

WORK EXPERIENCE CHRONICLES

What is going on in the HYS Work Experience Program



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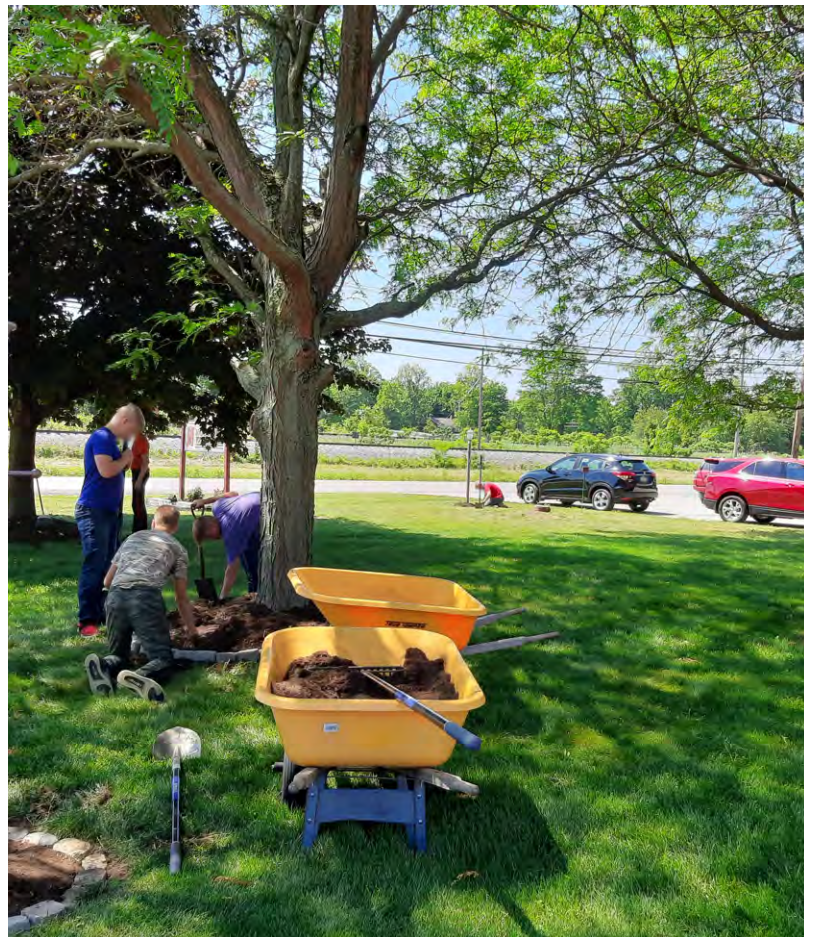
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Residents work hard to keep Harborcreek Youth Services looking beautiful

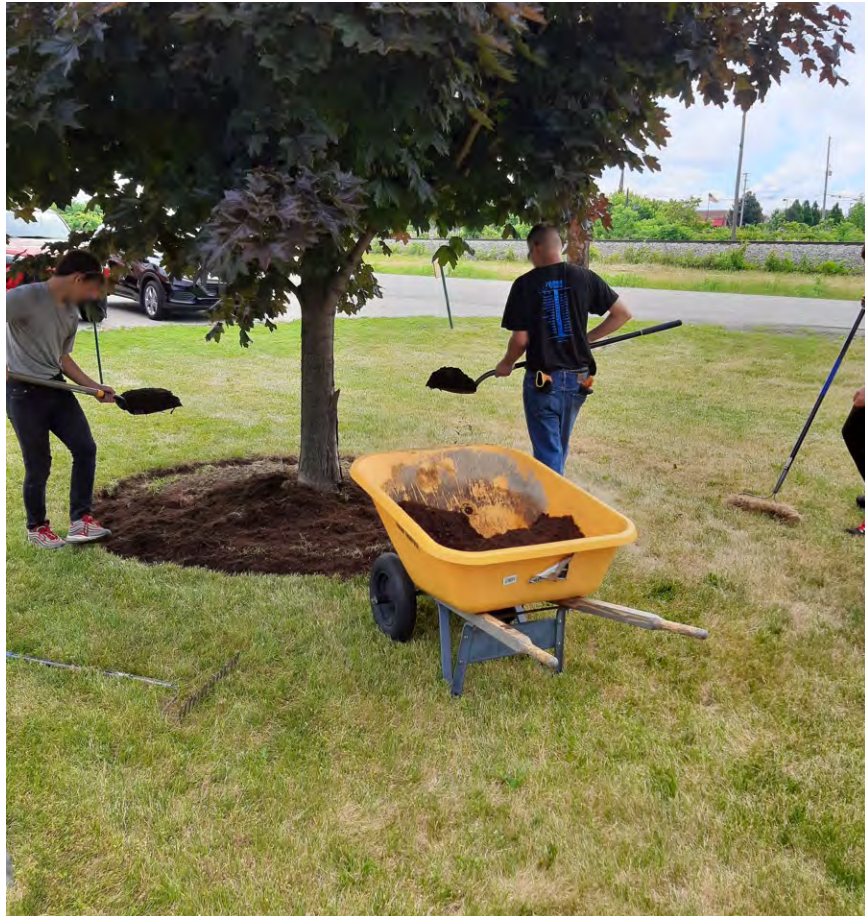
Every year as the season changes from winter to our spring and summer season, the boys at Harborcreek Youth Services spend a good amount of time outside in the work experience program. The boys work on keeping the campus of HYS beautiful in many ways. The instructors in the WEP program teach the boys how to use lawn mowers, weed trimmers, gardening and landscaping tools. These skills could prove essential someday for the boys if they were to get a job or maintain their own property once they were old enough. The boys work on landscaping around the campus which often includes edging and mulching areas. Sometimes larger tasks are at hand and the boys work as a team to accomplish these assignments.



Pictured around this page are some examples of our boys working hard on lawn maintenance and learning how to properly landscape the property. Working as a team is a vital component on accomplishing these assignments which is taught to them during their time in the HYS Work Experience Program.



"Some people look for a beautiful place, others make a place beautiful." - Hazrat Inayat Khan



The W.E.P. boys working hard on landscaping around the campus. The boys take pride in making where they currently live as beautiful as they can. Pride goes a long way with effort.



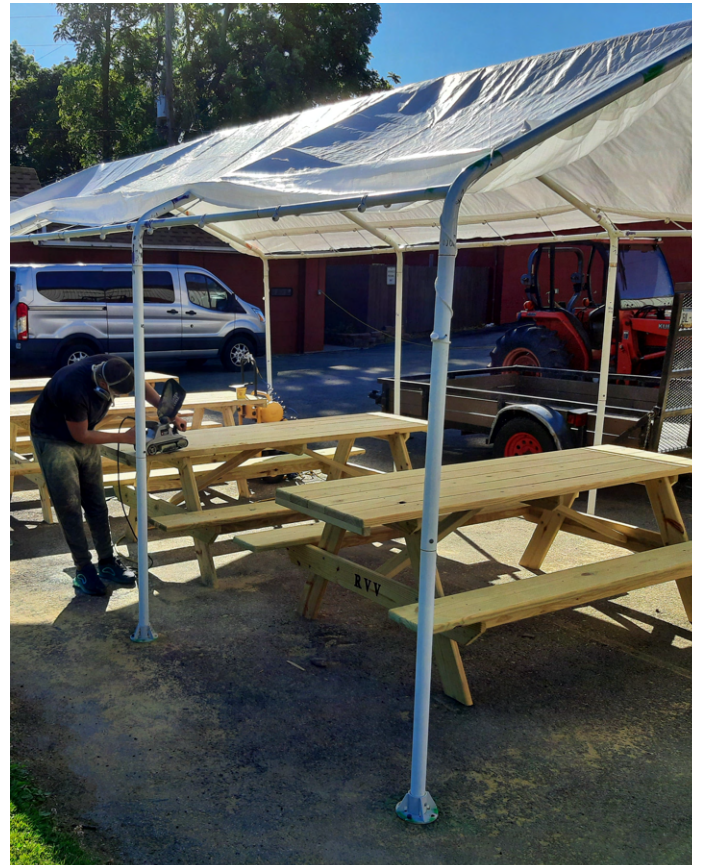


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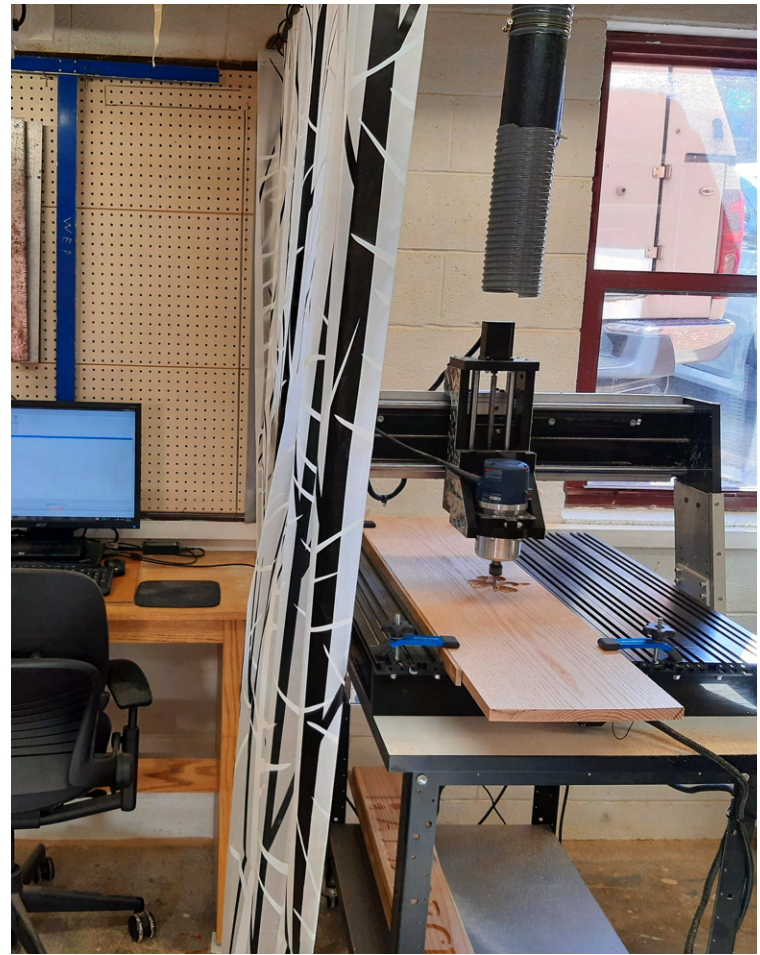
LIKE MOST THINGS, PIECES MAKE THE WHOLE

The boys in the Work Experience Program learn how to build picnic tables and benches from the beginning. This consists of steps starting from when the wood is delivered all the way through cutting pieces and assembly of the projects. There are many steps and pieces that go into the projects so all the boys have work together most often in teams in order to accomplish these tasks. The boys learn measuring skills, angles, machine usage, teamwork and following through with specific instructions to complete each task. Examples of these steps are shown within the current page and following pages of the work they do.



"It takes both sides, to build a bridge" - Fredrik Nael

WOODSHOP PROJECTS



CNC MACHINE: USEFUL TOOL TO CARVING PROJECTS AND MORE...

The Work Experience Program has their own CNC Machine and program which is used to design and carve those designs into wood projects. These projects may include personal projects for the boys, picnic table carvings as well as other requested projects by others. The program is also being worked into a training course for the boys so that they will also know how to use such a machine if they would happen to get into the work force and this would be something they could do in their professional job.



WOODSHOP PROJECT EXAMPLES AND TEACHING



SAFETY TOWN



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GOOD COMMUNITY CAUSE

The boys are hard at work putting together Safety Town in Lawrence Park. Each year the Lions Club puts together a week long safety course on driving and traffic concepts for young kids. This little town is made up of local houses and buildings around Lawrence Park that former boys in WEP designed and painted to be used each year. The current boys in WEP are assigned to help put up the town and then take it down after the class has concluded for the week.



A FORMIDABLE FAREWELL

Caring is the vitality of Success

Congratulations to Gary Licata who after 47 years of service at HYS announced his retirement. Gary was the director of the HYS Work Experience Program for the past 18 years.



Mr. Gary will always remember all the young men that he worked with over the years. Gary always felt that the Work Experience Program was a vital tool for success to many of the boys over the years. The knowledge and ability to teach on a more individual level was the most satisfying and rewarding part of the job. Gary will surely enjoy his retirement but we all know he will miss working with all the young men that he enjoyed making an impact on.