



**Concept Park - 1967**

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**Headquarters Address**

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Website: www.cwpd.org

**Winter Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Office Closed: December 24 & 25,  
January 1 & 19

**Phone Numbers**

Park District Headquarters:  
(937) 433-5155  
Fax: (937) 433-6564  
Park District Rainout Line:  
(937) 433-2524

**Park Addresses**

Addresses for parks where programs are held are listed in this publication. For a complete list of park addresses, visit our website, or phone the office during regular business hours.

**Athletic Field Conditions**

www.cwpd.org/fieldstatus.php

**Youth League Contacts**

*Centerville United Soccer Association (CUSA)*  
www.CUSASoccer.com  
Hotline: 864-4440

*Centerville Noon Optimist Sof-T-Ball Association*  
www.centervillenoonoptimist.com  
Charlie Pool: 371-7612  
Email: Cvilletball@aol.com

*Centerville Wee Elk Football Association*  
www.weeelks.org

*Centerville Baseball League*  
www.cbltoday.org  
Hotline: 640-2816  
Email: cblstaff@woh.rr.com

*ISC Storm Soccer*  
www.eteamz.active.com/iscstorm  
Hotline: 671-1446

**Community Calendar**

www.cwt.net.org

**Park District Celebrates 50 Years**

In the early 1950s Centerville and Washington Township were 90% agricultural land and residents began to get nervous about fast approaching development that did not have any guidelines for preserving open space. A Committee of 100, led by resident Bill Yeck, was formed to promote the adoption of the Montgomery County zoning regulations. In 1958 the Common Pleas Court appointed Charles P. Burkhart, James M. Boyle and Arthur E. Moyer as park commissioners to develop a plan to create a park district for the growing community.

On November 3, 1959 the residents of Centerville and Washington Township saw the importance of preserving land for a system of parks and nature preserves and voted to establish the Washington Township Park District. In November 1960 a one-half mill park levy was passed to provide the first funding for the district. An Open Space Committee was formed, spearheaded by Bill Yeck, and a map was developed showing possible future locations of neighborhood parks and playgrounds, large community parks and nature parks.

In 1961 park commissioners, Jim Boyle, Charles Burkhart, and Bill Yeck came up with an original plan to reserve land for parks. Density zoning allowed the developers to shave off a little bit of land from each lot and put it in a common area in the middle of the plat creating a park for the neighborhood while keeping the same number of lots. The city of Centerville and Washington Township revised their zoning laws to incorporate density zoning and over the next 50 years parts or all of 35 parks were transferred to the Park District without the use of public funds.

The Park District has grown to 47 parks with over 930 acres of outdoor fun!

Throughout 2009, the Centerville-Washington Park District will be celebrating our first 50 years of nature preservation and park development. We hope you will share in our celebration by visiting the parks during our special events planned during the year. Information can be found in our quarterly newsletter and on our website www.cwpd.org.

**Board of Park Commissioners**

James M. Boyle	12/58 to 9/63
Charles P. Burkhart	12/58 to 5/72
Arthur E. Moyer	12/58 to 9/59
William S. Yeck	9/59 to 5/94
Myron O. George	9/63 to 5/71
Charles G. Taylor, Jr.	5/71 to 3/81
Robert F. Miller	5/72 to 5/93
Harvey B. Smith	4/81 to 5/04
Michael J. Rice	5/93 to 5/02
Nancy J. Steinfurth	5/94 to 5/03
Kimball M. Birdseye	5/02 to present
Margaret A. Weisman	5/03 to present
J. William Williams	5/04 to present

## Naturalist Hired

Lucy Siefker joined the Program Department in August of this year. Born in rural Henry County in Northwest Ohio, Lucy currently resides in Centerville. She looks forward to working and living in the same community. Her Bachelor Degree in Biology is from the University of Dayton. Lucy's prior work experience with AmeriCorps at Germantown MetroPark, the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center, and as an Ohio Naturalist and EcoCamp Counselor made her an ideal candidate for the Naturalist opening.



Lucy Siefker, Naturalist

When asked what she was looking forward to in her new position, Lucy stated, "Getting people enthused to be outside in nature!" With the restructuring of our program department, the Park District will have the opportunity to offer more programs. Check out the new program offerings and please join us in welcoming Lucy into our Park District family.

## Kiwanis Holiday Tree Sale

Friday, November 28 -  
Monday, December 22

Monday - Friday

12 NOON - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park,  
790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville  
Road

The Centerville Kiwanis will be holding their Holiday Tree Sale at Oak Creek South Park. The proceeds from these sales benefit local community projects and have raised thousands of dollars in the past. Several Park District projects that the Kiwanis have donated to in recent years include the All-Access Playground at the Activity Center Park and the skatepark that will be constructed in Oak Creek South Park in 2009. Please visit the Kiwanis Tree Lot and show your support for this local organization.

## Park District Reunion

Calling all former Park District staff or volunteers! We are looking for you. In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the Centerville-Washington Park District is planning an entire year of programs and special events. We want to extend an invitation to a May 23 reunion for former staff and volunteers. In our efforts to be green, please send your current email address to [lcastillo@cwpcd.org](mailto:lcastillo@cwpcd.org). We can then extend your invitation electronically.

## Facility Reservations

Beginning January 2, 2009, we will be accepting facility reservations.

Five parks have shelters that are available for reservation. The Activity Center, Schoolhouse, and Yankee Park shelters have electricity, water, and restroom facilities. Portable restrooms are available at Forest Field and Oak Grove Parks.

Reservations can also be made for the two fire circles at Grant Park. Fires may be built only after securing a permit.

Individuals must be 18 years of age or older to secure a permit and all fees must be paid in advance. Reservations can be made over the phone by calling 433-5155. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any park or facility. The Park District reserves the right to refuse permit requests and to limit the number of participants.

Unless reserved, shelters are available for casual use during daylight hours. Individuals are asked to respect the rights of permit holders and yield to their use. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to the Park District office during regular business hours.

The Grant Nature Nook is also available for reservation by non-profit service groups based in Centerville or Washington Township that benefit the community at large. Group size and parking are limited. Reservation requests coincide with the program calendar and registration information published in the Park District's News and Events.

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January 2.*

**HIKE FOR YOUR HEALTH SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS**

December 3 –  
Activity Center Park, 221  
North Main Street

\*December 10 –  
Oak Grove Park,  
1790 E. Social Row Road

December 17 –  
Iron Horse Park,  
6161 Millshire Drive

January 7 –  
Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

\*January 14 –  
Schoolhouse Park,  
1875 Nutt Road



January 21 –  
Forest Field Park,  
2100 E. Centerville-  
Station Road

January 28 –  
Activity Center Park, 221  
North Main Street

February 4 –  
Oak Grove Park,  
1790 E. Social Row Road

\*February 11 –  
Iron Horse Park,  
6161 Millshire Drive

February 18 –  
Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

February 25 –  
Schoolhouse Park,  
1875 Nutt Road



**Hike For Your Health**

**Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.**

**Adults**

**(See sidebar for locations.)**

Get up, get out, and hike your way to better health on these invigorating hikes. Hike For Your Health is designed to get your heart rate up, and while we encourage you to walk at a fast pace, you are welcome to set your own pace. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

\*An afternoon hike has been added once a month at 4:00 p.m. (designated by asterisks).

**Beat the Winter Blues Lunch-time Hikes**

**Mondays 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.**

**Adults**

**December 8**

**Grant Park - McEwen,  
6588 McEwen Road**

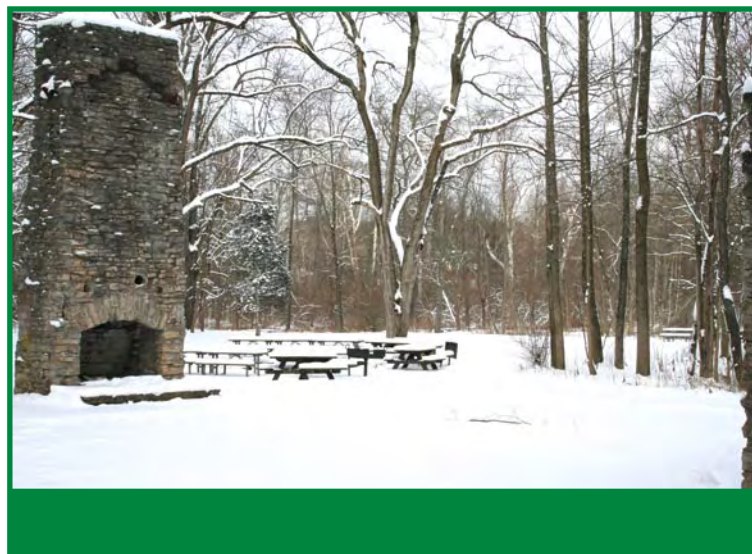
**January 12**

**Bill Yeck Park - McGuffey Meadow,  
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Road**

**February 9**

**Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge**

Do you ever feel like it is dark when you go to work and dark when you get home? Then these hikes are for you! Break those winter blues and get your dose of sunshine by joining a Naturalist for a brisk hike at a park near you. Get out of the office or the house and see what winter wonders await you in the crisp winter daylight. Remember to wear your walking shoes. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.



**NEW Program!**

**Winter Active**

**Thursdays, January 8 - 29**

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Grant Park,**

**501 Normandy Ridge Road**

**Children ages 9-12 years**

If you enjoyed SRP II, get ready for Winter Active! Get outside for an hour of active games and winter adventures in the woods of Grant Park. Each week will boast fun games, such as snowball golf, fort building, capture the flag, and more. Dress for the weather and bring your sleds, as the last 15 minutes will be spent on the sled hill! Don't get stuck inside all winter, get out and play!

Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

## Hound Hike

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. &  
Fridays 8:30 a.m.

Adults

December 3 - February 27

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge



If you don't like to walk your dog alone, and want to meet other enthusiastic dog owners, this is the hike for you! Enjoy a brisk winter walk through Grant Park with your canine companion and others like you. The group will meet at the kiosk just off of the parking lot and head into the nature park. These hikes are self-guided. No registration is required.

## Adult Softball

The Centerville-Washington Park District offers coed and men's softball leagues every spring. Start talking to your friends now as registration begins in February. Information will be published in our spring newsletter or you can contact Jen Brandt, Recreation Coordinator, at 433-5155.

# PATHWAYS

a community walking tour

The Centerville-Washington Park District has been recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association as a Step Up to Health...It Starts In Parks agency.

We recognize the need for quality fitness and wellness programs in our community to encourage healthy lifestyles. Therefore, beginning next spring, we will offer a NEW program called Pathways: A Community Walking Tour. This program will identify 21 different pathways throughout our community. Each pathway will begin and end or pass through one of the Centerville-Washington Park District's 47 parks. Look for more information on this FREE program in our spring newsletter



Members of Boy Scout Troop 516

## Volunteers Make a Difference

Members of Boy Scout Troop 516 answered the call to duty and volunteered their time to assist with the clean-up of wind damage sustained at Grant Park. Sacrificing a planned canoe outing and many hours on a Saturday afternoon, these scouts cleared trails of brush and debris that littered the park following the hurricane force winds that swept through the area in September. Their efforts helped free Park District staff to work on other damaged areas and provided safer trails in this wonderful nature park.

Thank you Troop 516 scouts! You really made a difference.

*It may be winter but spring is just around the corner. Adult softball registration begins in February. Further information to come in Spring News & Events.*

## Homeschool Nature Academy (Children ages 5-12 years old)

### *Winter in the Woods*

Thursday, December 4

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Brrr...it's cold outside. Ever wonder how other animals survive the cold winter months without hats, gloves, and coats? Explore the hardships animals that stay active have to overcome and then overcome them yourself by taking a walk in the woods in search of signs of these active winter creatures.

### *Snowy Scientist*

Thursday, January 15

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Through experimentation and observation become a scientist discovering the secrets of snow. Join us in activities to explain this winter weather phenomenon.

### *Vermiculture*

Thursday, February 5

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Oh those wonderful wiggly worms! Learn how worms turn food waste into black gold! Make your own worm composter that you can take home and watch as your worm family grows and decomposes food.



*"Nature calmed me, focused me, and yet excited my senses."*

**Richard Louv**



## Passport To Nature (All Ages)

### *Winter Bird Hike*

Saturday, December 6

10:00 a.m.

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Bundle up, bring binoculars if you have them, and join the Naturalist on a hike in search of our feathered winter residents. This is the time of year to see snow birds like Juncos, Red Breasted Nuthatches, and Fox Sparrows along with some of our year round favorites such as Cardinals and Blue Jays. A limited supply of binoculars will be provided for use on the hike.

### *Snow Sleuths*

Sunday, January 25

1:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park,  
8798 Rooks Mill Lane

This naturalist-led hike will be a time to enjoy getting outdoors and looking for tracks and traces the animals leave in the winter landscape. With or without snow we will use our detective skills to search for signs of winter animals.

### *Owl Prowl & Night Hike*

Friday, February 6

6:30 p.m.

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Enjoy an evening walk through the crisp winter forest, exploring the wonders around. We will listen for the calls of mating owls and search for other wildlife signs as we hike the trails.

**Registration is required for these FREE programs. Information is provided on page 1. You can register for one or all programs.**

## Tuesday Treks (Adults)

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

December 2 & 16

Bill Yeck Park,  
8798 Rooks Mill Road

January 13 & 27

Grant Park,  
501 Normandy Ridge Road

February 10 & 24

Iron Horse Park,  
6161 Millshire Drive

Don't stay inside just because colder weather has arrived. There are all sorts of life activities going on in the parks during winter, whether it's the cardinals searching out seeds, or squirrels digging up nuts, or even the Cooper's Hawk hunting for a meal! Dress for the weather, forget your holiday stress, and join us on these leisurely hikes in search of natural splendors of the season!

## NEW Program!

### Adult Nature Workshop Winter Tree ID Hike

Saturday, January 24

9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road  
Adults 18 and over

Trees with no leaves! What do I do now? Never fear, leaves are only one way to determine different tree species. In this workshop you will learn to identify trees by looking at leaf scars, buds, silhouettes and bark textures. Explore pioneer, wildlife, and commercial uses for these trees and share stories of folklore. A short indoor session will be followed by two hours of outdoor tree identification so those tricky winter trees won't trick you anymore. Registration is required for this program. See page 10.

*Registration is required for all programs unless noted and information is located on page 10.*

## Junior Nature Club (Children ages 5-8 years old)

### Nature's Gifts

December 9 & 10 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

December is a time of year to reflect on all the good things nature has to offer us. Come see how we can use gifts from the Earth to make our own holiday gifts and creations for others. Bundle up as we go for a short walk to collect materials for these crafts.

### Hibernating Insects

January 20 & 21 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Everyone knows that insects are active in the summer, but where do they go in the winter? Come dig under logs and leaves with special tools in search of hibernating insects. Once we find them, watch them wake up in your hands before returning them to their resting places to finish out the winter.

### Wanderings in Winter

February 17 & 18 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

What animals can you find wandering around in the winter months? Do activities, search for clues outside, and become a wandering winter animal yourself.

*Registration is required for these FREE programs. Information is provided on page 10. You can register for one or all three programs.*

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Mini Movers

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

January 6 - February 17

Ages 4-5 years

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

Participants will enjoy activities with an alphabet theme, age-appropriate equipment, and fun music. The "mini movers" will learn movements that assist in motor development and rhythmic skills, and will have an opportunity to interact with other children their own age. Both group and individual activities will be included for them to expand their social skills and be creative. All children must wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Parent participation is not required, however, parents are invited to join in the activities on the last day of the program. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10.



Mini Movers

### A Day at the Beach

Monday, February 16

10:30 - 11:45 a.m

Ages 7 - 9

Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road

School's out and brrrr...it's cold outside! Come inside for a beach party. Participants will make beach-themed crafts and enjoy summertime snacks. Put on your sunscreen, bring your beach towel and flip flops, and we'll see you there! Registration is required for this FREE program. Registration information is on page 10.

Winter is a great time to enjoy the parks.

Cross-country skiing is available on the trails in Bill Yeck and Grant Parks.



Favorite sledding areas include:

Bill Yeck Park  
8798 Rooks Mill Lane

Black Oak Park  
1552 Ambridge Road

Cherry Hill Park  
10244 Cherry Tree Terrace

Greene Line Park  
2170 Briggs Road

Iron Horse Park  
6161 Millshire Drive

Little Mound Park  
9490 Still Meadow Lane

Quail Run Park  
1180 Timberhawk Trail

Rosewood Park  
475 Roselake Drive

Stringtown Park  
9191 Woodstream Lane

Waterbury Woods Park  
1350 West Social Row  
Road

### Winter Woods Day Camp

Saturdays - February 7, 14, 21, & 28 - 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Children Ages 3-12

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Fee: \$50 Resident/\$75 Nonresident

Winter is a great season to experience camp! Winter Woods Day Camp includes a mix of indoor and outdoor fun at Grant Park. Campers will go on hikes, participate in games and activities, make crafts, and of course, go sledding each of the four action-packed Saturdays. No snow? No Problem! There are many other adventures to experience at Grant Park during the winter.

Children are grouped according to their age and classes will be conducted indoors and outdoors. The program will take place each Saturday in February unless the weather causes the roadways to become treacherous, in which case you should call our hotline at 433-2524. Children are required to wear boots, hats, and gloves each day.

Registration is required for this camp and payment is required at the time of registration. No refund credit will be issued after registration deadline. Complete registration information is available on page 10 of this newsletter.

## Kiddie Krafts

Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. or  
 Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.  
 December 2 - February 27  
 No class December 23-January 2  
 Ages 3-5 with adult companion  
 Grant Nature Nook,  
 6588 McEwen Road

Join us to make crafts and listen to stories in this popular pre-school program. Children can let their creativity flow making crafts and coloring pictures of all sorts of animals and objects. Markers, glue, paint, tissue paper, and no mess to clean up at home! Children should wear old clothes. Registration is required. See page 10.



*Kiddie Krafts*

## Handmade Holiday

Wednesday, December 10 or  
 Friday, December 12

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.  
 Ages 3-6 with grandparent(s)  
 Grant Nature Nook,  
 6588 McEwen Road

Handmade Holiday is an inter-generational program for 3-6 year olds and their grandparents. Grandkids will make holiday crafts to take home – all with help from grandma or grandpa! Registration is required for this FREE program

*Active  
 children are  
 happy  
 children.  
 Sign up  
 today for one  
 of these fun  
 activities.*

## Preschool Series - Children ages 3-PreK with adult companion

### *Busy Bees*

Thursday, December 11  
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
 Grant Nature Nook,  
 6588 McEwen Road

After a busy summer collecting nectar from so many flowers, it is time for bees to go to sleep for the winter. Join us for a story, games and activities about these busy bees and where honey comes from. A special guest may even buzz in to say hello. Registration is required for these FREE programs. See page 10 for registration information.

### *Animal Tracks & Traces*

Thursday, January 8  
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
 Grant Nature Nook,  
 6588 McEwen Road

Winter in the woods is a great time to search for all the signs that animals leave behind. Come for a fun winter craft and activities to investigate active winter animals. Come prepared to go on a short hike in search of these animal signs. We will then warm up at the Nature Nook with hot cocoa. Registration is required for these FREE programs. See page 10 for registration information.

### *I Love Being Green*

Thursday, February 12  
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.  
 Grant Nature Nook,  
 6588 McEwen Road

Celebrate this Valentine's Day in Green instead of red. Make an ecofriendly Valentine's Day box and cards to give to your friends and family. Registration is required for these FREE programs. See page 10 for registration information.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- Registration for fall programs begins at 10:00 a.m., November 17 for residents and 10:00 a.m., November 20 for nonresidents.

- Registration is EASY-choose the method most convenient for you:

A) Register online at [cwpd.recware.com](http://cwpd.recware.com) (email address required). The first time you visit the site, you will need to set up an account to establish a user name and password. This site can be used for FREE programs or fee-based programs with a debit or credit card. Currently we cannot accept Discover card. Payee will be shown as Active.com. No convenience fee will be charged!

B) Phone 433-5155 during scheduled office hours. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

C) Visit the Park District Headquarters during scheduled office hours if you prefer to pay with cash or check.

- Class space is limited and a minimum enrollment of ten participants is required. Please register early to reserve your spot and help ensure that the class will not be cancelled.

- You may register members of your family and one other family. In order to be eligible for the resident fee, proof of residency for both families must be provided.

- REFUNDS-Credit toward future fees will be issued in lieu of refunds. No refund credit will be issued after registration deadline or if by doing so it reduces the participation level below the required minimum. A full refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

- Make checks payable to CWPD or Centerville-Washington Park District.

**Cabin Fever Cache Event**

Saturday, January 10

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Competition Multi-Cache from 12:00 NOON - 1:30 p.m.**

**All ages**

**Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road**

Back by popular demand is a new event cache for geocachers! Get outside this winter with a day-long caching event in Grant Park! The Park District will place 7 traditional caches, 2 microcaches, and 1 multi-cache among Grant Park's 187 acres. The multi-cache will be in the form of a race starting at 12:00 NOON and ending at 1:30 p.m. Also, during this time, the Park District will provide games and refreshments for socializing. The multi-cache check-in point will be located near the Holes Creek bridge, leading into the park. Cachers will also find a worksheet with all the other cache coordinates at this point. To sign up for the competition portion of this event please visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). The multi-cache is limited to 20 teams.

**Save The Date**

The Park District's 50th anniversary year is filled with many exciting programs. Mark your calendars now and then check back for more detailed information throughout the year.

**Super Summer Kick Off** – Saturday, May 23. The official kick off to summer will be filled with fun opportunities for everyone throughout the day - 5K Walk/Run, Nature Hikes, Family Fun Games, Staff & Volunteer Reunion.

**Americana Festival** – Saturday, July 4. "Celebrating 50 years of Open Space...Park District 50th Anniversary" is the theme for this year's annual festival. Visit with the Park District at the parade, street fair and children's area and celebrate our first 50 years.

**BioBlitz** – June. Guest specialists guide us through a 24-hour inventory of plants and wildlife found in Grant Park.

**Friday Night Mutt Mixer** – September. A special anniversary celebration for dogs and their owners at the Oak Grove Park Dog Park.

**Pumpkin Carving Program** – October. Intergenerational program where you can carve a pumpkin with a 50th anniversary theme. Take your pumpkin home to enjoy after the program.

**Anniversary Open House** – Sunday, November 1 at Grant Nature Nook. Crafts, hikes, program samples, a cake and mementos will follow a formal ceremony thanking the community for 50 years of support.

**Luminary Hike** – December. Get away from the stress of holiday planning and treat yourselves to a peaceful night hike through the illuminated trails of Grant Park.

## Change a Light, Change Ohio

**D**id you know we can clean our air by simply changing our light bulbs? We are talking about Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs, which use considerably less energy to light our homes and businesses. Using less energy means using less coal to fuel our power plants, thus emitting fewer pollutants into our sky. You can also save money by changing your lights to CFL bulbs. This winter, with our early sunset and late sunrise, not to mention the holidays we will be lighting up our homes more so than in other seasons. The following information will give you more facts about CFL bulbs as an alternative to traditional light bulbs.

- ENERGY STAR lighting uses 75% less energy and lasts up to 10 times longer than standard incandescent light bulbs, which produce 75 percent heat.
- The higher initial cost of CFL



bulbs is more than compensated for by the lower energy consumption over its life. Each bulb saves approximately \$30.00 or more in electricity costs over the lifetime of the bulb.

- Replace your highest used light bulbs with energy-efficient models in the kitchen ceiling, living or family room table and floor lamps, and the outdoor porch or lamp

post. This would be any light that is used for 15 minutes or more at a time.

- If every American home replaced their five most frequently used bulbs with an ENERGY STAR bulb, we could save close to \$8 billion each year in energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from nearly ten million cars.

- Fluorescent (CFL) lights do not go dim or flicker with use. They do require a short warm up period before they reach their full brightness.

- CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, which can contaminate soil, and water resources, and therefore should be disposed of properly. Visit The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Council, <http://www.pickocc.org/> and click on the Smart Energy tab to find recycling resources for CFL bulbs.

*“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”  
Mahatma Gandhi*

## Fireside Eco-Chats

**Wednesdays - December 10, January 14, & February 11  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

### Adults

**Grant Nature Nook,  
6588 McEwen Road**

Join us at the Nature Nook for this exciting environmental lecture series that will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Each month we will welcome a different guest

speaker to present on various environmental topics. Receive new ideas and resources to green up your world. You will also receive your own canvas shopping bag courtesy of the Park District.

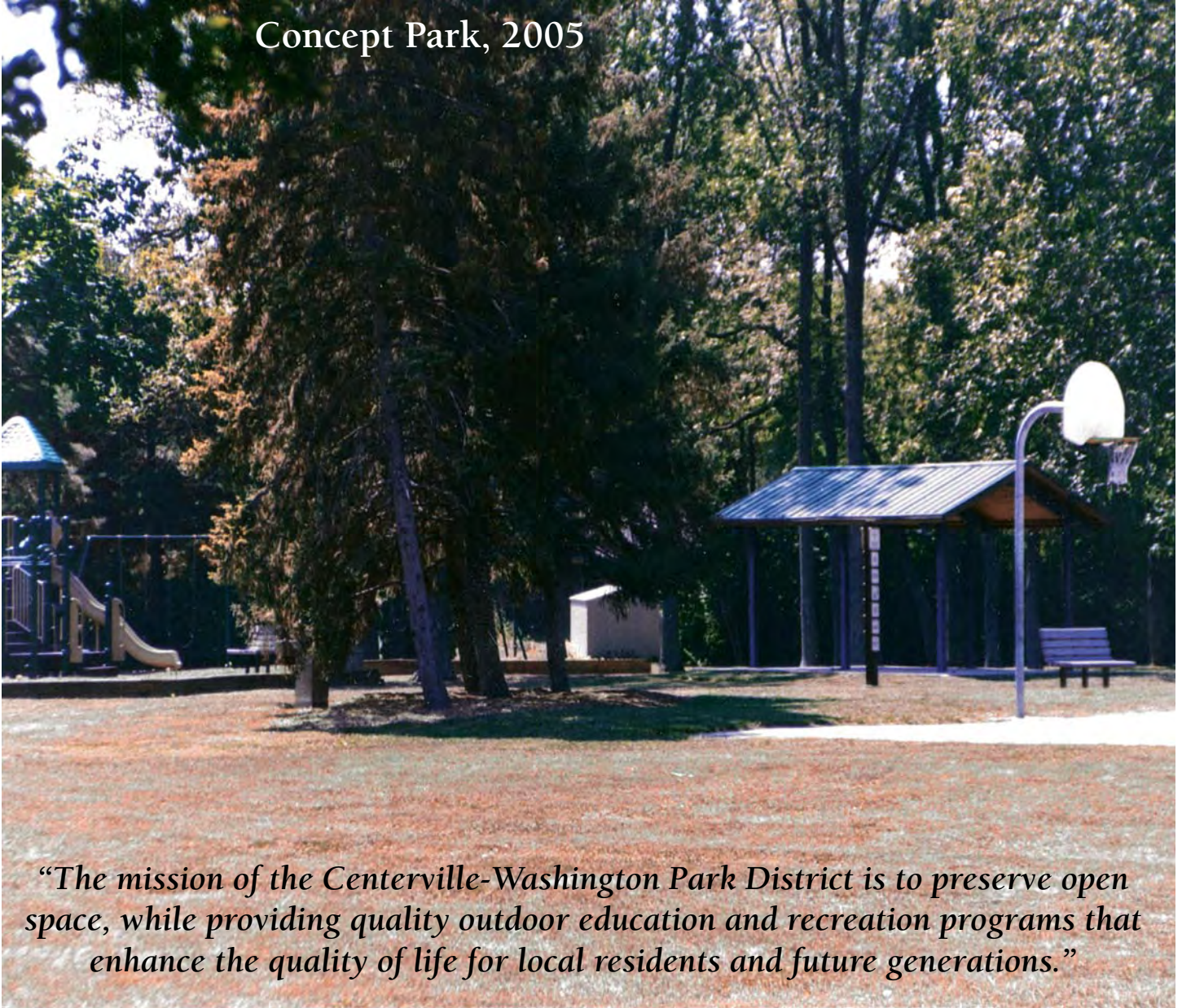
December: Greening Your Kitchen, with discussion on smart shopping, green cleaning supplies, and affordable organics.

January: Renewable Energy on a Residential Scale, with

representatives from Brookville's Dull Homestead who employ several renewable and energy saving measures.

February: Rain Catchers, with discussion on constructing and installing rain barrels, designing rain gardens, and other water conservation measures. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

## Concept Park, 2005



*“The mission of the Centerville-Washington Park District is to preserve open space, while providing quality outdoor education and recreation programs that enhance the quality of life for local residents and future generations.”*



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