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# JUNE - AUGUST 2015

50 parks encompassing 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Registration

Parents can register their children for SRP and STS online at www.cwpd.org or by calling (937) 433-5155. No walk-up registrations will be accepted at the parks.

#### Snacks

Snacks will be provided at SRP. All snacks will be peanut, tree nut, dairy and egg free. Participants may bring their own if they prefer. All snacks will be collected at sign-in and given at the designated snack time. Please do not bring peanut/tree nut snacks from home.

#### **Inclement Weather**

In case of rain or storms, please return to the park to pick up your children. Cancellations will be posted on www.cwpd.org and you will receive an automated phone call.

The SRP and STS programs should not be used as a substitute for day camp or childcare.

Please note, all participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please call 433-5155 and specify on the Health History Form.



## **Summer Recreation Program** (SRP)

Groups A & B: Ages 3 – 5 OR Groups C & D: Ages 6 – 8 OR Groups E & F: Ages 9 – 12 June 8 – July 30 (No SRP on June 24 or July 3) New!

9:00 a.m. – noon

Children may only be registered for one session of SRP.

SESSION 1 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Groups: A, C, E	SESSION 2 Tuesdays and Thursdays Groups: B, D, F	
Yankee Park	Iron Horse Park	
Forest Field Park	Oak Grove Park Group B: Rotary Shelter Group D & F: Gebhart Shelter	

The Summer Recreation Program has been modified to increase participant safety and enhance program quality!

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**Resident registration begins** 

Monday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

Summer Recreation Program offers a variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more. All SRP sites are led by trained recreation leaders. Don't miss out on this fun, free program that keeps children active all summer!

Advance registration and a completed Health History Form are required for SRP. No walk-up registrations will be accepted at the parks. As a safety precaution, designated caregivers are required to sign children in and out each day.



The Summer Recreation Program won't take place on June 24 and July 31. Instead, we'll be holding our annual summer special events! See Recreation Program and Summer Teen Series are page 10 for details about A Trip to the Tropics and Sudsational!

## Summer Teen Series (STS)

Ages 11 – 15

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 9 – July 30 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Date	Park	Theme
June 9	Yankee Park	Spectacular Sports
June 11	Oak Creek South Park	Games, Games, Games
June 16	Rosewood Park	Capture the Flag
June 18	Schoolhouse Park	Dodgeball Day
June 23	Yankee Park	Games, Games, Games
June 25	Oak Creek South Park	Dodgeball Day
June 30	Rosewood Park	Capture the Flag
July 2	Schoolhouse Park	Spectacular Sports
July 7	Yankee Park	Dodgeball Day
July 9	Oak Creek South Park	Games, Games, Games
July 14	Rosewood Park	Capture the Flag
July 16	Schoolhouse Park	Spectacular Sports
July 21	Schoolhouse Park	Dodgeball Day
July 23	Rosewood Park	Capture the Flag
July 28	Yankee Park	Dodgeball Day
July 30	Oak Creek South Park	End-of-Summer Party

and tweens to participate in games and activities based on a nightly theme! These fun-filled evenings will include capture the flag, dodgeball, basketball, soccer, flag football, kickball and more! To close out the summer, we will throw a party with tournaments, a Velcro Sticky Wall inflatable and pizza to celebrate! Register once and come to as many sessions as you'd like!

Summer Teen Series allows teens

Advance registration and a completed Health History Form are required for STS. No walk-up registrations will be accepted at the parks.



# **SUMMER CAMPS**

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

## **Hidden Meadows Day Camp**

Ages 5 – 12, preschool weeks are ages 3 – 9 Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Theme: Date	AM 9:30 a.m. – noon	PM 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	All Day 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Things with Wings: June 8 – 12	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years
Dirt Detectives: June 15 – 19	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years
Habitat Helpers: June 22 – 26	3 – 9 years	3 – 9 years	5 – 9 years
Creek Cruising: June 29 – July 2	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years
Kid vs. Wild: July 6 – 10	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years
Aquatic Adventures: July 13 – 17	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years
Forest Fantasy: July 20 – 24	3 – 9 years	3 – 9 years	5 – 9 years
Scales, Slime & Spinners: July 27 – 31	5 – 12 years		5 – 12 years

# There may still be openings for Hidden Meadows Day Camp! Registration began on Monday, April 20 for residents and Monday, April 27 for nonresidents.

Hidden Meadows Day Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Grant Park, playing games and making new friends. Campers will also be treated to guest speakers, special presentations and activities. Snacks are provided, but campers should bring a filled water bottle every day. Our all-day campers need to bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week.

#### Things with Wings, June 8 – 12

There are so many things with wings flitting and flying all around the skies! Look up to find birds, bats, bugs and more. Learn about the daily lives of the things with wings!

#### Dirt Detectives, June 15 – 19

Worms, roots, fossils and rocks ... who knows what you might find digging deep in the dirt! Become a dirt detective and investigate what can be found underground this week.

#### Habitat Helpers, June 22 – 26 (Preschool Week)

Grant Park provides homes for many animals. Spend the week learning about these animals and how to help provide a nice habitat for them.

#### Creek Cruising, June 29 – July 2

Race your raft down the rapids, catch crawdads, spot minnows and cruise your way downstream on a creek hike. There's so much to enjoy and learn about our creek during this week! *No camp July 3*.

#### Kid vs. Wild, July 6 – 10

Could you survive in the wild? Kid vs. Wild week will feature challenges and adventures that test your skills in shelter building, fire making, navigation and more.

#### Aquatic Adventures, July 13 – 17

Aquatic Adventures week includes creek hikes, pond exploration, wetland wading and more! Learn about the aquatic habitats that Grant Park provides for a wide variety of plants and animals and what you can do to protect these waters.

#### Forest Fantasy, July 20 – 24 (Preschool Week)

Use your imagination this week and become friends of the forest and experience the magic within it. Create fairy homes and play pretend in nature while exploring and learning about the forest.

#### Scales, Slime & Spinners, July 27 – 31

Snakes, slugs, spiders and more will be featured this week! Usually people think these slithering, crawling and spinning creatures are creepy, but we know they are really cool! Let's learn more about why we like them!

# CAMP THEMES

Camp activities are planned each week by our camp counselors, who take into account their campers and the week's theme. Special theme-related activities are included in their plans along with the tried and true camper favorites — searching for crawdads in the creek, building forts, completing crafts, taking hikes and more, no matter the week's theme!

#### Hidden Meadows Day Camp Fees (per week)

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	Resident	Nonresiden
Half Day	\$55	\$85
All Day	\$110	\$170

June 29 – July 2\*: Creek Cruising Half Day \$44 \$68 All Day \$88 \$136 \*Prorated because camp is not held on July 3.

Half Day (a.m.): 9:30 a.m. – noon Half Day (p.m.): 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. All Day: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# 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 only be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

# **PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

### **Early Adventures**

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

Session A: Wednesday, June 17 Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance Session B: Wednesday, July 15 Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Session C: Wednesday, August 19 Bill Yeck Park, Smith Entrance

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.

These monthly adventures give you a chance to share nature with your babies and toddlers. Take a leisurely hike to see what is happening in the nature parks. Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate for those whose children are not walking. Strollers are not recommended, all paths are natural terrain. Registration is required.

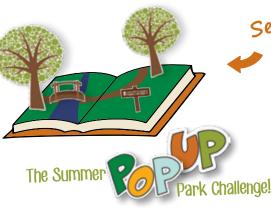
### **Playdate Pals**

Ages 18 – 36 months with adult companion 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. *Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook* 

#### Baby Birds: Wednesday, June 10 Fun in the Sun: Wednesday, July 1 Meadow Meander: Wednesday, August 5

This program is designed to build sensory awareness, motor skills, and encourage social interaction. Caregivers will have the chance to participate with their little one.

Playdate begins with learning stations such as puzzles, blocks, art or sensory table. We will then come together for a short program about our theme, which may include a story, song, activity and a short hike. Join us for lots of fun and new learning experiences! Registration is required. Resident registration begins Monday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.



## Intergenerational Series: Hike & Seek

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s) Friday, June 19 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Rosewood Park

#### The Intergenerational Series is only for grandparents and their grandchildren. Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.

At Hike & Seek, you will explore nature together on a scavenger hunt. Find big leaves, bright butterflies, neat pebbles and more while stopping to look for birds, skip rocks and play along the way.

After the hunt, we will enjoy show and tell, snack and a story in the shade! Bring your cameras and wear comfortable close-toed shoes. Registration is required. All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.

See back cover for details!

Kiddie Kampout Ages 5 – 8 Friday, July 10 or Friday, July 17 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$5 Residents, \$9 Nonresidents Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Ease your child into camping by *almost* camping! Children will practice setting up and getting into tents (tents provided), roasting marshmallows around the campfire, singing songs and playing games. At the end of the night, the campers go home to sleep in their own beds!

This is a drop-off program and caregivers are not required to stay. Registration is required.



#### Move Like the Animals: Children's Yoga Series Ages 5 – 8

Wednesdays, July 8 – 29 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Fee: \$18 Residents, \$25 Nonresidents Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

Strike a pose! Stretch, balance, and strengthen your body as you learn yoga poses of different animals from certified Color Me Yoga Instructor, Megan Pooler. A perfect blend of nature and exercise, children will learn about animals through a hands-on activity in the first part of each class and then finish with a fun-filled yoga session. All equipment will be provided. Registration is required.

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning." ~Mr. Rogers

# Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT

# **2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

# FROM THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS



# 2014 ... an eventful year for the Centerville-Washington Park District!

The most important and exciting news of the year, **Centerville and Washington Township voters renewed the Park District's 0.9 mill levy** in May! The levy will fund park operations for another 10 years with **no increase in taxes** for the community! The new levy will provide:

- operating funds for 50 parks encompassing 1,000 acres;
- the upkeep of athletic facilities, trails, shelters, playgrounds, skatepark, sprayground, dog park and other amenities;
- and, park improvements requested by residents.

We are excited to continue work on park improvements for you and your family to enjoy! Several large projects are in progress and will be nearing completion in 2015 – 16.

Little Woods Park. The William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation donated 3.6 acres along Far Hills Avenue at Colonial Lane. Little Woods Park is being developed primarily as a nature park, with an emphasis on native plantings. A Nature Literature Trail, in partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Yeck Family Foundation, will also be installed along the path.

**Mays Park.** The Park District is making progress on this new community park! The shelter with restrooms, playground, walking paths, rain gardens, native seeding, turf seeding and parking lot are all planned for completion in 2015.

# Also significant news, the Park District experienced several staffing changes in late 2014.

Carol Kennard, director of the Park District for 17 years, retired in December after 33 years. Robert Feldmann, development manager, and Barbara Smith, business manager, both retired in October after 40 and 19 years of service, respectively. Each of these former staff members leaves a long-lasting legacy with the Park District. Their contributions to our community are numerous and we wholeheartedly wish them the very best!

Moving forward, Arnie Biondo has been selected to lead the organization as the executive director. Biondo began his work at the Park District at the end of December. He has served in the field of parks and recreation for more than 39 years. We are pleased to have his experienced leadership on board!

In closing, thank you for supporting your community's parks! We want to know *your* opinion about our future priorities. Complete a short survey to let us know your ideas. What programs would you like to see us provide in the future? What park amenities are most important to you and your family? Go to **www.cwpd.org/survey** to complete the survey. The survey is anonymous, but you will have the opportunity to submit your contact information to enter a drawing for a **\$100 Visa gift card**!

As always, we look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence in Centerville and Washington Township — a great place to live, work and play!



David Lee President



Lucy Sánchez Vice-President



Dan Monahan Secretary

# 2014 PARK IMPROVEMENTS

#### **Activity Center Park**

- Sprayground shade structures with accessible picnic tables
- 3-acre native prairie seeded

#### **Bill Yeck Park**

- Nature literature trail, Owlexander's Tree Trek
- Smith entrance improvements
- Smith house renovations

#### Bill Yeck Park (continued)

- Creek crossing stepping stones added in several locations
- Trail improvements

#### **Iron Horse Park**

• Large group shelter with public restrooms

#### **Little Woods Park**

Park development began

#### **Oak Creek South Park**

• Wetland boardwalk and observation deck

#### Robert F. Mays Park (Phase I)

- Grading, seeding and landscaping
- Parking lot
- Hitting wall

#### Yankee Park

• Pickleball court lines added to two tennis courts

# ANNUAL REPORT



# **Additional Noteworthy News**

## **Ohio Department of Natural Resource Grants**

The Centerville-Washington Park District was awarded \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Clean Ohio Trails Fund. The awarded funds will be used for design and construction of a multi-use asphalt trail along Upper Holes Creek between Holes Creek Park and Silvercreek Park.

ODNR also awarded the Park District an \$84,667 NatureWorks grant. The NatureWorks funds will be used to install a shelter with restrooms at Robert F. Mays Park.

## 2014 Buy Recycled Grant

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District awarded the Centerville-Washington Park District a 2014 Buy Recycled Grant. The Park District received \$32,904, which was used to build a wetland boardwalk and observation deck at Oak Creek South Park. Materials used to construct the boardwalk and deck were made of recycled content.

## **Owlexander's Tree Trek Grand Opening**

Owlexander's Tree Trek, the newest Nature Literature Trail, officially opened Saturday, June 14, 2014. Approximately 50 people attended along with representatives from the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Park District.

The Tree Trek features 14 tree species. It is a one-mile path that runs through the woods at Bill Yeck Park's Rooks Mill entrance.

Owlexander's Tree Trek is the third trail in a creative collaboration between the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Centerville-Washington Park District.

The Nature Literature Trails are funded by the Yeck Family Foundation.

# **Programs**

In 2014 there were over 12,000 participants in 295 Park District programs, including several new program additions - Sledding with Owlexander; Early Adventures; and Bikes, Boards, and BBQ!

## **Outreach Programming**

An additional 2,214 residents were reached through outreach programming. Nearly 1,900 school children were presented with curriculum-based programming in their classrooms. Nature and outdoor skills for scouts, as well as enrichment programming for Hithergreen Center and St. Leonard's made up the remainder of outreach efforts.

## **Successful Special Events**

Big Rig Gig hosted more than a dozen vehicles for nearly 600 attendees to climb on, honk and pretend to steer.

Grant Park was once again transformed into a haunted forest with the help of 400 volunteers. Over 1,200 people screamed their way through the 31st annual Haunted Trail.

December's Holiday Luminary Walk welcomed hundreds of people celebrating the season with candlelit trails through woods and meadow, beautiful dulcimer music from the Hithergreen Strummers, crafts and refreshments.

# **Volunteer Update**

The Park District is fortunate to have a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the community! The group logged over 2,300 hours in 2014! Which means volunteers provided the Park District an estimated cost savings of nearly \$52.000\* in 2014!

Volunteers provided assistance with nest box monitoring, special events, office work, school outreach, collecting items for programs, Americana float preparation, program assistance, and many other things throughout the year.

Together, we went on several volunteer field trips, and celebrated their contributions with a volunteer appreciation dinner.

> Becoming a volunteer is fun, rewarding and wonderful for the community! To learn more about volunteer opportunities please call Erin Morley or Ally DeShurko at (937) 433-5155.

> > Bridge at Grant Park built by **Eagle Scout Grant** Williamson and friends.

## SCOUTS IN THE PARKS

Girl Scout Troop 30651 helped the Park District with the native seed nursery.

Several scouts completed projects in the parks to earn their Eagle Scout award:

Trever Wertz

- William Braun Nick Mulay
- Jonathan Hume Jon Nielsen
- Mason Kilroy
- David Lopez

- Grant
- Williamson Zach Spangler

- \*Cost savings based on data gathered by http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer\_time
- Well done, Scouts!

Charles Perry

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



# **Financial Report**

Total general fund receipts, before transfers, in 2014 were \$4,967,511. Expenditures during the same period were \$4,567,707. Of the Park District's \$5,606,245 budget, approximately \$771,650 carried forward to 2015. Significant savings to the budget were incurred because several large projects were carried over into 2015.

Larger projects of note during 2014 were Robert F. Mays Park development (\$692,648), the Iron Horse Park shelter (\$407,117) and Bill Yeck Park/Smith House Renovations (\$504,236).

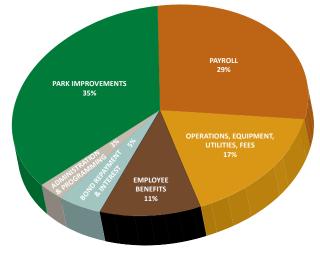
# DID YOU KNOW ...

In 2014, almost \$1,000,000, or around 20% of the total tax revenue collected, went back into the community in the form of employee pay, building contracts and vendor purchases!

# Technology update

During 2015 the Park District will be making significant Information Technology upgrades. Planned improvements include upgraded email service, wide-band internet, a new website and an upgrade to the newest version of our financial accounting software ... all to better and more effectively provide services to the community.

### **2014 EXPENDITURES**



# Every donation makes a difference. Each helps provide park experiences for generations to come. We wish to thank the following donors for their generosity:

#### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

- George Greenleaf
- Centerville Noon Optimist Club
- Centerville United Soccer Association
- Centerville Wee Elk Football Association
- Centerville Youth Lacrosse Club
- Dayton Foundation
- Penbrooke Garden Club
- United Way of Greater Dayton

#### DEDICATIONS

- Dwayne Dicks
- James and Joyce Durham
- Christopher Eastabrooks

#### **GRANTS**

- Montgomery County Solid Waste District
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- William & Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation
- William & Dorothy Yeck Nature Fund

#### **VENDOR DONATIONS**

- Bill's Donut Shop
- Bob Evans
- DK Bikes
- Dorothy Lane Market
- Epic Loot Games & Comics
- Fricker's
- Graeter's Ice Cream

#### • Huffy Corporation

- Kroger
- Laser Web Dayton
- MaggieMoo's Ice Cream and Treatery
- The Melting Pot
- Tim Hortons
- Whitman's Ride Shop

Please contact us anytime if you have questions about the Centerville-Washington Park District. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you!

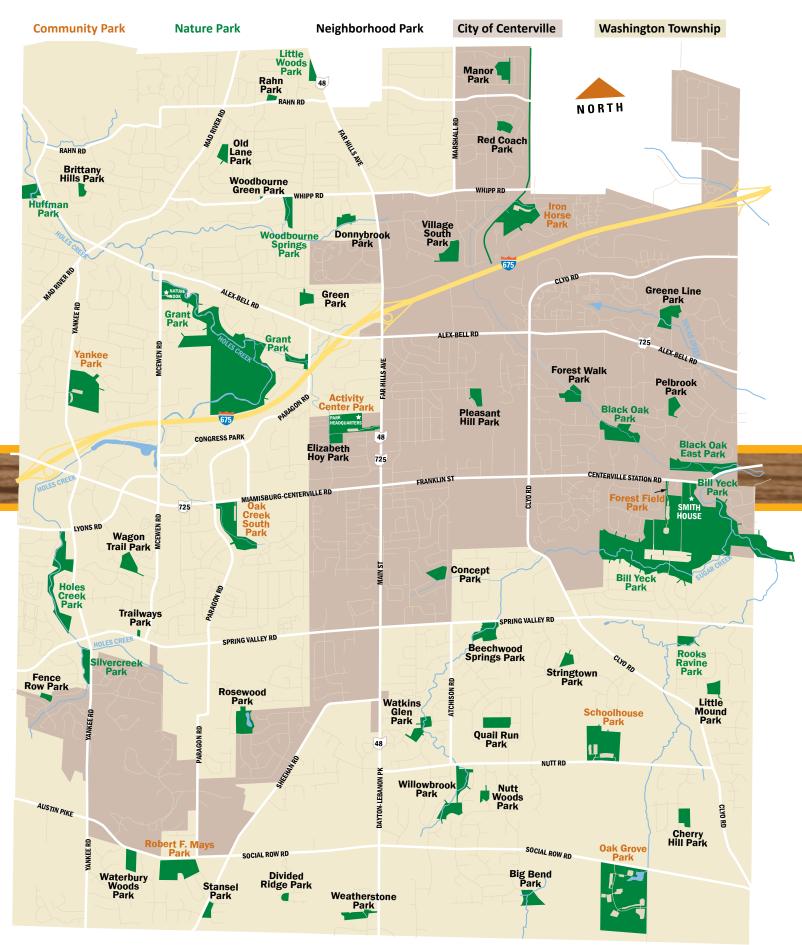
Centerville-Washington Park District strives to provide quality parks, outdoor education, and recreation while preserving open space.

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# PARK DISTRICT MAP

The Park District is made up of 50 community, nature and neighborhood parks. Visit **www.cwpd.org** for detailed information and a map to each park.



# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



# **How to Register**

#### Online

Visit **https://apm.activecommunities.com/cwpd** to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to May 4. 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 Centerville-Washington Park District or CWPD.

#### **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.

Resident Registration Begins: Monday, May 4 10:00 a.m. Nonresident Registration Begins: Monday, May 11 10:00 a.m.

# 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 (Kennard 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 Little Woods: Colonial Lane/Far Hills Avenue Manor: 989 Thorndale Drive Nutt Woods: 10188 Ashpark Court Oak Creek South: 790 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 Timberhawk Trail

Rahn: 223 W. Rahn Road Red Coach: 5500 Royalwood Drive Robert F. Mays: W. Social Row Road/Paragon Road 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 Road at Paddington Road Woodbourne Springs: 220 W. Whipp Road Yankee: 7500 Yankee Street

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## **Get Out and Play**

All ages Friday, June 19 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Iron Horse Park

An evening of family fun, including a bike parade down the Iron Horse Trail, kickball, bounce house, giant games, door prizes, ice cream and more! Bike decorating will take place from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. We will provide some decorating supplies, but you may bring your own as well. The parade will get underway at 6:30 p.m., but you can bike the trail with your family anytime during the event. Registration is requested.

## **Trip to the Tropics**

Ages 3 – 12 with an adult companion Wednesday, June 24 10:00 a.m. – noon Schoolhouse Park

> A "Trip to the Tropics" will include a variety of games, activities and a craft. We will also have a tropicalthemed bounce house. Refreshments from Kona Ice will be available for purchase.

Advance registration is not required, but please sign in your child and plan to stay at the event. Due to the high number of participants, caregivers are asked to provide supervision for their children.

PARKS & PEANUTS...

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## Americana Festival Children's Area

All ages Saturday, July 4 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Activity Center Park

Celebrate Independence Day at the Americana Festival!

Visit our booth on Main Street and walk down the Activity Center Park driveway to enjoy children's entertainment, food and craft vendors, inflatables and more.

For the most up-to-date information on this year's festival, visit **www.americanafestival.org**.

Registration is not required.

## **MVRAC Talent Contest**

19 and under can compete, all ages can attend **Wednesday, July 29** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. *Fraze Pavilion for the Performing Arts* 



Celebrate the talented youth of the Miami Valley! This annual

contest showcases the best talent in vocal, instrumental, dance and more.

Only those 19 and under can perform and must qualify at a preliminary contest.

For contest information and preliminary locations, visit **mvraconline.weebly.com** or call Ally DeShurko at (937) 433-5155. The Miami Valley Recreation Activities Council (MVRAC) is comprised of representatives from area parks and recreation departments.

#### Resident registration begins Monday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Sudsational**

Ages 3 – 12 with an adult companion **Friday, July 31** 10:00 a.m. – noon *Yankee Park* 



Slip 'n Slide into the end of summer at this annual special event full of water-themed games and activities! Refreshments from Kona Ice will be available for purchase. As the finale, the Washington Township Fire Department will spray foam for the children to jump in and splash around.

Advance registration is not required, but please sign in your child and plan to stay at the event. Due to the high number of participants, caregivers are asked to provide supervision for their children.

#### Note: to avoid eye irritation, please consider bringing goggles for your child to wear while playing in the foam.

#### Movie Night in the Park All ages

#### Saturday, August 1

8:00 p.m., movie begins at 9:00 p.m. *Activity Center Park* 

Bring your dinner and enjoy the playground and sprayground as well as other fun activities provided by the Park District. When the sun sets, find a place on the lawn to enjoy a family-friendly movie on the big screen! Chairs or picnic blanket recommended. Registration is requested.

presented in partnership with



Get out into nature and have some fun! The Library and the Park District are teaming up for a variety of events while the Peanuts... Naturally exhibit is in town. The traveling exhibit about the beloved Peanuts characters is visiting both the Woodbourne and Centerville libraries this summer. The exhibit has been funded by the Dorothy R. Yeck Woodbourne Library Arts Endowment, and is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California.



#### Tree-mendous Trail Walk

All ages **Tuesday, June 16** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mills Entrance* 

Walk with a Centerville-Washington Park District Naturalist and learn about some of Ohio's indigenous trees along the Tree Trek nature literature trail. Registration is required.

#### A Walk in the Wild

All ages Saturday, July 18 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Look and listen for wildlife and their signs on a hike through the forest. Owlexander loves this walk! Registration is required.



# **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

Spend an evening exploring the Native Seed

Nursery. Bring a blanket and some dinner

for your family and enjoy a picnic. We will

evening meals. Butterfly nets and containers

will be provided. Registration is required.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

Help the Naturalist gather the flower seeds

that are sown in no-mow zones throughout

the park. You will get to take home some

seeds for your own wildflower gardens!

search for pollinators having their own

**Prairie Picnic** 

Friday, August 7

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Prairie Power** 

Friday, August 21

Registration is required.

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

All ages

All ages

# All programs are FREE unless otherwise indicated.



## Just Creeking

All ages Friday, June 5 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Let's play outside! Spend the evening with your family just creeking. Look for animals, build a rock dam, search for the perfect fossil ... the possibilities are endless. Nets and buckets will be provided. Close-toed shoes required in the creek. Registration is required.

# **Family Camping**

All ages

June 12, 6:00 p.m. – June 13, 9:00 a.m. Fee/Family: \$20 Resident, \$30 Nonresident Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Celebrate National Get Outdoors Day by spending a night under the stars. Camping is a perfect way for families to start summer! This overnight retreat includes a campfire, stargazing and outdoor exploration.

S'mores and a light breakfast will be provided — families should bring their own water and additional food. (Alcohol is not permitted.) Families are responsible for their own camping gear and each group must include at least one adult.

Please note, there is no running water or electricity at the campsite. Rain date: June 13 – 14.

# Orvis Fly Fishing 101 & 201

Ages 12 and up

*101:* Wednesday, June 10 or Wednesday, July 15

**201:** Thursday, June 11 or Thursday, July 16 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Feldmann Pond Shelter

Learn fly-fishing basics in an Orvis free Fly Fishing 101 class. Perfect for beginners of all ages, Fly Fishing 101 will provide you with free lessons on fly casting and outfit rigging.

If you've already completed Fly Fishing 101, join us for Fly Fishing 201, which offers the chance to catch your first fish!

The Orvis instructors are certified flycasting instructors from the Federation of Fly Fishers. Fly-fishing instructors have been trained, tested, and certified to be effective teachers of fly casting.

## Nature's Fireworks!

All ages **Thursday, July 2** 8:30 – 9:45 p.m. *Grant Park, Normandy Entrance* 

Fireflies light up the forest! Join the naturalist on a night hike as we learn more about the lightning beetle and how they glow. Registration is required.

## Wetland Walk

All ages Saturday, July 11 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. – noon Oak Creek South Park

On this paved stroll, we will learn about the water cycle and how wetlands contribute to the health of our local watersheds. Using long-handled nets, we will investigate what creatures call the wetland home. Registration is required.

#### Summer Tennis Instruction June 15 – July 30

Registration deadline: June 5

40-minute class: \$65 Resident, \$88 Nonresident 60-minute class: \$90 Resident, \$120 Nonresident 90-minute class: \$115 Resident, \$150 Nonresident

Tennis 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 to a maximum of 10 participants. Tennis balls are provided.

#### Monday/Wednesday: Forest Field Park

Ages	Level	Time	Minutes
6 – 10 years	Beginner	8:30 – 9:10 a.m.	40
9 – 13 years	Advanced Beginner	9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	60
9 – 13 years	Intermediate	10:20 – 11:20 a.m.	60
Adults 18 & up	Intermediate	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	60
Adults 18 & up	Drill & Play	7:10 – 8:40 p.m.	90

#### Tuesday/Thursday: Yankee Park

Ages	Level	Time	Minutes
6 – 10 years	Beginner	8:30 – 9:10 a.m.	40
9 – 13 years	Beginner	9:15 – 9:55 a.m.	40
6 – 10 years	Advanced Beginner	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	60
Adults 18 & up	Drill & Play	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	90
Adults 18 & up	Beginner	7:35 – 8:35 p.m.	60

**Inclement 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. Please call our rainout line at (937) 433-2524 to find out if your class has been cancelled due to weather.





Registration is required.

# **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Stroller Strength**

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K Mondays & Thursdays, June 1 – August 20 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Schoolhouse Park



Cardiovascular exercise, upper and lower body resistance training (equipment provided) and a cool-down stretch is included in each session. Make

friends, exercise and no need to pay for childcare! Stroller Strength is led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration is required.

## **Morning Bird Walk**

Ages 14 and up Saturday, June 6 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

All levels welcome on this slow-paced birdwatching bonanza! Please bring binoculars and a bird guide if you have them. A limited supply will be available. This program takes place on a natural trail. Registration is required.



# **Adult Archery League**

Ages 18 and up Tuesdays, June 2 – July 21 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: May 26 Fee: \$25 Residents, \$35 Nonresidents Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

The Archery League is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and friendly competition. Individuals will shoot rounds of 5-spot targets once per week at distances of 10, 20, 30 and 40 yards. Points will be calculated weekly with handicap factored in. Awards will be presented to the top three scorers at the end of the season. All targets are provided, but participants must provide their own bow and arrows. Attendance is required the first night of the league, but individuals may shoot at any time during the week and selfreport scores by the weekly deadline. To view league rules, visit www.cwpd.org.

**Resident registration begins** 

Monday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required. Registration minimum must be met for league to be held.

## **Summer Tennis Leagues**

Ages 18 and up July 12 – September 17 6:00 p.m. Registration deadline: June 26 Fee: \$25 Residents, \$35 Nonresidents Various parks

Join a Park District tennis league and play tennis in the parks! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are 10 weeks long. League schedules and rules are mailed out prior to league play.

Day	Level of Play	
Sunday	Men's Advanced	
Monday	Men's Intermediate	Women's Doubles
Tuesday	Men's Intermediate 50+	Men's Advanced 50+
Wednesday	Men's Advanced	Women's 50+
Thursday	Women's Intermediate	Women's Advanced



## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## **Butterfly Monitoring**

Ages 8 and up (15 and under must be accompanied by an adult) Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

*Session 1:* May 4, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Session 2: May 18, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Session 3: June 1, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session 4: June 15, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session 5: June 29, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. *Session 6:* July 13, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session 7: July 27, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session 8: August 17, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Session 9: August 31, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



Help the Naturalist with the scientific study of local butterfly populations. No experience or equipment required. Terrain is uneven and approximately one mile in length. Groups or individuals that need recognition for their volunteer hours, please contact the Park District before the monitoring session. Weather dependent. Registration is required and you may sign up for more than one session.

Smith House Spruce-up

Ages 14 and up (ages 14 – 17 with adult companion) Saturday, May 30 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

Spring has sprung and the Smith property needs a facelift! Help with yard work outside the historic home - including trimming, clipping, edging, planting and more. Wear old clothes and bring a water bottle and gloves. Registration is required.

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

# Hike for Your Health

Wednesdays, June 3 – August 26 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

This program will get your heart rate up and get you moving — enjoying summer in our beautiful parks! Staff will lead you on these guided, selfpaced hikes. Get to know the parks better and meet new people. Path descriptions are provided to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire. Registration is required.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path
June 3	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
June 10	Schoolhouse	1875 Nutt Road	Paved
June 17	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
June 24	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
July 1	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
July 8	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
July 15	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
July 22	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
July 29	Oak Creek South	790 Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
August 5	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
August 12	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
August 19	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
August 26	Forest Field	2100 E. Centerville-Station Road	Natural

## Trail Trekking: Nordic Pole Workout

Adults

**Fridays, June 12 – August 21** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Date	Park	
June 12	Iron Horse	
June 26	Oak Creek South	
July 10	Schoolhouse	
July 24	Yankee	
August 7	Iron Horse	
August 21	Schoolhouse	

Trekking with Nordic poles is a wonderful way to cross-train or try something new. The Cooper Institute research studies showed that Nordic walking burned more calories, increased oxygen consumption and can be 46% more efficient than normal walking. It's a great workout!

Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a bottle of water. Nordic poles provided are adjustable to your

height. Led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration is required.

#### Up and Running Trail Group Adults

Wednesdays, June 3 – August 26 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Date	Park	Date	Park
June 3	Grant	July 22	Bill Yeck
June 10	Bill Yeck	July 29	Grant
June 17	Grant	August 5	Bill Yeck
June 24	Bill Yeck	August 12	Grant
July 1	Grant	August 19	Bill Yeck
July 8	Bill Yeck	August 26	Grant
July 15	Grant		



We are excited to partner with Up and Running to offer our first running group! They will provide a trail leader as you enjoy running natural trails. This running group is for more experienced runners and will include meadows, trails and hills. Meet at the Normandy Entrance of Grant Park and the Smith Entrance of Bill Yeck Park. Registration is required.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## **Fit Mixx**

Adults **Tuesdays, June 9 – August 25** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. *Schoolhouse Park* 

A boot camp style class that includes a mix of cardiovascular and strength training exercises and drills. Breathe fresh air, soak in vitamin D and work up a sweat! Exercise equipment is provided for all participants. Led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration is required.

## Metro Dayton Hikers Hike at Grant Park

Ages 18 and up Sunday, August 2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

Join the Metro Dayton Hikers for a 4 – 5 mile hike on the natural trails of Grant Park. If you have questions, please contact Christopher at **cksands8@woh.rr.com** or (937) 687-0114. Registration is not required.

## Oak Grove Fitness Equipment Clinics

Ages 13 and up Monday, August 24 Oak Grove Park, Rotary Shelter

You are invited to come out and familiarize yourself with the outdoor equipment — with guidance from our fitness coordinator.

#### Energi™ Equipment

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The Energi<sup>™</sup> equipment is designed for individuals ages 13 and older. Positioned on a circular pad, this equipment can be used for circuit training and includes both strength and cardiovascular training components. Registration is required.

# LifeTrail<sup>®</sup> Equipment

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The LifeTrail<sup>®</sup> equipment is a total body exercise system that is designed for individuals ages 50 and older, but it is a great workout for all adults! LifeTrail<sup>®</sup> includes four ADA accessible pieces. Registration is required.

Please note: For their own safety, children under the age of 13 are not permitted on the LifeTrail<sup>®</sup> or Energi<sup>™</sup> equipment.

# **Commissioners' corner**



Spring is in the air and we have been busy as beavers! Our highly dedicated and energetic CWPD staff has much in store for our community this year as we strive to provide the highest

quality park system services possible. Things to watch for during the last half of 2015 include:

- Oak Creek South Park. Our goal is to work with the community to better understand what cool and exciting enhancements to the skatepark we can make this year. We plan to have the project finished before year end.
- Exciting new programs. Family Movie in the Park, Move Like an Animal Yoga Series for Kids, Up & Running Trail Group and a Pop-up Park Challenge are all slated for summer. Just wait and see what we have in store for you in the fall!
- Mays Park. Significant development advances including tree and shrub plantings as well as completion of a playground.

- Holes Creek Park to Silvercreek Park. We've received a large grant from the state to create a new trail connecting these two parks. (Holes Creek is behind the "sunflower farm" on Yankee St.) We're also adding a driveway and parking lot for easy and safe access.
- Little Woods Park. Little Woods is the 50th and newest park in the community. It is located on Far Hills just north of Rahn Road.
- Completion of the Smith House in Bill Yeck Park. This house is an 1800s historical home facing Centerville Station Rd. Our goal is to begin hosting programs there in the fall.

Keep an eye on your Park District News & Events for a schedule of improvements that interest you. Our website, **www.cwpd.org**, is also an excellent source of information — or you may phone our staff at 433-5155 with your questions.

Park Board Secretary

# Pickleball anyone?

Pickleball is an upand-coming sport in our area, though it has technically been in existence since the mid-1960s! It combines elements of tennis, table tennis and badminton. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to pick up. A group of pickleball players meet to play in the parks on the pickleball-lined tennis courts. Join them to learn more — they are always welcoming to newcomers and will even loan you equipment to give it a try!

#### **Schoolhouse Park**

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays: 9:00 a.m. – noon

*Fridays:* 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Yankee Park** *Sundays:* 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.



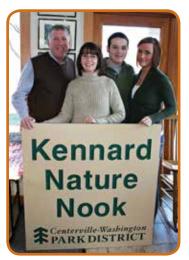
#### New this year, you may check shelter availability online at www.cwpd.org/shelters.html.

Perfect for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and more, large group shelters are available in several community parks.

Please call (937) 433-5155, or stop by the Park District headquarters during regular business hours, to confirm availability and reserve a shelter. Shelters can be reserved with a credit card payment over the phone, or by cash, check or credit card in person during regular office hours.

Shelters are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis when not reserved.

# The Kennard Nature Nook



Carol Kennard (center) and family.

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The Nature Nook at Grant Park was developed in 2007 as an indoor space for Centerville and Washington Township residents to enjoy nature and recreation programs. Funding for this space was provided by a 2004 park improvement tax levy and generous donations from the William and Dorothy Yeck Nature Fund.

In December 2014, the Nature Nook was renamed the Kennard Nature Nook, honoring retiring Executive Director Carol G. Kennard. Carol dedicated nearly 33 years to the Centerville-Washington Park District — originally hired as Program Coordinator in 1982. As the Park District grew, Carol became the Program Director and expanded program opportunities for the community. In 1997, she was selected to lead the organization as Director. A true nature lover, Carol led the way in providing outdoor education and

recreation opportunities for the citizens of Centerville and Washington Township. The Kennard Nature Nook allows the Park District to continue sharing nature with others — in Carol's honor.

# **Staffing update**



**Dawn Osif** joined the Park District in 2011 as the full-charge bookkeeper. She was recently promoted to Business Manager!

Congratulations, Dawn!

# Your opinion matters to us.

After all, **you** are the reason we're here! Which is why we are asking you to complete a short survey. Give us your ideas. What programs would you like to see provided in the future? What park amenities are most important to you and your family?

Go to www.cwpd.org/survey to complete the quick survey! The survey is anonymous, but if you complete it by May 22 you can submit your contact information to enter a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card!

# What is turfgrass naturalization?

**Turfgrass naturalization** is a popular land management practice that converts regularly maintained, remote or hard to maintain turf areas to low-maintenance native grassland and wildflower meadows. It provides many environmental benefits and is an important tool used to support sustainable practices within park operations.

Over the past few years, the Park District has successfully converted many traditionally mowed areas to prairie/wildflower areas. Native plants are less costly to maintain because they are well suited to local moisture and soil conditions, therefore requiring less fertilizer and water applications. Choosing plants that are naturally resistant to pests and disease promotes healthier landscapes without relying on chemical pesticide and herbicide use in the parks.

We plan to continue this initiative by converting approximately 30 additional acres of traditionally mowed, hard to maintain or remote turf areas to native grassland and wildflower meadows this fall.

#### **Benefits of Turfgrass Naturalization:**

- Reduced exhaust emissions
- Improved groundwater and air quality
- Reduced chemical applications
- Reduced soil erosion
- Increased plant and wildlife diversity
- Reduced noise pollution

- Reduced maintenance cost
- Reduced fuel consumption
- Enhanced park aesthetics
- Increased environmental education and awareness

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#### Headquarters

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#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office Closed on July 3, 2015

#### **Park Addresses**

Addresses for all 50 parks can be found on page 9. For more information on each park, visit **www.cwpd.org**.

Rain Out Line (937) 433-2524

Option 2: Tennis Information Option 3: Dog Park Closings

# Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpd.org/field\_status.shtml

#### Area Youth Athletic Organizations

Centerville United Soccer Association www.cusacrewjuniors.org

Centerville Wee Elk Football Association www.weeelks.org

*Centerville Baseball Softball League* www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse www.cvlax.org

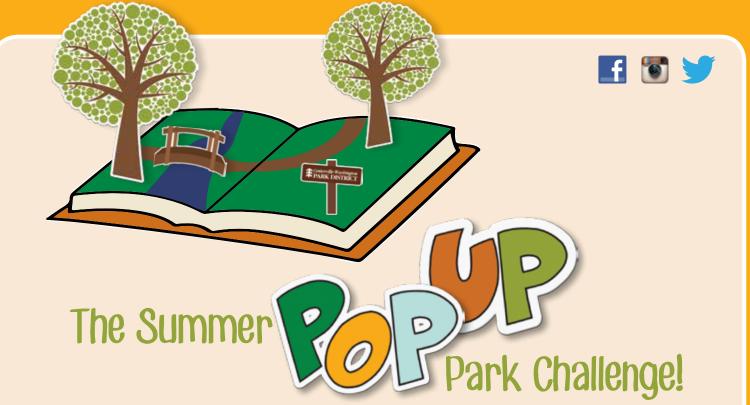
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# Do you think you're up to the challenge?

Thoughout the summer we'll be posting challenges on our social media accounts — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Complete ten pop-up park challenges on your own or with family and friends and win a special prize! Everyone that completes the challenge will win a prize and be entered for a grand prize! Most challenges will involve visiting a specific park location to fulfill a task or to find a landmark. Other challenges will involve attending one of our summer special events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge timeclock begins, and then you'll have **seven days** to complete it. Post a photo proving challenge completion with the tag **#itSacwpdSummer**.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to get more updates about this summer's park challenge! We're excited to spend the summer in the parks with you!

# The challenge begins June 1!