLIGHT REPLACEMENT** – The Freedom Taillight Project will replace taillights that have gone out on vehicles for free from noon to 5 p.m. **May 10** at Hawkins Plaza, 1525 S. Hawkins Ave., Akron. The clinic includes fixing car lightbulbs, making minor repairs and giving e-check advice. The event also will include food, music and drinks. Donations requested but not required. Info: www.freedomtailpro.org.
- **FOOD GIVEAWAY** – Dry goods, produce and snacks will be distributed by Akron Bible Church for the first walk-up neighbors at 9 a.m. **May 10** at Agape Storehouse, 340 E. South St., Akron.
- **LOW-COST PET VACCINE CLINIC** – One of a Kind Pets Spay and Neuter Clinic will host low-cost vaccinations, microchips and nail trims for cats and dogs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **May 10** at 1700 W. Exchange St., Akron. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Prices range from \$15 to \$35 depending on service/vaccine. There is a \$10 clinic fee and \$5 fee for each additional pet. Contact: 330-865-6890, www.oneofakindpets.com.
- **CAT SPAY/NEUTER SERVICE** – The Humane Society MABEL Vet Clinic is offering no-cost spay/neuter and wellness services to qualified pet owners in Summit County. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, or TANF. **Appointments required**; no walk-ins. Dates for cat spay or neuter surgeries are **May 12** and **May 19** at Open M., 941 Princeton St., Akron, and **May 28** at The Well CDC, 647 E. Market St. Akron. Book appointments online at summithumane.org/resources/mabel.
- **NATURE WALK** – Explore two miles of towpath and watch for the May Full Flower Moon on a free walk hosted by Akron Recreation and Parks **May 12** at 7:30 p.m. at Cuyahoga Valley National Park - Botzum Trailhead, 2928 Riverview Road, Akron.
- **SHOWER BUS** –Forever R Children will offer showers in the shower bus from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **May 12** at the METRO Transit Station, 631 S. Broadway, Akron. The bus provides full-service bathrooms, with a 20-minute service and 10-minute water access. First come, first served. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Contact: 330-957-0068 or visit ForeverRChildren.org.
- **FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELING** – Akron Financial Empowerment Center will offer free financial counseling at walk-in events from 1-3 p.m. **May 13** and **May 20** at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St. Participants can drop in to the Small Business and Nonprofit Resource Center to speak with a representative to learn about budgeting, saving money, paying down debt and boosting your credit score.
- **REENTRY RESOURCE/JOB FAIR** – 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **May 15** at The Chapel, 135 Fir Hill, Akron. Free backpacks with hygiene products will be given away. METRO RTA will offer free rides to and from The Chapel during the event.
- **SKIN CANCER SCREENING** – Cleveland Clinic Akron General will host a skin cancer screening event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **May 17** at Stewart's Caring Place, 3501 Ridge Park Dr., Fairlawn. Registration is required and can be done at <https://tinyurl.com/skinscreening2025>.
- **BIKE & HIKE** – Let's Move Summit County will host a bike and hike event from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. **May 17** at Summit Lake, 380 W. Crosier St., Akron. Participants will ride or walk on a designated route along the Towpath Trail starting and ending at Summit Lake Community Center. The event is free, and participants will be provided with a prepackaged lunch upon returning to the park. Register by

May 2 online at <https://tinyurl.com/6u766dy9>. For more details, call 330-643-2074 or email letsmovesummitcounty@summitoh.net.

- **AKRON POPS CONCERT** – “Harmony Through the Ages” is a free community concert and dessert reception on **May 19** at Kenmore Community Center, 680 Kenmore Blvd., Akron. The Akron Pops Orchestra will lead the interactive event. The dessert reception begins at 6:15 p.m. and includes music trivia, desserts and a chance to talk with orchestra members. The concert starts at 7 p.m.
- **SHOWER BUS** – L.I.N.K.S. Community Outreach and Forever R Children will offer showers in the shower bus from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **May 22** at Open Door Assembly of God, 745 Upson St., Akron. The bus provides full-service bathrooms, with a 20-minute service and 10-minute water access. First come, first served. Free clothing will be available, and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- **FIRESTONE PARK DAY OF CARING** – Park beautification, activities, snacks and more from 1-3 p.m. **May 24** at Firestone Park Community Center, 1480 Girard St., Akron. City of Akron Arborist Matt Knull will talk about Arbor Day and the city’s tree canopy initiative.
- **CONCERT AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Akron Recreation and Parks will present a free concert and ice cream social from 7-8:30 p.m. **May 27** at Kenmore Community Center, 880 Kenmore Blvd., Akron. The event will include a live performance by the Akron Big Band.
- **WALKING TOUR OF SUMMIT LAKE** – Dan Rice, president and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, will join an informative walking tour of Summit Lake on **May 29**. Participants will meet at 6 p.m. at Summit Lake Community Center, 380 W. Crosier St., Akron. This event is self-drive and will be held rain or shine. The trail is 2.2 miles and fairly flat. The walk may take up to two hours. The walking tour is free but is limited to the first 30 people to register. Sign up at <https://akron.recdesk.com/Community/Program?category=22>
- **EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC** – Free clinic hosted by Akron Urban League from 11 a.m.-4p.m. **May 30** at the Urban League, 440 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron. Talk to an attorney about your criminal history and the potential to seal or expunge your record. **Register by May 16** by calling 614-715-8576.
- **BICENTENNIAL BLOCK PARTY** – Free event with food, music, carnival games, inflatables, Kona Ice truck (noon-2 p.m.), from 11 a.m.-3p.m. **May 31** at 180 S. Maple St., Akron. Free parking and Salvation Army shuttles from St. Vincent-St. Mary Catholic High School. Hosted by The Salvation Army of Akron and Summit County.