

# Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2014

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### Park District Mission

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

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*Resident Registration Begins*  
**Monday, August 11**  
**10:00 a.m.**



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## Office Hours

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8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Office Closed on September 1,  
November 27 & 28, 2014

## Park Addresses

Addresses for all 49 parks can be found on page 4. For more information on each park, visit [www.cwpcd.org](http://www.cwpcd.org).

## Rain Out Line

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

## Athletic Field Conditions

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

## Area Youth Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League  
[www.cbltoday.org](http://www.cbltoday.org)

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

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

CUSA Crew Juniors &  
Centerville Recreational Soccer  
[www.cusacrewjuniors.org](http://www.cusacrewjuniors.org)

Up and Running Juniors  
[www.upandrunningindayton.com/get-involved/training-groups/](http://www.upandrunningindayton.com/get-involved/training-groups/)

## Save a Tree

To subscribe to the newsletter visit [www.cwpcd.org/subscribe.html](http://www.cwpcd.org/subscribe.html).

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

## Commissioners Corner



**Thank you, Centerville and Washington Township residents!**

The Board of Park Commissioners would like to thank the community for supporting the park levy that was on the ballot this past May. Residents recognized the importance of maintaining the excellent park system we have established over the years. Our goal is that our parks should offer something for everybody, whether it is youth and adult athletics, back-to-nature hiking and exploring or learning about nature through our educational programs. We want everyone

— young, old and those in-between — to want to get outdoors and enjoy what we have to offer. Beginning in 2015 the Park District will embark on a 10-year program that includes improvements to multi-use trails, athletic fields, nature programs, sprayground, skate park, neighborhood park playgrounds and more.

By developing our parks close to home we continue the tradition of excellence in Centerville and Washington Township — a great place to live, work and play!

Keep an eye on your Park District News and Events for a schedule of improvements that interest you. Our website, [www.cwpcd.org](http://www.cwpcd.org), is also an excellent source of information and you may always phone our staff at (937) 433-5155 with your questions.

*Dan Monahan*



## The Disappearing Monarch

An environmental concern affecting our parks and neighborhoods is the disappearance of the monarch butterfly. Populations of the monarch are affected directly by the lack of milkweed in the area. Milkweed is the monarch's host plant. They lay their eggs on the milkweed that then serves as the primary food source for the monarch larvae.

Milkweed is often purposefully removed from landscapes because it is not typically considered aesthetically pleasing. Natural landscapes that can contain milkweed are also disappearing due to environmental factors.

As a community we can help bring back the monarch populations. The best way to help the monarchs is to plant milkweed. Getting children involved in planting milkweed is a wonderful way to connect children with

nature. Children can plant milkweed seeds and have their very own potted plant or monarch butterfly garden to care for. Once the milkweed is planted, children are able to watch the plant grow from a tiny seed to a sturdy plant that will attract monarchs ready to lay their eggs. Fall is the perfect time to spread milkweed seeds!

For more information about the monarch butterfly, migration maps and milkweed plants, visit [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org).

*Article contributed by Kelly Ludwig. Kelly is an English major at Wright State University and has worked for the Park District for the past five summers. She has been a counselor at Hidden Meadows Day Camp and most recently was the Summer Naturalist Intern. Kelly spends her free time hiking trails, reading, writing and spending time with her friends and family.*



## Let us reuse your empties!



Start collecting your one-gallon jugs for the Holiday Luminary Walk in December. Drop them off at Headquarters, or bring them to a CWPD program and we will transform them into a beautiful luminary!

## Park Additions Expand Opportunities

The landscape was changing quickly while contractors were hard at work improving several parks for your increased enjoyment. A hard winter and wet spring made it difficult to move dirt, but projects continued to move forward throughout the summer. At press time, these major projects were well under way and by the time you receive this newsletter, some may be completed and open to the public. For the latest updates on these projects, check our website, [www.cwpcd.org](http://www.cwpcd.org).

### Robert F. Mays Park Development

This first phase of construction is a fairly long process that includes grading the land, installing drain pipes and storm water basins, building the parking lot, planting native plants, grass, and trees and then waiting for it all to grow! Although the plantings should take place by early fall, the park will not be open for scheduled activities until sometime in 2015. Construction of the shelter with restrooms, funded in part by a NatureWorks grant, will take place starting in winter or early spring.



### Iron Horse Park Picnic Shelter

The new shelter includes permanent restrooms for this community park that also serves as a trail head for the Iron Horse Trail. The new shelter will be ready for drop-in use by the end of the year, and we will start taking reservations in 2015.



### Bill Yeck Park – Smith Entrance

The park entrance construction project enhances the new Centerville-Station Road entrance to this 194-acre nature park and includes parking for 64 cars. The bioswales and rain gardens are planted with native species to slow down the water runoff and add beauty to the park.

Smith House renovations included adding ramps to access the house and east meeting room, updating the electric, plumbing and heating systems and installing ADA compliant restrooms in the newer sections of the house, without affecting the historic rooms. The renovations are necessary requirements to be able to use the house for public programs.

### Oak Creek South Park Wetland Boardwalk

Park District staff are constructing a boardwalk and observation deck overlooking the deepest section of the wetland, so park visitors can take a closer look at this unique habitat. Funding for the project was provided by a Montgomery County Recycling Grant — recycled decking is used for the boardwalk.



## Tree and Bench Dedication Program

Trees and benches are available for purchase and placement in a park to commemorate a person, group or event. Trees are planted in November or December. For more information visit:

[www.cwpcd.org/dedications.html](http://www.cwpcd.org/dedications.html)

### Holes Creek & Silvercreek Parks and Holes Creek Trail Development

After receiving a Clean Ohio Trails Grant to construct the Holes Creek Trail between Holes Creek and Silvercreek Parks, plans are moving ahead to construct amenities in the two undeveloped parks at either end of the trail. Both are designated as nature parks so little development is necessary other than a small parking lot at Holes Creek Park and minor grading, native plantings, picnic tables, benches and drinking fountains at both parks. Our plans include continuing the traditional Holes Creek Park sunflower field the community has enjoyed for many years thanks to the generosity of the Lucas family.

## Staffing Update

We are excited to welcome Janet Holthaus to our staff! Janet joined the Centerville-Washington Park District this May in the newly created position of Administration Coordinator. She grew up in Washington Township, attended Centerville High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing from Bowling Green State University. Most recently, she held a position in the Events Marketing department at the Reynolds and Reynolds Company. Janet currently resides in Washington Township with her husband, Tom, and five children, Madeline (20), Brendan (18), Samantha (16), Jacob (14) and Nathan (14). Her family has enjoyed the parks and programs for years and she is looking forward to being in a position to give back to the community.



# LOCATION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## Park Addresses

**Activity Center:** 221 N. Main Street

**Beechwood Springs:** 1141 Quiet Brook Trail

**Big Bend:** 1328 Spring Ash Drive

**Bill Yeck (3 main entrances):**

8798 Rooks Mill Lane

7893 Wilmington Dayton Road  
(McGuffey Meadow)

2230 E. Centerville Station Road  
(Smith House)

**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 main 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

**Robert F. Mays:** W. Social Row/Paragon Rd.

**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

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

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

**Yankee:** 7500 Yankee Street

**Resident Registration Begins:**

Monday, August 11  
10:00 a.m.

**Nonresident Registration Begins:**

Monday, August 18  
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 program of your choice.



#### It's environmentally friendly

No need to burn gas driving over to register in person. And it saves paper.

Registration begins August 11

## How to Register

### Online

Visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cwpd> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to August 11 or August 18. A valid email address is required. This site can be used for free programs and for 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. You may pay with cash, check or credit card at headquarters. Make checks payable to CWPDP 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 49 community, nature, and neighborhood parks. Visit [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) for detailed information and a map to each park.

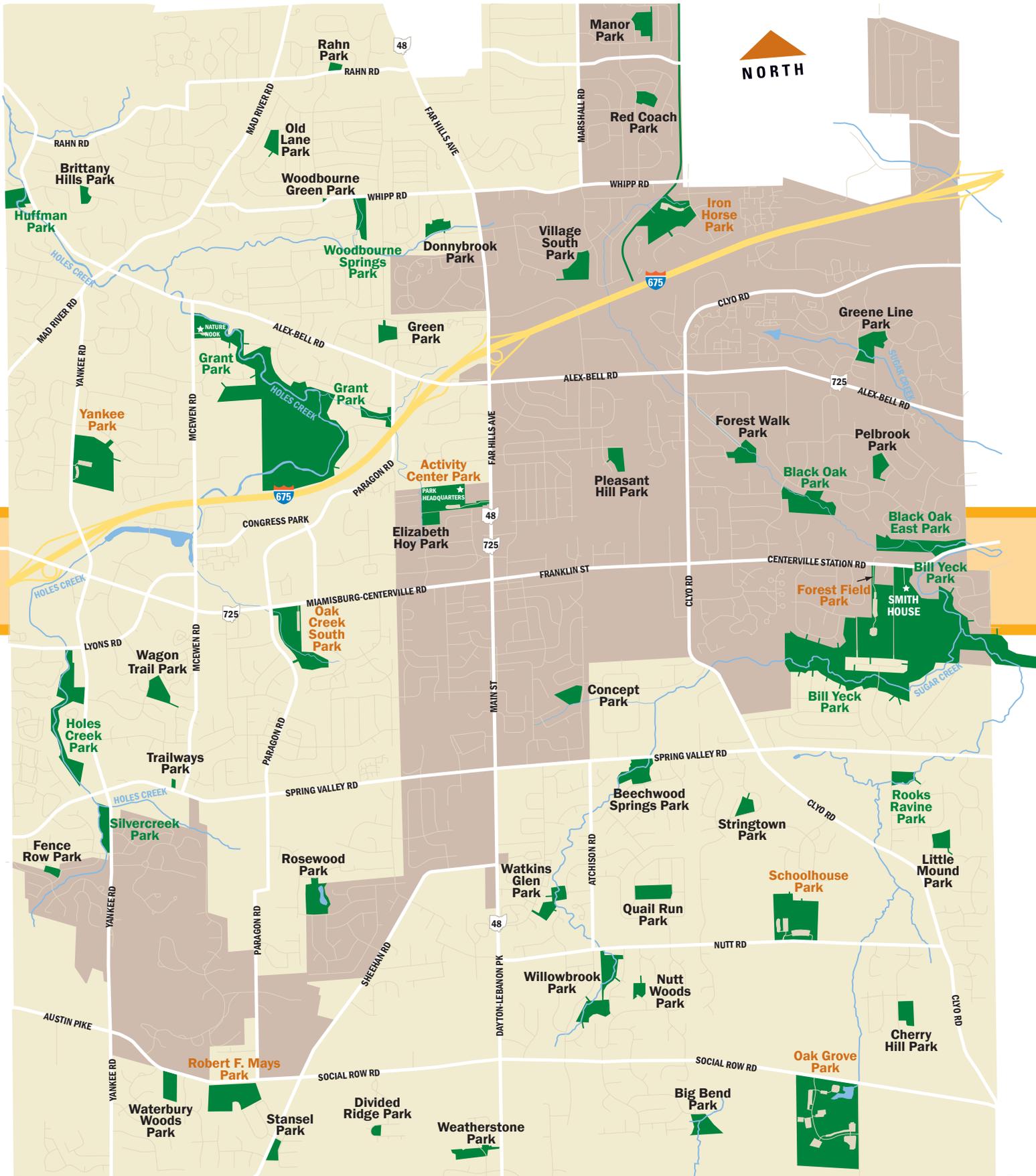
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



## Early Adventures

Ages 0 – 36 months with adult companion  
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

### Session A: Wednesday, September 17

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance  
(natural path)

### Session B: Wednesday, October 15

Grant Park, Nature Nook (natural path)

### Session C: Wednesday, November 19

Iron Horse Park (paved path)

Taking your little ones outdoors provides them with an experience that will benefit them forever. There are unique sounds, colors, lights, sensations and textures to process each time they go outdoors. Many parents report that their fussy children become calm when they have the sensory experience of time in nature!

Join us on these monthly adventures giving you a chance to experience nature with your babies and toddlers. We will take a leisurely hike during our time together. Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate for those whose children are not walking. Strollers are not recommended at parks with natural terrain.



## Playdate Pals

Ages 18 – 36 months with adult companion  
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

**Fall Scavenger Hunt: September 3 OR 10**

**Autumn Colors: October 1 OR 8**

**Who's Who?: November 5 OR 12**

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

Each program begins with a learning station such as puzzles, blocks, art or a sensory table. After beginning free play, we come together for a short program centered around our theme, which may include a story, song, activity or craft. Join us for lots of fun and new learning experiences. Registration is required.

## Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – Pre K with adult companion

Select only one time per month.

### Hello and Goodbye Butterflies!

Thursday, September 18

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance



Many butterflies are just beginning their lifecycle in September, while the monarchs are beginning to leave on their great migration! Let's wish the monarchs well on their journey and welcome other butterflies to our prairies. Registration is required.

### Leaf it to Me

Thursday, October 16

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Big Bend Park

October is a lovely time to start your leaf collection! Bring a plastic bag to collect your multi-colored treasures. Registration is required.

### Bison Were Here

Thursday, November 20

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance

The bison was one of Ohio's largest mammals! We will learn about the history of the bison in our state, their unique adaptations and why they are no longer present in Ohio. Registration is required.

## Intergenerational Series:

### Pumpkinpalooza

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s)

Tuesday, October 7

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

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

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



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Monday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.

## Kiddie Krafts

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

Sign up for only one session. Pick the session with the day and time that work best for you!

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

**Session B: Wednesdays, October 8 – November 5, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Session C: Fridays, September 5 – October 3, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Session D: Fridays, October 10 – November 7, 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 paper, as well as other fun supplies. 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 is required.



## Mini Movers

Ages 4 – 5  
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Sign up for only one session. Pick the session with the day and time that work best for you!

**Session A:**

**Mondays, September 8 – October 13**  
Iron Horse Park

**Session B:**

**Tuesdays, October 14 – November 18**  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

Let's move! 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 gym shoes. Parent participation is not required. Registration is required.

All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.



## Homeschool Fitness Academy

Ages 5 – 12  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Time for Tennis: Thursday, September 18**  
Activity Center Park

The Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club tennis pros will be on hand to help you with your tennis strokes. No racquet or experience is required. Registration is required.

**Large Group Games: Thursday, October 16**  
Forest Field Park

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

**Hike & Bike: Thursday, November 13**  
Iron Horse Park, Iron Horse Trail

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 is required.

*Parent participation is required for Hike and Bike.*

## Homeschool Nature Academy

Ages 6 – 14  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Pond Study: Thursday, September 4**  
Grant Park, Grant's Trail Entrance

Students will investigate large and small living things that call the ponds at Grant Park home. Nets will be provided. Close-toed shoes are required and parents may wish to bring a towel for the ride home. Registration is required.

**Insect Interactions: Thursday, October 2**  
Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow

Fall is the perfect season to explore the many interactions between plants and insects. Can we attract insects by mimicking plants? Registration is required.

**History of Wildlife: Thursday, November 6**  
Forest Field Park

Take a hike back in time as we learn about the impacts of settlement on the local wildlife and visit the Time Trail at Bill Yeck Park! Registration is required.

## Junior Naturalists

Ages 6 – 8  
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Worms and Dirt: September 2 OR 3**  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

Worms and dirt are very important to us and the environment. We will look for worms and learn all about their behaviors and how they help make our soil healthy. Registration is required.

**Water Cycle Wisdom: October 14 OR 15**  
Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

Understanding watersheds can inspire your Junior Naturalist to take action for clean water. We will learn about the water cycle, our local watershed and what we can do to protect it. Registration is required.

**Prairie Partners: November 11 OR 12**  
Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Not only will we play in the prairie, but we will also be working to keep this habitat tall and beautiful for more games in the future. Registration is required.

*Parent participation is not required but parents are welcome to stay if they choose.*

## Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

**Session A:**

**Wednesdays, September 10 – October 8**

**Session B:**

**Mondays, October 20 – November 17**

Outdoor play is vital to child development and well-being. This program is designed to allow participants the chance to explore and learn about nature and the outdoors. Activities will include stewardship, discovery, challenges and games. This five-week program will be held rain or shine so come prepared for the weather and ready to have fun! This is a drop-off program, parents are not required to stay. Registration is required.

## Crafting Club

Ages 9 – 13  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

**Back to School: Thursday, September 4**

**Halloween Crafts: Thursday, October 2**

**Autumn Art: Thursday, November 6**

This fun after-school program covers basic crafting skills and techniques used to create hand-made 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 is required.



## Around the World in 9 Days

Grades 3 – 5  
3:30 – 4:45 p.m.  
Grant Park, Nature Nook

Join us on a whirlwind trip around the world. During this nine-month program, participants will visit a new country each month. On each visit, collect new passport stamps, learn about different cultures & customs, taste exotic foods, play unique games and make new friends. Registration is required. Please plan on attending all nine sessions.

**September 18:** Vietnam

**October 16:** Greek Islands

**November 20:** France

**December 18:** South Africa

**January 15:** Germany

**February 19:** Malaysia

**March 19:** Italy

**April 16:** Austria

**May 14:** Panama



## Beginner Archery Clinic

Ages 8 and up (ages 8 – 17 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older)

**Thursday, September 18**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$15 Residents, \$20 Nonresidents  
*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

This clinic, for both youth and adults, is designed to provide you with the basic knowledge required to participate safely in archery, learn more about the archery range and gain hands on experience with the Park District's archery equipment. The range will be set up with targets at a close range and archers will take turns shooting after receiving instruction. Park District staff and volunteers will help participants through each step. All equipment is provided. This clinic is appropriate for beginner archers only. Registration is required.

## Intermediate Archery Clinic

Ages 8 and up (ages 8 – 17 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older)

**Thursday, September 11**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$15 Residents, \$20 Nonresidents  
*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

Still not sure about becoming an archer? Want a little more time practicing before you buy a bow? This clinic will allow for self-instructed practice time with Park District equipment. The range will be set up with ten practice targets for "open range" practice time. Park District staff and volunteers will supervise archers, enforce range rules and provide pointers and tips for participants. Basic archery instruction will NOT be provided. Participants should already know and understand archery range rules and basic archery techniques. **Previous participation in a Park District Archery Program is required and will be verified prior to the clinic.** Participants may bring their own equipment with approval of the instructor. Registration is required.

## Hunter Education Home Study

All ages (ages 10 and under must be accompanied by a pre-registered adult 18 years or older)

**Saturday, September 13**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Hunter Education Certification is designed for people with little or no knowledge of hunting or firearms and is required to purchase a hunting license in Ohio. For those who prefer to work at their own pace, Ohio offers a home-study version of hunter education. After downloading and completing the home-study manual, a final 4-hour completion session will be held at the Grant Park Nature Nook. The session will be led by certified Hunter Education Instructors and will cover firearms safety training, archery, outdoor safety, wildlife management, conservation and more.

**Participants wishing to obtain certification must complete and bring all nine quizzes located in the manual. You must obtain a score of 80% or higher on the 100-question final to obtain certification.**

For more information and to download the manual please visit:

[www.cwpd.org/hunter\\_education.html](http://www.cwpd.org/hunter_education.html)

To register go to: [https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/training\\_index.php](https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/training_index.php)

## Passport to Nature

All ages

**Forest, Foundations, Fun!**

**Wednesday, September 24**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

Join the Naturalist as we hike to the Foundations at Grant Park! We will learn about Grant Park's mature woods, view the Reynolds Foundation and have lots of fun! Terrain is uneven and approximately one mile in length. Registration is required.

**Nocturnal Animal Adaptations**

**Friday, October 17**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

How do nocturnal animals survive? We will investigate different adaptations during this night hike. Participants are welcome to bring a flashlight. Registration is required.

**Ready for Winter**

**Saturday, November 8**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

*Big Bend Park*

Seeds go dormant, some animals migrate or hibernate and some are active year-round. At Big Bend Park, we will learn what wildlife does to combat the cold and make some things for your backyard to assist them. Registration is required.

**Resident registration begins  
Monday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.**



All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.

## Halloween Mini Trail:

### *A Journey to YaDa YaDa Land*

Ages 3 – 8

**Saturday, October 11**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Take a silly, magical, educational journey to YaDa YaDa Land, where strange creatures abound. Children will meet yadapillars, sock spiders, shoe flies, a singing sunflower, a featherless duck, a yadabudafly, a baby dragon and even yadabirds learning to sing. They will enter a school for baby animals and find sleepy rabbits and giant flowers that dance. YaDa YaDa Land awaits your child's imagination! Children are encouraged to come in costumes appropriate for active movement. Registration is required.

The program is a half-mile hike to the Chimneys area and back. Groups will leave every 15 minutes.

## Haunted Trail

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

**Wednesday, October 22 & Thursday, October 23**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (last group sent through at 9:00 p.m.)

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 forest of spooks and scares. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods/nonperishable food items to be donated to local food banks. 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 School and Magsig, Tower Heights and Watts Middle Schools.

## Paws in the Park

**Friday, September 19**

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dog Park at Oak Grove Park



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

Registration for this event is not required. Vendors interested in booth space please contact Ally DeShurko at [adeshurko@cwpc.org](mailto:adeshurko@cwpc.org) or (937) 433-5155.

**Note:** For their safety, children under 8 years of age are not permitted within the off-leash areas of the dog park. Children between 8 and 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



CENTERVILLE NOON  
**OPTIMIST**

## Bikes, Boards and BBQ

All ages

**Saturday, September 13**

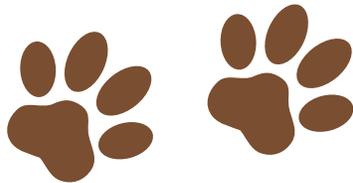
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park



This new special event, co-sponsored by the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, welcomes bikers and skaters of all ages, and their families, to join us at the skatepark to enjoy demonstrations and music. PA's Pork and Rib-N-It BBQ will be on hand with their delicious food! There will be giveaways and raffles, so be sure to stop by! Registration for this event is not required.

**Note:** The Bikes, Boards and BBQ event is weather dependant.



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## Hike for Your Health

Adults  
Wednesdays  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Resident registration begins  
Monday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.**

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. Path descriptions are included to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire. Registration is required.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path
September 3	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
September 10	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
September 17	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
September 24	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
October 1	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
October 8	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
October 15	Forest Field	2100 E. Centerville Station Road	Natural
October 22	Schoolhouse	1875 Nutt Road	Paved
October 29	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
November 5	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
November 12	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
November 19	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
November 26	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural

## Play Tennis in the Parks

There are no Centerville-Washington Park District tennis leagues in the fall, but don't let that stop you — get out and play! The following parks have tennis courts just waiting for players:

- Activity Center Park (3)
- Forest Field Park (3)
- Green Park (1)
- Oak Grove Park (3)
- Old Lane Park (2)
- Schoolhouse Park (3)
- Village South Park (2)
- Yankee Park (3)

## Stroller Strength

Adult caregivers with child(ren) 6 weeks – Pre K  
**Mondays & Thursdays, September 8 – October 30**  
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. Registration is required.

## Fall Into Fitness

Adults  
**Tuesdays, September 2 – November 18**  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
*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 is required.

## Adult Nature Workshop: Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education

Ages 14 and up  
**Saturday, November 15**  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
*Grant Park, Nature Nook*

Betty Ross, of the Glen Helen Raptor Center, will speak on her experiences as a wildlife rehabilitator and how people interested in rehabilitation can get involved. Joining her will be some feathery friends she has nursed back to health.  
Registration is required.



All programs are **FREE**  
unless otherwise indicated.

## Seed Collection and Processing

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Does your scout or community group need a fall project? The Naturalist needs assistance with seed collection at the Native Seed Nursery and processing at the Park Headquarters. No experience is required and hours are flexible. Please contact Katy Malcolm at (937) 433-5155 if you are interested in scheduling a work session.



## Butterfly Monitoring

Ages 8 and up (15 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

**September 8**, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **AND/OR**

**September 22**, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Would you or your group be interested in helping the Park District with some biological surveys? The Naturalist needs assistance catching, identifying and recording the beautiful butterflies that call Grant Park home. No experience or equipment necessary. Groups or individuals that need recognition for their volunteer hours, please contact the Park District before the monitoring session. Terrain is uneven and approximately one mile in length. Weather dependent. Registration is required and you may sign up for more than one session.

*"If you're not  
giving the world  
the best you have,  
what world are you  
saving it for?"*  
– Anonymous

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



We would like to recognize Centerville-Washington Park District Volunteer John Wilz for his dedication to the gardens at the Grant Park Nature Nook. Thank you, John, for all of your hard work!

## Park District Programs Can Come to Your School or Group!

Are you looking for additional materials or experiences to supplement your classroom lessons, scout or youth group meetings or more? Look no further, the Park District can help! We offer the following programs or resources for your group:

**School Outreach Programs** are offered for classroom teachers in the Centerville school district. A guest speaker from the Park District will come to your class and facilitate programs that align with school science standards.

**Special Interest Group Programs** are offered for scout groups, after-school programs and other adult and youth groups. Guest speakers from the Park District lead nature-based programs based on a variety of topics age-appropriate for your group.

**Nature Discovery Hikes** (formerly Nature Discovery Zone) are available for groups who want to take a field trip to a park! Park District staff or volunteers will lead a hike and focus it to meet the needs of the group, such as scout badge requirements or school requests. Nature Discovery Hikes are perfect for youth groups, scouts, preschools, childcare centers and more.

**Nature-on-the-Go Bins** can be checked out for use by any educational group looking for resources or materials to suit their needs. Nature-on-the-Go bins include supplies to supplement lessons or activities on birds, bats, mammals, reptiles & amphibians, trees, insects and geology.

*Contact the Park District at 433-5155 for program descriptions.*

*All groups must consist of a majority of residents of Centerville or Washington Township.*

*Groups are limited to two programs per classroom/group per school year as available.*

*Program availability is limited, so make your requests early!*



Resident Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.  
**Monday, August 11**

