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PARK DISTRICT INFORMATION

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Office Closed on May 28, 2012

Park Addresses

Addresses for the parks used in spring programs can be found on page 14. For a complete list of all 48 park addresses, visit www.cwpd.org.

Rain Out Line

(937) 433-2524

Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpd.org/field_status.shtml

Youth League Contacts

Centerville United Soccer Association
www.CUSASoccer.com
Hotline: (937) 864-4440

Centerville Wee Elk Football Association
www.weeelks.org

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Centerville Noon Optimist Sof-T-Ball
Association*
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Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.centervillelacrosse.org



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Commissioners Corner



Since this is my first Commissioners Corner, I would like to take the opportunity to briefly introduce myself. I am married with three grown children and have been a Washington Township resident for 28 years. Prior to my retirement from the faculty at University of Dayton's School of Business Administration, I served for 20 years as an officer in the civil engineering career field in the U.S. Air Force.

Several years ago I volunteered with Five Rivers MetroParks and became interested in nature and youth programs. From there I began volunteering in several

Festival Wins Award

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association presented the Park District with a 3rd place award in the Youth and Family Programs category for the **Fairy and Gnome Home Festival** held on September 10, 2011 at Grant Park.

Around 100 children and adults came together for the opportunity to construct miniature multi-level homes, high-rises, theaters, garages, and bridges outside in Grant Park. Most arrived in costume and all enjoyed story-telling, face painting, and drinking fizzy fairy floats while listening to the sounds of harps and flutes.

The objective was to demonstrate how easy it is to build using items found in nature and that all it takes is a little imagination. One measure of success was hearing a few of the families planning to create a fairy or gnome home in their own backyard.

programs with the Centerville-Washington Park District. But I decided I wanted to contribute even more which prompted me to apply for a Commissioner position. After completing the process, I was appointed by the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas in May 2011.

Working with the Park District has been a very enlightening experience. What has impressed me most are the broad scope of park activities and the outstanding full-time staff and dedicated volunteers.

The Board of Park Commissioners consists of three volunteer members who serve a three year term. In May of this year, the Board will be looking to appoint a new commissioner. Margaret Weisman will be leaving after dutifully fulfilling the maximum of three terms. Therefore, I encourage interested residents to contact the Park District to learn more about the application process.

David Lee

2012 Reservations

Reservations can be made by phone at (937) 433-5155 or in person at Park Headquarters. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Individuals must be 18 years of age and all fees are due in advance. The Park District reserves the right to refuse permit requests and limit the number of participants.

Park Shelters

Activity Center, Forest Field, Oak Creek South, Oak Grove, Schoolhouse, and Yankee Parks.

Up to 4 hours: \$35 resident
\$60 nonresident

More than 4 hours: \$50 resident
\$90 nonresident

Grant Park Fire Circles

Permit required to build a fire.
\$15 resident, \$25 nonresident

Grant Nature Nook

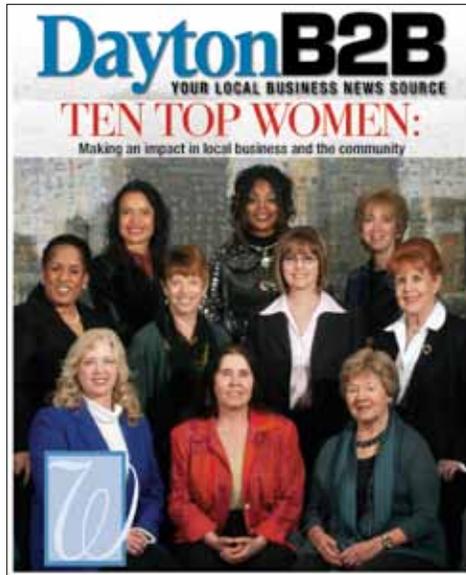
Available for small non-profit service groups based in Centerville or Washington Township that benefit the community at large.

Director Selected for 2011 Dayton Ten Top Women Award

Carol Kennard, Director of the Centerville-Washington Park District, was named as a 2011 recipient of the Ten Top Women award by the Dayton Daily News. The honor, initiated in 1962, recognizes leaders in the community who contribute time and talent for the greater good. A luncheon in their honor was held on December 6, 2011 at the Schuster Center.

Since joining the Park District in 1982 as the program coordinator and then becoming Director in 1997, Carol has made remarkable contributions, including preserving and improving hundreds of acres of green space and parks, multi-use trails, playgrounds, and more. Major park development realized under her leadership includes Oak Grove Park, Oak Creek South Park, Schoolhouse Park, the Grant Park Nature Nook, and the Iron Horse Trail. She has led the development of a multitude of nature and fitness programs, as well.

Carol's contributions to the community include leadership positions in the Centerville Rotary Club, Hithergreen Center Board, Centerville-Washington Diversity



Council, and the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association. Carol is an active member of state and national park associations and participates in a lengthy list of community activities. She was an active member of Create the Vision, a city-township organization that drafted a 20-year plan for the development of the community.

She quotes her mother as her inspiration stating, "She set an example early in life by being a community volunteer, by taking our family camping, and always showing acceptance and compassion for others, regardless of their status, sexual preference, abilities, or dreams." Carol said through the family's camping expeditions she developed a love and respect for the natural environment and knew that she wanted to devote her life's work to parks and the outdoors.

Volunteer & Seasonal Positions Available

Whether you are interested in assisting with programs, special events, or in our operations department, call (937) 433-5155 for further information.

Potential employees must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and successfully complete a background screening. A few program positions are available for those 16-17 years of age.

Declining Revenue Affects Park District 10-Year Plan

The Park District operates under a 10-year plan to insure planned expenditures do not exceed revenue from the 10-year operating levies. Recent declines in real estate values, reductions to reimbursements from the State of Ohio, and lowered investment income have significantly impacted the plan.

2007 Operating Levy Revenue

The Montgomery County auditor has announced that real estate values in Washington Township have dropped nearly 4% in 2011. This means the Park District's 2007 operating levy will be capped with a loss of more than **\$825,000** in receipts through 2018.

State Tax and Utility Reimbursements

When the state enacted the commercial activity tax to replace the tangible personal property tax in 2005, a distribution was created to reimburse local governments for their revenue losses. This distribution was scheduled to be phased out through 2018. Ohio's FY 2012/2013 budget eliminated

this reimbursement beginning in calendar year 2011. Coupled with the elimination of the public utility deregulation replacement payment and the reduction in the local government fund the effect on the Park District is an additional loss of nearly **\$500,000** over eight years.

City of Centerville Regulations

For decades, the Park District was exempt from the definition of "developer" in the City's zoning ordinance and therefore exempt from application of the development regulations. With the recently adopted Unified Development Ordinance, that exemption no longer exists and the City is now requiring the Park District to pay for roadway improvements along park frontage. Roadway improvements were never in the Park District levy budget plans and the impact at Forest Field Park and the Smith Entrance to Bill Yeck Park could amount to nearly **\$200,000**. Also, the City's recently enacted Tax Increment Financing District for the Miami Valley Hospital South campus removes approximately

\$20,000 per year for 30 years from Park District future revenue to pay for roadway improvements around the campus.

The Board of Park Commissioners has acted quickly to reduce spending throughout the remaining life of the operating levies. While the Park District will fulfill its promised capital spending level from the 2004 levy, projects not funded by that levy will be delayed. All expenditures are being examined for potential savings from winterizing restrooms to diluting field paint to retaining vehicles longer. Employee cost-sharing of benefit costs will rise in 2012 and again in 2013. Although available grant funds have been on the decline, the Park District will continue to seek outside funding sources for park improvements to help bridge the gap. The Park District will continue to be fiscally responsible and yet provide the services the residents of Centerville and Washington Township have come to expect.

HIDDEN MEADOWS DAY CAMP 2012

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Road

Studies show that those who play outside on a daily basis demonstrate increased creativity, better problem solving skills, more focus and flexibility, and better cooperation in groups.

Hidden Meadows Day Camp offers eight weeks of camp for kids to experience the outdoors and take advantage of these benefits. Each week brings new opportunities to make friends, explore Grant Park, play games, and make fun crafts. In addition, campers will be treated to guest speakers, animal shows, and activities related to the weekly theme.

Snacks are provided, but everyone needs to bring a filled water bottle. All-Day campers should also bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers receive a T-shirt during their first week.

Camp Fees (per week)		
	Resident	Nonresident
Half Day	\$ 55	\$ 85
All Day	\$110	\$170
<i>July 2-6: Mad Science University</i>		
Half Day	*\$ 44	\$ 68
All Day	*\$ 88	\$136

**Fees are prorated because camp is not held on July 4.*

Half Day AM 9:30 am - Noon
Half Day PM 1:30 - 4:00 pm
All Day 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

June 18-22: *Just Add Water*

Sometimes you just need to add water to create a whole lot of fun. Campers spend the hot summer days exploring creek beds and playing water activities that will keep them smiling all day.

June 25-29: *Born to be Wild (Preschool Week)*

This fun week for ages 3-9 will get campers in touch with their wild side as they go in search of the wild residents of Grant Park. Learn how animals are born and grow through daily hikes, games, and crafts.

July 2-6: *Mad Science University*

Do your children like to mix things together to see what happens? Campers discover what makes the natural world tick by conducting fun experiments, studies, and games based on nature science and then use that knowledge to build their own scientific creations. Camp will not be held on July 4th in observance of the holiday.

July 9-13: *Serious Survival*

Have what it takes to be a wilderness survivor? Campers learn tricks of the trade enabling them to feel at home in nature allowing them to conquer challenges they may find along the way. Campers will go head to head to see who is a serious survivor.

July 16-20: *Amazing Aquatics*

Local water sources can be home to many forms of aquatic wildlife and hold clues to historic events. Explore the streams and ponds of Grant Park to find what kind of exciting things can be found. Aquatic investigation, crafts and activities will be sure to amaze campers this week.

July 23-27: *Treasure Seekers (Preschool Week)*

Are your children between the ages 3-9? Do they want to know what treasures are hidden in nature? Campers will uncover the secrets and mysteries of the park through guided exploration of secluded areas while enjoying treasure hunts that will open their eyes to the natural world.

July 30 - August 3: *Woodland Olympics*

In honor of the 30th Olympiad, we will create our own Olympic Park and celebrate this historic event with fun-filled games and wacky competitions focused on nature and the spirit of the games.

August 6-10: *Nature Quest*

Campers will learn a variety of nature related topics while completing a series of challenges. Each day will bring new information and experiences aiding in obtaining the ultimate quest.



Camp is held rain or shine.

Parent Information

Our goal is to give each camper a positive, memorable experience. Please review the information below prior to registration.

Staff

Staff coordinators and counselors are trained, qualified adults and college students, many who are pursuing a degree or have experience in parks and recreation or education. Assistant counselors are at least 16 years of age and have experience working with children.

Facilities

Camp is primarily an outdoor program and will be held rain or shine. The school buildings will serve as a meeting area and shelter in case of inclement weather.

What to Wear

Dress your child in comfortable old clothes and closed-toe shoes. Sandals and flip-flops are prohibited due to poison ivy and other naturally occurring hazards. Please put your child's name on all items brought to camp. Many pack an old pair of shoes to wear when visiting the creek.

What to Bring

Bring a water bottle to refill during the day. All-Day campers should also bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

Counselors are not permitted to apply sunscreen or insect repellent. Please apply these items prior to arrival. Campers can bring their own and reapply.

Medical Procedures & Emergencies

All counselors are trained in first aid and CPR and carry a first aid kit. A copy of the Health History Record is kept on site. In case of a medical emergency, parents and 911 will be called. The child will be escorted by staff to the hospital or released to the parents, depending upon the situation. If parents cannot be located, the emergency contact will be called. In case of a minor injury or illness, the child will be treated and an incident report will be completed. Parents will be informed at pickup time.

Medications

Staff are permitted to perform only basic first aid. They are not authorized to dispense any type of prescription or nonprescription medication with the exception of any situation that requires an epi-pen. Rule 101:2-12-36 of the Ohio Administrative Code states that a child day camp shall set its own policy regarding whether to pass prescription or nonprescription medications. If your child requires medication, arrangements must be made to have someone present to administer the medication. **If your child carries an epi-pen or inhaler, contact us to complete additional required forms.**

Discipline

Counselors will keep to the established discipline policy and will handle all incidents with kindness, consistency, and understanding. Attention will be given to the specific needs of each camper while, at the same time, each is encouraged to participate. We believe children want to conform to the rules as soon as they know what is expected of them. Counselors will discuss the rules on the first day of camp.

Daily Sign In & Sign Out

Camper safety is important to our staff who take strict precautions in accepting and releasing children from the program. Please inform counselor of any changes. Daily sign in and sign out is required.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

The last day to cancel or make registration changes is noon the Monday prior to your camper's start date. Credit toward a future program that requires a fee will be issued in lieu of a refund. Credits will not be issued after the registration deadline or if the cancellation reduces the participation below the required minimum number of participants. A full monetary refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

Reminders

- Camp takes place at Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
- Health History Record (page 6) is due by noon the Monday prior to your camper's start date
- Last day for registration changes is noon the Monday prior to camper's start date

Camp Registration Information

You may register members of your family and one other family. Proof of residency is required. One camper friend of the same age can be requested. Prior to registration, review the above parent information. Hidden Meadows Camp registration begins:

Resident: Monday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Nonresident: Monday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Online: Visit www.activenet.active.com/cwpd. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to April 23. A valid e-mail address is required. Credit or debit card receipt will show Active.com as the payee.

By Phone: Call (937) 433-5155 to register and pay by phone. Phone-in registration is **NOT** accepted for Hidden Meadows Day Camp on April 23 and April 30.

In Person: Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street in Centerville 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.

HIDDEN MEADOWS DAY CAMP 2012

Registration Form

Complete and return this form (one for each camper) to Park District Headquarters by **noon the Monday prior to the camp start date**. This form is also available at www.cwpd.org.

Camper's Name: _____ M F
 Address: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ T-shirt Size: XS S M L AS AM AL
 Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 2nd Emergency Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Camper Friend (limit 1): _____

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Date	Theme	AM (9:30 am - noon)	PM (1:30 - 4:00 pm)	All Day (9:30 am - 4:00 pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> June 18 - 22	Just Add Water	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> June 25 - 29	Born to be Wild	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 9 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 9 Years	---
<input type="checkbox"/> July 2 - 6 <i>(no camp 7/4)</i>	Mad Science University	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> July 9 - 13	Serious Survival	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> July 16 - 20	Amazing Aquatics	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> July 23 - 27	Treasure Seekers	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 9 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - 9 Years	---
<input type="checkbox"/> July 30 - Aug 3	Woodland Olympics	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 6 - 10	Nature Quest	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years	---	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 12 Years

Health History Record

Is your child on any type of medication? Yes No If yes, what? _____

Park District staff is not authorized to dispense any type of medication. If your child carries an epi-pen, contact us for additional required forms.

Health Conditions Check all that apply and give appropriate dates

Fainting _____ Hearing Impairment _____ Diabetes _____
 Asthma _____ Seizures _____ Other _____

Allergies Check all that apply and specify nature of reaction

Animals / Insects _____ Food _____ Other _____
 Medicine / Drugs _____ Plants _____

Other Conditions Check all that apply

Speech Impairment Emotional Disturbances Developmentally Delayed Other
 Attention Deficit Disorder Communication Impairment Special Diet

To provide the best possible camp experience, please provide all information in relation to any health conditions, behavioral concerns, dietary needs, medication, or special needs. Explain any items/conditions checked above. This information will remain confidential.

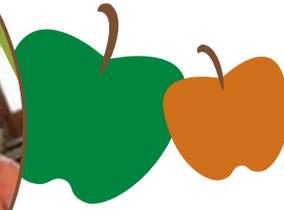
 Family Doctor/Phone: _____ Family Dentist/Phone: _____

Adult/Child Release Agreement

In consideration of your accepting my entry or my child's entry, I hereby, for myself or my child, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Centerville-Washington Park District, its Commissioners, Agents, Employees, and Assignees from any and all liability claims, actions, demands, and judgments arising out of injury or loss sustained by me or my child while participating in activities or using facilities of the Centerville-Washington Park District.

Signature _____ Date _____

Preschool Programs



Playdate Café

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

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Bunny Hoppers: Wednesday,
March 7 **OR** 14

F is for Flower: Wednesday, April 4 **OR** 11

Lucky Ducks: Wednesday, May 2 **OR** 9

This program offers caregivers the chance to participate with their little one, as well as free time to socialize with the other adult companions. Each café begins with a 30 minute nature program followed by social time.

We will have puppets, story books, puzzles, and other fun learning stations. The café is designed to build sensory awareness, motor skills, and encourage social interaction.

So join us at the Playdate Café for some fun, socializing, and of course a light snack. Please select only one date per month.

Kiddie Krafts

Ages 3-5 with adult companion
Wednesdays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. **OR**
Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

March 7 - May 18 (No krafts April 4 & 6)

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Join us as we make crafts and listen to stories in this popular preschool 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, trucks, rainbows, and more. And best of all, we do the clean up! Children are encouraged to wear old clothes.

Due to the popularity of Kiddie Krafts, participants who miss more than two classes in a row will be dropped from the program to allow those on the waiting list an opportunity to participate.

Intergenerational Series

Ages 3-6 with grandparent(s)

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Leprechaun Lore: Monday, March 12
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

For this St. Patrick's Day themed program we will enjoy leprechaun stories, search for four-leaf clovers, make a craft, and maybe even find a pot of gold!

Grand Gifts: Monday, May 7
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Grandparents and grandchildren will enjoy time together making crafts for both Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 - Pre K with adult companion

Scavenger Hunt: Thursday, March 15
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Quail Run Park

Snow is melting. Seeds are sprouting. Birds are chirping. Come search for these and other signs of spring on this outdoor scavenger hunt.

Baby Animals: Thursday, April 19
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

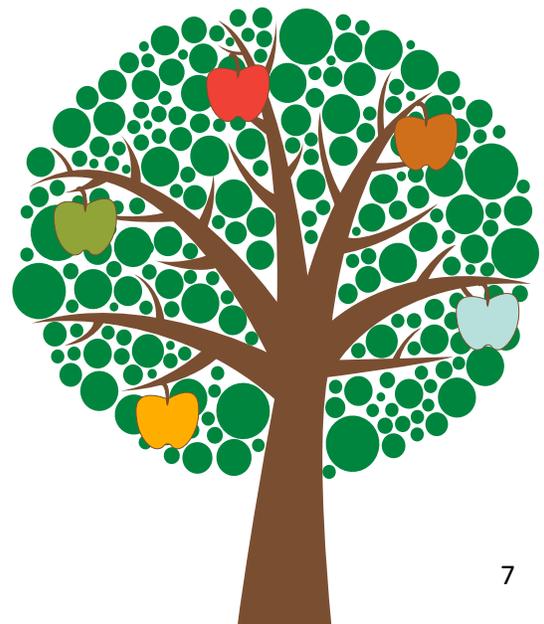
Rosewood Park

What do you call a baby duck? Do all baby animals look like their parent? Learn all about baby animals through a story, activities, songs, and a craft.

Flower Power: Thursday, May 17
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **OR**
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Nutt Woods

Spring beauty, trillium, and trout lily are just a few of the wild spring flowers that are blooming at Nutt Woods Park. Learn about plants and the power of a flower while we hike in search of these fleeting signs of spring.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Crafting Club

Ages 9-13

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Simple Stitches: Thursday, March 1

Floral Frenzy: Thursday, April 12

Beaded Bliss: Thursday, May 3

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.

Eco-Explorers

Grades 3-5

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Growing Season: Wednesday, March 21

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Plants are everywhere but could you make one grow if you tried? Learn how to grow plants and create your own home garden or forest.

Insects Emerge: Wednesday, April 18

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

As spring arrives, creepy crawly bugs are hatching. Explore the world of insects as we hike in search of bugs.

Snakes Abound: Wednesday, May 16

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

Snakes are fascinating creatures and as the weather gets warmer you may see them out and about. Get to know which snakes you may come across and how helpful they can be.

Outdoor Adventure Crew

Ages 8-12

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Mondays, April 9 - May 14

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Skip rocks. Climb trees. Build forts. Explore the creek. During this six week, naturalist guided program, your child will have a chance to make mud pies, look for insects, and discover nature at his or her own pace with other children through unstructured play outdoors. This program will be held each Monday rain or shine. Please come dressed for the weather.

Junior Nature Club

Grades K-2

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Micro-Hike: Tuesday, March 13 *OR*

Wednesday, March 14

Big Bend Park

Take a closer look at the world around you by focusing on a smaller area. We will use magnifying lenses to get up-close and personal with intricate lichens, the veins on a leaf, and small critters in the grass.

Welcome Back Vultures:

Tuesday, April 10 *OR* Wednesday, April 11

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance

All winter we miss the familiar wobbling silhouette of vultures soaring our skies. Welcome back nature's clean-up crew with activities and hopefully observations of this fascinating bird.

Fishy Fun: Tuesday, May 8 *OR*

Wednesday, May 9

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

Learn about minnows, shiners, and darters through games and activities. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet as we will explore the creek for fish!

Spring Recreation Program

Ages 6-10

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Grant Park, Nature Nook

March: 6 *OR* 20

April: 17 *OR* 24

May: 1 *OR* 15

Come dressed for the warm, wet, cold, or muddy weather as each day brings time outside playing games after we make a craft and eat an after-school snack inside. Please select only one date each month.

Summer Adventure Camp

Fee (*includes overnight*):

\$95 Resident / \$135 Nonresidents

Juniors, Ages 10 - 12: June 25 - 27

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Overnight: June 28, 6:00 p.m. - June 29, 1:00 p.m.

Seniors, Ages 12 - 14: July 23 - 25

10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Overnight: July 26, 6:00 p.m. - July 27, 1:00 p.m.

Combine outdoor adventure and nature education with this week-long camp at various parks that includes geocaching, hiking, fishing, archery, creeking, games, survival challenges, and an overnight at Grant Park. Learn to track animals in the woods, listen for the sound of owls in the night, pitch a tent, cook over a campfire and make new friends. Don't miss out on this fun-filled summer program.



"Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives."

- Thomas Berry

Homeschool Fitness Academy

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

Time for Tennis: Thursday, April 19
Activity Center Park

Large Group Games: Thursday, May 17
Forest Field Park

Join us in April for tennis instruction with the Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club instructors (no racquet needed) and in May for large group recreation games.



Homeschool Nature Academy

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Busy Bees: Thursday, March 1
Ages 5-8
Ages 9-12
Nutt Woods Park

Pollinators play a vital role in plant reproduction. This afternoon, learn about the fascinating lives of bees, hike to look for nectar sources, and participate in a bee dance.

Earth Superheroes: Thursday, April 12
Ages 5-8
Ages 9-12
Oak Creek South Park

With Earth Day around the corner learn a multitude of ways you can be more planet friendly. Give back to the Earth by helping the park with a small cleanup project, and just for fun, dress as your favorite superhero!



Pond Study: Thursday, May 3
Ages 5-8
Ages 9-12
Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

The wet meadow at Grant Park is leaping with frogs, buzzing with dragonflies, growing with water plants, and swimming with predacious diving beetles. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet for this habitat exploration.

Homeschool Nature Academy II

Ages 13-18
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wildflower Exploration: Tuesday, May 15
Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance

Wildflowers are like old friends welcoming us back to spring. Hike Bill Yeck Park to observe wildflowers, inspire journal entries, and learn the tricks these plants use to be the first out and ready for pollinators.

Nature Discovery Zone

Hikes for youth groups, preschools, and homeschoolers

Looking for a fun and educational program for your group? We offer a variety of FREE nature based programs that can be tailored to meet requirements of scouting badges and preschool or homeschool curriculum. Contact us to schedule a program for your group.



Nature on the Go

Looking for a resource for your school, homeschool or scout group? Look no further! Each Nature on the Go bin includes a single topic such as mammals, trees, geology, bats, birds, and insects. All contain books, games, and natural items to assist in teaching.

These resources are made available through the generosity of the Centerville-Washington Foundation. Contact us to reserve one today.

Passport to Nature

All ages

Star-Gazing: Saturday, March 3

with the Miami Valley Astronomical Society

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

Bring the stars a little closer and make your understanding of our heavenly bodies a little richer through stargazing. The Miami Valley Astronomical Society will be on-site with telescopes and a vast array of knowledge about the night sky. This will be a great night to see Jupiter, Mars, and the moon. Blankets or lawn chairs are encouraged. Stop in for a spell or for the whole program.

Woodcock Watch: Tuesday, March 13

7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

The American Woodcock is a small chunky shorebird species from North America. It is popularly known as the timberdoodle and a well-known game bird. The woodcock is also known for its spring mating ritual, when the males make funny noises from the ground and take to the sky circling and diving, all to impress a female. Bring a camp chair and hike to the meadow to wait for the first familiar “peent” of the woodcock.

Flora Quest: Thursday, April 19

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

It is a quest to find beautiful spring wildflowers blooming in the park. Some bloom for only a short period, so we hope to see as many as possible.

Build a Bird Nest: Saturday, May 5

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Birds use all kinds of materials to construct their nests including grass, mud, sticks, feathers, fur, even bits of yarn or plastic that they find. In this hands-on program, we will view nests to investigate how they were built. Then we will head outside to gather materials, select a good nesting tree, and construct a nest of our own!

Eggstravaganza

All ages

Saturday, March 31

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Join us as we hunt for the eggs of 10 special birds that inhabit the park. You will learn all about these feathered friends and enjoy story time and other activities at the Chimneys. Dress to hike the trails and don't forget to bring a basket to collect your goodies!

Please register for one of the below time slots.

10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Big Rig Gig

All ages

Saturday, April 28

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Oak Grove Park

Honk, honk, beep, beep, we put you in the driver's seat!

The annual Big Rig Gig is fun for kids of all ages who want to climb on trucks, honk the horns, shift gears, and touch buttons. This event features large trucks and heavy equipment from the Centerville-Washington Park District, the City of Centerville, Washington Township, local law enforcement, fire departments, commercial companies, and many more. Registration is not required for this program.



Fishing Fun

Ages 8 - Adult

Thursday, May 3

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Pond Shelter

Enjoy a relaxing evening by the pond and prepare for Ohio's "Free Fishing Days." No equipment or experience? No problem! We will provide poles, bait, and instruction including knot tying, casting, fish handling, and water ecology. Complete all four instructional stations and receive a prize.

This program is made possible by material donations from the Ohio Division of Wildlife Passport to Fishing Program.

All family programs are

FREE

Registration is required for all except the Big Rig Gig. See page 14 for details.

Tennis Instruction

April 30 - June 14

Registration Deadline: April 20

Ages 6-9: \$60 Resident / \$82 Nonresident

Ages 10+: \$85 Resident / \$116 Nonresident

Tennis instruction is taught by instructors from the Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club. Each has experience working with individuals of all ages and abilities allowing them to provide a high level of instruction. Class ratio is one instructor for 10 participants. Tennis balls are provided. No class May 28.

Monday/Wednesday: Oak Grove Park

6-9 years	Beginner	3:45 - 4:25 p.m.
6-9 years	Beginner	4:30 - 5:10 p.m.
10-13 years	Advanced Beginner	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Adult	Intermediate/Advanced	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Adult	Beginner	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday: Activity Center Park

6-9 years	Beginner	3:30 - 4:10 p.m.
10-13 years	Advanced Beginner	4:15 - 5:15 p.m.
10-13 years	Intermediate	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Adult	Beginner	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Adult	Intermediate/Advanced	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Bad Weather Information: Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, we cannot guarantee the completion of all scheduled classes. An additional week has been scheduled at no added cost in lieu of make-up classes for inclement weather.



Registration is required for tennis programs. See page 14 for details.



Tennis Leagues

April 15 - June 21

Registration Deadline: March 30

Fee: \$25 Residents, \$35 Nonresidents

Age: 19+

Various Locations

Want to step up your tennis game? Join a Park District tennis league. Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are 10 weeks long. Minimum age for league play is 19. The schedule will be mailed prior to league start.

Men's Softball

League play begins April 18

League A: Wednesdays

League B: Thursdays

\$475/team (20 games) + \$10/Nonresident

Yankee Park

League Coordinator: Jen Brandt, Fitness Coordinator, (937) 433.5155

Returning Team Registration: February 13 - 17

Open Registration: February 20 - March 9

Contracts and Rosters Accepted: April 9 - 13

Both leagues consist of up to eight teams and play a doubleheader schedule consisting of 20 games across 10 weeks. Teams are now forming. Individuals may call to be placed on an individual player's list. Returning teams will be given priority. All teams are ASA sanctioned. Contracts (minimum 10) and completed rosters are accepted April 9 - 13. Once rosters are turned in, schedules and softballs will be available for pick up.

Registration information: Softball registration is in person only at Park Headquarters. Contact the league coordinator for more information.

SUNDAY
6:00 p.m.
Men's Advanced
Women's Doubles

MONDAY
6:00 p.m.
Men's Intermediate

TUESDAY
6:00 p.m.
Men's Intermediate 50+
Men's Advanced 50+

WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.
Men's Advanced
Women's 50+

THURSDAY
6:00 p.m.
Women's Intermediate
Women's Advanced

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday Trek

Ages 18 and up
Tuesdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

March 13 & 27: **Grant Park, Normandy Entrance**

April 10 & 24: **Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance**

May 8 & 22: **Oak Creek South Park**

The arrival of spring always brings new opportunities. Join us every other Tuesday to see what is new in the parks as we take a relaxed, observational hike. Each hour long trek is led by a Park District Naturalist and is a great chance to visit with others while being active.

Pioneer Woman: Begin to Knit

Ages 10 and up
Mondays, March 5 - 26
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Have you been yearning to learn how to click those needles and produce attractive hand-made projects? Join expert needle-worker, Geri Bush, in this class geared to beginners and learn the basics of knitting: cast on, knit, purl, combination stitches, increase, decrease and bind off. Become familiar with yarn weights and pattern readings too. Materials are provided, but we will discuss choosing the correct needle and yarn in our first class, so you can outfit yourself to continue knitting at home.

Adaptive Gardening: Raised Bed Basics

Ages 16 and up
Saturday, April 21
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

Gardening can be difficult due to the physical demands of kneeling and working on the ground. This program will focus on the benefits of raised bed gardening for those who suffer from physical ailments or accessibility issues. Learn how to build or find a system that is right for you as well as the basics of starting your own garden. Participants will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty so bring a pair of gloves.

Barter Bazaar: Crafting Supplies

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, April 26
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook

All too often items are thrown away instead of being re-used. The Barter Bazaar brings residents 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 you are willing to part with to the Park District headquarters any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. April 23 - April 25. Use your vouchers on April 26th 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. All trades are final.

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

“Man must live, not only exist; he must do, not merely be; he must grow, not just vegetate.”

- Spencer W. Kimball



All adult programs are
FREE

Registration is required for all
except the Hound Hike.
See page 14 for details.

Researchers from the Mayo Clinic found that those who participate in active hobbies like knitting to be

40%

less likely to have memory impairment

Hike for Your Health

Wednesdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
March 7 - May 30

Spring has sprung! Join Park District staff as we lead these self-paced hikes that will get you outside, get you moving, and get your heart rate up. As an added bonus you get to enjoy the company of others while improving your health. Below are the dates, locations, meeting points, and path descriptions to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path Description
March 7	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
March 14	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
March 21	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
March 28	Oak Grove	1790 East Social Row Road	Paved
April 4	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
April 11	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
April 18	Forest Field	2100 East Centerville Station Road	Natural
April 25	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
May 2	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
May 9	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
May 16	Oak Grove	1790 East Social Row Road	Paved
May 23	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
May 30	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved



Hound Hike

Fridays
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
March - May
Iron Horse Park

Join a dedicated group of dogs and their owners as they explore the Iron Horse Trail in springtime. These self-guided hikes provide the opportunity to socialize, exercise your dog, and enjoy the outdoors.

Spring Into Fitness

Tuesdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
April 3 - May 29
Schoolhouse Park

Spring is here and what better time to get outside, enjoy fresh air, and exercise! Spring Into Fitness includes a mix of cardiovascular and strength training exercises to condition the heart and strengthen the muscles. Resistance tubing is provided for all participants. A nationally certified group exercise instructor leads this program.

Spring Wellness Walks

Thursdays
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

March 15: **Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance**

April 19: **Grant Park, Nature Nook**

May 17: **Oak Grove Park, Rotary Shelter**

Cramped inside all day? Not a “morning” person? Then this is the walk for you!

Once a month take a mid-day break from your routine and enjoy the outdoors by taking a leisurely paced and social walk in the park. The spring air and natural surroundings will revitalize you for the rest of the day. Don’t forget your jacket and proper shoes. Bill Yeck and Grant offer natural paths while those at Oak Grove are paved.

Stroller Strength

Mondays & Thursdays
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
April 2 - May 24
Schoolhouse Park

Join other caregivers and their children in strollers for an invigorating morning exercise session. Upper and lower body resistance training (resistance tubing provided) and a cool-down stretch is included in each program. Make friends and exercise at the same time, and no need to pay for childcare! Stroller Strength is lead by a nationally certified group exercise instructor.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Three convenient ways to register:

Online

Visit www.activenet.active.com/cwpd to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to February 13. A valid e-mail address is required to create an account. 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 during scheduled office hours. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street in Centerville 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.

Resident Registration Begins: Monday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.

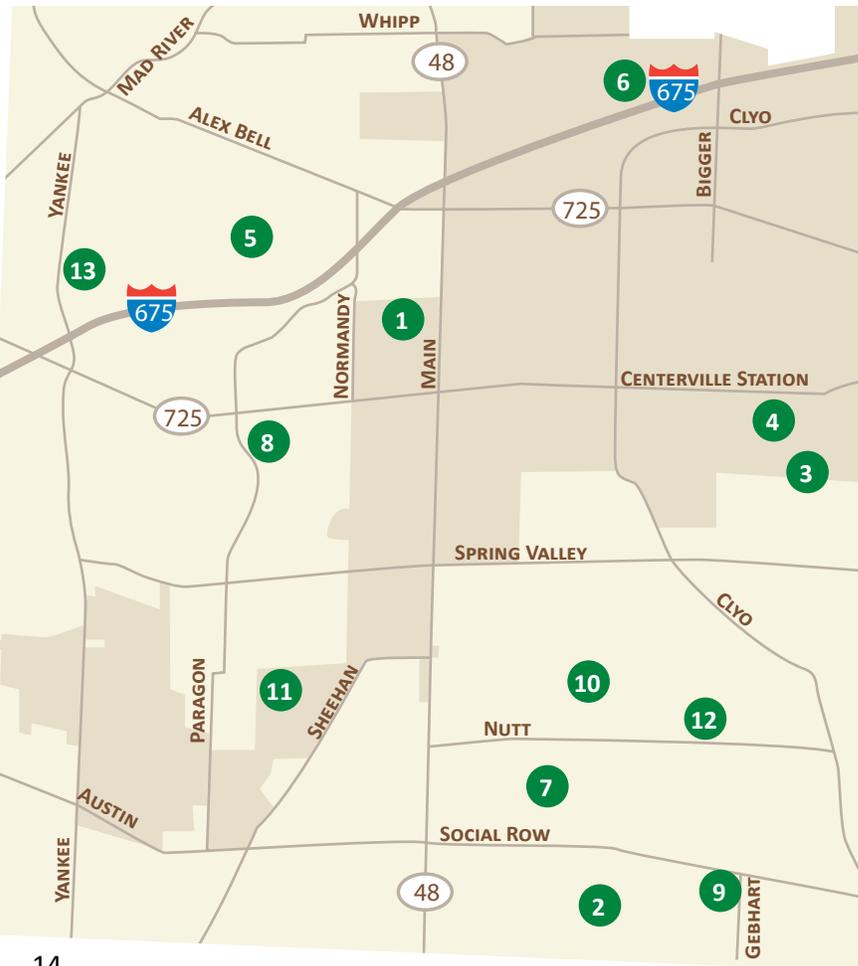
Nonresident Registration Begins: Monday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Registration and Refund Policy:

- You may register members of your family and one other 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.

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

The Park District is made up of 48 neighborhood, nature, and community parks. The map below highlights only those used for spring programs. To learn about all 48 parks visit www.cwpd.org.



1. **Activity Center Park:** 221 North Main Street
2. **Big Bend Park:** 1328 Spring Ash Drive
3. **Bill Yeck Park:** 3 entrances
 - a. 8798 Rooks Mill Lane
 - b. 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road (McGuffey Meadow)
 - c. 2230 E. Centerville Station Road
4. **Forest Field Park:** 2100 E. Centerville Station Road
5. **Grant Park:** 2 entrances
 - a. 501 Normandy Ridge Road
 - b. 6588 McEwen Road (Nature Nook)
6. **Iron Horse Park:** 6161 Millshire Drive
7. **Nutt Woods Park:** 10188 Ashpark Court
8. **Oak Creek South Park:** 790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road
9. **Oak Grove Park:** 1790 E. Social Row Road
10. **Quail Run Park:** 1180 Timber Hawk Trail
11. **Rosewood Park:** 475 Roselake Drive
12. **Schoolhouse Park:** 1875 Nutt Road
13. **Yankee Park:** 7500 Yankee Street



MVRAC Madness: Family Game Night

Friday, March 9
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Washington Township Rec West
965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road



Join the Miami Valley Recreation Activities Council, a collection of 10 parks and recreation agencies, for a fun family event that will include basketball, ping pong, crafts, a bounce house for the little ones, Wii games, and more! Door prizes will be raffled off during the evening.

Registration is not required.

Eat 'em to Beat 'Em: Garlic Mustard Pull

Tuesday, April 24, 2011
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

One way to get rid of this obnoxious invasive weed is to eat it! Come out and try savory recipes like garlic mustard pesto and pasta, garlic mustard cheese ball and more. While you are here, help the Park District pull garlic mustard and make room for our native wildflowers to thrive. You are welcome to keep the garlic mustard to create your own culinary delights at home.

Individuals, scout groups, and community groups are welcome to participate. Registration is required. See page 14 for details.

Cache In Trash Out: A Geocaching Event

Saturday, April 14
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance



What is Geocaching?

It is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate

to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

Join us for our 2nd Annual CITO as we clean up Bill Yeck Park, then stick around for a meet and greet and the unveiling of new caches before they are available online! Please bring your own gloves, pruning tools, and geocaching gear. Garbage bags, grabbers, buckets, and trail maps will be provided.

Registration is required. Visit www.geocaching.com to sign up.

Bike to Work Breakfast

Friday, May 18
6:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Iron Horse Trail, Whipp Road Intersection



Since May is National Bike Month, ride your bike to work and celebrate with a free breakfast during your commute on the Iron Horse Trail. Fresh juice, bagels, and oatmeal, along with biker camaraderie and raffles, will be just the jolt you need to finish your ride!

Officials from the City of Centerville, Washington Township, and the Centerville-Washington Park District's Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee will be available to discuss updates to the community's Multi-Use Trail Plan.

Registration is not required.

Community Garden Party

All ages
Sunday, May 20
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
Park at Forest Field Park

Join us at the Smith House at Bill Yeck Park for a spring celebration!

The highlight will be the dedication of the Commissioner's Grove, a gift to former commissioners that will give and grow for years to come.

Other fun activities include wildflower walks, a special art display from the Centerville City School ceramics class and Cline Elementary art students, face painting, tours of the historic Smith House, garden inspired crafts, a presentation on landscape beautification, as well as refreshments.



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"The parks are beautiful! You have created something wonderful for the whole community to enjoy. Thank you for your hard work."

- Nancy Steinfurth, volunteer and former commissioner

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Resident Registration Begins:

Monday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Nonresident Registration Begins:

Monday, February 20 at 10:00 a.m.