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Centerville United Soccer Association www.cusacrewjuniors.org

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Commissioners' Corner



I hope you will read this in time to be reminded to **vote on November 7.**You are hopefully aware of the Park District renewal levy

on the ballot. This levy is critical for the operation of the Centerville-Washington Park District. Turn to page 4 for more information about the levy.

As you leaf through this winter newsletter, you'll find many ways for you and your family to enjoy the great outdoors. On behalf of the Park Board, I welcome you to explore your parks. What better way to beat cabin fever than a walk, ride or visit in one of our community's many parks?

When you head out to enjoy the parks, take a moment to see some of the newest improvements:

Iron Horse Park has a new playground! There are several unique features to the new playground, including play equipment specifically designed for visitors with mobility issues. The playground also sports an all-weather, fully-accessible surface similar to the playground surfaces at Activity Center and Robert F. Mays Parks. Check it out!

Forest Field Park is in the midst of a well-deserved renovation. New walking trails, a ¹/₄-mile paved path, restrooms and

The Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month throughout the year. Visit

www.cwpd.org/about/publicmeeting-schedule/

to view the schedule!

a new playground are all in the works. Improvements to the park entrance will make access to the park safer for you. We are adding a pedestrian walkway from Centerville Station Road and speed tables to keep cars at a safe speed. Thank you to the residents who gave input on the park's renovations plans!

Finally, I hope you have seen the playground upgrades at **Greene Line**, **Cherry Hill** and **Forest Walk Parks**. Even more playground updates are scheduled for next year!

Behind the scenes, the staff is constantly working on new innovative ways to use park resources more efficiently and effectively.

For all the latest news about the Park District, visit **www.cwpd.org**. Have a great winter!

Dave Lee

Danie

Park Board Vice President



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The 50 Park Challenge!



It started with a conversation on the Donnybrook Park playground. Tricia Barger pulled out a park list and crossed Donnybrook off. Julie Atkin noticed, and they began chatting while their children played on the playground. Tricia explained that she was on a mission to take her children to each of Centerville-Washington Park District's 50 parks.

Julie had recently joined the CWPD Rocks Facebook Group. She thought it would be fun to combine her family's new rock painting/hiding hobby with Tricia's idea. And with that, the 50 Park Challenge took off!

Julie began posting her family's adventures on the CWPD Rocks Facebook Group. Other families started to join in and compare notes! Visiting multiple parks a day, Julie and friend Emily Chandler finished their 50 park challenge in mid-July. They celebrated together by hiding 50 painted rocks at the last park on their list, Watkins Glen!



At least five other families also completed the challenge this summer. And, some are still going!

Julie said, "What an awesome adventure my family experienced this summer: climbing, bridges, swinging, statues, driving, tunnels, slides, rock hiding and finding, hiking, digging and trail running! We have spent a lot of time in these parks over the last few months. We loved every minute of our explorations!"

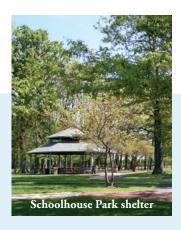
How many of your 50 parks have you visited? Maybe it's time for you to try **The 50 Park Challenge!**

Reserve a Park Shelter

Perfect for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and more, large group shelters are available in Activity Center, Forest Field, Iron Horse, Oak Creek South, Oak Grove, Robert F. Mays, Schoolhouse and Yankee Parks. Shelters may be reserved for the 2018 calendar year beginning on January 2.

You may check shelter availability online. Shelters can be reserved with a credit card payment over the phone or by cash or check in person during office hours.

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



Volunteer Spotlights



JEANNE SCHIERLOH

Jeanne developed an appreciation for nature as a child. She is the youngest of five children who were able to explore

the outdoors during family hikes and camping trips.

Jeanne graduated from University of Cincinnati with a degree in Chemical Engineering. She worked for the Department of Energy at Mound Labs until she decided to stay home to raise her children. Her daughter Amy and son Ray were both married within the last year!

The love of nature fostered when she was a child has not left her. She and husband Dave, her high school sweetheart, often take vacations centered around bike trails and nature parks!

Other interests include foreign travel, games and puzzles, reading and family gatherings. Jeanne also took organ lessons and now works as the organist at Centerville United Methodist Church.

We are celebrating Jeanne's 5th anniversary with CWPD! She started volunteering in the park office in 2012, and now enjoys assisting in a variety of programs.

"The park district has helped me develop a good sense of community with participants and with other volunteers and staff."



LANE SCHNELL

Youth Volunteer Lane Schnell was an immense help to CWPD this past summer, volunteering her time at Hidden Meadows Day Camp.

No stranger to volunteering for the Park District, she and her Girl Scout Troop 32347 earned their Silver Award for a community service project during 2016/17 by putting in 50 hours of work for CWPD. The scouts assisted CWPD naturalist Katy Lucas in our seed nursery by harvesting, cleaning, and cataloguing the seeds, and then using those seeds to plant a pollinator habitat at Cherry Hill Park.

Lane remarked, "I like reading, watching TV, sewing and playing outside. Volunteering is really important to me, too, because I enjoy helping the community. My brother and I both love the day camps that CWPD runs, especially Adventure Camp. Earlier this summer, I competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in D.C. While I didn't win, I had an excellent time. Now I'm looking forward to high school and spending more time with my friends."

The Centerville-Washington Park District would like to thank all volunteers for giving their time and talents to our community! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Ginger Clark at 937-433-5155 or gclark@cwpd.org.



Every 10 years, Ohio law requires the Park District to ask residents to continue the 2.0 tax levy that cares for, programs and repairs Centerville-Washington Park District parks and amenities.

Issue 40 is on the ballot this November! The Park Board wishes to share some basic information so you'll know what you get from this levy and how it affects each of us in the community.

Is this a tax increase?

No. A **RENEWAL** levy does not increase your financial support. If the levy is approved by voters, there will be **no increase** in your taxes paid to the Centerville-Washington Park District.

How much is it?

For each \$100,000 of assessed home value, a homeowner pays **\$69.52 per year**. Therefore, a homeowner with a house valued at \$200,000 will pay \$139.04 per year. It should remain the same as it has been for the past 10 years.

What happens if the levy is not renewed?

The 2.0 mill levy represents 70% of the Centerville-Washington Park District budget. The majority of park and facility care, maintenance and repair funds come from this levy. It also funds programs — such as camps, hikes and nature study. Finally, it covers the general administration of the Park District. Without this levy, each of these items would be in jeopardy.

What do I get for the levy?

In general, this levy is the "bread and butter" of your park system. It ensures the care, maintenance and activities in your 50 parks. These parks are what keeps Centerville and Washington Township open, green and livable. For a full description of parks, amenities and programs, please visit **www.cwpd.org**.

Levy stories are for information and are not intended to support or promote the levy.

In recent years, the Centerville-Washington Park District has ...

- Groomed fields daily, allowing nearly 4,000 young athletes to play baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer and softball each year.
- Planted more than 1,500 trees.
- Launched nature park trail repairs.
- Added over 170 new programs in only two years with many evening and weekend options.
- Offered 66% more evening programs since 2015.
- Introduced numerous family events.
- Secured more than \$2.5 million in grant money for park improvements since 2014 — money that is 100% invested in your parks. With that grant money, we were able to ...
 - Save one of the largest remaining natural habitats in the center of the community with the 32-acre extension of Pleasant Hill Park (formerly known as the Zengel Property.)
 - Purchase a wooded parcel with a wetland adjacent to Village South Park.
 - Restore a rare wetland fen at Donnybrook Park.
 - Restore a wetland in Bill Yeck Park's McGuffey Meadow.
- Provided archery instruction, introducing thousands of people to the sport, at one of the only public archery ranges in the Miami Valley.
- Developed and built Robert F. Mays Park. This new community park has a shelter, all-access playground, walking path and lacrosse fields.
- Added four popular pickleball courts at Activity Center Park.
- Added 3.5 miles of paved trails, with more on the way.
- Added a shade structure at Oak Creek South Park, and expanded the skatepark with new features for novice skaters.
- Added a third corral to the Dog Park at Oak Grove Park, cutting down on wear and tear and reducing the frequency of closures.
- Redesigned the website for easier use on mobile devices.
- Partnered with youth athletic organizations to make parks safer with outdoor AEDs.
- Worked with volunteer groups to improve parks. In 2016, volunteers donated 2,079 hours with an estimated value of \$50,187!
- Hosted over 5,000 sporting events on CWPD fields in 2016.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Luminary Walk

All ages

Friday, December 1

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck and Forest Field Parks

Parking at 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd. (Forest Field Park)

Enjoy a one-mile candlelit stroll through Bill Yeck Park. Warm up by the fire outside, and stop in the house to hear the Hithergreen Strummers play the dulcimers. Assist Helping Hands of Dayton by making get well cards for children!

There is a shorter path to the bonfire and Smith House if you prefer to skip the one-mile walk.

Registration is requested. (AD)

Participants are encouraged to bring travel-sized toiletry items for Helping Hands of Dayton. Helping Hands provides basic necessities to families with a child admitted to intensive care at our local hospitals. Most needed items are travel-sized deodorant, travel-sized toothpaste, travel-sized tissues and individually packaged toothbrushes. Pens, travel-sized hand lotion, and travelsized shampoo and conditioner are also useful.



The Winter Pop-Up Park Challenge

All ages

Begins Monday, December 4

Are you up to the challenge?

The Pop-Up Park Challenge is back for more winter-themed fun! Throughout the winter months we'll be posting challenges on our social media accounts — Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Complete ten out of 15 posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a special 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 winter events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge time clock begins, and then you'll have a deadline to complete it! Post a photo proving challenge completion with the tag #itsacwpdwinter.

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram to get more updates about this winter's Pop-Up Park Challenge!

Registration is not required. One prize per household.





Saturdays, February 3 – 24

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday, January 29

Winter Woods for ages 3 - 4

10:00 a.m. − noon **OR** 12:30 − 2:30 p.m. Fee: \$40 residents, \$68 nonresidents

Winter Woods for ages 5 - 12

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

Fee: \$65 residents, \$95 nonresidents

Give your children fond winter memories and keep them active this February at Winter Woods Day Camp! Campers will hike, participate in games and activities, make crafts and, of course, go sledding! No snow? No problem! There are many other adventures to be found at Grant Park. Activities will be conducted indoors and out.

Camp will be held unless the weather causes roadways to become treacherous. Parents will be alerted of cancellations by phone and on the website no later than one hour before the start of camp. Children are required to wear boots, hats and gloves each day.

Campers will be placed in groups based on age. You may request one camper friend of a similar age to be in your child's group. Requests will be honored when possible, but are not guaranteed.

Please have full-day campers pack a lunch and bring a water bottle (no peanut products). Snack provided.

After you have registered your child for camp, you will receive an email invitation to share health history information with us via the ePACT Network, a secure site used to collect medical and emergency contact information electronically. This information is required for all Winter Woods Day Camp participants.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

(AGES 6 AND UNDER)

Early Adventures

Ages 0 - 3 years with adult companion 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

December Adventures

Tuesday, December 5 OR Thursday, December 7

Schoolhouse Park 1875 Nutt Rd.

January Adventures

Tuesday, January 2 OR Thursday, January 4

Holes Creek Park 8575 Yankee St.

February Adventures

Tuesday, February 6 OR Thursday, February 8

Iron Horse Park 6161 Millshire.

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 leisurely hikes provide quality family time in nature!

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. All hikes are on paved trails. (JK)



Playdate Pals

Ages 18 – 46 months with adult companion

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OR** 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. *Bill Yeck Park, Smith House* 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Winter Mittens

Wednesday, December 13

Snowflakes

Wednesday, January 10

Snowy White Animals

Wednesday, February 14

This program is designed to build sensory awareness, to build motor skills and to encourage social interaction among little ones.

Each Playdate Pals begins with learning stations. Then we come together for a short program about winter nature theme, which may include a story, song, activity and a short hike. Join us for lots of fun and new learning experiences! (JK)



Registration closes 4:30 p.m. the day prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Creative Kids Corner

Ages 4-5

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Sign up for one session only, Thursdays or Fridays each month. Pick the session with the day and time that works best for you!

Session A

Thursdays, December 7, January 11 & February 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, December 8, January 12 & February 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This drop-off program features games, a story, and a craft all revolving around a fun seasonal theme. Children are encouraged to wear old clothes. (AD)





Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 - 5 with adult companion **Fee/session:** \$4 nonresidents

Star Light, Star Bright

Thursday, December 21 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Stars are up there day and night! We will learn what stars are, hear star stories, and take a hike to learn about different star pictures in the sky! Will you be able to find your own star picture? Hike takes place on a natural trail. Strollers are not recommended. (KL)

Leave it to Beavers

Thursday, January 18 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR Saturday, January 20 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

The North American Beaver can be found right here in Centerville! We will learn about beavers, practice building a dam, and take a hike to see what they do in every season! Hike takes place on a natural trail. Strollers are not recommended. (KL)

Flying Squirrels

Thursday, February 15
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. OR
Saturday, February 17
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Flying squirrels are amazing creatures! Learn just how amazing by playing some games and taking a hike through their habitat. Hike takes place on a natural trail. Strollers are not recommended. (KL)

Intergenerational Series

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s) Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

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

Grand Gifts

Monday, December 4

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. **OR** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Grandchildren will enjoy stories and make holiday crafts to take home and give to parents, teachers or friends - all with help from grandma and/or grandpa! (AD)

Very Special Valentine

Friday, February 2

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OR** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Grandparents will help their grandchildren make valentine cards to take home or mail to loved ones. Participants will also listen to a Valentine's Day story. (AD)

Creature ComMOTION

Ages 4-5

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 13

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 nonresidents

If you loved "Mini Movers," we invite you to try this revamped preschool program!

Little ones will learn animal sounds and movements that assist in motor development and rhythmic skills. They will have an opportunity to interact with other children their age. They will enjoy activities with an animal theme, age-appropriate equipment and fun music. Participants will learn fascinating facts about animals from A to Z, found in our parks and around the world! Group and individual activities will be included for them to expand their social skills and be creative.

All children must wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes. This is a dropoff program; parent participation is not required. (JH)





Rock With Us

Ages 4 - 9 with adult companion Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Flurries N Fun Saturday, January 13 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Happy Hearts Thursday, February 8 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The rock painting fun continues! Children will celebrate their differences by creating their own unique rock painting projects and reading theme stories.

We will take a short hike to hide the rocks as part of the #CWPDrocks program. Children may take their rock home if they prefer. (AD)



Online resident registration begins Monday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.





Where Are All the Bugs Going?

Nonj Ages 5-7

Wednesdays, January 10 – 31 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

What animal is creepy, crawly, has two legs, two eyes, and never needs to eat? It's a blue-bot/bee-bot bug and it runs on the coding that you create! Coding is a set of directions input in the robot that the robot completes. In this beginning course we introduce, explore, and reveal the wonders of coding through interactions with the blue-bot/bee-bot bug robot. These little bugs may not need to eat, but they are hungry for your help. Get them moving so they can explore the forest! (KM)

Children's Yoga Series

Ages 5 - 8

Fee: \$40

Saturdays, January 6 – 27

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$18 residents, \$25 nonresidents

Strike a pose! Your child will stretch, balance and strengthen the body while learning yoga poses from certified Color Me Yoga Instructor, Megan Pooler. A blend of nature and exercise, children will learn about winter nature topics during the first 15 minutes of each class and finish with a quieter yoga session. All equipment is provided. (JK)

Winter-Style Campfire Sing-Along

Ages 5 - 8

Friday, January 5

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 2

Join us for a cozy evening singing fun songs around the fireplace! We will make a campfire craft and enjoy a camp-style snack! (AD)

Jingle Bell Rec

Ages 5-12

Saturday, December 23

10:00 a.m. – noon **OR** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd. Fee: \$14 residents, \$21 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday,

December 19

School's out and brrr ... it's cold outside! Come inside the cozy Smith House for a variety of fun activities. We will have crafts, games, a nature walk, and a Zumba session led by a certified Zumba Kids + Kids Jr. instructor. (AD)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 - 8

Tuesdays, December 12, January 9 & February 13

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents Registration deadline: Friday, December 8

Does your child love art time? This dropoff program is designed to give your child an opportunity to get creative! They will try new things and design unique projects based on a monthly theme. Participants should wear old clothes things could get messy! (AD)

MusicMania

Ages 6-9

Saturdays, January 6 – 27

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$20 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday,

December 29

We are teaming up with McCutcheon Music again to bring your children an energetic musical experience! Children will learn, play and engage with a wide variety of musical instruments. At the end of the series each child will take home a musical instrument and will have become quite the music enthusiast! (CJ)



Registration closes 4:30 p.m. the day prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Kid's Glass Fusing: Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion **Saturday, December 9**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Headquarters 221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$26 residents, \$46 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Wednesday, December 6

Children will use their creativity to make two penguin ornaments! Kathy Woodruff will assist the children and parents, guardians or grandparents as they work together on this special project. Ornaments will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters during office hours approximately one week after class. (AD)

After School Recess

Ages 6 - 11

Tuesdays, December 19, January 23 & February 27

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents **Registration deadline**: Thursday, December 14

Summer Recreation Program in winter! Send your children dressed for the cold, snowy weather so they can play games outside. We will also play games and get crafty indoors. (AD)

Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12 Grant Park 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, January 10 – February 14 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 - 12

Mondays, January 8 – February 12 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Outdoor play is vital to child development and well-being. Children will learn about nature and the outdoors. Activities include discovery, challenges and games. Make sure to send them dressed for outdoor play! This program will be canceled in inclement weather. (KL)

Around the World

Ages 8 – 10

Thursdays, December 21, January 18 & February 15

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Brought back by popular demand! Children will "journey" to a different county each month to learn about the country's geography, plants, animals, customs and food! Food samples will be provided. (JK)





Sculpting with Circuits STEM Class

Ages 8 – 14 **Mondays, February 5 – 19** 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$85

It's time to take play dough and cardboard creations to the next level — add lights, sounds and movement to your sculptures! While reviewing the basics of creating using conductive/nonconductive dough with Squishy or Hummingbird circuits, we will explore how to go from concept to final product. Students, come with your ideas and remember ... your imagination is the only limit. (KM)

Surviving the Wild

Ages 9 – 13

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 6

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents **Registration deadline**: Friday, January 5

Could you survive on a deserted island? Learn various survival tactics to help you survive! Each week you will learn a new skill, from archery to fire building. No prior knowledge necessary to participate.

Crafting Club

Ages 9 - 13

Thursdays, December 7, January 4 & February 1

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents **Registration deadline**: Tuesday,

December 5

This fun after-school program covers basic crafting skills and techniques used to create handmade 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. (AD)

Newj

Capture the Flag and Bonfire

Ages 13 and up **Friday, February 16** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park

Newj

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

The ultimate game of after-dark capture the flag! Participants will be broken into two teams. The winning team will be rewarded! After the game, enjoy s'mores and music by the fire. (CJ)

Take One, Leave One!



Registration closes 4:30 p.m. the day prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Are your children outgrowing their book collection? The Centerville-Washington Park District has three Little Free Libraries in your parks ready for your book donations!

Donate some of their well-loved books to one of the Little Free Libraries and get some fresh air at the same time! Perhaps they'll even pick up a new book to read!

Little Free Libraries are located at Schoolhouse Park, Robert F. Mays Park, and the newest addition, Iron Horse Park!

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Ho! Ho! Ho! Let's Play in the Snow

All ages

Date TBD by the weather!

Rosewood Park 475 Roselake Dr.

Put some ice cubes under your pillow so we can play in the snow! Register your family and then when the first big snowfall arrives, we will alert you to the date and time of the program! Bring sleds and join us for games, activities and hot cocoa — guaranteed to warm you up! (CJ)

Build a Bee House

Ages 8 and up

Wednesday, December 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **OR Saturday, December 9**

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$12 per bee house

Mason bees are very helpful pollinators! We will learn about how these special bees spend their lives and build them a home. Mason bees are ideal companions for the home garden because they pose little to no threat of stinging.

All individuals attending the program must be 8 years of age or older. All supplies, hearing, and eye protection will be provided. (KL)

"In my children's memories, the adventures we've had together in nature will always exist."

Richard Louv, Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

Gingerbread Parks Decorating Party

Ages 6 and up

Thursday, December 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family of up to 5: \$15 residents,

\$20 nonresidents

Some people build gingerbread houses. We build gingerbread parks! All materials provided. (CJ)

Family Nature Play

All ages Grant Park 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Outdoor exploration and play is important for raising happier, healthier and smarter children. It's not bad for adults either! Have fun exploring and playing in nature as a family.

Trail Games

Saturday, December 16 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

During our nature hike, we will play some trail favorites, including flash flood and thicket! (KL)

Family Storytime Yoga

Ages 4 – 8 with adult companion

Saturday, January 27

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$20 residents, \$27 nonresidents

This is a fun interactive class, geared toward families with children 4 – 8 years old (younger and older siblings are welcome). The class will include simple yoga poses, fun games, music and a special winterthemed story and family activity for all to enjoy. (KM)

Nocturnal Nature Series: *Full Moon and S'mores Hike*

All ages

Wednesday, January 31

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **OR**

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

We will take a peaceful hike to enjoy the night air. We will finish with some time at the campfire with s'mores! No peanut or tree nut products will be used. (KL)

All About Owls

All ages

Saturday, February 3

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **OR** 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. *Bill Yeck Park, Smith House* 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Learn all about Ohio owls at this hands-on program! We will take a short hike, dissect owl pellets, and have a presentation from the Glen Helen Raptor Rehabilitation Center. (KL)





Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up

Saturday, February 10

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 residents, \$7 nonresidents

We're teaming up with Centerville-Washington History to bring you this program! After reading *Sugar Snow* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, we will learn what it takes to tap a maple tree and prepare your own maple syrup. Program includes a short hike to tap a tree. We will also sample some goodies! (KL)

Wonderful Worms

Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up

Saturday, February 24

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Worms are wonderful! Especially for composting. We will learn how worms can help us get rid of our food waste and how to make them happy in a composter. Each family will create a mini composter to take home and try out! (KL)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Booked for Lunch

Ages 14 and up

Wednesdays, December 6, January 3 & February 7

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



A collaborative program with Centerville-Washington History and the Washingtonfor lunch Centerville Public

Library, Booked for Lunch is a monthly lunchtime discussion on a historical fiction or nonfiction book. Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert!

Participants must supply his/her own book. The library will advance order copies for participants to borrow while supplies last.

Please contact Christian Johnson at cjohnson@cwpd.org if you are interested in joining Booked for Lunch.

December's Discussion

End of the year book review. We will discuss everything we read in 2017!



January's Discussion Fanny Seward: A Life, by Trudy Krisher



February's Discussion River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey, by Candice Millard



Holiday Ornaments

Ages 16 and up

Monday, December 4 OR Thursday, December 7

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Headquarters 221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$35 residents, \$50 nonresidents OR \$52 residents, \$85 nonresidents to attend both sessions

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 30

Get a head start on decorating or making your own holiday gifts! Instructor Kathy Woodruff will lead the class in creating a variety of fused glass ornaments. You can make 4-6 ornaments per class depending on the level of detail you choose. Kathy will have a variety of options. Ornaments will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters during office hours approximately one week after class. (AD)

Feeding the Birds!

Ages 14 and up

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd

Fee: \$4



Wild Birds Unlimited representative Erica Hawk will offer tips on how to keep our feathered friends happy during the winter. (KL)

Women's Self Defense Part I

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, December 16

Noon -2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Whether you're running the trails by yourself or walking to the car from the mall, knowing how to properly defend yourself is vital to your safety. Valor Martial Arts will equip women with the knowledge, skills and confidence to avoid or respond to violent encounters. This workshop is designed specifically for women and taught by a woman. Learn simple and effective techniques through presentation and hands-on drills based on real-world scenarios. (CI)

Women's Self Defense Part II Men,

Ages 16 and up Saturday, February 3

Noon -2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd

Fee: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

A continuation of the Women's Self Defense Part I class, we will go more in depth with defense tactics to equip women with the knowledge, skills and confidence to avoid or respond to violent encounters. This workshop is designed specifically for women, and taught by a woman. Learn simple and effective techniques through presentation and hands-on drills based on real-world scenarios. (CJ)



Registration closes 4:30 p.m. the day prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Nature Holiday Card Making

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents **Registration deadline**: Wednesday, December 13

During this crafty evening, you will make holiday cards inspired by nature to send to your loved ones! (AD)

Wreath Making Workshop

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, January 11

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$20 residents, \$30 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Thursday,

January 4

Wreaths aren't just for the holidays! Create a custom wreath for your home. Your unique design will enhance your decor! Wreath and some materials provided. Bring anything special you would like to use! (CJ)

Chat With a Naturalist

Ages 14 and up 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Rec West Enrichment Center 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Do you want to learn more about local wildlife? Chat with a Naturalist presentations are offered at the Enrichment Center five times a year to connect you with local flora and fauna.

History, Habitats and Happenings at Grant Park Monday, January 22

In this presentation, we will focus on the history of the land now known as Grant Park. After learning about the Grant family history, we will take a tour of the habitats and learn about a few of the many animals and plants that call Grant Park home. This program is open to the public.

Registration is not required. (KL)

Plan Before You Plant

Ages 14 and up

Friday, January 19

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd

Fee: \$6 residents, \$9 nonresidents

Are you itching to start gardening? Learn how to plan the perfect garden for the upcoming season with Suzanne Mills-Wasniak of the Ohio State University Extension. (KL)

Spring Ahead Seed Starting

Ages 14 and up

Friday, February 9

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd

Fee: \$6 residents, \$9 nonresidents

Are you planning a fabulous garden for spring? Join Suzanne Mills-Wasniak of the Ohio State University Extension to learn the best way to start your seeds indoors. (KL)

Glass Fusing: Bubble Wave Bowl

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, February 3

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Headquarters 221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$46 residents, \$66 nonresidents Registration deadline: Tuesday,

January 30

Learn the principles of kiln-fired glass and the skills to cut glass from instructor Kathy Woodruff. Create your own unique bowl! Projects will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters during office hours approximately one week after class. (AD)

Build and Paint a Birdhouse

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, February 15

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

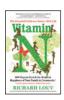
Fee: \$12 per birdhouse

Spend the evening building and painting a birdhouse with your special someone! Your feathered friends will thank you! No experience necessary. All tools provided. (KL)

Book Discussion: Vitamin N: The Essential Guide to a Nature-Rich Life

Ages 18 and up **Thursday, February 22**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Join us to discuss *Vitamin N: The Essential Guide to a Nature-Rich Life* by Richard Louv. This book is a dose of pure inspiration, reminding us that looking up at the

stars or taking a walk in the woods is as exhilarating as it is essential, at any age. Come discuss and share suggestions for including nature in your everyday. Childcare provided. (KM)

ADULT WELLNESS

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Mondays & Wednesdays, December 4 – February 28

(no hikes December 25, January 1 or January 15)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Designed to get your heart rate up and get you moving outdoors this winter! Staff and volunteers will lead you on these guided, self-paced hikes. Hike for Your Health is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of your parks better. Path descriptions are provided to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire.

Hike for Your Health STEPS INSIDE is back! Registered participants can once again take advantage of an indoor option when the weather doesn't cooperate! If we are unable to hold our hike outdoors due to weather, you can get your steps in at the Rec Center for a reduced rate*! Participants will be notified of a change in location to the Washington Township Recreation Center, 895 Miamisburg-Centerville Road, and can pay a reduced fee by presenting your Hike for Your Health Steps Inside pass. (JH)

*Feelvisit: \$1.75 senior resident, \$3.50 senior nonresident; \$3 resident, \$6 nonresident (no fee for Washington Township Recreation Center pass holders)

Strollers in Motion

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Rec West

965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee/session: \$26 residents, \$34 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, December 5 – January 16 (no class December 26)

Session B

Thursdays, December 7 – January 18 (no class December 28)

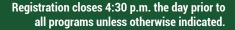
Session C

Tuesdays, January 23 – February 27

Session D

Thursdays, January 26 - March 1

Strollers in Motion is a stroller-based workout for moms, dads or other caregivers. Each total body workout incorporates power walking and strolling, strength training, balance work and toning. Strollers in Motion is an awesome way to get fit, meet new people and have fun with your little ones! And, after some classes, special activities will be planned for the children! All new participants will receive a water bottle. Strollers in Motion is led by Strollercize® certified instructor, Caitlin Elliott. (JH)





MONDAYS						
Date	Park	Path				
December 4	Iron Horse	Paved				
December 11	Grant, Normandy Entrance	Natural				
December 18	Schoolhouse	Paved				
January 8	Robert F. Mays	Paved				
January 22	Oak Grove	Paved				
January 29	Forest Field	Natural				
February 5	Holes Creek	Paved				
February 12	Bill Yeck, Smith House Entrance	Natural				
February 19	Iron Horse	Paved				
February 26	Forest Field	Natural				

WEDNESDAYS						
Date	Park	Path				
December 6	Bill Yeck, Smith House Entrance	Natural				
December 13	Oak Grove	Paved				
December 20	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill Entrance	Natural				
December 27	Forest Field	Natural				
January 3	Holes Creek	Paved				
January 10	Bill Yeck, Smith House Entrance	Natural				
January 17	Iron Horse	Paved				
January 24	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill Entrance	Natural				
January 31	Schoolhouse	Paved				
February 7	Grant, Normandy Entrance	Natural				
February 14	Robert F. Mays	Paved				
February 21	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill Entrance	Natural				
February 28	Oak Grove	Paved				



Attention Group Fitness Instructors and Wellness Experts!

We are expanding our fitness and wellness opportunities in the parks! We are looking for passionate and energetic certified group fitness instructors to lead current and new fitness programs and wellness experts to cover healthrelated program topics for the park district. For more details visit www.cwpd.org or contact Janet Holthaus, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, at 937-433-5155 or jholthaus@cwpd.org.

Wake-up Workout

Ages 16 and up 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$24 residents, \$32 nonresidents

Session A

Mondays, December 11 – February 26 (no class December 25 or January 1)

Session B

Thursdays, December 21 – February 22

Exercising in the morning poses amazing benefits for the body. It jumpstarts your metabolism, allowing you to blast fat throughout the day. Exercise also releases endorphins, a nice reward system! Taught by Tabra Bilbrey, a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer, this morning exercise program is the only wake-up call you'll ever need. Bring water and a towel. All other equipment provided. (JH)

Hit the Paved Trails!

Winter is a wonderful time to get out and explore the parks! Visit a park you've never explored before, or revisit an old favorite. Bring your dog — but remember your leash and pet waste bags! These parks have **paved multi-use trails** great for walking, running and biking:

BLACK OAK PARK: .2 mile (one way) paved path up a steep hill from Ambridge Road to Braewood Trail. **No bicycles permitted on this path.**

HOLES CREEK PARK: 1.3 miles one way

IRON HORSE PARK: 2 miles one way

OAK CREEK SOUTH PARK: perimeter path is .4 mile

OAK GROVE PARK: perimeter path is 1.5 miles (shorter loops are also available)

ROBERT F. MAYS PARK: perimeter path is .75 mile

SCHOOLHOUSE PARK: perimeter path is .75 mile

YANKEE PARK: perimeter path (including sidewalk along Yankee Street) is .82 mile. The center path length is .19 mile.

See page 18 for park locations.

Mobility Clinic

Ages 16 and up (under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Join Airrosti's Dr. William Wright and Kaitlyn Pendergast to learn how to help manage, reduce and eliminate pain through preventative muscle activation exercises, self-myofascial release techniques and stretching. This class will benefit anyone who is suffering through chronic pain or injury, every day aches and pains, or anyone looking to prevent injuries and pain.

If you have a foam roller and/or lacrosse ball, please bring them with you. There will be a limited supply on hand to use.

Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents

Session A

Saturdays, January 6 – February 24 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Session B

Mondays, January 8 – February 26 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A focus on Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) principles and form through Tai Chi Easy[™] — a form created by Roger Jahnke, O.M.D. — to make Tai Chi accessible and fun for everyone. Harvard School of Integrative Medicine tells us that the slow meditative movements, deep breathing and relaxation that is characteristic of Tai Chi practice create a special biological state that activates our capacity for body/mind wellness and healing. Great for stress relief, post-illness or managing a chronic health condition. Improves coordination, balance and attention. Facilitates cardiac rehab, lowers blood pressure and helps maintain strong bones. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor. (IH)

Tabata Training Camp

Ages 18 and up

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$39 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 27 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Session B

Wednesdays, January 10 – February 28 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tabata Training Camp focuses on upper body, lower body and core for an effective total-body workout. Use 20-10 and 40-30-20 timed intervals to push to your maximum effort before resting and repeating! This fun and effective workout is composed of a variety of simple cardio and strength-training exercises including partner work and games. Taught by Rebecca Rojas, certified Tabata Bootcamp instructor. Please bring a mat or towel. (JH)

2018 enVISION Your Purpose

Ages 12 and up (under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Thursday, January 18

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Ditch your resolutions and manifest your desires through your own 2018 vision board. A vision board is a powerful and effective method to generate the life you want by harnessing positive energy to visualize your hopes, dreams and goals.

Participants will tap into their conscious and unconscious desires to look for themes and set goals and intentions for 2018. You will leave with a tangible visual object to review throughout the year, resulting in continued focus toward your goals.

Supplies are included; however, you may want to bring photos of yourself, family or friends and magazines that are of interest to you. (JH)



Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session: \$52 residents, \$67

nonresidents

Session A

Saturdays, January 20 – February 24 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Session B

Mondays, January 22 – February 26 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (JH)

Healthy Habits for Life

Ages 16 and up

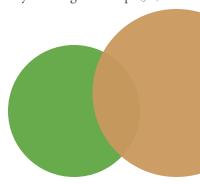
Tuesday, February 20

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Carla Schulte, Certified Dietetics
Technician, will focus on ways to achieve
better health through improved nutrition
and increased physical activity for all
ages. Good nutrition and regular exercise
are important to manage or prevent
chronic conditions such as diabetes,
heart disease and arthritis as we age.
Small lifestyle changes add up. (JH)



Registration closes 4:30 p.m. the day prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

REC Discover Your Potential Explore Your Creativity Challenge Your Limits



The Washington Township Recreation Center is proud to offer a full range of fitness classes for people of all ages and abilities. Whether you are looking for the joint health benefits of a water workout, a high-energy cardio workout, or low impact conditioning and toning, we have the class for you!

Visit our website at **www.washingtontwp.org/recreation** to find even more classes!

F.I.T.T.

Sundays, December 3 – February 25 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. OR

Mondays, December 4 – February 26 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$85 CPH, \$147 residents, \$227 nonresidents

Friends In This Together (F.I.T.T.) is a friendly, challenge-based fitness group for health and wellness. It offers a unique opportunity to gain motivation and form friendships through shared fitness goals. Registration for this 11-week class includes one class per week led by a certified instructor, access to any walk-in fitness class as well as access to open activities (open gym, fitness room, walking track, open swim). Don't just get fit ... get WTRC F.I.T.T. and jumpstart a journey to better health! All participants will receive a F.I.T.T. t-shirt.

F.I.T.T. Jr.

Sundays, December 3 – February 25 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **OR**

Mondays, December 4 – February 26 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$51 CPH, \$95 residents, \$151 nonresidents

Friends In This Together Jr. (F.I.T.T. Jr.) Offers the same benefits and motivation as our F.I.T.T. program, geared towards children ages 6-15.

Personal Training

Our qualified personal trainers are here to help you reach your healthy and attainable goals. All personal trainers have a background in health and fitness and certification in the field. You can meet with them once to get started or as many times as you need to reach your goals. Resident and non-resident fees apply. Schedule an appointment or find out more by contacting the front desk 937-433-0130.

Need a flexible schedule? We can help!

Walk-in classes:

\$2.50 CPH, \$3 residents, \$4 nonresidents

Anything Goes

Mondays,

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays,

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Do you get bored with a traditional workout? If you like to change things up each time you work out, this class is for you! Our certified instructors will run through various workouts and formats. You never know what you're going to get — except for working up a sweat!

DRUMFIT

Tuesdays and Thursdays,

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Want a class that allows you to burn up to 600 calories per session without ever losing your smile? This exciting and energetic workout will raise your heartbeat while using a stability ball and a set of drumsticks.

Silver Sneakers BOOM MOVE IT

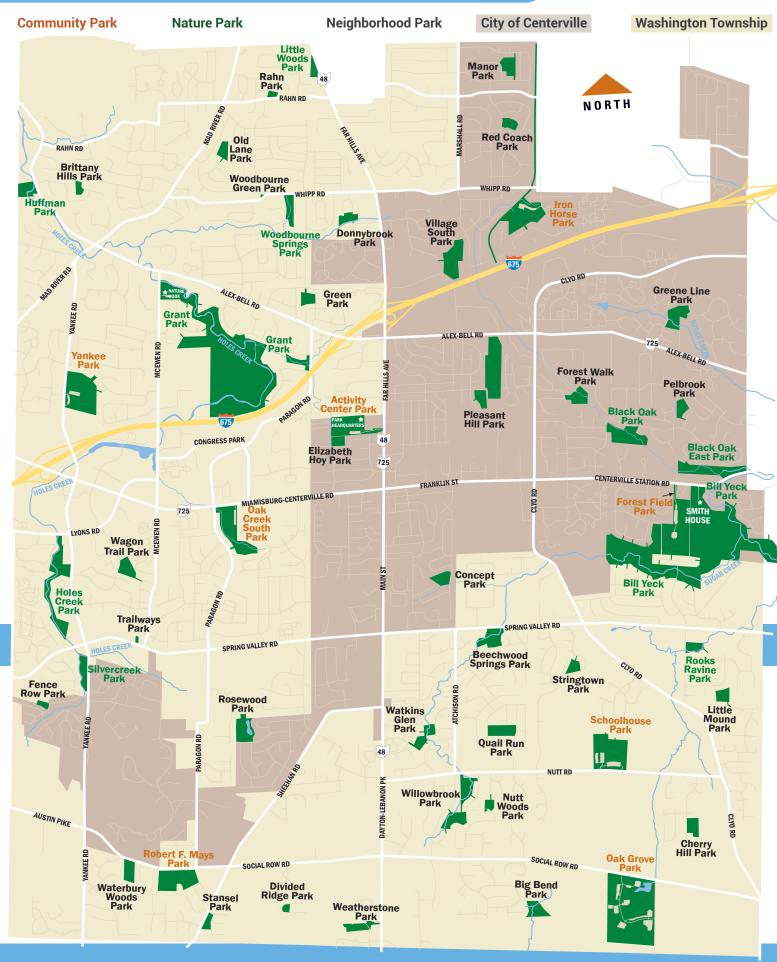
Tuesdays and Thursdays

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Silver Sneakers BOOM MUSCLE Tuesdays and Thursdays

1:45 – 2:15 p.m.

These higher intensity classes are designed to improve cardio endurance and upper body conditioning. Be prepared to sweat and have fun while toning muscles and building overall strength and endurance!



HOW TO REGISTER

Online (the first day of registration is online only)

Visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/cwpd to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on November 13. 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 your credit card ready for fee-based programs. **Phone registration begins one day later than online registration.**

In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You may pay with cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to CWPD or Centerville-Washington Park District. In person registration begins one day later than online registration.

Registration and Refund Policy

- Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.
- Our intent is that program participants be completely satisfied with their experience! If participants are not satisfied with their program experience, or they are unable to participate in a program for any reason, they may repeat the program at no charge, receive credit toward future fees or receive a refund.

Centerville-Washington Park District Program Release

When registering for or attending any Park District program, you are required to agree to the following statement:

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.



Online **Resident** Registration Begins **Monday, November 13** at 10:00 a.m.

Online **Nonresident** Registration Begins **Monday, November 20** at 10:00 a.m.





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