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For more information and each park's address, visit **www.cwpd.org**.



Dog Park Closures www.cwpd.org/parks/oakgrove/dog-park/dog-parkclosure-status/



Athletic Field Conditions www.cwpd.org/field_status/

Area Youth Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer www.centervillesoccer.com

Centerville United Soccer Association www.cusasoccer.org

Centerville Wee Elks Football Association www.weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse www.cvlax.org

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Commissioners' Corner



After that cold, cold winter, it will be great to get out in the warm, sunny, green parks!

This summer, you'll be able to see and enjoy

many new programs and park amenities. For those who could not always get into our popular Hidden Meadows nature camp — we have something new for you! This summer, the new Sugar Valley Camp will invite children to explore nature and wildlife in **Bill Yeck Park** (see page 6). Also, teens can enjoy the new Teen Games and Bonfire Series on Friday nights. Who doesn't love a good bonfire?

Your Park Board is pleased to bring these and many other summer activities for you and your family to enjoy. We work to keep fees at a minimum to make programs accessible; fees are used to cover contractual instructor and program material costs. We are always listening to your requests and hope these programs match what you like. Watch for a few more surprises coming in summer as well.

The long-awaited flush toilets and running water sinks are soon to open in the **Oak Grove Park** restrooms. **Iron Horse Trail** drainage swales will be filled, making the trail safer and less "buggy." And, this summer, you'll be able to enjoy the new nature trail at **Pleasant Hill Park**.

Watch for work to commence to transform the old Hithergreen building and site into the community's 51st park. Thanks to collaboration with the Washington Township Trustees, and a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission, this 14-acre site will become that neighborhood's first park. Special kudos are in order for our Director, Arnie Biondo, and staff for making this happen. Without their creativity and persistence, it is doubtful that we would have seen such a favorable outcome.

Best of all, there are so many ways for you to enjoy the parks. Please, Explore Your Community's BIG Backyard this summer. Hope to see you on the trails. Again, don't hesitate to let us know if you have any ideas on how to enhance your parks.



Park Board Vice President



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The Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month. View the schedule at www.cwpd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

Staff Update



Sean Kovacs
recently joined
the CentervilleWashington
Park District as
an Operations
Technician II.
Sean is a graduate
of Hocking College

where he studied Timber Harvesting and Management. He began his career with Davey Tree Company, performing diagnostic evaluations and treatments for trees and shrubs. Among Sean's many talents and skills, he holds a certification from the International Society of Arborists. Prior to joining CWPD, Sean worked for the Kettering Medical Center for eight years. We're happy to have him on the team!

Roving Dog Parks



Discover a fun way to get together with your neighbors and their dogs this summer! In an effort to create more active and social outdoor spaces, we will rotate pop-up dog parks to various neighborhood parks every three weeks throughout the summer months. Temporary fencing will delineate the dog parks. Dogs are still required to be on leash when they are outside of the designated fenced areas. Rules will be posted to help everyone respectfully utilize the space.

For those new to the dog park experience, see page 21 for more information about a collaborative program with Wagtown®—Dog Park Manners: How to be the Best Dog (and Human). We're excited to be partnering with Wagtown® for this program and three others this summer!

Keep an eye on our social media and **www.cwpd.org** for the schedule of CWPD roving dog parks! Plan to get your pup together with the other dogs in your neighborhood this summer!

Volunteer Spotlights



Tammi Eslinger

Tammi Eslinger has been a Centerville resident for nearly 25 years. The wife of an Air Force officer and a mother of four sons, she quickly learned the area by visiting parks with her sons' various sports schedules.

Tammi began participating in CWPD adult fitness programs in 2009. Being outdoors has many benefits and meeting new people was an added bonus for her. She was introduced to the Trail Trekking group five years ago. She enjoyed it so much she became an

official CWPD volunteer in order to lead the program!

Tammi began her CWPD volunteer career with Trail Trekking, but can now also be found assisting at the park district headquarters office, leading music programs at summer camps and campfires, aiding with intergenerational programs, participating in outreach with schools, helping with creek walks, face painting at special events and monitoring various walks such as the Luminary Walk or Early Adventure hikes. Tammi finds volunteering extremely rewarding and thinks there's no better way to give back to the community than by being out in it!



Jeremy Eatough

Jeremy is an eighth grader at Magsig Middle School in Centerville. He has been enjoying park programs for many years. His favorite part about volunteering for the Park District is that he gets to help spread some of that same joy to other children. Along with volunteering for the Centerville-Washington Park District and the Washington-Centerville Public Library, Jeremy enjoys playing soccer and basketball. His favorite hobbies are reading and helping others.

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

In Remembrance of Bob Yeck

Bob Yeck was instrumental in the creation of the nature literature trails at **Bill Yeck**, **Grant**, **Oak Creek South** and **Schoolhouse Parks**. Especially proud of the trails, they combine his, and his parents', lifelong passion for Centerville's parks and libraries. He viewed the trails as gifts to be passed down to his beloved grandchildren and countless other children in the community. In addition to donations for nature literature trails and **Bill Yeck Park** improvements, in 2014 Bob also generously donated the land for **Little Woods Park**, your district's 50th park.

Bob was a friend to the Centerville-Washington Park District and the entire Centerville community. His commitment to bettering his community was inspirational. We are honored to have known him.



Bob Yeck and his granddaughter at Owlexander's Tree Trek Grand Opening, Bill Yeck Park. (June 2014)

SUMMER CAMPS

Sky Hawks Tiny Hawks Camp

Ages 3-4

Monday – Friday, July 22 – 26

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Oak Grove Park, Noon Optimist Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$93 residents, \$103 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 12

The essentials of soccer and basketball are introduced in a fun and safe environment with lots of encouragement. Children will learn balance, body movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development through a series of sport-specific games tailored to their attention spans.

Register through CWPD or register online at **www.skyhawks.com** or call 800-804-3509. Course number is SSA108231.

All participants must be potty-trained. The rain location for Sky Hawks Camp is Cline Elementary School. (AD)

Sky Hawks Mini Hawks Camp

Ages 4-7

Monday – Friday, July 22 – 26

9:00 a.m. - noon

Oak Grove Park, Noon Optimist Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$134 residents, \$144 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Friday, July 12

This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Register through CWPD or register online at **www.skyhawks.com** or call 800-804-3509. Course number is SSA108230.

All participants must be potty-trained. The rain location for Sky Hawks Camp is Cline Elementary School. (AD)



* Preschool Play Yard (PPY)

Ages 3-5

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

Fee: \$24 residents, \$31 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Sunday, May 26

Session A

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 10 – 26 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Session B

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 11 – 27 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Children will enjoy a variety of activities such as songs, crafts, hikes and games. This station-based drop-off program is sponsored by the South Metro Optimist of Centerville Women's Club. (AD/JK)

Sign up for one session only. All children must be potty trained.

* Summer Recreation Program (SRP)

Ages 3 - 11

June 3 – August 1 (no SRP on July 4)

9:00 a.m. - noon

Fee: \$28 residents, \$48 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Sunday, May 26

Monday & Wednesday session

Yankee Park **OR** Iron Horse Park (you may alternate between parks throughout the summer)

Tuesday & Thursday session

Oak Creek South Park **OR** Robert F. Mays Park

(you may alternate between parks throughout the summer)

A variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more! All SRP sites are led by trained recreation leaders. This fun program keeps children outdoors and active all summer! (AD)

For the safety of your children, SRP has a maximum enrollment. You may only enroll your children in one session.

Please check www.cwpd.org for weather information.

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 let us know when you register.

For more information about the Summer Recreation Program, please visit http://www.cwpd.org/programs-events/ childrens-programs/summer-recreationprogram/

* Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Ages 5 – 12 (preschool weeks are ages 3 – 9) *Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Resident Fee/week: \$55 half day, \$110 all day

*\$44 half day, \$88 all day \$27, before and after care

Nonresident Fee/week: \$85 half day, \$170 all day

*\$68 half day, \$136 all day

\$27, before and after care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first

day of camp

Date	AM 9:00 a.m. – noon	PM 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	All Day 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 3 – 7	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
June 10 – 14	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
June 17 – 21	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 5 – 9
June 24 – 28	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
July 1 – 5	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
July 8 – 12	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
July 15 – 19	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 5 – 9
July 22 – 26	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12
July 29 – August 2	Ages 5 – 12		Ages 5 – 12

^{*}Fee prorated for Week 5: Community ROCKS because there is no camp July 4.

Before care is available 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. After care is available 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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. All-day campers need to bring a packed nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. (AP)

Week 1: June 3 – 7 Games, Games, Games

Active games will be "crowned" the winner of themes for this camp week! Be sure to send an extra water bottle so your child doesn't miss a "drop" of fun in the park.

Week 2: June 10 – 14 Ancient Explorers

What was it like to explore the landscape of Ohio as a dinosaur? Campers will search for fossils and seek historical answers while exploring as 21st century humans!

Week 3: June 17 – 21 (Preschool Week) Under the Big Top

Carnival games galore, animal fun "fur" sure and lots of exploring in the wilds of Grant Park!

Week 4: June 24 – 28 Wonderful Water Fun

How many ways can we use water to have a good time? Games, crafts, exploring, mixing and creating!

Week 5: July 1 – 5 (no camp July 4) Community ROCKS

We will bring the spirit of Independence Day to this week full of games and activities that help others in our community and help the environment. Your child's heart will swell with pride while having fun outdoors!

Week 6: July 8 – 12 Adventure Racers

Adventure racing is all the rage, so we will do our own adventure racing this week. Each day we will get a "leg up" on tasks like hiking, orienteering, reading maps and trekking new terrain. On the last day, we will put our new knowledge to the test for a day full of adventure!

Week 7: July 15 – 19 (Preschool Week) Naturally Watery

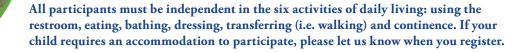
What are the many ways we use water? Children will perform experiments that explore everyday ways water changes our lives. They will learn interesting ways water affects our community. It will be a week of natural science!

Week 8: July 22 – 26 Grossology

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. This camp will separate old wives' tales from fact or fiction. Play games with slime, see reptiles that are NOT slimy — and what about spiders? So many fun things to learn and do when you gross out!

Week 9: July 29 – August 2 Heroes and Beyond

Heroes wanted every day for adventures in the park! Super villains beware, we are bringing out local heroes, super heroes and environmental heroes as we play and create our summer days away.



* Sugar Valley Camp New!

Ages 5 - 12

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/week: \$110 residents, \$170 nonresidents, \$27 before and after care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

*Fee prorated for All the Buzzzzz because there is no camp July 4: \$88 residents, \$136 nonresidents

Before care is available 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. After care is available 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

A new camp and a new park to explore! Sugar Valley Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring Bill Yeck Park, playing games and making new friends. Campers will be treated to guest speakers, special presentations and activities. Snacks are provided, but campers should bring a filled water bottle and a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine.

Week 1: All the Buzzzzz, July 1 – 5 (no camp July 4)

We will explore the park like busy bees! This week will focus on active games that help us understand pollinators and native plants that fill the prairies of the park.

Week 2: Rapids and Raptors, July 8 - 12

Children will discover the water that runs through the park and the raptors that soar above us through active games, hikes and special guests.

Week 3: Sensory Camp, July 22 - 26

Five senses and five days of camp! Coincidence? We don't think so! Campers will explore how animals use sight, sound, smell, taste and touch to survive!

Week 4: Hands on the Land, July 29 – August 2

We will explore the park's dirt, rocks, trails and water using interactive games and hands-on experiments along the way. This week will rock! (AP)

* Nature Art Camp

Ages 6-11

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Monday – Wednesday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Camp A, June 17 - 19

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 9

Camp B, July 15 - 17

Registration deadline: Sunday, July 7



Art and nature come together! Campers will explore fun

processes with paint, collage, clay, and drawing to create neat artwork! We will play fun and challenging games that get kids up and moving. We will talk about artists that have used nature as a source of inspiration, like Monet!

Rain location is at Park District headquarters at Activity Center Park. (AD)

Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August!

~Jenny Han, young adult and children's author

Sky Hawks Multi-Sport Camp

Ages 7 - 12

Monday - Friday, June 17 - 21

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Noon Optimist Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$149 residents, \$159 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Friday, June 7

This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace. Campers need to bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration and has no peanut products.

The rain location for Sky Hawks Camp is Cline Elementary School.

Register through CWPD or register online at www.skyhawks.com or call 800-804-3509. Course number is SSA110593. (AD)

Youth Archery Camp New!

Ages 8-12

Monday – Wednesday, August 5 – 7

10:00 a.m. - noon

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$30 residents, \$38 nonresidents Registration deadline: Thursday,

This introductory archery camp will teach the basics of competition style archery using the NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) system. Using technique, range safety and basic archery terms, campers will enjoy games and gain a new hobby to enjoy with friends. All equipment will be provided. (AP)



* STEM: Energy Exploration Day Camp

Ages 8 – 14

Monday – Friday, June 17 – 21

9:00 a.m. - noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$120 residents, \$140 nonresidents



Children will investigate how to reduce the energy

we use every day. They will review and build working alternative power sources to design their own park. Ideas may include wind, solar, hydropower or conservation. They should bring their brain power and be ready to dive into the world of all things power! Each child will take home his/her earth-friendly parkscape. (KM)

Sidewalk Chalk Art Camp

Ages 10 - 13

Monday – Wednesday, June 24 – 26 (Rain date: Thursday, June 27)

9:00 a.m. – noon

Oak Grove Park, Rotary Shelter

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$125 residents, \$135 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 16

Have you ever wanted to create show stopping artwork on your sidewalk like the pros? Now is your chance to learn from one! Join local, award-winning chalk artist, Tiffany Kelly, for this fun, playful camp. Learn the tips and tricks used by professional sidewalk chalk artists around the world.

Each child will receive a set of supplies to use throughout the camp and take home to continue chalking! Each set includes one tray of chalk pastels, one box of Crayola sidewalk chalk and one box of white school chalk. (AD)

* Adventure Camp

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Fee: \$130 residents, \$170 nonresidents

Adventure Camp A (ages 10 – 12), June 10 – 15 Registration deadline: Monday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Adventure Camp B (ages 10 - 12), June 24 - 29 Registration deadline: Monday, June 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Adventure Camp C (ages 12 – 15), July 8 – 13 Registration deadline: Monday, July 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Adventure Camp D (ages 12 - 15), July 22 - 27 Registration deadline: Monday, July 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Combine outdoor adventure and nature education with this week-long camp at various parks throughout Centerville and Washington Township. Adventure Camp includes hiking, archery, games, challenges, a field trip and an overnight at Bill Yeck Park. Learn to track animals in the woods, cook over a campfire and pitch a tent. Make lifelong friends at this unique summer experience.

Campers will be dropped off and picked up at the same location each day and will be transported to various parks throughout the week. Camps will also include an off-site field trip to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm! (KL)

* Teen Games and Bonfire Series New!

Ages 12 - 15

New!

Fridays, June 7 – August 2

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$24 residents, \$32 nonresidents

Meet us at the Smith House! We will use the nearby field for games of capture the flag, dodgeball, kickball and more. Then, enjoy hanging out by the bonfire!

Sign your teen up for the whole series and they can attend whichever Fridays work for your family! (AD)

Teen Games and Bonfires will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Please check www.cwpd.org for weather information. More information will be included in your confirmation email. No walk-ups will be permitted to stay at the programs. Preregistration and health history information is required.

Wish you could join in the camp fun? See Family Nature Camp on page 16!

For additional information about Centerville-Washington Park District summer camps, please visit www.cwpd.org/programs-events/childrens-programs/





YoGlow

Ages 18 and up
Friday, June 7
(Rain date: Friday, June 14)
9:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Ommmmm ... Method Yoga Studio owner and instructor Megan Lees will lead this outdoor yoga class in the peaceful park setting. We will provide glow bracelets for all participants to wear!

This yoga class is for all levels and will include a warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses, and end with relaxation. Please bring your own yoga mat and water. Dress comfortably. (JH)



Come early and enjoy a nutritious beverage from The Shakery Juice Bar! They will be on site from 8:00 – 8:45 p.m.





All ages (must be 8 and up for archery)

Saturday, June 22

10:00 a.m. – noon Oak Grove Park 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

We are teaming up with the Washington Township Recreation Center and Synergy Family Therapy Specialists for the 2nd annual Adapted Action Day! Those differently-abled or with special needs (and families) are invited to network with other families while enjoying recreational activities for all abilities! Participate in archery, kickball, tee-ball, fishing, sidewalk chalk, biking, and various small games and crafts! Come out and play at this 2018 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association award-winning program! (KM)



Schoolhouse Safari

Ages 3 – 12 with adult companion **Friday, June 28**

10:00 a.m. – noon Schoolhouse Park 1875 Nutt Rd.

The animals have taken over the park! Play a variety of games and make an animal-themed craft! Jump like an African antelope in the bounce house! Refreshments from Kona Ice will be available for purchase. (AD)

Registration is not required, but please sign in your child and plan to stay at the event. Due to the high number of participants, we cannot provide supervision for individual children.

Americana Festival Children's Area

All ages

Thursday, July 4 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park 221 N. Main St.

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 or the Americana Festival Facebook page.

Registration is not required. (AD)

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

Movie Parties in the Park All ages



Enchanted
Saturday, July 13
7:30 – 11:00 p.m.
Robert F. Mays Park
10553 Paragon Rd.

The evening will begin with lawn activities, face painting and fun on the playground. Claim your spot in the grass with a picnic blanket dinner, or have the professionals from a local food truck cook for you! Then as the sun sets over the park, settle in with free popcorn and refreshments with family and friends for a movie under the stars.

Registration is requested. (AP)



Smallfoot Saturday, August 24 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Forest Field Park 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Enjoy an evening of entertainment! We will start out with bounce houses, games, crafts and fun on the playground. Claim a spot in the grass with a picnic blanket dinner, or have the professionals from a local food truck cook for you. Then as the sun sets over the park, settle in for a movie under the stars.

Activities, popcorn and snow cones during the Smallfoot party are sponsored by The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners.

Registration is requested. (AP)





BIG Backyard Party

All ages

Saturday, August 3

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Oak Grove Park*

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Join the fun at the 4th annual BIG Backyard Party! The day will be filled with hands-on activities all ages and abilities can enjoy, as we celebrate clean waterways and wildlife in the Miami Valley. Activities will include fishing, archery, field games, inflatables, food trucks and raffles! This program is made possible by several on-going community partnerships. (AP)



Weather Cancellations

Many CWPD program and events are weather dependent. Cancellations are posted on **www.cwpd.org** unless otherwise noted in the program description.



Play S'more

Recommended for families with children ages 5 - 13

Thursday, August 8

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$5

Town Hall Children's Theatre and CWPD are collaborating to bring you *The Velveteen Rabbit* around the campfire! Stick around after the play to meet the cast and make s'mores! Bring lawn chairs. (AP)

Registration closes 48 hours prior to

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

(AGES 6 AND UNDER)

Early Adventures

Ages 0 - 4 years with adult companion 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. **OR** 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. **Fee/session:** \$4 nonresidents

June Adventures

Tuesday, June 4 OR Thursday, June 6 Grant Park 501 Normandy Ridge Rd. (natural path)

July Adventures

Tuesday, July 2 OR Thursday, July 4
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.
(paved path)

August Adventures

Tuesday, August 6 OR Thursday, August 8

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow 7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd. (natural path)

Taking your little ones outdoors provides them with an experience that will benefit them forever. There are unique sounds, colors, lights, sensations and textures to process each time they go outdoors.

These leisurely hikes provide quality family time in nature! Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. Strollers are not recommended on natural trails. (JK)





Little Splashers Creek Walks

Ages 18 – 42 months with adult companion

Grant Park
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

July Walk

Wednesday, July 10 (Rain date: Friday, July 12) 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

August Walk

Wednesday, August 7 (Rain date: Friday, August 9) 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Little ones can experience the thrill of walking in Grant Park's Holes Creek. They will stand with their feet under mini waterfalls and search for crawdads, dragonflies, frogs and fossils! Each month we will explore a different part of the creek.

Water shoes or tennis shoes required for adults and children. No open-toed shoes. One adult per child under 42 months. (JK)

Intergenerational Series Hike & Seek

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s)

Friday, June 14

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **OR** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. *Pleasant Hill Park* 358 Zengel Dr.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 10

Check out the Pleasant Hill Park expansion at this summer favorite! Explore nature together on a scavenger hunt. Find big leaves, bright butterflies, neat pebbles and more! Stop to look for birds, touch moss and play along the way.

After the hunt, we will enjoy show and tell, a snack and a story in the shade! Bring your cameras and wear comfortable close-toed shoes. (AD)

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

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(AGES 4 - 12)



Kids Night Out: Party in the USA!

June 26

Ages 4 – 8 Tuesday, July 2 (Rain date: Wednesday, July 3) 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Oak Creek South Park 790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd. Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

Children will sport their red, white and blue as we play classic games, like potato sack racing! We will make Independence Day crafts and decorate bikes and helmets for an Americana Children's Bike Parade around the park. Decorating supplies provided, but you may bring your own as well. The bike parade will begin at 7:30 p.m. (AD)

Children's Yoga Series

Ages 5 - 8

Saturdays, June 8 – 29

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$18 residents, \$25 nonresidents

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 summer creatures with handson activities in the first part of each class followed by fun-filled yoga. All equipment is provided. (JK)

Summer's End Adventures

Ages 6-12

Monday – Wednesday, August 5 – 7

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

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/day: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 30

New!

A day (or three!) of fun! Each day participants will go for an adventure on the trails, searching for flowers, critters and more! In addition, participants will make a nature-themed craft and play a variety of games! Get your children outside to play before school starts! (AD)

Participants should pack a lunch free of nut products that does not need refrigerated or heated, bring a water bottle and wear appropriate shoes and clothes for hiking in the woods and playing games!



Youth **Pickleball Clinic**

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesday, June 12

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$10 residents, \$14 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 9

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America! This racquet sport combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Each clinic will include warm-up drills and a cool down. Equipment is provided. Students will develop dinking shots, ground strokes, serving techniques and will learn how to score the game. (JH)

Centerville Noon Optimist 40th Annual Fishing Derby

Ages 5 – 15, children must be accompanied by an adult

Saturday, June 1

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., fishing from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Washington Township Recreation Center 895 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Two ponds are stocked with several hundred pounds of catfish. Fishing rods/ reels are awarded to the first three places of each age group, also special prizes are awarded for the most pounds and largest fish. Some rods/reels will be given away after derby ends. Free bait provided. Fishing equipment is not provided but some loaner rod/reels are available. Free hot dogs, chips and a drink will be also be provided.

Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.

PRETEEN/TEEN **PROGRAMS** (AGES 11 - 17)

Teen Pickleball Clinic

Ages 12 - 15

Wednesday, June 26

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park 221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$10 residents, \$14 nonresidents Registration deadline: Sunday, June 23

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America! This racquet sport combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Each clinic will include warm-up drills and a cool down. Equipment is provided. Students will develop dinking shots, ground strokes, serving techniques and will learn how to score the game. (JH)

Tree ID & Scavenger Hunt

Ages 11 – 14

Saturday, July 13

(Rain date: Sunday, July 14)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 9

Explore Grant Park during a fun and educational scavenger hunt! Teens will be given a tree ID guide and will compete to identify the different types of trees in the park. (AD)



Photo Scavenger Hunt

Ages 11 – 15

Monday, July 1 - Wednesday, July 31 Fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents Registration deadline: Thursday, June 27

Don't get bored sitting inside all summer! Check out your nearby parks to complete a fun nature-themed photo scavenger hunt! Register by June 27 to receive instructions to start your adventure! Instructions will be emailed to participants on July 1. Each teen who completes the scavenger hunt by 4:30 p.m. on July 31 will receive a prize! (AD)

Slackline & S'mores

Ages 12 – 17 8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Fee/session: \$25 residents, \$35

nonresidents

Session A

Thursday, June 6

Wagon Trail Park 8450 Washington Village Dr.

Session B

Thursday, August 1

Watkins Glen Park 825 Watkins Glen Dr.

A new way to get active outdoors with friends! Find success in one or more of the fundamental slackline skills including kneeling, sitting, standing, and perhaps even walking on the line. Challenge your balance and build technique with controlled exits. Slacklining adds diversity to your workout, while giving you more confidence — and it's really fun!



Take a break to hang out in the "Hammock Lounge" provided by Great Miami Outfitters. And, toast

marshmallows around the bonfire! (AP)

EXPLORE the great outdoors!





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

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Traveling Owlexander

All ages

Friday, May 31 – Tuesday, August 13

Owlexander is ready for another summer vacation! Will you take him with you?

Color Owlexander in, cut him out and bring him along on your summer travels! Send the Centerville-Washington Park District a photo of him at your vacation destination. Every week, we will update his travel map with his new destinations! Check the map on **www.cwpd.org** to keep track of his awesome summer adventures!

Get your Traveling Owlexander PDF on www.cwpd.org. Photos can be emailed to mail@cwpd.org, posted on the CWPD Facebook page, or posted on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #travelingOwlexander.



Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.

Hike and Play

All ages

Saturday, June 1

10:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Explore the park! Along the way, we will stop and play fun trail games and search for wildlife! (KL)

Summer Park Challenge

All ages

Begins Monday, June 3

Are you up to the challenge?

The Pop-Up Park Challenge is back for more summertime fun! Throughout the summer months we'll be posting challenges on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Complete ten out of 15 posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 City Barbeque gift card! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing — a \$100 gift card to Cabela's!

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 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 hashtag #itsacwpdsummer.

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

Registration is not required. One prize per household. (GC)

Thank you to our Summer Pop-Up Park Challenge sponsors for their generous prize donations!







Newl

All ages

Tuesdays, June 4 – July 30

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Grant Park, Mark Kreusch Nature Playce 6588 McEwen Road

Enjoy fresh air and sunshine. Meet other parents/caregivers and their children. Explore Grant Park's Mark Kreusch Nature Playce during this casual summer meet up! Staff will join in the fun and bring extra activities a few times throughout the summer!

Registration is not required. (AD)

EarthJOY Tree Climb

Ages 5 and up (ages 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian)

Saturdays, June 8, July 13 & August 10 Time slots beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays, June 11, June 25, July 9 &

Tuesdays, June 11, June 25, July 9 & July 23

Time slots beginning at 1:00 p.m. *Green Park*

6661 Green Park Dr.

Fee: \$40 per person climbing

Registration deadline: 10:00 a.m. the

day before the climb

Connect to nature in a unique way by climbing the beautiful white oak at Green Park! Certified instructors from EarthJOY Tree Climbing will assist you in swinging from branches or climbing as high as possible! Sessions are 90 minutes.

To register for a climb, visit http://earthjoyvillage.com/treeclimbing. (KL)

National Get Outdoors Day Celebration

All ages **Saturday, June 8** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Beechwood Springs Park 1141 Quiet Brook Trl.

Donnybrook Park 6161 Donnybrook Dr.

Forest Walk Park 1193 Deer Run Rd.

Rosewood Park 475 Roselake Dr.

Pick the park closest to you and join us to celebrate National Get Outdoors Day! We'll have games and activities that focus on fun ways to enjoy nature in your community's BIG backyard! The activities at each park will be similar.

Registration is not required. (AD)



Picnic & Play

All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Red Coach Park 5500 Royalwood Dr.

Wednesday, July 10 Brittany Hills Park 5825 Batsford Dr.

Wednesday, August 14 Cherry Hill Park 10244 Cherry Tree Terr.

Hang out on the playground, play some BIG games and meet others from your neighborhood! Bring a picnic lunch. We will provide a healthy snack to add to your picnic! (AD)

Sign up for all three dates in the series, or just the ones you can attend!

Butterfly Surveys

Recommended for ages 8 and up *Grant Park* 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Survey A

Saturday, June 15 10:00 a.m. – noon

Survey B

Saturday, July 20 10:00 a.m. – noon

Survey C

Saturday, August 24 10:00 a.m. – noon

Help contribute to citizen science by joining the naturalist on our Butterfly Surveys. Identify and count butterflies while observing other seasonal wildlife as we stroll. No experience necessary. Trail is approximately one mile in length on uneven terrain. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (KL)



Our mission is to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences. We recognize that does not always come in the form of a traditional park program. We'd like to help you create your own unique park

experiences with CWPD Adventure Packs! Visit park headquarters at Activity Center Park to rent a backpack that includes everything you need to explore the many natural habitats of your 50 parks — including creeks, forests, and meadows. Backpack supplies vary by age and by season.

There is a \$20 refundable deposit for the 7-day rental.

Family Pack (ages 0 – 8) Family Pack (ages 9 and up) Teen Pack (ages 13 – 17) Adult Pack (ages 18 and up)





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

Creek Week!

All ages

Each day will feature a different activity at one of CWPD's creeks! Learn to appreciate creeks for their ecological and historical

significance. Close-toed shoes are required for creek

exploration. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. (KL)



Monday, June 17

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

There are many types of crawdads! We will search for crawdads in the creek, learn about their life cycles and learn how they help keep creeks healthy!

Current Events!

Tuesday, June 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park 8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Did you know there used to be a mill at the Rooks Mill entrance of Bill Yeck Park? Before exploring this creek we will learn how you can use water currents to power machines! Trail is not strollerfriendly.

Caring for Our Creeks

Wednesday, June 19

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

How can you help take care of our creeks in your daily life? Learn to prevent runoff and teach others how delicate creek habitats are!

The Hidden Gem

Thursday, June 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

This spot is worth the hike! We will hike to a special place along the creek for creek exploration and play. Build a boat, splash, search for creatures or just relax! Please come prepared for a hike. Approximate hiking distance will be 3/4 mile on a natural trail. Trail is not stroller-friendly.

Nocturnal Nature Series

All ages

Explore nature at night with this series! We focus on different topics each month and observe seasonal changes. Please dress for a hike on a natural path. Flashlights optional.

Nature's Fireworks

Friday, June 28

(Rain date: Saturday, June 29)

9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Enjoy a glittering hike with a naturalist as we learn about lightning beetles and how we can protect them. (KL)

Bill Yeck Park at Night

Saturday, July 27

8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

An opportunity to tour Bill Yeck Park at night! Observe changes in the park as the sun disappears. (KL)

Not Quite Camping

Friday, August 23

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 residents, \$6

nonresidents

Come out to the Smith House fire pit to roast marshmallows, sing campfire songs, tell stories, and take a short night hike! S'mores provided. (KL)

Family Camping

All ages

Friday, June 21 – Saturday, June 22

(Rain date: Saturday, June 22 - Sunday, June 23

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family of up to 8: \$30 residents, \$36 nonresidents

Families are invited to camp at the Smith House! You bring the tents and gear, and we'll supply the food! Pitch your tent, roast hot dogs and marshmallows, play games, and participate in other camp activities! (KL)

If you are bringing more than one tent, please let us know. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No pets, please.

Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.



Patriotic Chalk Party!

All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult

Wednesday, July 3

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Activity Center Park 221 N. Main St.

Let's get the park ready for the most colorful Americana ever! Help us create a patriotic parking lot before the festival! All chalk will be provided. Artists of all ages and abilities are welcome. This event will feature local chalk artist Tiffany Kelly of "Chalk N Awe" creating a beautiful and unique design.

Registration is not required. (AD)

An Introduction to Falconry

Ages 12 and up (ages 12 - 15 require paid parent/guardian participant or observer)

Saturday, July 13

10:00 – noon Schoolhouse Park 1875 Nutt Rd.

Fee: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents, \$25 observer

Join Master Class falconer Joe Dorrian of the Ohio School of Falconry to learn about the ancient sport of falconry. Handle and fly one of the school's trained Harris's Hawks in this exciting program!

Get a general overview of the sport and a strong focus in raptor ecology/ conservation, predator/prey relationships, and all the basics of handling a trained falconry raptor.

Instructor will provide all necessary equipment. Students should not wear anything made of real or faux fur to this program. (AP)

Family Nature Camp

Recommended for families with children ages 3 and up

 $Monday-Thursday, July\ 15-18$

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/person: \$10 residents, \$15

nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

July 10

Come to nature camp as a family! Play games, go creeking, make crafts and learn about nature! Each family member will get a camp t-shirt to remember the experience! Wear clothing and shoes suited for outdoor play and creeking. Please apply sun and insect protection before the program and bring water bottles. At least one parent must be registered with a child. Non-participating family members are welcome to come, but will not receive t-shirts or materials. T-shirt sizes are not guaranteed for those registering after June 20.

Monday: Be a Tree!

We will kick off the week by learning about trees! We will search for seeds in the forest, make leaf art, and learn how trees fit in to the ecosystem! The evening ends with an experiment to see what tree seeds float!

Tuesday: Hide and Seek

How do plants and animals keep from being discovered? We will search for animals hiding in our parks and see how well we can hide!

Wednesday: Scavengers

Vultures aren't the only scavengers in Grant Park! Participate in a "scavenger hunt," pun intended, to learn how they keep everything clean.

Thursday: Making Camp

Could you survive a night in the wilderness? Families will learn some survival tips and celebrate the last day of camp with s'mores! (KL)

Shooting Stars Campout

All ages

Saturday, August 10 – Sunday, August 11

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd. Fee/family: \$30 residents, \$36

nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 7

Join us for another year of our Shooting Stars Campout. A near-full moon will be shining on us as we roast marshmallows, learn about the moon, and explore the park after dark!

Flush restrooms are available on site. We will provide s'mores supplies, but no other food or gear. No pets, please. (KL)



Lookin' Under Logs

All ages

Saturday, August 17

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Entire communities exists under fallen logs! We will search for and identify creatures that use rotting logs for shelter and temperature regulation. (KL)

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

FAMILY WELLNESS

Slackline 101

Ages 8 and up (ages 8 - 15 must be accompanied by an adult) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fee/session: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Session A

Thursday, June 6

Wagon Trail Park 8450 Washington Village Dr.

Session B

Thursday, August 1

Watkins Glen Park 825 Watkins Glen Dr.

A new way to get active outdoors with the whole family and meet new friends. Challenge your balance and build technique with controlled exits. Participants will find success in one or more of the fundamental slackline skills including kneeling, sitting, standing, and perhaps even walking on the line. The combination of yoga and slackline creates another level of body awareness that teaches greater balance and connection. It adds diversity to your workout, while giving you more confidence — and it's really fun!



Great Miami Outfitters will provide a "Hammock Lounge" for participants to try out in between

slackline turns. (AP)



Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.

Tennis Instruction

Ages 6 and up

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 10 - July 24

Yankee Park 7500 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Friday, May 31

Come learn tennis with us! Tennis instruction is taught by instructors from the Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club. Each has experience working with individuals of all ages and abilities allowing them to provide a high level of instruction. Class ratio is one instructor to a maximum of 10 participants. Tennis balls are provided. (JH)

Age	Level	Time	Fee
6 – 10 years	Beginner	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	\$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents
6 – 10 years	Advanced Beginner	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	\$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents
9 – 13 years	Beginner	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	\$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents
9 – 13 years	Advanced Beginner	11:00 a.m. – noon	\$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents
9 – 13 years	Intermediate	noon – 1:00 p.m.	\$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents
18 and up	Drill & Play	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	\$135 residents, \$175 nonresidents

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.

Family Garden Day: Plant a Patio Garden

All ages

Thursday, June 13

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Headquarters 221 N. Main St.

Fee/garden box: \$12 residents, \$18 nonresidents

Add a little spice to your family's nightly dinner routine — plant a patio herb garden! Learning how plants grow has never been more fun. Maybe this will "grow" into a new family "thyme" tradition? All supplies will be provided.

Receive a garden box for each paid family member. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun! (AP)



Family Recess

All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

Iron Horse Park 6161 Millshire Dr.

Tuesday, July 9

Robert F. Mays Park 10553 Paragon Rd.

Play park games with your family! Sign up for the whole program and come to whichever sessions work best for you! Each night we will play a variety of games, such as capture the flag, dodgeball, soccer, flag football, kickball and more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is not a drop-off program.

Registration is requested. Kona Ice will be provided free to the first 50 registered attendees. (AD)





Moonlight Friends & Family Hike

All ages **Saturday, July 20**9:00 – 10:00 p.m. *Grant Park*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

The parks normally close at sundown, but this summer visitors will have the rare chance to connect with nature after hours, allowing for a completely different sensory experience. Experience a leisurely, family-oriented hike following the trails after dark.

We recommend bringing headlamps or flashlights, but will have a few on hand as well.

Registration is requested. (JH)



ADULT PROGRAMS

OSU Extension New! Master Gardeners Series

Intro to Fens

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, June 1

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Donnybrook Park

6161 Donnybrook Dr.

Fens play an important role in our ecosystem. This interactive program will introduce you to fens, the wildlife they support and the unique plants that grow there. Learn from OSU Extension Montgomery County Horticulture Program Coordinator Kim Hupman at a park with an example of what is working and why it is important. (AP)

Native Plants for Home Landscapes

Ages 16 and up **Saturday, July 27**3:00 – 4:00 p.m. *Activity Center Park, Headquarters*221 N. Main St.

There are many ecological benefits to using native plants in your landscape.

While sometimes getting a bad rap for being messy, there are many ways to use native plants in your yard that will please both wildlife and your neighbors. We will learn best practices for success from OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Sue Howorth. (AP)

Pollinators, Bees and Beyond

Ages 16 and up

Wednesday, August 21
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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





The blight of the honeybee has been widely documented, but there are many other pollinators out there. Learn more about these different pollinators and how to make your backyard pollinator friendly. We will take a walk to the apiary located near the Smith House. Lecture will be led by OSU Extension Montgomery County Master Gardener Sue Howorth. (AP)



Wagtown Ambassador Academy

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, June 4 – August 6

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Various locations

Fee: \$150

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

May 22

Help make the Dayton area a more dog-friendly place to live! Be a part of the transformation! This 10-week service learning certification program designed by Wagtown® will educate you about increasing authentic and responsible dog friendliness in the region.

You will learn about the many resources available in the area, challenges to dogfriendliness, how to get involved with local humane and dog-friendly initiatives, how to navigate the dog-friendly world with best practices, and more.

Activities will include some site visits and some sessions with your dog.

As part of Wagtown Ambassador Academy, participants will volunteer 25 hours assisting with Centerville-Washington Park District dog-related activities. (GC)

Both resident and nonresident registration begins online at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 13 for Wagtown Ambassador Academy.



Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.



First Aid & Dangerous Plant ID for Dog Owners

Ages 16 and up

New!

New! Thursday, June 20

(Rain date: Friday, June 21)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance 8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Dogs welcome! What should you do if your dog gets an injury while walking on the trail? Are the mushrooms growing in your yard safe for dogs? Wagtown® will share recommended basic dog first-aid tips and simple remedies for common dog injuries. A CWPD staff member will teach participants what plant and fungus species dogs should avoid while enjoying the parks. All dogs must be friendly with dogs and people, vaccinated, licensed, and under control of the owner/handler. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. (AD)

Dogercise: Exercise With Your Dog New!

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, June 29

(Rain date: Sunday, June 30) 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Dogs welcome! How can you incorporate your favorite furry friend into exercise routines? Wagtown® will discuss options around town and how to incorporate your dog into exercises you already do! This program will conclude with a scenic trail hike. All dogs must be friendly with dogs and people, vaccinated, licensed, and under control of the owner/handler. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. (AD)



Dog Park Manners: How to be the Best Dog (and **Human**)

Ages 16 and up

Monday, July 15

(Rain date: Monday, July 22)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Noon Optimist Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

New!

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents Registration deadline: Thursday, July 11

Dogs welcome! During this interactive session, Wagtown® will teach dog owners about best practices to make the most of your dog's trip to your local park. This fun program will include instructions on voice and sight control for off-leash play, basics on law and liability, how to read dog body language, and dog park rules that make sense for everyone. Meet at the Noon Optimist Shelter, then instruction will continue within the dog park. All dogs must be friendly with dogs and people, vaccinated, licensed, and under control of the owner/handler. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. (AD)



Booked for Lunch

Ages 14 and up

Wednesdays, June 5, July 10 & August 7 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: The day before the program



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! The library will advance order copies for participants to borrow while supplies last. (AP)

Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required for all Booked for Lunch meetings at the Smith House. A monthly drop-in discussion of the same book is also offered on the same day of each month at the Woodbourne Library from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.



June Discussion Doc, by Mary Doria Russell



July Discussion In the Heart of the Sea: the

tragedy of the whaleship Essex, by Nathaniel Philbrick



August Discussion Mozart's Starling, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt

Don't Bug Me: Natural Insect **Protection for Yards**

Ages 18 and up New! Monday, June 17 (Rain date: Tuesday, June 18) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Rosewood Park

Registration deadline: Thursday, June 13

Summer can mean mosquitos, grubs, beetles and more invading your yard! We will provide you with tips and techniques to allow you to have a more peaceful landscape — without chemicals that can damage our health and environment. (AD)

New!

Hike and Sketch

Ages 16 and up Saturday, June 22

475 Roselake Dr.

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd. Fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Join local artist Andrew Dailey for an outdoor drawing session. Get inspired while casually hiking through Bill Yeck Park. Participants will make a few stops along the way to draw the beautiful surroundings. Basic drawing materials available for use or bring your own preferred drawing supplies. (AP)

Intro to Creating a Backyard **Pollinator Garden**

Ages 18 and up Saturday, June 29 (Rain date: Sunday, June 30) 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Black Oak Park 1552 Ambridge Road

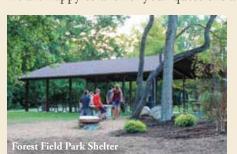
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 26

A pollinator garden can be beautiful as well as useful. Many pollinator species have suffered serious declines in recent years. Unfortunately, most of our landscapes offer little in the way of appropriate habitat, forage and housing. Late summer and early fall is when you can really help the pollinators keep going. Learn varieties of plants and flowers you can add to your garden now to attract pollinators! (AD)



Shelter Reservations

Perfect for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and more, large group shelters are available in eight CWPD parks. New this year, shelter reservations may be made online! You may also reserve a shelter in person during office hours. We are unable to take shelter reservations via phone at this time, but we are happy to answer your questions at 937-433-5155.



Visit www.cwpd.org/parks/reserving**group-shelters/** for more information about each shelter, the reservation fees and to make your online reservation!

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



Summer Nature Photography

New!

Ages 14 and up Fee/session: \$48 residents, \$68 nonresidents

Session A

Saturday, June 15 (Rain date: Saturday, June 22)

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Bill Yeck Park, Smith House 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 9

Session B

Thursday, June 20 (Rain date: Friday, June 21)

9:00 a.m. - noon Activity Center Park, Headquarters 221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 12

Learn the art and craft of nature photography with professional photographer Jim Crotty. Session includes field and classroom instruction on the basics of exposure, composition and learning to use camera settings to best serve your creative vision.

Jim will lead the group along beautiful trails, including both meadow and woods. He will guide students to capture their photographic discoveries through effective use of lighting and element arrangement within the camera frame. Time will be devoted to editing tips and managing digital images. (AD)

Session A and Session B have the same content. Sign up for the session that fits your schedule!

Please bring an entry level DSLR (changeable lenses optional but recommended) or a point and shoot camera with manual exposure capabilities.

Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.

Exploring Nature and Landscape Photography

Ages 18 and up Saturday, July 13

(Rain date: Sunday, July 14) 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 3

Bring out your love of nature and creative vision with nature and landscape photographs that stand out from snapshots. Professional photographer Jim Crotty will guide you through field instruction along woodland paths and flowering meadows. He will provide classroom instruction on how to best edit and manage your digital photographs. The emphasis will be on learning how to make your camera work for you through basic understanding of camera settings, light, exposure and composition. How to "see" the resulting photograph while setting up for capture of the image will be stressed. Subjects range from wide landscapes to small often overlooked details of nature. (AD)

Participants should bring a nut-free lunch that does not require refrigeration.

Please bring an entry level DSLR (changeable lenses optional but recommended) or a point and shoot camera with manual exposure capabilities.

Nature and Landscape Photography in Woodlands and Meadows

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 16 - 25 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 9

Similar in content and format to the full-day workshop, with shorter class sessions. Professional photographer Jim Crotty will guide you through field instruction along the woodland paths and flowering meadows. He will provide classroom instruction on how to best edit and manage your digital photographs. The emphasis will be on learning how to make your camera work for you through basic understanding of camera settings, light, exposure and composition. How to "see" the resulting photograph while setting up for capture of the image will be stressed. Subjects range from wide landscapes to small often overlooked details of nature. Each class builds upon the previous, culminating in a final image sharing and critique. (AD)

Please bring an entry level DSLR (changeable lenses optional but recommended) or a point and shoot camera with manual exposure capabilities.



Getting Out & Enjoying Nature! (GOEN)

Ages 18 and up 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 27

Oak Creek South Park (meet at shelter) 790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Thursday, July 25

The Enrichment Center at Rec West 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Thursday, August 22

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

We are GOEN! Tour our local nature spots with the Park District and the Washington Township Recreation Center. The naturalist will address seasonal happenings on this slow-paced walk. All three walks are on a paved trail. You may register through the Park District or the Enrichment Center. (KL)



Chat With a Naturalist: This Otter Be Fun!

Ages 18 and up

Monday, July 15

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The Enrichment Center at Rec West 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Enjoy this blast from the past as we discuss river otters of Ohio and observe some of their behaviors.

Registration is not required. (KL)



Leave No Trace Workshops

Ages 12 and up

Two-hour Workshop

Saturday, July 20 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Fee: \$20 residents, \$24 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Tuesday, July 16

Three-hour Workshop and Meal Saturday, July 27

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Fee: \$30 residents, \$36 nonresidents **Registration deadline:** Tuesday, July 23

Leave No Trace is an organization advocating outdoor ethics and conservation. Knowing the principles of Leave No Trace is essential when backpacking, hiking, kayaking, fishing, biking and more!

During this course, we will learn the seven principles of Leave No Trace with hands-on activities:

- 1. Plan ahead and prepare
- 2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- 3. Dispose of waste properly
- 4. Leave what you find
- 5. Minimize campfire impacts
- 6. Respect wildlife
- 7. Be considerate of other visitors

We will learn how to dig proper cat holes for waste, how to clean up your backcountry meals, how to hang a bear bag, how to make a Leave No Trace fire when fire rings are not present and more!

The three-hour workshop also includes a crash course in backcountry cooking, a backcountry meal and proper backcountry meal clean up procedures. (AD)



Ages 14 and up

Thursday, August 1

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Take a stroll through Bill Yeck Park observing seasonal flora and fauna with a Park District Naturalist. Hike takes place on a natural path. (KL)



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

ADULT WELLNESS

Tai Chi for Wellness

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.

Beginner Tai Chi

Ages 18 and up

Saturdays, June 1 – August 10

(no class June 15)

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$48 residents, \$64 nonresidents

An introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Kung) principles and form through Tai Chi Easy™ to make Tai Chi accessible and fun for everyone. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor. (JH)

Intermediate Tai Chi

Ages 18 and up

Mondays, June 3 – August 12

(no class June 17)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$48 residents, \$64 nonresidents

Continuing to develop Tai Chi and Qigong principles moving from Tai Chi Easy™ into Dr. Roger Jahnke's Integral Tai Chi form. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor. (JH)



Model healthy behavior from the very beginning!

Strollers in Motion Summer/Fall Pass

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K **Fee:** \$28 residents, \$36 nonresidents

You can purchase a Strollers in Motion punch pass to use for four classes. The pass is good for classes held June through November 2019 at any Centerville Strollers in Motion class. If you cannot make it to an entire five-week session, this may be the solution for you! (JH)

Strollers in Motion

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

Schoolhouse Park 1875 Nutt Rd.

Fee/session: \$24 residents, \$32

nonresidents

Session A

Mondays, June 3 – July 1

Session B

Mondays, July 15 - August 12

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.

The week after each session ends will be used for rain out make-up days. (JH)

Cancellations will be posted on the Strollers in Motion Facebook page.

Strollers in Motion Boot Camp

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

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/session: \$24 residents, \$32

nonresidents

Session A

Saturdays, June 8 - July 6

Session B

Saturdays, July 20 – August 17 (August 3 class moved to Iron Horse Park)

This boot camp version of Strollers in Motion will incorporate circuit training and station exercises. You will be able to move at your own pace and comfort level. We give modifications for every fitness level. Strollers in Motion Boot Camp 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 Boot Camp is led by Strollercize® certified instructor, Caitlin Elliott.

The week after each session ends will be used for rain out make-up days. (JH)

Cancellations will be posted on the Strollers in Motion Facebook page.

Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays and Fridays, June 4 – August 30 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Session B

Thursdays, June 6 – August 29 (no walk July 4) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Get outdoors, enjoy sunshine and fresh air while meeting other walking enthusiasts. These are self-guided walks around your community parks! Walking helps maintain a healthy weight, increases energy, lifts your spirits, strengthens memory and protects from heart disease and high blood pressure. Enjoy reduced stress, improved quality of sleep and the many benefits from an improved quality of life. It will be A Walk in the Park!

Staff will join the walks from time to time.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime! (JH)

Date	Park
June 4/6/7	Holes Creek*
June 11/13/14	Robert F. Mays
June 18/20/21	Oak Grove
June 25/27/28	Schoolhouse
July 2/5	Forest Field
July 9/11/12	Iron Horse
July 16/18/19	Yankee
July 23/25/26	Oak Creek South
July 30/August 1/2	Holes Creek*
August 6/8/9	Robert F. Mays
August 13/15/16	Oak Grove
August 20/22/23	Schoolhouse
August 27/29/30	Forest Field

^{*}Overflow parking at The Gathering Church at 8911 Yankee Street.

Trail Trekking

Ages 18 and up Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, June 4 – August 27 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Thursdays, June 6 – August 29

(no walk July 4)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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

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

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime if spots are still available! (JH)

Date	Park
June 4/6	Forest Field
June 11/13	Iron Horse
June 18/20	Yankee
June 25/27	Oak Creek South
July 2	Holes Creek*
July 9/11	Robert F. Mays
July 16/18	Oak Grove
July 23/25	Schoolhouse
July 30/August 1	Forest Field
August 6/8	Iron Horse
August 13/15	Yankee
August 20/22	Oak Creek South
August 27/29	Holes Creek*

*Overflow parking at The Gathering Church at 8911 Yankee Street.



Technology compared indoor and outdoor training and found that people who exercise outdoors have better energy levels, decreased tension, confusion, anger and stress than subjects who only work out indoors!







Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up **Wednesdays, June 5 – August 28** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Designed to get your heart rate up and get you moving! 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 your parks better. All hikes are on natural trails. Please wear appropriate shoes for trails that may be muddy.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime! (JH)

Date	Park
June 5	Bill Yeck, Smith House
June 12	Grant, Watts
June 19	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
June 26	Forest Field
July 3	Grant, Normandy
July 10	Bill Yeck, McGuffey Meadow
July 17	Forest Field
July 24	Grant, Normandy
July 31	Bill Yeck, Smith House
August 7	Grant, Watts
August 14	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
August 21	Forest Field
August 28	Grant, Normandy

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up **Wednesdays, June 5 – August 28** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Up and Running will provide a trail leader as you enjoy running natural trails. This running group is for experienced runners and includes meadows, trails and hills. Meet at the Normandy Entrance (501 Normandy Ridge Rd.) of Grant Park and the Smith Entrance (2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.) of Bill Yeck Park.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime! (JH)

Date	Park
June 5	Bill Yeck
June 12	Grant
June 19	Bill Yeck
June 26	Grant
July 3	Bill Yeck
July 10	Grant
July 17	Bill Yeck
July 24	Grant
July 31	Bill Yeck
August 7	Grant
August 14	Bill Yeck
August 21	Grant
August 28	Bill Yeck

Cancellations will be posted on Up and Running Facebook and Twitter.

Fit Fusion

Ages 18 and up Oak Grove Park, Gebhart Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, June 5 – July 31

(no class July 10) 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, June 7 – August 2

(no class July 12) 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Fit Fusion incorporates cardio, circuit training, resistance training, pilates and compound exercises. Each class will vary in the types of exercises and will help you build speed, power, strength and endurance. We will target different muscle groups using different methods of training, allowing you to experience a jump start in fat loss and muscle definition. Modifications provided. No guts, no glory! Taught by Emily Chandler, a certified group fitness instructor. Please bring a light set of weights, and a towel or yoga mat. (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, June 8 – July 13 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session B

Saturdays, June 8 – July 13 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Session C

Saturdays, July 20 – August 24 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session D

Saturdays, July 20 – August 24 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Method Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Class will be held on the deck overlooking the meadow with the option to move indoors for inclement weather. (JH)

Neighborhood Yoga

Ages 18 and up 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Newl

Gentle Yoga

Thursday, June 13

Green Park

6661 Green Park Dr.

Vinyasa Flow

Thursday, July 11
Pelbrook Park

7566 Cloverbrook Park Dr.

Breathwork + Meditation

Thursday, August 8

Willowbrook Park 10225 Park Edge Dr.

Now exploring various yoga styles is as easy as walking down to your neighborhood park. Gentle yoga, vinyasa flow, and breathwork + meditation classes will be offered in a soothing neighborhood park setting. Each class is suitable for all levels. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Classes are weather dependent. (JH)

Firefly Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, June 18

8:45 – 10:00 p.m.

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

New!

Enjoy a relaxing night of yoga while we watch the park sparkle! Learn about bioluminescence of the firefly before practicing breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and ending with relaxation surrounded by the glittering forest. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (JH/KL)

Bike Centerville Community Rides New!

Ages 18 and up

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The ride will be led by trained and experienced bike leaders and will help you learn routes to shopping, parks and more! Rides will be an easy-paced 10 to 15 miles that start and end at a park. Sign up for as many rides as you can and get cycling this summer! (KM)

Date	Time	Park
Sunday, June 9	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Robert F. Mays
Monday, June 10	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Robert F. Mays
Sunday, June 23	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Schoolhouse
Monday, June 24	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Schoolhouse
Sunday, July 7	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Forest Field
Monday, July 8	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Forest Field
Sunday, July 14	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Iron Horse
Monday, July 15	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Iron Horse
Sunday, July 21	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Yankee
Monday, July 22	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Yankee
Sunday, August 4	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Activity Center
Monday, August 5	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Activity Center
Sunday, August 11	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Oak Creek South
Monday, August 12	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Oak Creek South



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

Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up

July 7 – September 12

6:00 p.m.

Various locations

Fee: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 23

Join a Park District tennis league and play tennis in the parks this summer! 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. (JH)

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



Zumba Wake-up Workout

Ages 18 and up 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, July 16 – August 27

Session B

Thursdays, July 18 – August 29

Are you ready to jumpstart your morning? There is no better way than Wake-up Workout to boost your energy and help you blast fat throughout the day. You'll join certified Zumba instructor Janet Hartsock for an hourlong mix of Zumba cardio along with a full body muscle strengthening and toning workout. This class is designed for everyone at any fitness level. Please bring water, towel and an exercise mat ... and get ready to have a lot of fun and burn plenty of calories! (JH)

Zumba

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, July 16 – August 27

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

This class is a perfect fit for everybody at any fitness level. We take the "work" out of workout by combining great music with low and high intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party. Zumba has all the elements of a great fitness class — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, along with boosting your energy level. Each class is designed to bring people together to have fun and get their sweat on. Taught by Janet Hartsock, certified Zumba instructor. Please bring water and a towel. (JH)

Country Heat

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, July 16 - August 27

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Park, Gebhart Shelter 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

New!

A high energy, low impact danceinspired program that fires up the fun! You won't even feel like you're working out. We use fun, simple steps to get you moving, kick start your metabolism, and burn plenty of calories while you have a great time dancing to your favorite country songs in the fresh air. Please bring a towel and water. (JH)

**Some oldfashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."

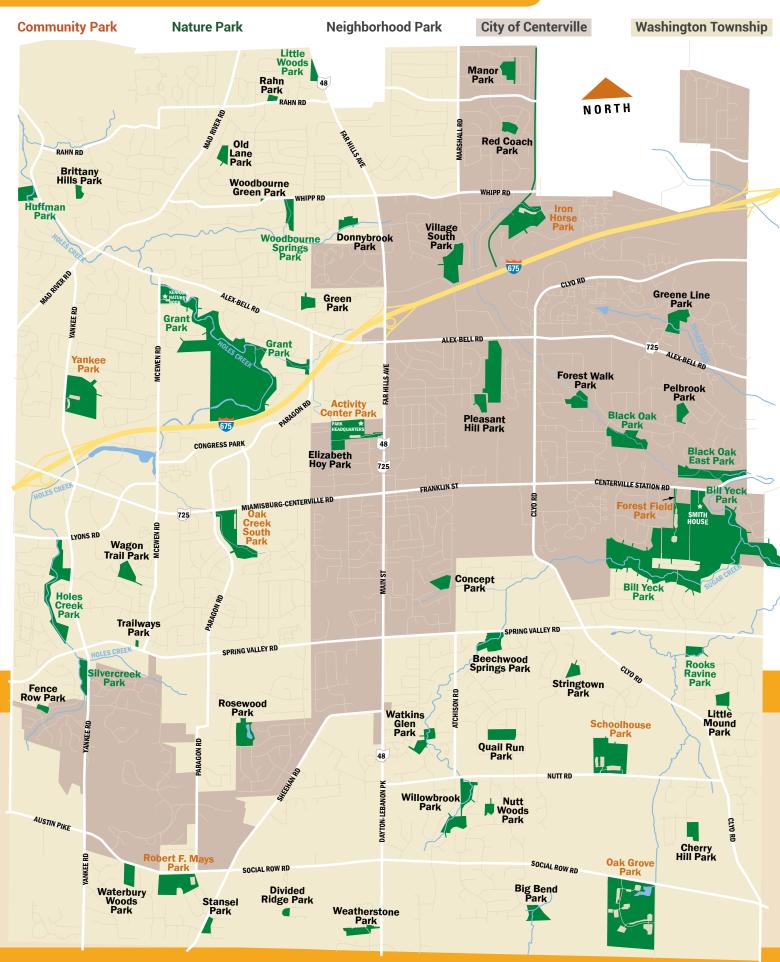
~Laura Ingalls Wilder



Looking for more fitness classes? Check the schedule at the Washington Township Recreation Center! They offer both registered and drop-in classes.

https://www.washingtontwp.org/ recreation/fitness

Registration closes 48 hours prior to program unless otherwise indicated.



HOW TO REGISTER



Online (first day of registration is online only)

Visit https://cwpd.recdesk.com to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on May 13. Centerville and Washington Township residents, please list Dayton as the city in your address or the site will not recognize you as a resident.

This website can be used for free programs and for fee-based programs with a debit or credit card.

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.

Access to All

Please contact us in advance if you require any special accommodations to participate in our programs.

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, May 13** at 10:00 a.m.

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

*Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT

The Centerville-Washington Park District Park Board invites all residents to ...

Explore Your Community's BIG Backyard!

It was a good year for your Centerville/Washington Township parks! The pinnacle may have been the recognition by the National Recreation and Park Association as one of the four best park agencies in the nation in our population category (30,001 to 75,000).

But, much more important than the award, was the increase and improvement of services for residents. Enjoy reading this brief report. If you would like more details, just call or write. As always, the Park Board is eager to hear from you and to find ways to do more and better for you.



Per the District's strategic plan, multiple improvements are to be added annually to neighborhood parks. 2018 was no exception. Here are some of the new amenities and upgrades to your parks this year:

- Paved paths added to **Cherry Hill**, **Green**, **Greene Line** and **Wagon Trail Parks** leading from sidewalks to playgrounds to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers, wagons, bikes, etc. One in each "quadrant" of the District!
- Gazebo installed at the Holes Creek Park trailhead.
- Tree carvings in Black Oak, Forest Walk, Grant and Village South Parks.
- Additional playground features at Brittany Hills, Green and Old Lane Parks.
- ADA automatic door and green parking lot added to the Kennard Nature Nook at Grant Park.
- Updated play features at the Mark Kruesch Nature Playce at Grant Park.
- New **Forest Field Park** playground with accessible play surface and adjacent nature play area.
- Picnic area added to the Schoolhouse Park football field with matching funds from Centerville Wee Elk Football and Cheer.
- New Little Free Library at Yankee Park in partnership with the Friends of the Washington-Centerville Public Library, the Penbrooke Garden Club and the Wright State University MBA project management class. This is the fourth Little

Free Library in the district!

 Children from the west side of Watkins Glen Park can now get to the playground thanks to a new footbridge.

We are serious about stretching your tax dollars! We sought and received these grant awards in 2018:

Centerville-Washington Foundation (\$1,000)

Ohio Department of Transportation MetroParks Fund (\$70,000) Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation (\$558,000)











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2018 BY THE NUMBERS				
96%	program satisfaction			
97,000	website hits			
9,150	social media followers			
7,000	athletic events on maintained fields			
2,279	hours volunteered to CWPD			
504	programs offered			
200+	trees planted			
50+	acres of invasive species controlled			
35+	new programs			
30+	acres of pollinator habitat created			
16	free special events			
7	public input meetings			

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity:

- Centerville Noon Optimist Club
- Penbrooke Garden Club
- The Militello Family
- Harry K. Oxrider III
- The Schierloh Family
- United Way of Dayton

Additional donations were made in honor of:

- · Doug Barchek
- Adam Bellnoski
- David Brown
- Jane Dawson
- Ezra Hartke
- Jaimee Maier-Francis
- Ruth Meyers
- Inez Noble
- John & Delores Siefker

Every donation makes a difference! Each will help provide fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences for generations to come.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

We are proud to have won a first place Ohio Parks and Recreation Association award in "programs for special populations" for last year's Adapted Action Day. The event, for individuals with special needs and their families, demonstrated that recreational activities are for everyone by giving families the opportunity to try fishing, archery, kickball, biking and crafts – all adapted for inclusivity. Look for Adapted Action Day to return to Oak Grove Park this summer!

More children enjoyed day camps, special events and environmental programs. Many new programs were possible by partnering with the Centerville City Schools, the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Washington Township Recreation Center. In all, we had 15,000 program participants in 2018! We switched to a new registration software in 2018 to improve your program registration experience.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE PARKS BETTER

Your 50 parks are as good as they are because our residents and friends volunteer enough hours to equal one full-time park worker! This year, volunteers led nature hikes, taught hundreds of Centerville City School students, mulched trees, painted tables, pulled garlic mustard and much more! Thank you for donating your time to better your community!

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH RESIDENTS

All of the successes, parks, services and activities that residents enjoy stem from the Park Board actively listening to what you want.

- 300 people gave input and opinions about upcoming improvements to Bill Yeck Park.
- 40 neighbors of Pelbrook Park and Willowbrook Park helped to steer the future of the district's neighborhood parks.
- 405 youth sports parents rated athletic fields.
- Neighbors worked to initiate the conversion of the Hithergreen site to a park, and advocated for the State grant.
- More people than ever are keeping current with CWPD news by following the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts!

Please keep sharing your ideas, suggestions, and even complaints with us. All communication is valuable, and the more we hear from you, the better. We want to hear what is important to the community, so we can better serve you!

We will continue to strive to meet your outdoor recreation needs.



David R. Lee Vice President



Dan H. Monahan Secretary



Lucy M. Sánchez President





SUMMER EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

JUNE		page #	JULY		
Sat, June 1	Hike and Play	13	Mon, July 1	Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt begins	12
Sat, June 1	Intro to Fens	18	Tues, July 2	Kids Night Out: Party in the USA!	11
Thurs, June 6	Slackline 101	17	Wed, July 3	Patriotic Chalk Party!	16
Thurs, June 6	Slackline & S'mores	12	Thurs, July 4	Americana Festival	8
Fri, June 7	YoGlow	8	Sat, July 13	Exploring Nature and Landscape	21
Sat, June 8	National Get Outdoors Day Celebration	14	C., I., 1.2	Photography	16
Wed, June 12	Youth Pickleball Clinic	11	Sat, July 13	An Introduction to Falconry	16
Thurs, June 13	Family Garden Day: Plant a Patio Garden	17	Sat, July 13	Teen Tree ID & Scavenger Hunt	12
Fri, June 14	Intergenerational Series: Hike & Seek	10	Sat, July 13	Movie Party in the Park: Enchanted	9
Sat, June 15	Summer Nature Photography	21	Mon, July 15	Chat With a Naturalist	22
Mon, June 17	Crawdad Crossing	15	Mon, July 15	Dog Park Manners	19
Mon, June 17	Don't Bug Me: Natural Insect Protection	20	Sat, July 20	Leave No Trace Workshop	22
	for Yards	- :	Sat, July 20	Moonlight Friends & Family Hike	18
Tues, June 18	Current Events!	15	Sat, July 27	Leave No Trace Workshop	22
Tues, June 18	Firefly Yoga	26	Sat, July 27	Native Plants for Home Landscapes	18
Wed, June 19	Caring for Our Creeks	15	Sat, July 27	Bill Yeck Park at Night	15
Thurs, June 20	Summer Nature Photography	21			
Thurs, June 20	First Aid & Dangerous Plant ID for	19	AUGUST		
	Dog Owners		Thurs, August 1	Slackline 101	17
Thurs, June 20	The Hidden Gem	15	Thurs, August 1	Hike With a Naturalist	22
Fri, June 21	Family Camping	15	Thurs, August 1	Slackline & S'mores	12
Sat, June 22	Adapted Action Day	8	Sat, August 3	BIG Backyard Party	9
Sat, June 22	Hike and Sketch	20	Thurs, August 8	Play S'More	9
Wed, June 26	Teen Pickleball Clinic	12	Sat, August 10	Shooting Stars Campout	16
Fri, June 28	Schoolhouse Safari	8	Sat, August 17	Lookin' Under Logs	16
Fri, June 28	Nature's Fireworks	15	Wed, August 21	Pollinators, Bees and Beyond	18
Sat, June 29	Dogercise: Exercise With Your Dog	19	Fri, August 23	Not Quite Camping	15
Sat, June 29	Intro to Creating a Backyard Pollinator Garden	20	Sat, August 24	Movie Party in the Park: Smallfoot	9