

## TALKING TOURISM

July 2021

Each month this space will be devoted to a column written by Debbie Robinson, executive director of the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB). She will provide information about upcoming events, area attractions, bureau services and projects, and most importantly, communicate the tremendous impact that the travel and tourism industry has on this region.

### John Glenn Centennial Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the life and legacy of Astronaut, Senator and beloved son, John H. Glenn Jr. who was born in Cambridge and raised in New Concord. The counties of Guernsey and Muskingum have come together to recognize what would be his 100th birthday on July 18, 2021. Most of the events and activities will occur the weekend of July 16 – 18 while others are scheduled throughout the month.

Blast off to fun! Meet retired Ohio astronaut, Don Thomas, as he offers presentations throughout the weekend's festivities. If you are a runner, the Friendship 7-Miler takes place on July 17 at 8 a.m. The Friendship 7 Parade follows at 11 a.m. from Cambridge to New Concord. Take a ride in a rocket care or in a WACO biplane (like the one young John flew in over Cambridge and got the aviation bug). Enjoy movies about space, children's activities, musical tributes and tours through the John & Annie Glenn Museum all throughout the weekend.

In addition, a "Savor the Flavor" John Glenn Food Trail will be offered throughout the month of July. Pick up your copy of the John & Annie Glenn Heritage Trail. It will include sites in Muskingum and Guernsey Counties that were significant to John and/or Annie.

The Guernsey County Public Library New Release Book Club to read *The Last American Hero: The Remarkable Life of John Glenn* by Alice L. George in honor of John Glenn's 100th birthday! The Zoom presentation will take place July 3, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Also, in recognition the John Glenn Centennial Celebration, the Area Agency on Aging Region 9 of Guernsey will display three paintings of John Glenn's life in their window by local artist, Sue Dodd, through the end of August. Be sure to stop by the Cambridge/Guernsey County Tourist Information Center during the month of July to see an interesting display of John Glenn and space memorabilia.

A full list of John Glenn Centennial Celebration events, times and locations can be found at [VisitGuernseyCounty.com/getaway-packages/john-glenn-centennial-celebration.html](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com/getaway-packages/john-glenn-centennial-celebration.html)

### Upcoming Centennial Events

#### July 16, 2021

- Photos of the 1962 parade on view, Muskingum University Palmer Gallery, New Concord
- Living History Tours (admission) at the John & Annie Glenn Museum, New Concord
- Space Shuttle Ohio Astronaut Don Thomas Presentation, Big Pavilion, Cambridge City Park

#### July 17, 2021

- Friendship 7-Miler Race from Cambridge to New Concord
- Photos of the 1962 parade on view, Muskingum University Palmer Gallery, New Concord
- Free Walk-Through Tours-John & Annie Glenn Museum (souvenirs & lemonade sold in front of the museum) John Glenn's 1964 Corvair Convertible will be on display, New Concord
- WACO Bi-Plane Ride (\$200 for a 2-person ride), Cambridge Municipal Airport
- Historical Walking Tour of New Concord-Harry Harman (who created the tour) will lead New Concord
- Harper Cabin Open, New Concord
- Old-Fashioned Games & Launch Pop Bottle Rockets (kids activities), New Concord Elementary
- Interview with Alice George Author of *The Last American Hero*, New Concord Library

- Pre-Parade Program – Speakers: US Representative Bill Johnson, Ohio State Representative Adam Holmes; Space Shuttle Astronaut Don Thomas; Representative from the Guernsey County Commissioners
- Friendship 7 Parade from Cambridge to New Concord
- Post-Parade Program - Speakers: US Senator Sherrod Brown; Dr. Sue Hassler, President of Muskingum University; Dr. Barb Hansen, President of Board for John & Annie Glenn Museum; Dave Adams, Superintendent of East Muskingum Local School District, New Concord Elementary
- Rocket Car Rides \$10 per person for a 10 minute ride, New Concord Elementary
- COSI on Wheels (each student will receive a COSI Mini Kit with one science activity and a FREE COSI admission ticket to the first 100 children), New Concord Elementary
- Muskingum Valley Symphonic Winds, New Concord Elementary
- Space Shuttle Astronaut Don Thomas Presentation (Sponsored by Muskingum University), New Concord Elementary
- The John Glenn Story, New Concord Elementary
- Author Panel - Jeff Shesol (Mercury Rising), Don Thomas, Alice George, New Concord Elementary
- “Project Mercury” presented by filmmaker Jackson Tyler, Area Agency on Aging Cambridge

### **July 18, 2021**

- Photos of the 1962 parade on view, Muskingum University Palmer Gallery, New Concord
- Free Walk-Through Tours at the John & Annie Glenn Museum and a Birthday Treat while they last. Also showing the movie “Friendship 7” in the Classroom (1pm, 2pm, 3pm), New Concord

*A full list of area events for July and upcoming months, log on to [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com). Before attending any event, we suggest that you call before you go.*

To learn more about the VCB, area events, and activities, visit the Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB office at 627 Wheeling Avenue, Suite 200 in downtown Cambridge, call 740-432-2022, email [info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com](mailto:info@VisitGuernseyCounty.com), or log onto [VisitGuernseyCounty.com](http://VisitGuernseyCounty.com).

