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Community Volunteers for Park District

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Members of the Centerville Rotary and Cub Scouts from Pack #530 of Incarnation Parish helped spruce up the Grant Park Nature Nook and Rotary Memorial Evergreen Forest, spreading over 20 yards of mulch. Greg Boerschen coordinated this Cub Scout service project.

The Centerville Community Church on State Route 48 provided 70 volunteers in conjunction with the *Love Your City* initiative. Jon Biggs coordinated this effort for the church. This group conducted a litter sweep at our seven community parks and mulched many of the landscape beds. This is the second year that the Centerville Community Church has volunteered for the Park District.

The Centerville-Kettering Kiwanis group mulched the Hithergreen Senior Center's Window on Wildlife and the front entrance to the Grant Park Nature Nook. Forty volunteers worked throughout the day on Saturday, April 16 to complete this project.

The Dayton YMCA's Youth League conducted the final weekend project. Coordinated by Sarah Caughey, this leadership group donated the plants and landscaped the beds adjacent to the Rotary Shelter at Oak Grove Park in southern Washington Township. Area high school students work on service projects through the YMCA during their junior year.

"It is great to see so many community groups dedicated to helping out in the Park District," said Ken Carter, Operations Manager at the Centerville-Washington Park District. "Not only do these groups help keep the parks looking great during a season that our staff is busy trying to catch up, they provide a great public service to the community as a whole."

Many volunteer opportunities exist throughout the Centerville-Washington Park District. Program volunteers interested in finding out about nature education opportunities should contact Andrea Lapp, Program Assistant at (937) 433-5155. Ken Carter, Operations Manager at (937) 433-5155, coordinates volunteer enhancement and maintenance projects. Local Eagle Scout and Gold Award candidates complete numerous maintenance projects in the parks. Tim Holtz, Operations Supervisor, coordinates these scout efforts.

The Centerville-Washington Park District was established by residents in 1959 and currently operates seven community parks, seven nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information on this or other projects of the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or check the website, www.cwpd.org.

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