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Winter Office Hours

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Phone Numbers

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(937) 433-5155
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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.cwpcd.org/field_status.shtml

Youth League Contacts

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

Centerville Noon Optimist Soft-T-Ball Association
www.centervillenoonoptimist.com
Charlie Pool: 371-7612
Bill Williams: 224-1931
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
iscstormsoccer.com
Hotline: 286-8104

Community Calendar

www.cwtnet.org

Online Newsletter

The Centerville-Washington Park District has been a leader in conservation efforts for fifty years. Our quarterly *News and Events* is currently available in pdf format on our website, www.cwpcd.org. Households can opt-in to notification of the newsletter via the Park District's website. Complete the form found at our website with your mailing address and your household will no longer receive a printed copy of the *News and Events*.

Park District 50th Anniversary

The Centerville-Washington Park District has been celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with special programs and festivities. Although the year is coming to an end, there is still time to help us celebrate. December's **Luminary Walk** will be the final 50th anniversary program. (See page 10.) You can still visit our website and test your knowledge of Park District trivia or check out the photo gallery to spot friends and family visiting or working in the parks. The Park District's success is due to support from the residents of Centerville and Washington Township. Thank you for making the first 50 years of park acquisition and development possible.

Commissioners Corner



November 3 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Centerville-Washington Park District, the oldest park district in Montgomery County. The District has evolved from simple open fields to the beautiful facilities we have today all thanks to a great staff and the continued support of the residents of Washington Township and Centerville. I have the honor of representing the residents as Commissioner and I must tell you that your parks are in good hands. The staff is dedicated to service and committed to excellence in every way. Their 10 year plan, based on citizen input, has made the progress that you see in the parks a complete success which has added many new features that enhance the lifestyle of our community. This year we updated our mission statement which continues to promote outdoor recreation and programs and the preservation of open spaces and has become an essential community service. We encourage input from our citizens and hope you'll visit a park near you today. The Commission and staff are eager to help with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact any of us.

Yours in Open Space,

Kim Birdseye,
Board President

2009 Americana Scholarship Winner

The theme for the 2009 Americana Festival was *Celebrating 50 Years of Open Space* in conjunction with the Centerville-Washington Park District's 50th Anniversary. The first place winner of the Kiwanis Club Scholarship was Peter Thompson, Centerville High School graduate. We hope that you enjoy his essay which is reprinted below.

I walk toward the picnic shelter where my teammates are sitting. The early morning air is chilly; I am eager to begin the run. After everyone has arrived, we run for about seven miles in the woods, through quiet fields, across creeks, and up and down many hills. When we return to the picnic shelter, I am tired from the physical exertion but renewed from the fresh air and exercise. Having run in our community's parks many times, I am spoiled. I can't tolerate running on the road or through my neighborhood. If I run on the treadmill, I become incredibly bored and miss the fresh air. I have been spoiled by our parks, but as a result, I recognize the importance of green space in our community.

Green space is important for the mental health of our citizens. Green space can help people clear their minds and relieve stress. Noise is abundant in our daily lives—from cars, machinery, air conditioners, radios—and sometimes people need a break from that noise. A park lets people escape the background noises that constantly surround us. In a park, people only hear the sounds of nature and can concentrate more



easily. Parks let us escape from the stress of daily life. Therefore, green space is important to our mental health.

Green space also plays an important role in physical health. Parks in our community are vital for local sports. As a cross country runner, our parks have provided me adequate space for training. Other athletes use green space to play football, soccer, baseball, basketball, and other games. Our parks are not only important to athletes but also to citizens who need a place to exercise. While running in our parks, I encounter many other people enjoying the trails. Thus, green space in our community is important for the physical health of our citizens.

Furthermore, green space is important because it preserved land in its natural state. Growth in our community and the development of local land is beneficial to our citizens, but the preservation of some land in its

natural state is important for the plants and animals native to our area. By setting aside green space, we maintain a home for a variety of trees, plants, and animals such as deer, birds, raccoons, and even coyotes. The parks in our community allow us to coexist with animals and discourage us from intruding on animals' space and animals intruding on our space. Green space also allows citizens to encounter animals and plants in nature and provides opportunities for people to learn about nature.

Green space is important to our community's mental and physical health as well as our local environment. The best way to educate citizens about the benefits of green space in our community is to use our parks and encourage others to do the same. Citizens will protect and support our parks only if they know about our parks and enjoy our parks. Therefore, to increase support of our parks and our environment, we should encourage our neighbors and friends to enjoy our local green space so that they will recognize its importance. Just as I became spoiled running in our parks, citizens will become spoiled by our parks and grow eager to support our local environment.

Other winning essays will be posted on the Park District website. First through fourth place awards were given in the high school and college categories and also in the middle school division. The essays written are a wonderful tribute to your local Park District.

*Visit the
Kiwanis
Holiday Tree
Sale in Oak
Creek South
Park on
Miamisburg-
Centerville
Road and
show your
support for
their
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efforts.*

HIKE FOR YOUR HEALTH SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS

December 2 -
Bill Yeck Park
McGuffey Meadow,
7893 Wilmington
Dayton Road

December 9 -
Oak Grove Park,
1790 E. Social Row
Road

December 16 -
Iron Horse Park,
6161 Millshire Drive

January 6 -
Grant Park,
501 Normandy Ridge
Road



January 13 -
Schoolhouse Park,
1875 Nutt Road

January 20 -
Forest Field Park,
2100 E. Centerville
Station Road

January 27 -
Bill Yeck Park
McGuffey Meadow,
7893 Wilmington
Dayton Road

February 3 -
Oak Grove Park,
1790 E. Social Row
Road

February 10 -
Iron Horse Park,
6161 Millshire Drive

February 17 -
Forest Field Park,
2100 E. Centerville
Station Road

February 24 -
Grant Park,
501 Normandy Ridge
Road



Hike For Your Health

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Adults

(See sidebar for locations.)

This popular program is designed to get your heart rate up and get you moving while getting to know the parks in your community. Park District staff will lead you on these guided, self-paced hikes. Enjoy the company of others while improving your health! Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

Winter Active

Thursdays

January 7, 14, 21, & 28

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children ages 9-12 years

Grant Park,

501 Normandy Ridge Road

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 be filled with 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!



Pathways Program

Walking is one of the easiest ways to exercise. Pathways: A Community Walking Tour offers twenty-three different pathways throughout our community. Each pathway begins, ends, or passes through one of the Centerville-Washington Park District's forty-eight parks. Start walking, get healthier, and earn incentives! Stop by Park District Headquarters for a brochure or download the map, route descriptions, and mileage log from our website, www.cwpd.org.



CWPD Adult Softball

The Centerville-Washington Park District offers coed and men's softball leagues every spring. All teams are ASA sanctioned. Talk to your friends now as registration begins in February. Priority registration will begin mid-February for returning teams. Packets will be mailed to all team managers on file and new teams will be placed on a waiting list. A mandatory meeting is held for all new team managers. Watch for more information in our spring newsletter. For more information or to be placed on our softball mailing list, please call Jen Brandt, Recreation Coordinator, at (937) 433-5155 or email her at jbrandt@cwpd.org.



Rain Gardens: Your Personal Contribution to Cleaner Water

Homeowners in many parts of the country are catching on to rain gardens - landscaped areas planted with wild flowers and other native vegetation that soak up rain water, mainly from pavement, the roof of a house or other buildings. The rain garden fills with a few inches of water after a storm and the water slowly filters into the



ground rather than running off to a storm drain. Compared to a conventional patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground.

Why are rain gardens important? As cities and suburbs grow and replace forests and agricultural land, increased stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, such as pavement and rooftops becomes a problem. Stormwater runoff from developed areas increases flooding, carries pollutants from streets, parking lots and even lawns into local streams and lakes, and leads to costly municipal improvements in stormwater treatment structures.

By reducing stormwater runoff, rain gardens can be a valuable part of changing these trends. While an individual rain garden may seem like a small thing, collectively they produce substantial neighborhood and community environmental

benefits. Rain gardens work for us in several ways:

- Increase the amount of water that filters into the ground, which recharges local and regional groundwater
- Help protect communities from flooding and drainage problems
- Help protect streams and lakes from pollutants carried by urban stormwater - lawn fertilizers and pesticides, oil and other fluids that leak from cars, and numerous harmful substances that wash off roofs and paved areas
- Enhance the beauty of yards and neighborhoods
- Provide valuable habitat for birds, butterflies and many beneficial insects

Frequently Asked Questions

Does a rain garden form a pond?

No. The rainwater will soak in, so

the rain garden is dry between rainfalls.

Are rain gardens a breeding ground for mosquitoes?

No. Mosquitoes need 7 to 12 days to lay and hatch eggs, and standing water in the rain garden will last for a few hours after most storms. Mosquitoes are more likely to lay eggs in birdbaths, storm

sewers, and lawns than in a sunny rain garden. Also rain gardens attract dragonflies, which eat mosquitoes!

Do rain gardens require a lot of maintenance?

Rain gardens can be maintained with little effort after the plants are established. Some weeding and watering will be needed in the first two years, and perhaps some thinning.

Is a rain garden expensive?

It does not have to be. A family and a few friends can provide the labor. The main cost will be purchasing the plants, and even this cost can be minimized by dividing plants or using plant starts right from your own yard.

Thinking about starting a rain garden in your yard? Visit centralohioraingardens.org for more information.

WINTER FUN

Enjoy cross-country skiing at Grant and Bill Yeck Parks or grab a sled and some friends and head to your favorite sled area listed below:

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



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

Good Buddies

Thursday, December 3

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,
6588 McEwen Road

Animals interact in many ways and some of the most interesting relationships are formed when separate species help each other out to survive. Not all of these relationships are mutually beneficial though. Discover a world of parasites and symbiotic organisms some of which may even live

within you. Registration is required for this FREE program.

A Tropical Vacation

Thursday, January 14

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,
6588 McEwen Road

Brrr...it's cold out there! Let's escape this winter weather and head south to learn about ecosystems of the tropics! Registration is required for this FREE program.

Winter Birds

Thursday, February 11

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook,
6588 McEwen Road

Winter is an ideal time to start learning about birds. Without leaves on the trees, our feathered winter residents are much easier to spot and, with food sources scarce, many will come to the feeder for up close viewing! Join us for bird games, a feeder craft, and a bird hike. Registration is required for this FREE program.

Passport To Nature (Family Program)

Sensing Your Surroundings

Saturday, December 19

11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park,
8798 Rooks Mill Lane

Use all of your senses to discover the natural and unnatural world that surrounds us every day. See, hear, smell, touch, and maybe even taste the beauty of Bill Yeck Park!

A Winter Walk in the Woods

Saturday, January 9

11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park,
7893 Wilmington Dayton Road

Join our wintry trek through the park searching for signs of animal life. We might see the tracks of a fox hunting a rabbit, flocks of winter birds, or branches chewed by deer! Hike the trails in search of them.

Night Hike

Friday, February 12

6:30 p.m.

Grant Park,
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Listen for the calls of mating owls. Extend your night vision capabilities. Look for signs of active nocturnal mammals as we walk together through the wintry landscape.

Registration is required for these FREE programs. Information is provided on page 10. You can register for one or all three programs. Passport programs are family friendly and last 1 to 1½ hours.



Winter is the perfect time to explore the natural beauty in one of our nature parks.

Tuesday Trek

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

December 8 & 22

Bill Yeck Park,
8798 Rooks Mill Road

January 12 & 26

Iron Horse Park,
6161 Millshire Drive

February 9 & 23

Grant Park,
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Get outside this season and enjoy an invigorating nature hike with Park District staff. Winter is a time of patient anticipation in the nature parks, as trees store their energy, waiting to burst into spring, and our year-round birds chip and chirp in search of hearty food to eat and warm places to roost. We are sure to see signs of wildlife as we look around the forest in its winter cloak.

Eco-Explorers (Children grades 3-5)

Barking Up the Right Tree

Wednesday, December 16 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Do you think just because the leaves are gone you can't learn about trees? Well, take a look at the bark! Bark is a great identifying characteristic of trees! Join us as we play tree ID games and hit the trail to test our tree knowledge!

Tell Tail Signs

Wednesday, January 20 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Winter is the perfect time of year to learn all about signs of wildlife! Tracks show up in the snow, nests are uncovered in barren trees, and shrubs appear browsed on around forest edges. We will see up close how animals behave in winter as we study the signs they leave behind.

A Hop and A Drop

Wednesday, February 17 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Did you know deer shed their antlers every year, usually during mid to late winter? Come learn all about the whitetail deer in Grant Park, and we will even have a chance to search areas of the park where deer may have to hop or jump to get across. Jumping may jar loose aging antlers.

Registration is required for all programs unless noted. Information is on page 10.

Junior Nature Club (Children in Kindergarten through Grade 2)

Predator Versus Prey

Tuesday or Wednesday, December 8 or 9 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

One of the most common connections between animals in nature is their predator/prey relationship. Learn what adaptations are needed to be good hunters or to keep from being eaten. Play games that will challenge your own prowess to endure in the wild.

Artic Adventures

Tuesday or Wednesday, January 12 or 13 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

What does it take to survive the cold winter months? Learn about animals that brave snow and low temperatures. Then go in search for signs of them in the park.

Owls, What a Hoot!

Tuesday or Wednesday, February 9 or 10 - 3:30 p.m.

Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Can you see to find food in the pitch dark of night? Can you hear the squeak of a mouse a quarter mile away? Owls can do all this and more. Discover what owls can be found in our neck of the woods and what makes these creatures such supreme nocturnal hunters.

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



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DONATES 48TH PARK

At their October 19, 2009 meeting, the Washington Township Trustees recognized the Centerville-Washington Park District for its 50 years of service to the community. Along with the proclamation, the Trustees presented the Park District with its 48th park located on Spring Valley Pike. Please join us in thanking Washington Township for their efforts to recognize the Park District and continue preservation of open space.

Mini Movers

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. January 6 - February 17 No class January 27 Ages 4-5 years old 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. Registration is required for this FREE program. Parent participation is not required.



Mini Movers

A Day at the Beach

Monday, February 15 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 - 9 years Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

School's out and brrr...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 will see you there! Registration is required for this FREE program.

Winter Woods Day Camp

Saturdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Children Ages 3-12 years 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 each Saturday in February unless the weather causes roadways to become treacherous, in which case you can call our hotline at (937) 433-2524 for cancellation information. 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 the registration deadline. Complete registration information is available on page 10 of this newsletter.



Kiddie Krafts

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. or
 Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
 December 1 - February 26
 No classes December 22 -
 January 1
 Ages 3-5 with adult companion
 Grant Nature Nook,
 6588 McEwen Road

Join us to make crafts and listen to stories in this popular preschool program. Children can let their creativity flow. Markers, glue, paint, tissue paper, and no mess to clean up at home! Children are encouraged to wear old clothes. Registration is required for this FREE program.



Handmade Holiday

Handmade Holiday

Monday, December 14
 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. or
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Ages 3-6 with grandparent(s)
 Grant Nature Nook,
 6588 McEwen Road

Handmade Holiday is an intergenerational 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.

*Register for
 Handmade
 Holiday with
 your
 grandchild
 and create a
 holiday craft
 and
 memories to
 treasure.*



Preschool Series - Children ages 3-PreK with adult companion

Is a Camel a Mammal?

Thursday, December 17
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 Grant Nature Nook,
 6588 McEwen Road

A bunny? A moose? You? Discover what animals are mammals and what characteristics make them unique. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

Sun, Moon, and Stars

Thursday, January 21
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 Grant Nature Nook,
 6588 McEwen Road

These beautiful celestial bodies follow us everyday, but what are they? How do they rise and set? Explore these questions and more through games and a craft. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

Love Bugs

Thursday, February 18
 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 Grant Nature Nook,
 6588 McEwen Road

Outside insects may be hibernating, but inside bugs, as well as our imaginations, are alive. Meet some live friendly bugs and let your little one's creative juices flow as we create love bugs of our own. Registration is required for this FREE program. See page 10 for registration information.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Registration for winter programs begins at 10:00 a.m., November 16 for residents and 10:00 a.m., November 19 for nonresidents.

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

A) Register online at <http://activenet.active.com/cwprd> (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 (937) 433-5155 during scheduled office hours. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

C) Visit the Park District Headquarters, 221 N. Main Street in Centerville 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.

50th Anniversary Luminary Walk

Friday, December 18

Rain/snow date: December 19

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

All Ages

Grant Park,
501 Normandy Ridge Road

Imagine the nocturnal woods aglow with the light from hundreds of luminaries. Celebrate the holiday season and the Park District's 50th Anniversary with a peaceful 1/2 mile walk through the woods and meadow on our illuminated trail. Upon your return, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, lively dulcimer music, and a holiday craft for the kids in the Grant Nature Center Buildings. Registration is required. Groups will leave every 15 minutes. See registration information on this page.



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Facility Reservations

Beginning Monday, January 4, 2010, we will begin accepting facility reservations for the year.

Ten shelters are available for rental throughout the District. The Activity Center, Oak Creek South, 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. 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.

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 is limited. Reservations for the Nature Nook are taken on a quarterly basis, coinciding with program registration.

Reservation requests can be made by calling (937) 433-5155.

Fireside Eco-Chats

Wednesdays - December 16, January 20, February 17

7:00 p.m., Grant Park Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

Join us at the Nature Nook for this exciting program for adults! Each month we will explore a new nature or environmental topic. Learn about current environmental issues in your own community, or gain tips and resources to green up your world! The program will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

December 16, Water You Talking About?: Jim Simpson from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will be talking to the group about water quality in the Miami Valley and Ohio. His talk will include information about the current state of our waterways and what the future holds. If you enjoy being out on the water, whether it's a creek or our great Lake Erie, you will want to be part of this discussion.

January 20, More Power to You!: Kara Jump, from Dayton Power and Light will discuss residential energy efficiency and various programs offered by Dayton Power & Light that can help your home run more efficiently, both in terms of your wallet and your environmental footprint!

February 17, Wild Ohio: Kristen Marks from the Park District will talk about Ohio's wealth of wildlife and touch on key species that are making or have made a comeback, such as peregrine falcons and bald eagles.

“He will not see me stopping here to watch his woods fill up with snow.”
Robert Lee Frost



Photo by Chris Marks



Photo by David Lundy

Pioneer Woman

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Grant Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road

This program is designed for women and young ladies 12 and up to learn crafty frontier methods and self-sufficiency in the outdoors. Register for one or both of these FREE programs.

Homemade Greeting Cards

Saturday, December 12

Bring your creative side as we prep for the upcoming holidays by making nature inspired homemade greeting cards. Supplies and ideas will be provided to make 2-3 cards per participant. Also included will be alternative gift-wrapping ideas to help make your holidays a little bit greener!

Light the Night

Saturday, January 9

Prior to electricity, candle making was a yearly family tradition. Make your own homemade candles to create a warm glow at home or to be prepared in those power outage emergencies.

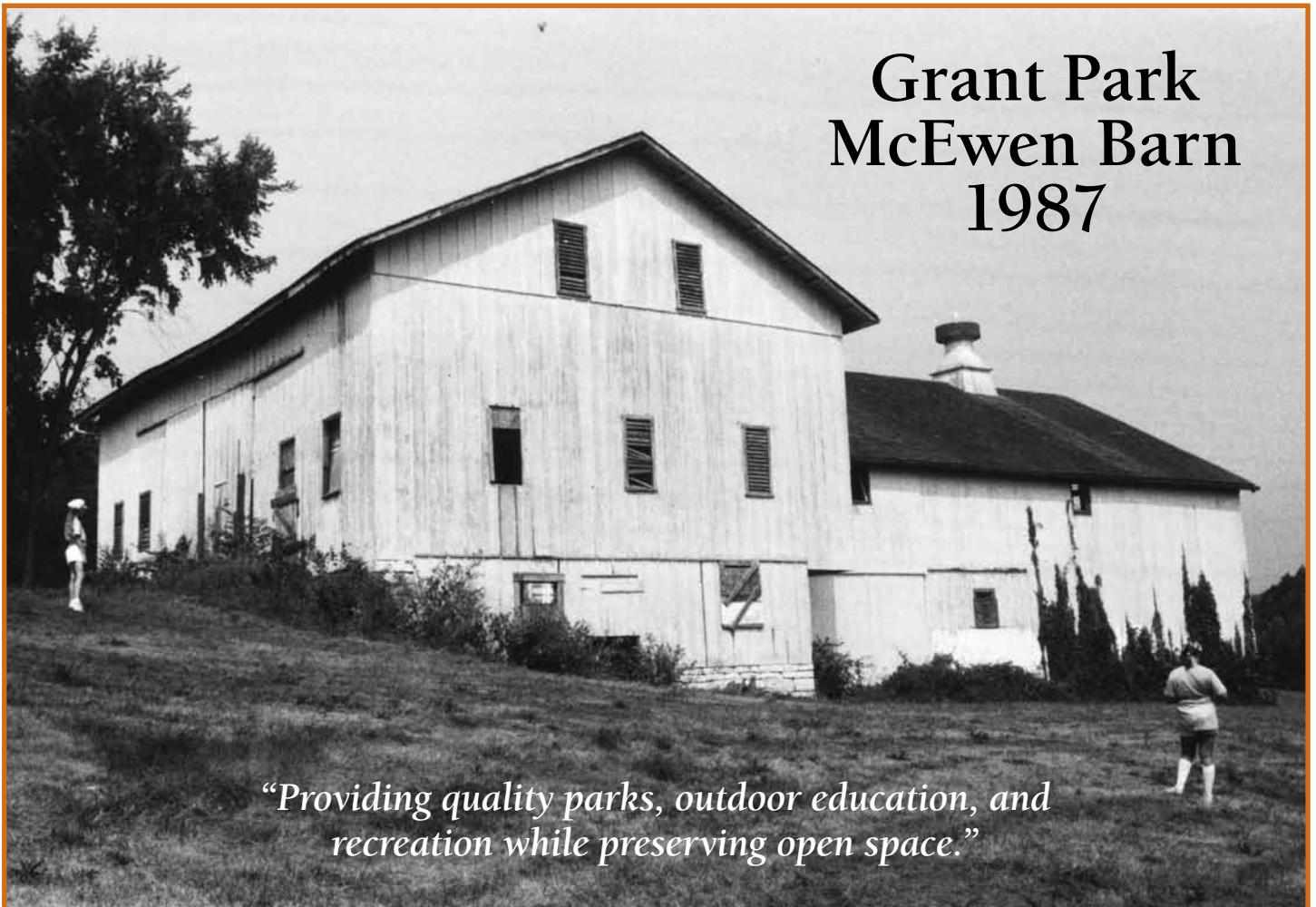


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