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*Resident Registration Begins*  
**Monday, August 13**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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## Office Hours

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Office Closed on July 4, 2012

## Park Addresses

Addresses for all 48 parks can be found on page 4.

## Rain Out Line

(937) 433-2524  
Option 1: Field Status  
Option 2: Tennis Information  
Option 3: Dog Park Closings

## Athletic Field Conditions

[www.cwpd.org/field\\_status.shtml](http://www.cwpd.org/field_status.shtml)

## Youth Athletic Contacts

Centerville United Soccer Association  
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Centerville Wee Elk Football Association  
[www.weeelks.org](http://www.weeelks.org)

Centerville Baseball League and  
Centerville Noon Optimist Sof-T-Ball  
Association  
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cblstaff@woh.rr.com

Centerville Youth Lacrosse  
[www.centervillelacrosse.org](http://www.centervillelacrosse.org)

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e-newsletter visit  
[www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org).

Here, you can also stop home  
delivery of the printed  
newsletter.

## Commissioners Corner



Most park visitors know about the many walking trails at our nature parks, Bill Yeck Park and Grant Park. But by the end of construction season this fall,

as you visit the community parks, you will notice the addition of paved multi-use trails providing new opportunities for exercise and park enjoyment.

At Yankee Park, almost one mile of additional paved trail gives park visitors and the surrounding neighborhood new opportunities to enjoy this park.

An additional section of walkway at Oak Grove Park connects the existing trail system to the new archery range bringing its total paved trails to over three miles.

An additional .6 mile of trail at Schoolhouse Park makes its total more than one mile of paved trail.

These paved trails, along with the trail at Oak Creek South Park, which was completed in 2011, and the Iron Horse Trail provide a total of eight miles of multi-use paved trails across the Park District.

In the coming years we will be looking to expand the multi-use trail system further through park improvement projects, grants, and other outside funding opportunities.

We also welcome our local partners, the City of Centerville and Washington Township, to step up and expand their multi-use trail systems in their jurisdictions so we can connect our parks' trails to other areas of our community.

So get out with your family and friends and enjoy the parks this fall!

*Bill Williams*

## New Park Commissioner Appointed



Lucy Siefker was recently appointed to the Board of Park Commissioners of the Centerville-Washington Park District to

serve a three-year term through May 2015. Ms. Siefker is the 16<sup>th</sup> individual to serve as a park commissioner since the District's formation in 1959 and replaces Maggie Weisman who retired from the board after serving the maximum allowable nine years.

Ms. Siefker has a BS in Biology from the University of Dayton. She has worked as a Natural History Interpreter at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center, Germantown MetroPark Nature Center and at Centerville-Washington Park District. Currently, Lucy is the Outdoor Recreation Event Specialist for Five Rivers MetroParks, assisting with management and coordination of The Adventure Summit, Bike to Work Day, and the Midwest Outdoor Experience. Lucy stays active backpacking, hiking in our many beautiful parks, cycling on the region's trail system,

gardening, and volunteering as an adult leader for Venturing Crew 516 and as a conservation volunteer for various natural areas.

"Centerville and Washington Township are blessed to have so many open areas for natural exploration and active recreation," said Ms. Siefker. "I am thrilled to maintain my relationship with the Park District, staff, and constituents through my new role as Park Board Commissioner."



Thank you to everyone who helped plant the new prairie nursery this spring. The nursery will be used for planting more wildflower areas around the Park District to reduce mowing.

Left to Right: Lucy Siefker, Park Commissioner, Aisha Naik, Margot Rintoul, Katy Malcolm, Park District Naturalist.

## Volunteers in Our Parks by Jill Feilen



Jill Feilen

The following speech was given by Cline Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, Jill Feilen as part of the Woodmen Speech program. Each year a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders is selected to give a speech

in front of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers, parents, and judges. This year's topic was volunteering. We feel lucky to have such a staunch supporter in our midst - thank you Jill!

*"Some people have been talking about volunteer involvement in major world crises such as world hunger, natural disasters, homelessness, and many more. While these are very important- even life and death situations, I would like to talk to you about volunteering on a much smaller scale. As a matter of fact, I would like to talk to you about volunteering locally with something that is very familiar to us all here in Centerville. Volunteers in our parks.*

*Centerville citizens are lucky and privileged to have such a wonderful park system. Within the*

*boundaries of Centerville, we have 50 parks! I can guarantee that you have at least one park within one mile from your home.*

*We love our parks. We use them for sport practices and games, hiking, sight-seeing, and so much more. We all have a duty to take care of them. There are so many acres of parks it is not possible for the staff to maintain it all by themselves. This is why volunteers are needed.*

*Park volunteers love helping and enjoy spending time there, too. One Park District volunteer quotes, "Volunteering for the CWPDP is a great way to connect with the community. I think everybody, including me, goes home with a new appreciation for nature." I agree with this volunteer because if I really spend a lot of time in nature, I do start to appreciate it more.*

*All of the wonderful park volunteers take precious time out of their schedule and not even get paid. I think this is the beauty of volunteering.*

*There are many volunteer opportunities. For instance, you can volunteer to conduct activities such as child education clubs or informational hikes on the trails. You could also volunteer at summer camp.*

*When I have free time, I go outside and help clean the park just steps from my home. I love to do this because I always know that I am doing something good for our community. This is a very easy way to help in our parks.*

*Again, this might be a small contribution, but to me, it is rewarding because I know visitors will enjoy the park more and see more beauty in nature.*

*The smallest act of volunteering we can all do is when we are enjoying ourselves in our parks, we should pick up after ourselves. There is no volunteer job that is too small."*

### Staffing Update



In May we welcomed Tim Pifer as a new Park Operations Technician. Tim earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Clemson University where he majored in Wildlife

and Fisheries Biology. Before joining the Park District, Tim was with the Kiawah Island Golf Resort in South Carolina. He returned home to be near his family in Kettering and lives with his two labs, Sophie and Brinkley.

## Make a Difference in Your Own Backyard

Despite a desire to be environmentally friendly, one can become overwhelmed by daily demands on time and resources that make being green seem impossible. But if we start small and act locally, we can make a difference one yard at a time.

We don't give much thought to what happens to rain once it has fallen. And due to development, storm water travels a different path than it used to. Impervious surfaces such as blacktop, concrete, and rooftops prevent water from being absorbed into the ground where it would be filtered by plants and soil and eventually work its way into the water table and streams. Instead, all that water is diverted to our sewage systems or streams at a more rapid pace carrying chemicals encountered on the surface such as fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides where it contaminates the ecosystem of aquatic life.

The rapid flow of water to streams also causes dramatic erosion which eventually causes issues for homeowners and road crews.

So how do we solve such a big problem? We can start in our own backyard.

**Reduce impervious surfaces:** Your roof, driveway, sidewalks; these surfaces do not permit rain to soak into the ground which means all that water makes its way somewhere else. When looking at next years' landscaping, try to incorporate materials such as gravel and mulch that allow water to absorb into the ground while still providing an attractive and usable surface.

**Reclaim water:** If you've ever looked at your gutter downspouts during a storm you've probably seen water shooting out. By collecting this water and using it to irrigate flowerbeds and gardens you can save money while reducing the runoff from your roof. Rain barrels are commonly found in most hardware or lawn and garden stores and are very easy to install. You can even make your own using existing barrels or containers. To calculate the amount of water you can collect, multiply the square footage of your roof (length x width) by the

amount of rain (in inches) and divide that total by 231 (cubic inches in a gallon) to find the number of gallons.

**Plant a rain garden:** While lawn turf does allow water to pass into the ground, the soil beneath the turf is often compacted. Turf roots are typically shallow and don't break up the soil which means your yard may shed rainfall much like your driveway. In order to allow water to penetrate deeper into the soil (and eventually into the water table), plants with deep root systems must be present.

Rain gardens are a great option as they help collect rainfall and filter water deeper into the ground while providing valuable habitat for various animals such as birds and butterflies. They can be created in a variety of sizes and shapes depending on your needs and add a very nice look to your yard. Fall is a great time to start. Plant now so flowers are ready to grow in the spring or start designing so you will be ready to plant when warmer temperatures return.

# LOCATION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Park Addresses

**Activity Center:** 221 North Main Street

**Beechwood Springs:** 1141 Quiet Brook Trail

**Big Bend:** 1328 Spring Ash Drive

**Bill Yeck:** 3 entrances

8798 Rooks Mill Lane

7893 Wilmington Dayton Road (McGuffey Meadow)

2230 E. Centerville Station Road

**Black Oak:** 1552 Ambridge Road

**Black Oak East:** 7835 John Elwood Drive

**Brittany Hills:** 5825 Batsford Drive

**Cherry Hill:** 10244 Cherry Tree Terrace

**Concept:** 345 Clareridge Lane

**Divided Ridge:** 347 Beck Drive

**Donnybrook:** 6161 Donnybrook Drive

**Elizabeth Hoy:** 185 Hampton Drive

**Fence Row:** 1650 Haley Drive

**Forest Field:** 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

**Forest Walk:** 7570 Forest Brook Boulevard

**Grant:** 3 entrances

501 Normandy Ridge Road

6588 McEwen Road (Nature Nook)

616 Grant's Trail

**Green:** 6661 Green Park Drive

**Greene Line:** 6774 Crossbrook Drive

**Holes Creek:** 8575 Yankee Street

**Huffman:** 1616 W. Alex-Bell Road

**Iron Horse:** 6161 Millshire Drive

**Little Mound:** 9490 Still Meadow Lane

**Manor:** 989 Thorndale Drive

**Nutt Woods:** 10188 Ashpark Court

**Oak Creek South:** 790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road

**Oak Grove:** 1790 E. Social Row Road

**Old Lane:** 500 Druewood Lane

**Pelbrook:** 7566 Cloverbrook Park Drive

**Pleasant Hill:** 358 Zengel Drive

**Quail Run:** 1180 Timber Hawk Trail

**Rahn:** 223 W. Rahn Road

**Red Coach:** 5500 Royalwood Drive

**Rooks Ravine:** 9100 Rooks Road

**Rosewood:** 475 Roselake Drive

**Schoolhouse:** 1875 Nutt Road

**Silvercreek:** 9369 Yankee Street

**Stansel:** 1304 Sarah Freeman Drive

**Stringtown:** 9191 Woodstream Lane

**Trailways:** 1165 W. Spring Valley Pike

**Village South:** 411 North Village Drive

**Wagon Trail:** 8450 Washington Village Drive

**Waterbury Woods:** 1250 W. Social Row Road

**Watkins Glen:** 825 Watkins Glen Drive

**Weatherstone:** 10998 Pennfield Road

**Willowbrook:** 10225 Park Edge Drive

**Woodburne Green:** W. Whipp Rd. at Paddington Road

**Woodburne Springs:** 220 W. Whipp Road

**Yankee:** 7500 Yankee Street

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**Monday, August 13**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Nonresident Registration Begins:**

**Monday, August 20**

**10:00 a.m.**

### WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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#### It's convenient

The flexibility to register and pay at your convenience, anytime, from anywhere.



#### It saves time

In less than five minutes, you can setup your account and enroll for your program.



#### It's easy

Three simple steps, and you'll be enrolled in the camp of your choice.



#### It's environmentally friendly

You don't have to burn gas to drive over and register in person, and it saves paper.

**Registration begins August 13**

## Registration

### Online

Visit [www.activenet.active.com/cwpd](http://www.activenet.active.com/cwpd) to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to August 13. A valid e-mail address is required. This site can be used for free and fee-based programs with a debit or credit card. Payee will be shown as Active.com.

### By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

### In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street in Centerville Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. if you prefer to pay with cash or check. Make checks payable to CWPD or Centerville-Washington Park District.

### Registration and Refund Policy:

- Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.
- To be eligible for the resident fee, proof of residency must be provided.
- Credit toward future fees will be issued in lieu of refunds. Credit will not be issued after the registration deadline or, if by doing so, it reduces the participation level below the required minimum. A full monetary refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

# PARK DISTRICT MAP

The Park District is made up of 48 community, nature, and neighborhood parks. Visit [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) for detailed information and a map to each park.

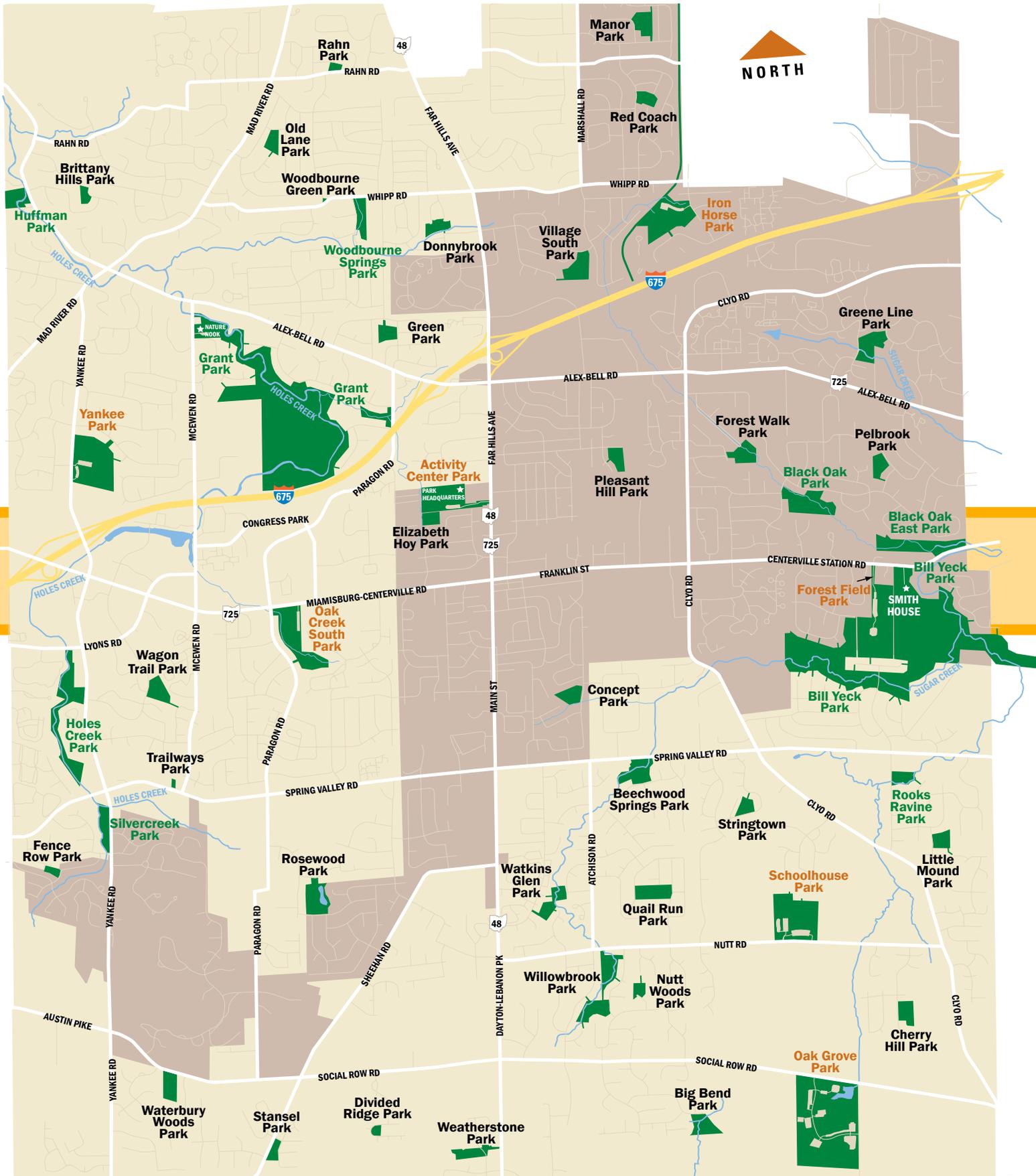
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



## Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 - Pre K with adult companion

**Awesome Arachnids: September 20**

**PNS 1: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**PNS 2: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**PNS 3: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Iron Horse Park*

Spiders are important animals. Without them, there would be tons of bugs! We will learn how wonderful they can be before going on a short hike to find some. Registration required.

**Bright & Early Birders: October 18**

**PNS 4: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**PNS 5: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**PNS 6: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Bill Yeck Park, park at Forest Field Park*

Let's go outside and look for common backyard birds! The adventure begins by making binoculars and then hitting the trails to look for these fascinating flyers. Registration required.

**Wild Turkeys: November 15**

**PNS 7: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**PNS 8: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**PNS 9: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

*Bill Yeck, McGuffey Meadow Entrance*

Turkeys are not just for our Thanksgiving table, they are a really interesting bird! Join us as we learn about terrific turkeys and try to find them in the park. Registration required.

## Playdate Café

Ages 18 months - 2 years with adult  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

**Name that Color: September 5 OR 12**

**Leaf Collectors: October 3 OR 10**

**Shape Up: November 7 OR 14**

This program, designed to build sensory awareness, motor skills, and encourage social interaction, offers caregivers the chance to participate with their little one, as well as free time to socialize with the other adults.

Each café begins and ends with a learning station such as puzzles, blocks, art, or a sensory table. After a little free play, we come together for a short program centered around the theme, which may include a story, song, hike, or a craft. Join us for lots of fun and a light snack. Registration required.

## Intergenerational Series: *Pumpkinpalooza*

Ages 3 - 6 with grandparent(s)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**October 8**

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Fall is in the air and pumpkins are all around at this fun-filled intergenerational program! Grandkids will get to decorate a small pumpkin, go on a pumpkin hunt, and enjoy pumpkin stories with grandma or grandpa. Registration required.

*Pumpkinpalooza is only for grandparents and their grandchildren. Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.*

## NEW FORMAT!

Due to high demand, additional sessions of Kiddie Crafts and Mini Movers are being offered. Since all sessions are the same, please register for only one Kiddie Crafts and one Mini Movers.

## Kiddie Crafts

Ages 3 - 5 with adult companion

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

**Session A: Wednesdays, September 5 – October 3, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.**

**Session B: Wednesdays, October 10 – November 7, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.**

**Session C: Fridays, September 7 – October 5, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

**Session D: Fridays, October 12 – November 9, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.**

Join us as we make crafts and listen to stories in this long-time favorite program. This is a great opportunity to let the creativity flow by making crafts with markers, glue, paint and tissue paper, as well as other fun surprises. We will also color pictures of animals, leaves, pumpkins, and more. And best of all, we do the clean up! Children are encouraged to wear old clothes. Registration required.

## Mini Movers

Ages 4 - 5

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

**Session A: Mondays, September 10 - October 15**

*Schoolhouse Park*

**Session B: Tuesdays, October 23 - November 27**

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Let's move! Participants will enjoy outdoor 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 gym shoes. Parent participation is not required. All activity will take place outside, weather permitting. Registration required.

All Preschool & Children's Programs are

# FREE.

See page 4 for registration information.



## Homeschool Fitness Academy

Ages 5 - 12  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Time for Tennis: September 13**

Activity Center Park

The Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club tennis pros will be on hand to help you with your tennis strokes. Racquet or experience is not required. Registration required.

**Large Group Games: October 11**

Yankee Park

We will play several energetic large group games. Registration is required.

**Hike & Bike: November 8**

Iron Horse Park

Join us as we hit the Iron Horse Trail. We will get our heart rates up on the paved trail and then end with a cool down stretch. Participants may walk, run, or bike (must bring own bike and helmet). Registration required. *Parent participation is required for Hike and Bike.*

## Homeschool Nature Academy

Ages 5 - 12  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

**Tree Science: September 6**

Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill Entrance

September is here and our trees will be preparing for winter by losing or NOT losing their leaves! Learn the pros and cons of being evergreen and deciduous through a series of games and activities. Which would you want to be? Registration required.

**Migration vs Hibernation: October 4**

Black Oak East Park

Who migrates? Who hibernates? Who doesn't do either? Join us as we talk about what strategies animals employ to survive the winter and what makes an animal a true hibernator. We will then take a hike to look for some of these critters. Registration required.

**Geology: November 1**

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

During this program, we will focus on the formation of our three main types of rocks, discover what type is most common in Centerville, and talk about the geologic history of the area. Registration required.



## Around the World

Grades 3 - 5  
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Join us on a trip around the world and learn about different cultures & customs, taste exotic foods, play unique games and collect passport stamps. Registration required.

**Poland: September 13**

**Papua New Guinea: October 18**

**India: November 15**

**Antarctica: December 20**

**South Korea: January 17**

**Cuba: February 21**

**Peru: March 21**

**Norway: April 18**

**Greenland & Iceland: May 16**

## Eco-Explorers

Grades 3-5  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Underwater Exploration: September 19**

Woodbourne Springs Park

Streams contain another world of plants and animals. We will explore this watery realm to find how it differs from the world we know and why it matters to us. Wear closed toed shoes and plan to get wet. Registration required.

**Beauty of Fall: October 17**

Willowbrook Park

Take a close look at the beauty surrounding us this fall and see how the experience can inspire people to create beautiful works of art. Registration required.

**Peering into the Past: November 28**

Big Bend Park

As we search for signs of the past we will discover clues, natural and man made, that may allow us to determine what the area was like in years gone by. Registration required.

## Junior Nature Club

Ages K- Grade 2  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Preparing for Fall: September 11 OR 12**

Bill Yeck Park, park at Forest Field Park

Leaves will be falling soon! Through fun games, we will learn why leaves fall and how creatures in the forest deal with fewer places to hide. Registration required.

**Are They Really Scary? October 9 OR 10**

Oak Creek South Park

Sometimes we think animals look scarier than they really are. Through a series of games, activities, and a hike to look for these creatures, we will learn how important they are to the environment. Registration required.

**Pick Up Sticks: November 13 OR 14**

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Many animals prepare for winter by finding or building a cozy shelter. We will talk about the different shelters animals use. We will then build our own mini shelters for wildlife. Registration required.

## NATURE DISCOVERY ZONE

Take your group outdoors on a guided nature hike lead by a Park District Naturalist. Topics include geology, forestry, wildlife and more. Nature Discovery Zone is a convenient way to supplement learning or fulfill organizational requirements. Contact us to schedule a program for your group.

## Crafting Club

Ages 9 - 13  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

**Back to School: September 6**

**Autumn Leaves: October 4**

**Thanksgiving Centerpieces: November 8**

This fun program covers basic crafting skills and techniques used to make decorations and keepsakes all while making friends. We provide everything needed with no mess, prep, or fuss at home! Crafters are encouraged to wear old clothes or bring an apron or smock. Registration required.

## Outdoor Adventure Crew

Ages 8 - 12  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Mondays, October 15 - November 19**

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Unstructured outdoor play is vital to child development and well being. This program is designed to allow participants the chance to explore what they like about nature and being outdoors. Activities will include games, challenges, discovery, and dirt, as decided by the children. Program will be held rain or shine so come prepared for the weather. Registration required.



## Family Archery

Ages 8 and up  
\$18 resident / \$25 non-resident

**September 19 and October 3**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

**September 26**

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Rec West, 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road

Archery is a safe and fun activity the entire family can take part in. Family archery will teach the basics of technique, safety and equipment at a pace that each family member can enjoy. All equipment will be provided. Registration required.

Since this is a joint program with the Washington Township Recreation Center, site locations vary and are noted above.



All Family Programs and Special Events are

# FREE

except Family Archery. See page 4 for registration information.

## Fairy & Gnome Home Festival

All ages  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
**Saturday, September 8**  
Grant Park Normandy Entrance

Help us create suitable homes for our forest fairies and gnomes! We will construct homes from natural materials such as sticks, bark, dry grasses, shells, and flowers. Children and adults are encouraged to dress as fairies and gnomes. Prizes will be awarded for the best fairy houses as well as costumes. In addition, there will be face painting, music, and an interactive story time. Registration required.

## Passport to Nature

All ages  
**Evening Symphony: Thursday, September 13**  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Grant Park Normandy Entrance

Many native creatures wake up and sing just as the sun sets! Let's meet some of them and join in the singing. We will make our own instruments and take a short hike to find moths, crickets, spiders, and perhaps owls! Bring a flashlight if you have one, a limited supply will be available. Registration required.

**Lookin' for Leaves: Sunday, October 14**  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

Join us for a rare opportunity to collect leaves in the park! We will discuss proper preservation techniques and learn awesome tree facts. Please bring a container for your leaves. A few leaf collections will be on display to give ideas for your own presentation. Registration required.

**Family Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, November 10**  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Get ready to hit the trail and spend a Saturday searching for both natural and historical treasures. Follow the clues and visit various locations in Grant Park. When you are finished, turn in your hunt for a prize! Plan on one hour for the scavenger hunt. Registration required.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARTY

**Wednesdays**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Share a fall evening with us! Walk to your neighborhood park for family fun, friends, giveaways, games, a raffle, inflatables, and of course, dessert! Don't forget chairs or a picnic blanket. Registration is required so food quantities can be predicted.

<b>September 5</b>	Little Mound	<b>October 3</b>	Black Oak
<b>September 12</b>	Beechwood Springs	<b>October 10</b>	Big Bend
<b>September 19</b>	Activity Center	<b>October 17</b>	Old Lane

See the 2013 Spring issue of *News and Events* for more Neighborhood Park Parties.



## Paws in the Park

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 21**

*Dog Park at Oak Grove Park*



This fun event, co-sponsored with the Washington-Centerville Public Library, includes contests, giveaways, and demonstrations. Awards will be given for best costume, best trick, and best dog/owner look alike. Local vendors will be on hand to demonstrate their latest dog-related products and services.

Registration for this event is not required. Vendors interested in booth space please contact Erin Morley at [emorley@cwpd.org](mailto:emorley@cwpd.org).

*Note: For this event one side of the dog park will remain on-leash allowing children 7 and under within the fenced area. The other side will be off-leash and those 8 to 14 years must be accompanied by an adult.*

## Volunteer Expo

14 and Up

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 7**

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Ever considered volunteering? Giving your time not only helps the community and the environment, but you can also learn new skills, meet new people, and gain a sense of accomplishment that comes from helping make a difference.

At the Expo you can hear about all the opportunities available, partake in light refreshments, register for door prizes, and chat with current volunteers. Registration requested.



### Grand Opening of the Oak Grove Archery Range

All ages  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 15**

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

Join us for the grand opening of the Oak Grove Park Archery Range. The event will feature instruction, games, competitions, demonstrations, refreshments, and a costume contest for those who choose to dress up as their favorite archer.

Experienced archers are welcome to bring their own equipment if they would like to participate. Archery experience, equipment, and registration are not required.

## Halloween Mini Trail: *Once Upon a Time*

Ages 3 - 8

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon **OR** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, October 13**

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

Katy and Riley are visiting their grandfather for a week and enjoying lots of adventures. Their favorite time is when he reads them stories but these are no ordinary stories. When he starts reading, the characters come alive - a giant ladybug, aliens, alligators, owls, cows, monkeys, bears, a magical old lady and more. Registration required.

Children may dress in costumes if they wish. This program is provided FREE thanks to donations from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club.

## Haunted Trail

Ages 8 to adult (*children 7 and under not admitted*)

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 24 & Thursday, October 25**

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

Ghosts, ghouls and zombies haunt the trails at Grant Park for two nights every October. Join your family and friends on this fun-filled evening as we guide you through the scary forest of spooks and scares. Registration is not required.

The Haunted Trail program is co-sponsored by the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, the University of Dayton Optimists, the Centerville High School Octagon Club, and the Junior Optimists Clubs at Incarnation, Magsig, Tower Heights, and Watts.



### Grand Opening of

## Owlexander's Wetland Walk

**Saturday, September 29**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*Oak Creek South Park*

Join Owlexander, the Park District mascot, and his friend Wally the Water Drop for the opening of our 2<sup>nd</sup> nature literature trail, Owlexander's Wetland Walk.

Owlexander and Wally will teach you about life at the wetland - the soil, flowers, birds, water, animals, and more! While targeted at upper elementary-aged children, the Wetland Walk is fun and educational for all.

The event will include a short dedication, refreshments, and door prizes. Registration is not required.

*This permanent trail was made possible through a partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and is fully funded by the William & Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation.*



All Adult programs are

# FREE.

See page 4 for registration information.

## Hound Hike

Adults

**Fridays, September - November**

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

There are all sorts of seasonal changes happening as we say goodbye to the summer season and welcome fall. Join dogs and their owners on this 30-minute hike at Grant Park. You and your dog are sure to enjoy the social interactions and natural setting. Registration is not required.

## Pioneer Woman: Natural Dyes

Ages 14 and up

**Sunday, September 23**

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

During this workshop, we will try our hand at producing different colored dyes from sources in nature. Please wear old clothes and bring an article of white clothing or fabric you wish to color. Registration required.

## Adult Nature Discovery Walks

Ages 16 and up

Tuesdays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Changing Seasons: September 11 and 25**

*Iron Horse Park*

**Tree Ecology: October 9 and 23**

*Forest Field Park*

**Hibernators, Sleepers, and More: November 13 and 27**

*Big Bend Park*

Take an hour to enjoy what nature has to offer. This leisurely paced walk provides an opportunity to observe seasonal changes with the Park District Naturalist. Registration required.

## Fireside Eco-Chats

Adults

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

**Be Energy Efficient: September 19**

Being efficient with energy use is not only good for your budget but also for the environment. Learn about how you can increase your use of energy at home and work during this informative presentation provided by Dayton Power & Light. Registration required.

**The Real Deal About Recycling: October 17**

*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.* A representative from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District will present the many waste reduction and recycling programs available for residents, schools, and businesses. He will answer questions such as what is recyclable, where to recycle, what are the barriers and myths to recycling, and much more. Registration required.

**Repurposing Hidden Treasures: November 14**

All too often we discard items once they have served their intended purpose. However, there's a whole world of possibilities for repurposed items. Join us to discover how you can save money, be kind to the environment and be creative by finding and reusing these hidden treasures. Registration required.

## Barter Bazaar: Crafting Supplies

**Drop Off Items**

**November 1, 2, 5, 6**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Park District Headquarters*

**Barter Bazaar**

**November 9**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Too often items are thrown away instead of being re-used. The Barter Bazaar brings people together to not only trade in their unwanted items for something more useful, it also provides an opportunity to meet others with a similar hobby.

Bring items with which you are willing to part to Park District headquarters any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. November 1, 2, 5, or 6. Use your vouchers on November 7 to obtain items that others have made available.

Small items such as buttons, beads, and fabric scraps should be bundled and not treated as individual items. The Park District reserves the right to refuse items deemed unusable, unhealthy or dangerous. All items not claimed by the end of the bazaar will be donated to a non-profit charity or used for Park District programs. All trades are final. Registration is not required.

*Help the environment, your neighbors and yourself by re-using and reducing!*



## Hike for Your Health Series

Fall is a beautiful time of year to be in the parks – we can't wait to see the colors change! Join us as we lead these self-paced adult hikes designed to get you moving and your heart rate up. Below are two options to hit the trails, and the path descriptions to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire. Registration required.

### Mondays

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path
September 10	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
September 17	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
September 24	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
October 1	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
October 8	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
October 15	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved

### Wednesdays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path
September 5	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
September 12	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
September 19	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
September 26	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
October 3	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
October 10	Schoolhouse	1875 Nutt Road	Paved
October 17	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
October 24	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
October 31	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
November 7	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
November 14	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
November 21	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
November 28	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural

## Stroller Strength

Adult caregivers with child(ren) 6 weeks-Pre K

**Mondays & Thursdays, August 27 - October 25**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Schoolhouse Park

Join other caregivers and their children in strollers for an invigorating morning exercise session. Cardiovascular conditioning, upper and lower body resistance training (resistance tubing provided) and a cool-down stretch is included in each program. Make friends, exercise, and no need to pay for childcare! Stroller Strength is led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. No class on Monday, September 3. Registration required.

## Fall Into Fitness

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays, September 4 - November 13**

Schoolhouse Park

Fall is a great time to get outside, enjoy fresh air, and exercise! This boot camp style class will include a mix of cardiovascular and strength training exercises to condition the heart and strengthen the muscles. We provide resistance tubing for all participants. A nationally certified group exercise instructor leads this program. Registration required.



*“Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.”*

- Plato





**Resident Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, August 13**

## **CWPD Wins Montgomery County Incentive Grant**

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District awarded the Park District a 2012 Buy Recycled Grant of \$13,140 which was used to purchase eighteen 66-gallon recycling centers. Nine local organizations were awarded a total of \$50,000 in funding to use toward the enhancement and increase of recycling and waste minimization in our communities. The recycling centers have been placed at nine shelters in Park District community parks. Information on reservable shelters can be found at [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org).

## **Memorial Dedication Program**

Trees are available for purchase and placement in a park in memory of an individual or group. Memorial trees are planted in November or December. For more information visit [www.cwpd.org/memorials.html](http://www.cwpd.org/memorials.html).

## **Park District Mission**

To provide quality parks, outdoor education, and recreation while preserving open space.