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Manhattan Project National Historical Park Oak Ridge, Tennessee

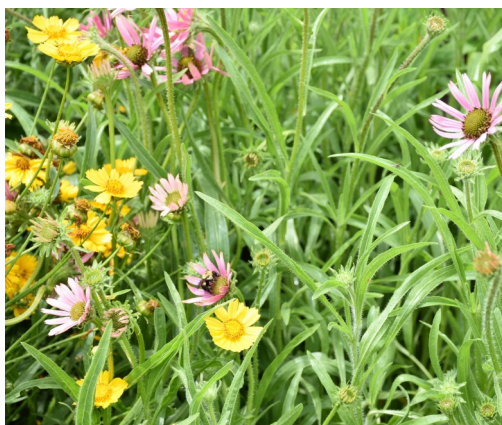


June 2020

Manhattan Project History in June

- On June 27, 1940 the National Defense Research Committee was created to coordinate, supervise, and conduct scientific research on development, production, and use of devices of warfare. Vannevar Bush acted as the chairman of the committee for the first year.
- Directed by Vannevar Bush, the Office of Scientific Research and Development was created on June 28, 1941 and superseded the work of the National Defense Research Committee to coordinate scientific research for military purposes. The committee oversaw the S-1 Section that later became the Manhattan Project.
- On June 18, 1942 Col. James Marshall was ordered to organize a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District to take over the atomic bomb development. The Manhattan Engineer District was formally established two months later, and Col. Leslie Groves replaced Marshall in September.
- Construction of K-25 in Oak Ridge, TN began in June of 1943.
- D-day, the allied invasion of Normandy occurred on June 6, 1944.
- A committee of physicists created the Franck Report in June 1945 urging the bomb not be used and keep the existence of the nuclear bomb secret for as long as possible. The report also predicted the nuclear arms race that followed WWII.

Our Victory Garden's Companion Pollinator Garden has Begun Flowering and Attracting Insects. Right now purple cone flowers and lance-leaf coreopsis are in bloom.



For Many June 1 is the Unofficial Start of Summer. This year, without the excitement of most special events, many residents and visitors may be looking for other ways to enjoy the warm weather. Here in Oak Ridge you can explore the history of the Manhattan Project by walking through the historical district and read park wayside signs including one in Jackson Square, one in front of the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, and one near the river in Melton Lake Park. Oak Ridge has many wonderful trails that can be explored on foot, bike, or with your favorite leashed pet. One trail that

Rangers love to explore is the 1.2 mile Wheat Trail that begins along Blair Rd. near the George Jones Memorial Baptist Church. Along this flat trail, you will see what remains of the pre-war community of Wheat, TN.

We are Delighted to Welcome our 2020 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher, Amanda Ragan who teaches Choral Music and Advanced Placement Music Theory for grades 9 through 12 at Oak Ridge High School. Amanda is going to be helping us create new educational products that focus on the music of the World War II era.



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