

JUNE – AUGUST 2021

Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **NEWS & EVENTS**

Summer program
registration
begins online
Monday, May 10.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Iron Horse Park



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Dog Park Closures

www.cwpcd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpcd.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

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Centerville Recreational Soccer
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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



Last summer, much of what we had planned for the community fell to the wayside as we dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. We were able to

offer summer camps and youth sports, but most special events and programs had to be canceled. As I write this update, vaccines are getting out to the public in high numbers, and summer looks promising. What a summer we have planned to celebrate! We will hold six free special events, beginning in June with **YoGlow** for adults. We will close summer with a free movie night for the whole family!

This issue of *News & Events* is packed full of our tried and true traditional programs. Take-home kits have been a popular COVID-inspired program modification. As such, we will keep the kits going as long as they prove to be a hit. Browse the newsletter for more than 20 kit opportunities available this summer!

Also, take a look at our self-guided opportunities, including the popular **Summer Pop-Up Park Challenge** and the all new **51 Parks Challenge**. We hope you will take advantage of these experiences and explore the parks in your community's BIG backyard!

Lastly, our executive director, Arnie Biondo, is moving on to retirement and we wish him the best of everything. Arnie has spent over 45 years in a parks and recreation role, the last six as head of our park district. The word cloud to the right shows just a fraction of what has been accomplished under his leadership. Thanks to him, much has been done

DID YOU KNOW?

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

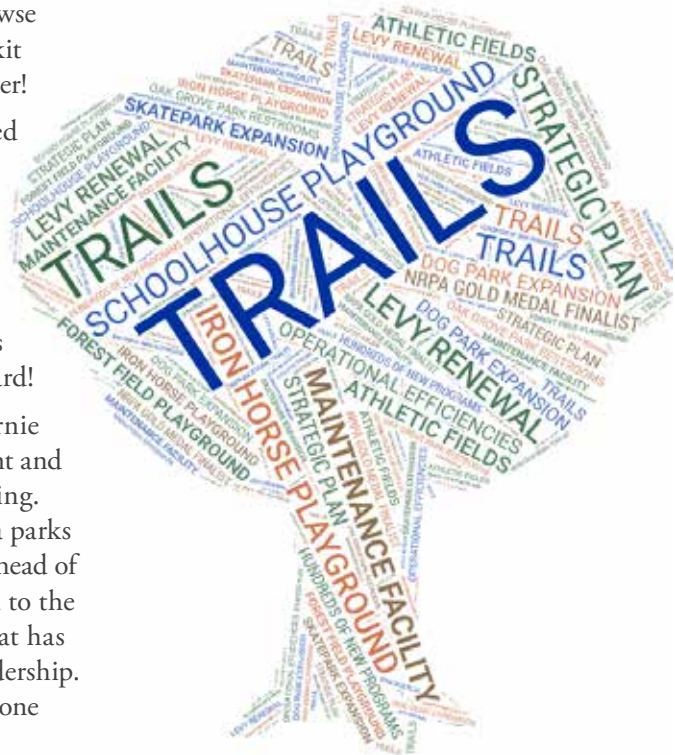
View the schedule at

www.cwpcd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

to enhance the strong community orientation of the Centerville-Washington Park District. More parks have been added to preserve greenspace. A focused effort has been made to meet the diverse needs of our community. Most importantly, he worked tirelessly to provide staff with the necessary skills for a smooth transition. So, we bid a fond adieu to you, Arnie, and we give a warm welcome to Kristen Marks in her new role as executive director!

Dan H. Monahan

Park Board Vice President



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New Executive Director

The Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Commissioners has announced Kristen M. Marks will lead the organization as the new executive director. She succeeds retiring executive director, Arnie Biondo. Biondo held the post since December 2014.

Ms. Marks has been with CWPDP since 2002. She started as the Park District's naturalist, was twice promoted, first to outdoor education coordinator, and then to programs manager. She transitioned to the executive director role on March 15.

Marks is a graduate of Michigan State University, continuing her education at Antioch University and Indiana University. She is the President of the Ohio Park and Recreation Association (OPRA), a member of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, and she recently completed the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Empower program.

Marks said, "I am truly honored and excited to serve our wonderful community in this new role. I look forward to leading the Park District's talented team of staff and volunteers in executing our mission to 'wow' park visitors, program participants and partners at every turn."

Under Marks' leadership, the Park District expanded program offerings to the community by 60% over five years. During the COVID-19 pandemic, her staff was able to modify existing programs and add many new programs to continue to serve a broad range of residents.

Retiring Director Biondo said, "Kristen is an excellent choice to lead the District. She is intelligent, thoughtful, responsive and collaborative. Residents will continue to see many park and recreation advancements under her watch."

Grant Park Master Plan

The Centerville-Washington Park District began work on the Grant Park master plan project in March 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, proposed community engagement sessions were modified to include an online survey and a virtual community meeting.

Based on collective input from the community and in collaboration with park staff, the master plan project team developed a number of recommendations. The recommendations reflect the passion of the community, the enthusiasm of the park staff and the vision of a park that will better serve the community today and in the coming years.

The master plan recommendations fall into four categories:

Provide a Quality Trail Network. Develop a balanced system of trails that offers a variety of experiences, provides inclusive opportunities to meet all skill levels, improves signage and wayfinding and reduces future maintenance and repair costs.

Enhance the Two Primary Park Entrances. Reimagine and enrich the Normandy Ridge Rd. and the Kennard Nature Nook entrances to create clearly identifiable and memorable arrival experiences that orient and draw visitors into the park and provide a sense of wonder and excitement for both new and existing park visitors.

Develop Quality Program Areas. These areas will improve upon existing programs and support program expansion focusing on nature-based recreation, education and wellness.

Advance Ecological Resiliency. In cooperation with other agencies and organizations, continue efforts to manage and stabilize streambank erosion, improve water quality, control invasive species, and improve habitats for flora, fauna and wildlife.

Master plan recommendations set the stage for future Grant Park improvements to enhance the visitor experience and provide a prioritized guide for short- and long-term capital improvement budgeting. As priorities change, the improvement projects may shift, but overall, the master plan provides a vision that will assist us in our decision-making process.

We will focus efforts on the master plan in a four-phased approach over the next five years. In 2021, we are concentrating efforts on improving trails, decommissioning rogue trails and tackling streambank erosion issues.

Visit www.cwpd.org/parks/grant/ to review the full master plan.

Parks Are Idle-Free Zones



Idling can produce more pollution per minute than driving! Studies link vehicle emissions to asthma symptoms, cardiopulmonary disease, lung cancer and other serious health problems. Children are more vulnerable to air pollution than adults. It's tempting to sit in an air-conditioned car when it's hot outside, but please keep this in mind when you are near children playing!

SUMMER CAMPS



Sugar Valley Day Camp Preschool Weeks

Ages 3 – 5

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/week: \$55 residents, \$85 nonresidents, \$27 before care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Sugar Valley Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring, playing games and making new friends. Campers should bring a filled water bottle. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine.

(AP)

July 26 – 30, Little Seedlings

Let's plant the seeds of wonder while learning all about plants! Learn how to find seeds that bloom into beautiful meadow flowers. Play games, create plant-based crafts and smile as new friendships bloom in the park.

August 2 – 6, Furry Friends

A week of camp where your teddy bear is welcome to tag along! We will learn all about mammal friends living in Bill Yeck Park. Make memories on picnics and hikes, and with games and crafts. You and your stuffed friend will enjoy a week of exploring with new friends!

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.



Sugar Valley Day Camp

Ages 6 – 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
*\$88 residents, \$136 nonresidents, \$22 before and after care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

**Fee prorated for Week 5: Adventure Awaits because there is no camp July 5.*

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

Sugar Valley Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring, playing games and making new friends. 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. (AP)

Week 1: June 7 – 11, Rapids and Raptors

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

Week 2: June 14 – 18, Bounding Around

Discover and explore the creatures of the park that jump all around us! What can we learn from these insects, animals and other vertically inclined creatures? Jump into summer with this fun camp!

Week 3: June 21 – 25, 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 4: June 28 – July 2, Grossology

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. This camp will separate old wives' tales as 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 5: July 6 – 9, Adventure Awaits

A week full of adventure, solving nature's most clever riddles, racing through the park to beat the clock on team challenges and mapping out new paths to explore!

Week 6: July 12 – 16, Prairie Olympics

As the world watches the top athletes of the world, we will re-create these athletic feats in Bill Yeck Park. We will also learn who is at the top of Ohio prairies and how the creatures all play together! An exciting week to learn and play with new friends at camp!

Week 7: July 19 – 23, Mammal Mania

Mammals far and wide will find this week's camp fur-tastic! We will search the park for native mammals and talk about mammals from across the globe with guest speakers and games.



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Monday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Ages 5 – 12 (preschool weeks are ages 3 – 12)

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

**Fee prorated for Week 5: Wild Weather because there is no camp July 5.*

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

Hidden Meadows Day Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring, playing games and making new friends. Campers should bring a filled water bottle every day. All-day campers need to bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. (AP)

Week 1: June 7 – 11, Nature Explorers

Explore Grant Park in a whole new way. Up the trails, through the woods and down the creek we go! Follow clues, games and other activities to get a feel for the park and summer fun.

Week 2: June 14 – 18, Mammal Mania

Mammals far and wide will find this week's camp fur-tastic! We will search the park for native mammals and talk about mammals from across the globe with guest speakers and games.

Week 3: June 21 – 25, Nature Sense

Preschool Week

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: June 28 – July 2, Community ROCKS

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

Week 5: July 6 – 9, Wild Weather

Weather is one of the first things we think about when we get ready in the morning. We also keep the weather in mind when planning our daily activities. Learn how to predict the weather using clouds and other natural signs. No matter where you are, weather is all around you!

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.

Date	AM	All Day
	9:00 a.m. – noon	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 7 – 11	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
June 14 – 18	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
June 21 – 25	Ages 3 – 5	Ages 5 – 12
June 28 – July 2	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
July 6 – 9	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
July 12 – 16	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
July 19 – 23	Ages 3 – 5	Ages 5 – 12
July 26 – 30	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12
August 2 – 6	Ages 5 – 12	Ages 5 – 12

Week 6: July 12 – 16, 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 19 – 23, Wonderful Water Fun

Preschool Week

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

Week 8: July 26 – 30, Woodland Olympics

As the world watches the top athletes of the world, we will re-create these athletic feats in Grant Park. We will also learn who is at the top of Ohio woodlands and how the creatures all play together!

Week 9: August 2 – 6, Winged Things

Not all winged things have feathers. Winged creatures are all around us — and we will explore them all! Observe them in the wild and see some up close. There is so much to learn about our flying friends!



Preschool Play Yard

Ages 4 – 5

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee/week: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

Week 1: Monday – Wednesday, June 7 – 9 **What's in the Sky?**

(Rain date: Thursday, June 10)

Registration deadline: Monday, May 31

Week 2: Monday – Wednesday, June 14 – 16 **Wiggly Water Creatures**

(Rain date: Thursday, June 17)

Registration deadline: Monday, June 7

Week 3: Monday – Wednesday, June 21 – 23 **A Little Dirt Never Hurt!**

(Rain date: Thursday, June 24)

Registration deadline: Monday, June 14

Week 4: Monday – Wednesday, June 28 – 30 **Nature is Neat!**

(Rain date: Thursday, July 1)

Registration deadline: Monday, June 21

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

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.

Recreation Day Camp

Ages 5 – 11

Week-long camps, June 7 – August 6

9:00 a.m. – noon

Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Dr. **OR**

Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee St.

Fee/week: \$45 residents, \$68 nonresidents

*\$36 residents, \$56 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

**Week 5 is prorated because there is no camp July 5.*

Recreation Day Camp (RDC) offers a variety of recreation activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, guest speakers and more! All RDC sites are led by trained recreation leaders. This fun program keeps children outdoors and active all week! (AD)

Inclement weather cancellations will be posted on www.cwpd.org. Opt-in for text alerts on your RecDesk account to receive weather cancellations via text message.

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.



**They don't know
they're making
memories,
they just know
THEY'RE
HAVING FUN!**

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Monday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

Summer's End Adventures

Ages 6 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, August 9 – 11
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday,
August 2

A mini-camp to celebrate the last bit of summer! Each day participants will go for an adventure in the park, searching for flowers, critters and more. In addition, participants will make nature-themed crafts and play a variety of games. Get your children outside to play before school starts! (AD)



Mystery of the Crawdads with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 14 – 18
9:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$70 residents, \$85 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 7

Calling all nature investigators! Weird things are happening at Grant Park. Crawdads are disappearing. There have been strange sightings in the park. CWPD staff thinks these things are linked, but we need your help to be sure. Join Emily from Stemily Studios to explore the park, collect clues and get to the bottom of this mystery! (AP)



Don't BUG Out! with Stemily Studios

Ages 7 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 28 – July 2
9:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$70 residents, \$85 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 21

Did you know that insects outnumber people almost 200 million to one? Bugs get a bad reputation, but they play a very important role in our world and society. Join Emily from Stemily Studios as we explore the world of bugs and discover just how valuable they are. (AP)

Nature ART and DIY Youth Camp

Ages 7 – 12

Monday – Friday, July 19 – 23
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$132 residents, \$149 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 12

Explore art and nature with AR Workshop of Centerville. Each day we will start with a project then go for a nature hike, play games and eat lunch. We will spend the afternoon creating more fun art pieces while appreciating the outdoors.

Campers will receive a canvas tote with all supplies they need for the week (project tools, tape measure, pencil, design notebook, color chart, handouts and scrap materials for practice). Throughout the week we will create 5 projects made from wood, yarn and an upcycled item. (AP)

Fairy & Gnome Garden Pottery Camp

New!

Ages 8 – 11

Monday – Wednesday, June 21 – 23
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
June 9

Children will paint their own whimsical pottery pieces in this three-day camp with Decoy Art Studio! Each day there will be one piece of pottery to paint. We will try different glazing applications on a fairy figurine, a bowl and a fairy/gnome house! Projects will be fired and ready for pick up from Park District headquarters approximately one week after the last day of camp. All pieces are food safe once fired. All materials are included. (AD)

Youth Archery Camp

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, August 9 – 13
10:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee: \$30 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday,
August 2

This introductory archery camp will teach the basics of competition-style archery. 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)



Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.

Adventure Camp

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$85 residents, \$130 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Adventure Camp A

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 7 – 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Camp B

Ages 10 – 12

Monday – Friday, June 21 – 25

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Camp C

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Friday, July 12 – 16

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Camp D

Ages 12 – 15

Monday – Friday, July 26 – 30

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Combine outdoor adventure and nature education in this week-long camp. Adventure Camp includes hiking, archery, games and challenges! Learn to track animals in the woods and build a campfire. Make lifelong friends during this summer experience. (KL)



Intro to Drawing Skills Camp

New!

Ages 11 – 14

Monday – Wednesday, July 19 – 21

10:00 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$72 residents, \$92 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 12

An immersive drawing camp with Decoy Art Studio! Campers will be free to explore different subjects like drawing in the landscape/nature as inspiration, cartooning and manga, as well as trying their hand at different mediums like charcoal, graphite, pen and ink, pastels and more. We will have fun (and sometimes silly) drawing prompts at the start of each day to get us in the mood to draw! All materials are provided,

students are welcome to bring their own sketchbooks. Every day has the possibility to get messy, so please be sure to dress accordingly. (AD)



COVID-19 PLANS FOR 2021 SUMMER CAMPS

Please review the following information before enrolling in a Centerville-Washington Park District summer camp. This information is subject to change based on the status of the pandemic this summer. You will receive more specific information the week prior to your child's scheduled camp. Thank you for helping us keep all campers and staff safe!

- Group sizes will be set to a maximum of 10 people, including instructors. This staff to camper ratio will lower the total number of available camp openings.
- Staff and campers must perform a daily symptom assessment before joining their camp group. Day camp providers must check the temperatures of all staff, children and adults upon arrival. If any individual has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, they will be sent home.
- Hand washing will take place upon arrival, throughout the day and upon leaving camp.
- Staff and campers must wear masks in the following situations:
 - Upon arrival and pick-up. Parents must wear masks during these times, as well.
 - During the pre-camp temperature check/health assessment.
 - When physical distancing is not possible.
- Campers should bring their own mask. Extra masks will be available if a camper's mask gets torn or dirty.
- For safety reasons, masks will not be worn during active games and activities.

Online resident camp registration begins
Monday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.

Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS



YoGlow

Ages 18 and up

Friday, June 4

(Rain date: Friday, June 11)

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)

National Get Outdoors Day Celebration

All ages

Saturday, June 12

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.



Kick off summer and 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! This is a Tools to Trek program.

S'mores will be provided at the bonfire beginning at 6 p.m. Families are welcome to bring a dinner option to cook over the fire as well. (AD/KL)

Adapted Action Day

All ages (*must be 8 and up for archery*)

Saturday, June 26

10:00 a.m. – noon

Oak Grove Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.



4 Paws for Ability, AIM for the Handicapped, Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association, Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, South Dayton TOP Soccer, Therapeutic Riding Institute, Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Washington Township RecPlex will all be hand for the 3rd 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, fishing, sidewalk chalk, adapted biking, an inclusion tent, lawn games and crafts! Kona Ice will be on-site for a cool treat. Everyone is welcome to play at this 2018 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association award-winning program! (AP)

Registration is not required.

Americana Festival Children's Area

All ages

Monday, July 5

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 and more.

For the most up-to-date information on this year's festival, visit www.americanafestival.org or the Americana Festival Facebook page. (AD)

Registration is not required.

BIG Backyard Party

All ages

Saturday, July 31

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Join the fun at the 5th 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, face painting, inflatables, live entertainment and food trucks.

This program is made possible by several on-going community partnerships. (AP)

Registration is not required.

Movie Party in the Park

All ages

Saturday, August 21

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. Bring your own or have the professionals from Godown's Fixins food truck cook for you. Then as the sun sets over the park, settle in to watch Moana under the stars.

Activities, popcorn and Kona Ice during the movie are sponsored by The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners. (AP)

Registration is requested.



kw COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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

Registration closes 48 hours prior to all
programs unless otherwise indicated.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 AND UNDER)



Early Adventures Hikes

Ages 0 – 4 years with adult companion

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

June Adventures

Tuesday, June 1

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Big Bend Park

1328 Spring Ash Dr.

(natural path)

July Adventures

Tuesday, July 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Forest Walk Park

1193 Deer Run Rd.

(natural path)

August Adventures

Tuesday, August 3

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Willowbrook Park

10225 Park Edge Dr.

(natural path)

These exploratory hikes foster curiosity and confidence in young children. Groups will be broken up to meet the current gathering guidelines and are led by Park District staff and volunteers.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. Strollers are not recommended at parks with natural terrain. (KL)

RecKits

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

We prepare the activities and gather the materials and you just pick up and create! Pick up information will be emailed after the registration deadline. (AS)

A Day with Dad! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Monday, June 7

Registration deadline: Monday, May 31

Father's Day is right around the corner! This RecKit will contain crafts you can give to Dad or Grandpa. It will also include a fun activity you can complete together!

Tools to Explore Your BIG Backyard! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Friday, June 18

Registration deadline: Friday, June 11

Summer is a great time to get outside! This kit contains activities and crafts based around the great outdoors. We will use natural materials as tools to make the crafts, and will include activities to help you explore your community's BIG backyard!

4th of July Fun! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Friday, June 25

Registration deadline: Monday, June 21

Have some fun at home with this 4th of July themed RecKit! It will contain fun crafts and activities that are perfect for Independence Day celebrations!

Science Extravaganza! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Friday, July 9

Registration deadline: Friday, July 2

There are so many ways science is involved in arts and crafts. We will explain the science behind these awesome art projects! We will explore aspects of chemistry, physics and biology in creating our art projects. As a bonus, there will be a simple STEM activity and video link featuring science experiments!

Outdoor Art! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Friday, July 19

Registration deadline: Friday, July 9

Let's take arts and crafts outside! This kit will contain art projects that are nature-inspired and a few crafts that could get a little messy. There is no right or wrong way to complete these crafts, as long as you have fun!

Mystery Design Challenges Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 7

Monday, August 9

Registration deadline: Monday, August 2

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Science Extravaganza—Encore! Jr.

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

Monday, August 16

Registration deadline: Friday, August 6

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

Intergenerational Series: Hike & Seek

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s)

Friday, June 11

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

*Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.*

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 7

Check out the Pleasant Hill Park expansion during this summer favorite! Enjoy 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 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.



Grandparent's Day Kit

Recommended for ages 3 – 8

Monday, August 30

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

Registration deadline: Friday, August 20

Grandparent's Day is on Sunday, September 12! This kit will contain several fun crafts and cards that double as gifts for the grandparents in your life! (AS)

Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 4 – 17)

Summer Scavenger Hunts

Recommended for ages 4 – 8

Friday, July 2

Fee: \$3 residents, \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 25

Scavenger hunts are a fun way to explore the parks in your community's BIG backyard! This take-home kit will contain several scavenger hunts that can be completed throughout the rest of summer at your parks! We will suggest which parks would be best for completing each scavenger hunt. In addition, a few of the scavenger hunts will include activities that can be completed when you finish! (AS)

New!

Kids Night Out: Party in the USA!

Ages 4 – 8

Saturday, July 3

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee: \$6 residents, \$9 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 30

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)



All Around the Garden: To Go!

Recommended for ages 5 – 9

**Thursdays, June 10, July 8 &
August 12**

Fee: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 26

With this take-home kit, children will learn all about the plants, animals and habitats in their gardens, backyards and parks! There will be one kit per month focusing on a different topic. Each month's kit will feature a nature-inspired craft project as well as an outdoor activity!

The Monday following each kit pick-up week (June 14, July 12 and August 16), participants are welcome to join us from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Yeck Park Smith House to complete nature scavenger hunts together as a family hike! We will spread out in small groups to abide by gathering and social distancing requirements. (AD)

Nature Design Challenges: DIY!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Tuesdays, June 1, July 6 & August 3

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, May 25

All engineers on deck! These kits are a fun-filled afternoon of science and engineering using materials from nature. Participants will plan, build and test their designs for a surprise STEM challenge included in the kit! There will be one kit per month featuring a new challenge.

The Friday of each kit pick-up week (June 4, July 9 and August 6), participants are welcome to bring kits to the Activity Center Park shelter from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. for Build at the Park dates. Construct your kit as a family! We will spread out in small groups to abide by gathering and social distancing requirements. We will also have additional materials available! (AD)

Tennis Instruction

Ages 6 – 13

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 7 – July 21

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 28

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
6 – 10 years	Beginner	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
6 – 10 years	Advanced Beginner	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
9 – 13 years	Beginner	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
9 – 13 years	Advanced Beginner	11:00 a.m. – noon
9 – 13 years	Intermediate	Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Inclement weather information: Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, we cannot guarantee the completion of all scheduled classes. An additional week has been scheduled at no added cost in lieu of make-up classes. Please check www.cwpd.org for cancellations due to rain or wet courts.

Nest Weaving

Ages 8 – 12

Thursday, August 12

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Bird nests are a remarkable natural artifact. Have you ever wondered how birds make them? This crafty and educational program will let you make your very own decorative bird nest! Learn to weave materials and hand-paint wooden eggs based off of real bird egg patterns. You'll take your creation home at the end of the evening! (AP)



Shoe Painting

Ages 8 – 14

Thursday, June 10

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$14 residents, \$19 nonresidents

We will take a brief hike in the park to find our painting inspiration. Then, you'll design your very own pair of nature-themed shoes. All materials will be provided. (AP)



Equestrian Field Trip at TRI

Ages 8 – 15

Friday, July 9

10:00 a.m. – noon

Therapeutic Riding Institute

3960 Middle Run Rd., Spring Valley

Fee: \$20

Registration deadline: Friday, July 2



TRI is a Premiere Accredited Equine Assisted Activities organization that serves those with physical, cognitive and emotional challenges. We are partnering to offer Field Trip opportunities. Participants will spend time on the farm interacting with their special horses. Activities may include grooming and leading horses, playing games and more. (AP)

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to TRI. All participants must pre-register and have all forms for the Park District and TRI completed before arriving on site.

Nerf Battle Games

Ages 9 – 12

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

New!

Session A

Monday, June 21

Registration deadline: Monday, June 14

Session B

Monday, June 28

Registration deadline: Monday, June 21

It's an all-out battle on the field! Dodgeball and capture the flag style games will take place on the Schoolhouse game field. The field will be loaded with a variety of obstacles to dodge and duck! All Nerf foam darts will be provided, but participants must bring their own Nerf gun labeled with their name. (AD)

Don't just tell your children about the world ... show them!
~Mother Natured blog creator Penny Whitehouse

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

RecKits

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

We prepare the activities and gather the materials and you just pick up and create!
Pick up information will be emailed after the registration deadline. (AS)

A Day with Dad!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Monday, June 7

Registration deadline: Monday, May 31

Father's Day is right around the corner! This RecKit will contain crafts you can give to Dad or Grandpa. It will also include a fun activity you can complete together!

Tools to Explore Your BIG Backyard!

Recommended for ages 5 – 13

Friday, June 18

Registration deadline: Friday, June 11

Summer is a great time to get outside! This kit contains activities and crafts based around the great outdoors. We will use natural materials as tools to make the crafts, and will include activities to help you explore your community's BIG backyard!

4th of July Fun!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Friday, June 25

Registration deadline: Monday, June 21

Have some fun at home with this 4th of July themed RecKit! It will contain fun crafts and activities that are perfect for Independence Day celebrations!

Science Extravaganza!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Friday, July 9

Registration deadline: Friday, July 2

There are so many ways science is involved in arts and crafts. We will explain the science behind these awesome art projects! We will explore aspects of chemistry, physics and biology in creating our art projects. As a bonus, there will be a simple STEM activity and video link featuring science experiments!

Outdoor Art!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Friday, July 19

Registration deadline: Friday, July 9

Let's take arts and crafts outside! This kit will contain art projects that are nature-inspired and a few crafts that could get a little messy. There is no right or wrong way to complete these crafts, as long as you have fun!

Mystery Design Challenges

Recommended for ages 8 – 13

Monday, August 9

Registration deadline: Monday, August 2

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Science Extravaganza—Encore!

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

Monday, August 16

Registration deadline: Friday, August 6

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Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt

Ages 11 – 15

Thursday, July 1 – Saturday, July 31

Fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 28

The photo scavenger hunt is back with new and exciting challenges! 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 28 to receive instructions to start your adventure! Instructions will be emailed to participants on June 30. Each teen who completes the scavenger hunt by 4:30 p.m. on July 31 will receive a prize! (AD)

Teen Friday Fun Nights

Ages 12 – 15

Fridays, June 11 – August 6

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. We will have a few theme nights, such as water games and bonfire hangouts.

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

Teen Friday Fun Nights will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Please check cwpd.org for weather-related 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.

Make sure to "opt-in" for text alerts on your account to receive weather cancellations via text messages.



Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Writing in the Wild

Ages 12 – 16

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Session A

Tuesday, June 22

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Registration deadline: Friday, June 18

Session B

Tuesday, July 20

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

Registration deadline: Friday, July 16

Session C

Tuesday, August 24

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Registration deadline: Friday, August 20

This once-a-month freelance writing workshop will challenge writing skills. Implemented in the 'Power of the Pen' style, a surprise writing prompt will be presented in each session. Participants will take a hike as they contemplate the setting, characters and general outline. Upon returning, writers will be encouraged to draft a story, essay or poem based on the prompt. Opportunities to share will be offered for the group to encourage, critique and add their creative input. (AP)

New!

Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 17

Ecobrick Production

Friday, June 11

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*



Help recycle plastic bottles into Ecobricks! You will learn how to create Ecobricks out of water bottles and plastic wrap for an upcoming building project. You can continue to build Ecobricks through the summer on your own, turning them in for additional hours. (KL)

Stream Survey

Friday, July 9

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Assist with a water quality study! We will identify aquatic insects and test different aspects of the creek to get an idea of how the habitat is faring. This session will take place entirely outdoors. Close-toed shoes that can go in the creek required. (KL)

August Plant Catalog

Wednesday, August 11

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Donnybrook Park
6161 Donnybrook Dr.*

We are building a photo catalog of our fen plants! Learn about taking photos for identification. Additional hours may be earned by going out on your own to document flowers in bloom in the park. A camera/phone is required for the program. (KL)

Habitat Management Contest

Ages 12 – 17

Entries due Wednesday, June 30

Calling all conservationists! Do you have an incredible idea of how to support, protect or promote the livelihood of wildlife in your parks? Are you looking to get experience in the field of wildlife management? We want to hear your ideas and support your project!

Using a provided outline for guidance, you will submit your project proposal(s) to us. The individual whose proposal is determined to be the most feasible and impactful will receive financial support, guidance and volunteer/staff help to initiate the project in one of the parks! You will receive the outline when you register for the contest. (AP)

New!



EXPLORE the great outdoors!

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

The Centerville-Washington Park District Park Board invites all residents to ... **Explore Your Community's BIG Backyard!**

It was no ordinary year for any of us in 2020. Your Park District, like businesses, schools, cities and organizations, had to adapt, adjust, and invent as the coronavirus pandemic spread. However, the parks were some of the only places that people could recreate, relax and rejuvenate. CWPD could not just shut down. We had to find ways to enable and welcome residents to the great outdoors as a means of coping with the pandemic restrictions.

In this report, you will read about how the Park Board and staff did just that. Never before had parks been more important to a community. Therefore, your Park District mobilized to meet the community's greater need to enjoy parks.

By following State guidelines and with the help of Montgomery County Department of Public Health, the Park District was able to open playgrounds, the sprayground, sports fields, courts, day camps and more.

FINANCES

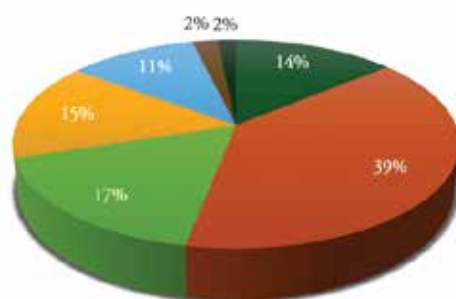
During the pandemic, CWPD closely watched expenditures. Fortunately for the community, a park district is not funded by State allocations. Those allocations were reduced for many schools and municipalities. CWPD was able to "live within its means" ending the year in the black.

Once again, CWPD received the highest rating from the State of Ohio Auditor. CWPD consistently shows accuracy and proper accounting controls of taxpayers' money.

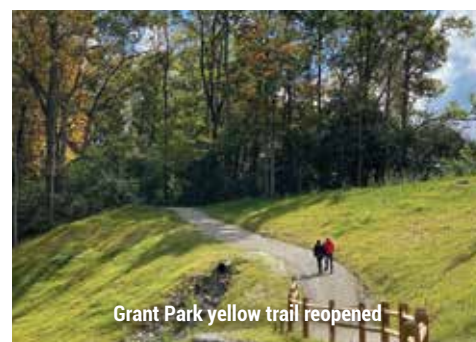
General fund receipts, not including advance repayments (temporary loans from the general fund to another fund) totaled \$5,479,617. General fund operating expenditures totaled \$3,857,152.

Capital improvements totaled \$785,973 and included: **Bill Yeck Park** master plan improvements, **Grant Park** bank restoration, park development at **Hithergreen**, headquarters building improvements, updated park entry signs, parking lot improvements, several scheduled neighborhood park updates and improvements and various ADA improvements throughout the district.

2020 EXPENDITURES



- PAYROLL
- PARK IMPROVEMENTS
- OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT
- BENEFITS
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, UTILITIES & FEES
- PROGRAMS
- OFFICE OPERATIONS



Grant Park yellow trail reopened



Hithergreen Park paved path



Hithergreen Park playground



Updated park signage

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

107,000	website hits
13,400	social media followers
1,215	hours volunteered to CWPDP
1,000+	self-guided program participants
600+	children at camps
200+	trees planted
63	take home RecKits
30	additional acres of pollinator habitat created

PLANNING

Despite the pandemic, CWPDP moved full speed ahead on planning for the future of parks and services. During 2020, the District completed the **Grant Park** Master Plan. Nearly 500 residents and park users gave their input via survey and virtual public meetings. Thanks to their input, the District now has a plan for comprehensive improvement to Grant Park trails, parking, creek crossing, habitat, scenery and more.

Simultaneously, Board and staff were completing the District-wide master plan. This plan gives direction for the next 10 years. It addresses everything from programs to park improvements; from the value of volunteers to methods of communication. It is extremely timely as term limits have the Park Board changing over all three commissioners in a three-year period. The plan ensures that the District stays on the course of responsiveness, quality and effectiveness.

PARKS

Because parks were so vital to residents in 2020, Park Operations staff quickly adjusted to keep the parks safe and clean and to provide an uninterrupted high level of service. For a while, the State guidelines shut down playgrounds, courts and shelters. However, as restrictions eased, your park staff was ready. During the pandemic, the parks welcomed the highest level of visitation ever.

Several projects were slated for 2020, and though some construction companies had to dial back, and some workers were unavailable, CWPDP was still able to complete some key park improvements: A few 2020 park improvements you may have enjoyed are listed:

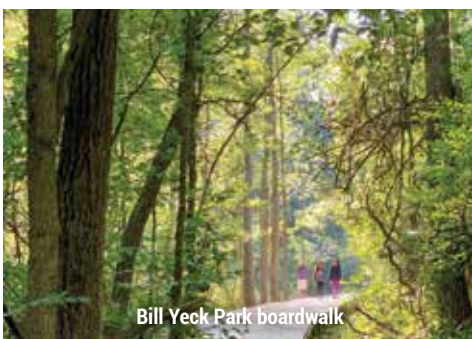
- The large and necessary erosion repair and prevention project on Holes Creek, along the **Grant Park** yellow trail, was completed by summer.
- New trailheads at the Rooks Mill and McGuffey Meadow entrances to **Bill Yeck Park**. Trails rerouted for improved navigation and safety. Creek crossings were rebuilt to be easier and safer while minimizing future erosion.
- 30 acres of parkland converted to native plant habitat.
- **Hithergreen Park** paved perimeter paths, picnic shelter and playground were installed.
- Accessible playground additions at **Concept**, **Grant's Trail**, **Hithergreen**, and **Little Mound Parks**. Accessible paths were added at **Cloverbrook**, **Hithergreen** and **Willowbrook Parks**.
- **Schoolhouse Park** playground was replaced, in part with a \$120,356 Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks grant.
- Picnic pads—with shade tree and pollinator garden— added at **Brittany Hills**, **Cherry Hill** and **Manor Parks**.
- 500-foot long boardwalk was installed on the **Bill Yeck Park** brown trail, extending use during all weather conditions.
- More than 200 trees were planted in parks.



Bill Yeck Park Rooks Mill entrance



Schoolhouse Park playground



Bill Yeck Park boardwalk

PROGRAMS

Many CWPDP programs and activities had to be canceled to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols. Sadly, special events and group programs were set aside. However, CWPDP program staff was not discouraged! They pivoted to create new programming models. Take a look at what they were able to provide with almost no advance notice:

- Over 600 day-campers enjoyed modified summer camps without a single case of COVID-19 infection.
- Offered more than 63 take-home RecKits with over 600 registrants.
- More than 1,000 residents participated in self guided programs, such as
 - Can you Find Grassman?
 - Where in the Parks is Owlexander?
 - Chalk Bingo
 - Halloween Hop & Howl
- Self-guided programming included a way for participants to send photos and provide feedback about their experience.

AWARDS



For the second time in three years, CWPDP was recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association as one of the four best park systems in the United States for our population category. CWPDP was awarded the Gold Medal Finalist designation for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

Forest Field Park won Best Park Design Award by the Great Lakes Parks Training Institute.

Ohio Park and Recreation Association named outgoing Director Arnie Biondo as Professional of the Year.

The newest addition to the district, **Hithergreen Park**, received a second-place Ohio Park and Recreation Association award in the capital improvements project category (up to \$1M).



Summer camps



Chalk it up RecKit



Where in the Parks is Owlexander?

The Centerville-Washington Park District's mission is to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors.



GLPTI Best Park Design Award

DONATIONS

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

- Centerville-Washington Foundation
- Papp Family
- Uhl Family Foundation
- United Way of Greater Dayton
- William and Dorothy Yeck Nature Fund

Additional donations were made in honor of:

- Daniel 'Danny' Allbery
- Warren & Mary Rose Back
- Barbara Battin
- James & Dorris Beale
- Natalie & Hannah Bigelow
- JP Boone
- Kevin Boone
- Joan Brickler
- Connie Chamberlain
- The Cone Family
- Carol Covey
- Bill DeVito
- Mr. and Mrs. McElligott
- Brian 'Monte' Edwards
- Tommy Flanders
- Chris Frost
- Girl Scout Troop 32284
- Sarah Grossman
- William Haffner
- Dan Hart
- The Hithergreen Community
- Chuck Irvin
- Zella Mae Johnson
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- Angela White
- Don Wildenhaus
- Neil Will
- David & Phyllis Yingling

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

PEOPLE AND PARTNERS

Big thanks to our Park District volunteer corps, who provided extra help to complete trail inspections at numerous parks.

Volunteer teams removed over **1,000 pounds** of invasive garlic mustard plants this year.

This past year, the District thanked David Lee for his nine years of service as a Park Commissioner. At the same meeting, the Board welcomed Alex Pearl to his first year as Commissioner, replacing Lee. Park Commissioners serve without compensation.

Many thanks to all the people and organizations that partnered with CWPD to deliver great services through 2020:

- Rachel Abshear – Lift Up & Laugh
- Bike Centerville
- Bogg Ministries
- Boonshoft Museum of Discovery – Pop-Up Park Challenges
- Clem & Thyme
- Rotary Club of Centerville – Pop-Up Pup Parks
- Christina Willis – Forest Therapy
- And, as with every year, Centerville City Schools, City of Centerville, Centerville-Washington History, Montgomery County, Washington-Centerville Public Library, Washington Township and the State of Ohio.

Please keep sharing your suggestions 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.



Dan H. Monahan
Vice President



Alex Pearl
Secretary



Lucy M. Sánchez
President

Questions? Contact us at mail@cwpd.org or 937-433-5155.

Elemental Art Sustainable Build Space

Ages 13 – 17

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/session: \$10 residents, \$15 nonresidents

New!

Gather by the fire in a relaxed, casual setting to create projects that channel the power of nature. In this sustainable build space, our focus will be on reducing our impact on the planet by repurposing materials into fun, useful items inspired by a classic element. We bring the materials and tools. You bring your creativity and ingenuity! A light snack and music will be provided. (KL)

Fire

Wednesday, June 16

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 9

Celebrate the coming summer solstice with projects that harness the power of the sun. Transform a discarded jar into a solar-powered lantern. Old fabric will be given new life using sun-sensitive chemicals and objects found in nature.

Earth

Wednesday, July 21

Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 14

Sow pygmy sunflowers in your one-of-a-kind planter made from salvaged containers. We'll concoct a healthy soil recipe to fill the planters. Add flair to your garden by creating a colorful mini sand or rock mandala.

Wind and Water

Wednesday, August 18

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 11

Tame the rain and wind. Rain chains are designed to artfully guide water to a collection bin or garden, reducing water use. Kinetic wind spinners move by capturing wind energy, adding whimsy to a special outdoor space. A variety of materials will be at your disposal to let your imagination soar.

Young Birders Club

Ages 12 – 17

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesday, June 1

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Session B

Tuesday, July 13

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Session C (Owling)

Tuesday, August 3

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Bird watching and identification is a fascinating subject. You will walk away with a greater knowledge of birds and their role in the ecosystem. Club activities are based on participant feedback, so you direct the focus of study. For every three meetings you attend, you will receive a bird-themed pin to add to your collection. A light snack is included. (PG)

Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Introduction to Watercolor

Ages 13 – 17

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesday, June 23

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

New!

Session B

Monday, June 28

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Add some interest to your Instagram posts! Join this 2-hour class to learn basic watercolor painting techniques: washes, wet-in-wet, blending and layering. Combine these effects with hand lettering and leave the class with a postable creation and a materials kit. Materials kit includes; paint palette, metal mixing tray, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #10 round brush, lettering pen and three sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible! (AP)

Junior Leadership Program

Ages 14 – 16

Monday – Friday, July 12 – 16

9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Friday

Fee: \$50 residents, \$63 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 6

Monday: Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
(Adventure Camp)

Tuesday: Yankee Park (Recreation Day Camp)

Wednesday: Grant Park, Normandy Entrance (Hidden Meadows Day Camp)

Thursday: Bill Yeck Park, Smith House (Sugar Valley Day Camp)

Friday: Activity Center Park, Headquarters (CPR/First Aid Training & pizza lunch)

Is your teen interested in being a camp counselor one day? Are they considering volunteering for a summer camp, but don't know which one? Could they use leadership skills to benefit them in future volunteer or employment opportunities? Then the Junior Leadership Program is for them!

In this week-long program, your teen will learn valuable leadership skills while visiting and learning to assist at a different CWPDP summer camp each day! They will discover how to plan activities for the camp day, learn new games that campers love, become CPR and First Aid certified and more. (AD)

First Aid and CPR certification is valid for two years.

The Search for the Golden Jackalope

Ages 14 – 17

Saturday, June 5

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/team: \$10 residents, \$12 nonresidents

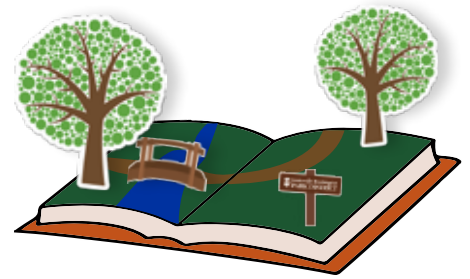
A treasure of golden jackalope statues has been buried in the park. We are launching an expedition to find them! Search teams will follow clues and GPS coordinates to track down one of the jackalopes. If your team is successful, you will be generously rewarded after the hunt with campfire snacks and a coupon for a free Bill's donut! Bonus prize for the first team in! After the hunt concludes, we will gather around the campfire for s'mores.

Teams should prepare for rugged terrain and creek crossings. A smartphone with a GPS mapping app (like Google Maps) is required for each team. Water bottles are encouraged! Form your team in advance and register using your chosen team name. Make sure all team members know your team name before registering! Teams must consist of three to five individuals.

Only one teammate needs to register to secure a spot in this challenge. Other teammates will be required to register once teams are locked in. A link will be emailed to the team captain to register the rest of the team. (PG)



FAMILY PROGRAMS



Summer **POP UP** Park Challenge

All ages

Begins Tuesday, June 1

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 page. Complete ten out of 15 posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 Centerville Nutrition Smoothie & Juice Bar gift card! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing — a \$100 gift card that can be used for camping, cabins, lodge rooms, golf courses and camp stores at any Ohio State Park!

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 **#itsaCWPDPsummer**.

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

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



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



Tools to Trek

Attend Tools to Trek programs to earn a free Trek Pack! Print your Tools to Trek tracking sheet on www.cwpd.org. Bring your tracking sheet to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full, turn it in to collect your prize!

Pop-Up Ology: Virtual or In-Person

All ages

Registration deadline for virtual option: Noon the day of the program

Thursday, June 3

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, June 19

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.*

Thursday, July 1

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.*

Saturday, July 24

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Hithergreen Park
5900 Hithergreen Dr.*

Thursday, August 5

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Robert F. Mays Park
10553 Paragon Rd.*

Saturday, August 21

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Feldmann Pond Shelter
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*



Pop into your parks and learn about different areas of study! Each day will offer a booth with a different theme. Drop-in any time during the designated hours and an instructor will have an activity or hike related to a field of study.

Preregistration is not required for the in-person program. This is a Tools to Trek program. A virtual version is also available! Register and receive the activity along with a short video about the topic! (KL)

Tool School with AR Workshop

Ages 7 and up with one adult companion

Saturday, June 12 & 19

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/pair: \$79 residents, \$95 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 9

Learn how to use basic tools in this two-part class, each child/adult pair will receive a fully loaded toolbox to use together! Complete several projects to learn how to use the tools included in the toolbox. The professionals from AR Workshop of Centerville will walk you through the process of making useful and fun décor for your home. (AP)



Nocturnal Nature Series

Fee: \$2 nonresidents

Family Firefly Hike

All ages

Thursday, June 17

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.



Stroll with a naturalist through the forest and watch it sparkle! We will learn about fireflies and issues surrounding their conservation while we hike. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Search for Screech Owls

Ages 8 and up

Friday, July 23

9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*



Join a naturalist as we silently search for resident screech owls that call the area home. Hike takes place on a natural path. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Night Singing Insects

All ages

Friday, August 27

8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*



August is when evening insects serenade our fields and forests. Put on your listening ears and join us as we walk among them. Hike takes place on a natural path. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Butterfly Surveys

Recommended for ages 8 and up
Saturdays, June 19, July 10 AND/OR August 7
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Grant Park
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.



Help contribute to citizen science by joining the naturalist on 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. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Self-Guided Nature Education Trails

All ages

New!

Pollinator Week Trail

Monday – Sunday, June 21 – 27

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

History of Wildlife Trail

Monday – Sunday, July 19 – 25

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance
(Brown Trail)
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Night Singing Insects Trail

Monday – Sunday, August 23 – 29

Bill Yeck, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.



Is your family up for a challenge? Complete all three of our self-guided trails for a chance to win a nature exploration gift basket. Just visit all the self-guided trails and read the signs! Then, scan the QR code on the last sign and take the trivia challenge. Each trivia quiz you submit gets you another entry (max of 3 entries per person). Registration is not required, however, registrants will receive email reminders when the trails are placed. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



Family Dodgeball Games

Recommended for ages 8+ and their families

Monday, July 12 AND/OR Monday, July 19

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Schoolhouse Park
1875 Nutt Rd.

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

Registration deadline: One week prior to the event

Family dodgeball on the big field! We will play different variations of dodgeball and enjoy fun and active family time! (AD)

51 Parks Challenge

All ages

Ends December 31, 2021

Did you know the Centerville-Washington Park District has 51 parks? The CWPD mascot, Owlexander, is taking a staycation this year and would love for you to check out all 51 parks with him! If you complete the challenge and log visits to all 51 parks, you will receive a “Picnic in the Park” prize pack which includes a CWPD picnic blanket, a CWPD kite and a My Favorite Muffin gift card!

Go at your own pace! You can complete the challenge quickly, or take your time. This challenge lasts until December 31, 2021!

CWPD staff will check for new registrations weekly, and instructions will be emailed to new participants the Monday following their registration.

For this challenge, you must print or pick-up an Owlexander mascot on paper and download a specific app to track your adventures. The link to download the app and the PDF of Owlexander will be included in the registration email!

One prize pack per household. (AD/GC)



Pollinator Week Celebration

All ages

Saturday, June 26

10:00 a.m. – noon

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



Our pollinator appreciation trail will have interactive stations for your family to enjoy. Learn the life histories of our local pollinators and how to protect them. This is a Tools to Trek Program. (KL)

Family Creek Hikes

All ages

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$2 nonresidents

Tuesday, June 29 OR

Wednesday, June 30

Grant Park
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Monday, July 19 OR Tuesday, July 20

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



Look for creatures, identify fossils and have a boat race! This is a Tools to Trek program. Close-toed shoes must be worn in the creek. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (KL)

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Booked for Lunch

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, June 2, July 7 & August 4
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A collaborative program with Centerville-Washington History and the Washington-Centerville Public Library, Booked for Lunch is a monthly lunchtime discussion on a historical fiction or nonfiction book.

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

Due to COVID-19, Booked for Lunch will meet virtually this summer. Visit <https://www.wclibrary.info/bookdiscussion/> for registration information and a book list.

Caring for Houseplants

Ages 18 and up

Sunday, June 13

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$12 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 7

Over the last year, houseplants have become more popular than ever. Join local florist and owner of Ivy Dayton to learn how to get your houseplants to thrive. Each participant will receive a 4-inch plant baby to take home. (AP)



Green Life Hacks

Ages 16 and up

Thursdays, June 17, July 15 & August 19

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Do you have a desire to live more simply, sustainably and immersed in nature? These life skills sessions are for you! Achieve your dream cottagecore lifestyle while learning how to make and mend your own clothing, recipes for homemade cleaning supplies, how to feasibly rear chickens, basic home gardening hacks and canning your garden goods. (AP)

Introduction to Watercolor

Ages 18 and up

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session A

Friday, June 18

Registration deadline: Monday, June 14

Session B

Wednesday, August 11

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 8

Have you always wanted to try watercolor painting, but didn't know where to start? Learn basic painting techniques, washes, wet-in-wet, blending, and layering. We will cover how to make the most of materials and brushes. Playing with materials to gain comfort, we will focus on creating a nature scene.

Attendees will leave the class with a frame-ready creation and a materials kit. Materials kit includes paint palette, metal mixing tray, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, a #10 round brush and six sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible.

(AP)



Intermediate Watercolor

Ages 18 and up

Wednesday, August 18

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$18 residents (class only) **OR** \$48 residents (class and kit), \$36 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$59 nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 15

Familiar with watercolor, but want to take your skills to the next level? Join us in this 2-hour class to learn how to add interest to backgrounds, work with a limited palette to improve mixing skills and work with limited brushes to improve dexterity. Leave class with a frame-ready creation!

Materials needed: Aureolin Yellow or Cadmium Yellow Pale, Rose Madder or Alizarin Crimson, Cobalt Blue or Ultramarine Blue, #8 round brush, #10 flat brush, mixing tray, water cup, spray bottle, watercolor paper. Material kits are available to purchase. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible. (AP)



Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Hike with a Naturalist

Ages 14 and up (*under 18 must be accompanied by an adult*)

Fee: \$2 nonresidents

Join us once a month for a hike through your parks. We will enjoy seasonal changes and observe wildlife. (KL)

Firefly Hike

Friday, June 18

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

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

We will walk slowly along the limestone path, while learning about and watching the fireflies light up the forest.

Meadow Habitats

Wednesday, July 7

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Grant Park
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

We will talk all things meadows — from plant identification to what it takes to maintain the CWPD meadow habitats.

Butterfly Walk

Thursday, August 12

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

We will search out and identify some of our common butterflies.



Garden Signs with Decoy Art Center

Ages 18 and up

Saturdays, June 19 & 26

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee: \$59 residents, \$79 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, June 16

Create your own custom garden or yard sign using two pounds of clay. All tools and clay provided. Clay signs will be taken offsite to be fired and brought back to be painted with glaze the following week. All signs will be ready for pick up from Park District Headquarters in approximately 7 – 10 days. (AP)

Nature ART & DIY Adult Camp

New!

Ages 18 and up

Saturdays, July 10 – August 7

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee: \$132 residents, \$149 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 5

Each Saturday we will meet up for a throwback summer camp experience! Relive day camp as adults; hang out with new and old friends; play games like kickball, freeze tag and the floor is lava; go on nature hikes to explore the creek and learn about trees.

Pack a picnic dinner and relax with the professional artists from AR Workshop Centerville (no popsicle and paper plate crafts here). This camp is sure to get you relaxed after a long week of adulting. All participants will go home with weekly crafts and tools from their time with AR Workshop. (AP)



String ART with AR Workshop

Ages 16 and up

Wednesday, July 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$35 residents, \$52 nonresidents

Join AR Workshop of Centerville for an adult-crafting session! Make nature-themed string art, winding beautiful creations out of string and nails. (AP)

RecKits

Recommended for ages 14 and up

We prepare the activities and gather the materials and you just pick up and create! Pick up information will be emailed after the registration deadline. (AS)

Summer Wreaths

Friday, July 16

Fee: \$40 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 5

Who says wreaths are just for the holiday season? Summer is in full swing and this kit has the supplies you need to make a stylish deco mesh wreath for your door or wall. Choose one of two themes for your wreath. The kit will consist of a wreath frame, deco mesh, ribbon and a few decorations. Add any additional embellishments to further tailor it to your style.

DIY Bird Feeders

Friday, August 20

Fee: \$20 residents, \$25 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, August 9

Watching birds can be so much fun! What better way to feed backyard birds than by building a stylish bird feeder? This kit will include the needed materials to build two lovely backyard bird feeders!

Painting in the Landscape

Ages 18 and up

Friday, July 23

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, July 19

Join local artist Kristin Bailey from Decoy Art Center for an evening on the covered porch learning the art of “en plein air” painting. Enjoy fresh air and the calming sights of the park prairie. All materials are included. (AP)



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

Medicinal Plants & Folk Remedies

Ages 14 and up (*under 18 must be accompanied by an adult*)

Friday, August 6

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Walton House Museum
89 W. Franklin St.

Participants will learn about our first local physician, Dr. John Hole, and the remedies used to treat the ailments of early Ohio settlers. The popularity and allure of traveling medicine shows will also be discussed. At the end of the program, the Park District will provide a small number of native prairie seeds for you to plant. This program will take place outdoors. Insect repellent is recommended. (KL)

Candle Therapy

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, August 21

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Candle power is more than just burning something that smells great — it's a sensory experience! Close your eyes and inhale as nature invites you to immerse your sense of smell and discover scents in an entirely new way. Join a local candle maker from Wick Therapy Candle. She will guide you on your scent journey! We will make our own candle and hike in the park while the candles set up. (AP)

 wick therapy candle



Designing with Dried Flora

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, August 28

10:00 a.m. – noon

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$59 residents, \$79 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, August 16

Join local florist and owner of Ivy Dayton to create a preserved floral arrangement from locally harvested flora. Learn design tips, as well as how to dry your own flowers at home. Go home with your masterpiece, tool and the know-how to make more pieces! (AP)

Terrariums with Now and Zen Studio

Ages 18 and up

Monday, August 30

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, August 20

Terrariums are calming and easy to care for gardens that thrive in most indoor environments. Join local business, Now and Zen Studios, for a step by step class on setting up and caring for your very own terrarium. Each participant will go home with either an air plant or succulent terrarium. All plants and supplies are included in this relaxing outdoor program. (AP)



Cardio Combo

Ages 18 and up

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

Session A

Tuesdays, May 18 – June 22

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session B

Thursdays, May 20 – June 24

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session C

Tuesdays, July 13 – August 31

Fee/session: \$38 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Session D

Thursdays, July 15 – September 2

Fee/session: \$38 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Cardio Combo is an easy-to-learn high-energy workout, making it perfect for people of all fitness levels. No pressure, no competition, no complicated moves ... just fun! By using a combination of aerobic dance movements, fast and slow rhythms, resistance training, balance and mat work, Cardio Combo classes help you burn calories; improve cardiovascular performance; strengthen core, upper and lower body; and enhance coordination. Taught by dance fitness instructor Janet Hartsock. Bring a light set of hand weights, water, exercise mat and towel. Class is held outdoors and will move inside for inclement weather. (JH)

Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Cardio Fit

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session A

Thursdays, May 20 – June 24

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session B

Thursdays, July 15 – September 2

Fee/session: \$38 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Cardio Fit combines both high and low-impact moves with a dance twist. Get your heart rate up and break a sweat while having fun. Many types of dance may be used in this class to keep you on your toes as you dance your way to fitness! This workout is easy to learn and suitable for all fitness levels. Taught by dance fitness instructor, Janet Hartsock. Bring water and a towel. Class is held outdoors and will move inside for inclement weather. (JH)

Trail Trekking

Ages 18 and up

Fee/session: \$15 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, June 1 – August 31

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, June 4 – August 27

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! Nordic poles provided are adjustable to your height.

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

View the Trail Trekking schedules on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. (JH)

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays,

June 1 – August 26

9:30 – 10:30 a.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!

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

View the A Walk in the Park schedule on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. (JH)

Trail Running

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, June 2 – August 25

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!

Please check the online schedule for dates and locations <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. (JH)

If the running group is canceled due to inclement weather, Up and Running will post a notification on social media.

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, June 2 – August 25

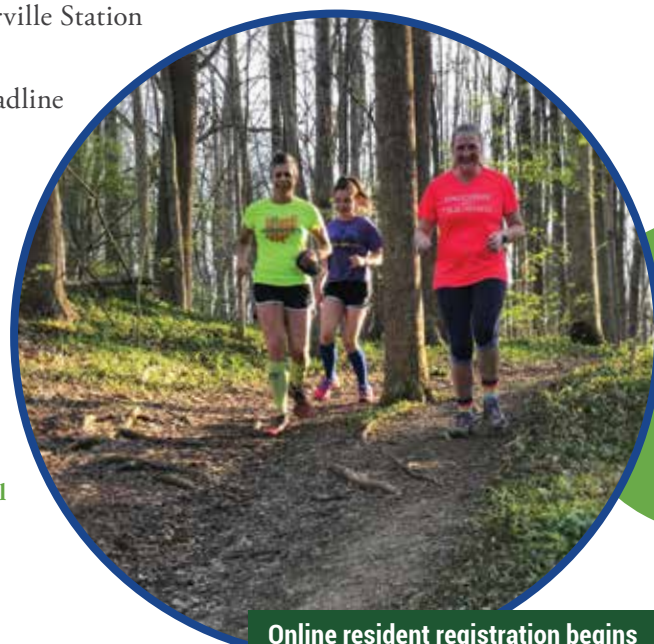
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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 some of 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 2	Bill Yeck, Smith House
June 9	Grant, Normandy
June 16	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
June 23	Grant, Kennard Nature Nook
June 30	Bill Yeck, Smith House
July 7	Grant, Normandy
July 14	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
July 21	Grant, Watts
July 28	Bill Yeck, Smith House
August 4	Grant, Normandy
August 11	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
August 18	Grant, Kennard Nature Nook
August 25	Bill Yeck, Smith House



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

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 7 – July 12
(no class July 5)

Session B

Mondays, July 26 – August 23

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!

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

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 pass to use for four classes. The pass is good for classes held June – November 2021 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)



Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Tai Chi for Wellness

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

Harvard School of Integrative Medicine tells us that the slow meditative movements, deep breathing and relaxation that is characteristic of Tai Chi practice creates a special biological state that activates our own capacity for body/mind wellness and healing. Great for stress relief, post-illness or with managing a chronic health condition. Improves coordination, balance and attention. Facilitates cardiac rehab, lowers blood pressure and helps maintain strong bones.

Classes will be held on the deck overlooking the meadow.

Tai Chi Beginner

Saturdays, June 12 – August 21
(no class July 3)
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$48 residents, \$64 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Saturday, June 19

An introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong (pronounced 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. Taught by Judy Wilson, Certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Instructor. (JH)

Tai Chi Intermediate

Mondays, June 7 – August 16
(no class July 5)
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$48 residents, \$64 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, June 14

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

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up
Oak Grove Park, Gebhart Shelter
1790 E. Social Row Rd.
Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, June 9 – July 14
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, June 11 – July 16
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fitness 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)



There is another park option designed to meet your outdoor fitness needs! Try the fitness equipment at **Oak Grove Park!**

There are two types of outdoor exercise equipment. The complete ENERGI™ system is for active individuals ages 13 and up. The LifeTrail® system is geared toward those ages 50 and over. The LifeTrail® system includes ADA accessible pieces.

You can use your mobile device to watch instructional videos for each piece.

The park, located at 1790 E. Social Row Rd., is open daylight hours.



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 5 – July 17
(no class July 3)
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session B

Saturdays, June 5 – July 17
(no class July 3)
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Session C

Saturdays, July 24 – August 28
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session D

Saturdays, July 24 – August 28
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. (JH)

Class will be held on the deck overlooking the meadow with a Zoom link for inclement weather days.

Pilates in the Park

Ages 18 and up
Tuesdays, June 15, July 20 AND/OR August 17
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Mat Pilates is a strengthening and lengthening form of exercise that focuses on your core muscles while also training your arms and legs. Movements can be modified for any age, body or fitness level. This class is perfect for both the beginner and experienced participant. Join the My Pilates Studio instructor on the deck of the Kennard Nature Nook for a full-body workout overlooking Grant Park. Please bring a water bottle and exercise mat. (JH)

Fitness Yoga

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

Session A

Wednesdays, June 9 – July 14
6:00 – 7:00 a.m.
Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session B

Wednesdays, June 9 – July 14
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Fee: \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

Session C

Wednesdays, July 21 – August 25
6:00 – 7:00 a.m.
Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session D

Wednesdays, July 21 – August 25
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Fee: \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

You will get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout, yoga practice, as well as, mindfulness and functional movement for vitality and longevity. All levels welcome. Taught by certified yoga instructor Dan Loofboro.

Please bring a yoga mat and water. (JH)

Class will be held on the deck overlooking the meadow.

New!

Neighborhood Yoga

Ages 18 and up
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Gentle Yoga

Thursday, June 10
Cherry Hill Park
10244 Cherry Tree Terrace

Vinyasa Flow

Thursday, July 8
Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.

Breathwork + Meditation

Thursday, August 12
Rosewood Park
475 Roselake Dr.

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 mat and water bottle. Classes are weather dependent. (JH)



Firefly Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, June 24
8:45 – 10:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Class will be held outdoors and is weather dependant.

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



Forest Therapy Hikes

Ages 18 and up

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee/hike: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Session A

Saturday, June 12

(Rain date: Sunday, June 13)

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Session B

Saturday, July 10

(Rain date: Sunday, July 11)

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Session C

Saturday, August 14

(Rain date: Sunday, August 15)

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Refresh yourself during this socially distant time. A forest therapy walk is a great way to get out yet stay COVID-safe. It enhances well-being through gentle immersion in forests and other natural environments. This guided nature walk (shinrin yoku) will help you recharge and boost your immunity by slowing down, detaching from technology and experiencing nature in a novel way. Working within COVID-19 protocols, this walk will help you hit the reset button on life, help you lower your blood pressure and heart rate, increase your creativity and improve your attention and mood.

Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide Christina Willis, will lead you through the benefits of immersing yourself in nature. The program will last 2-3 hours each week depending on the size of the group, engagement and questions. (JH)

Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The rides 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. (KM)

Date & Registration deadline	Time	Location
Sunday, June 13 Deadline: Thursday, June 10	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Oak Creek South Park
Thursday, June 17 Deadline: Monday, June 14	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Robert F. Mays Park
Sunday, June 27 Deadline: Thursday, June 24	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Iron Horse Park
Sunday, July 11 Deadline: Thursday, July 8	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Forest Field Park
Thursday, July 15 Deadline: Monday, July 12	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Schoolhouse Park
Sunday, July 25 Deadline: Thursday, July 22	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Stubbs Park
Sunday, August 8 Deadline: Thursday, August 5	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Activity Center Park
Sunday, August 22 Deadline: Thursday, August 19	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Green Park

Tennis Leagues (Singles)

Ages 18 and up

July 11 – September 20

(no league play Labor Day weekend)

6:00 p.m.

Various locations

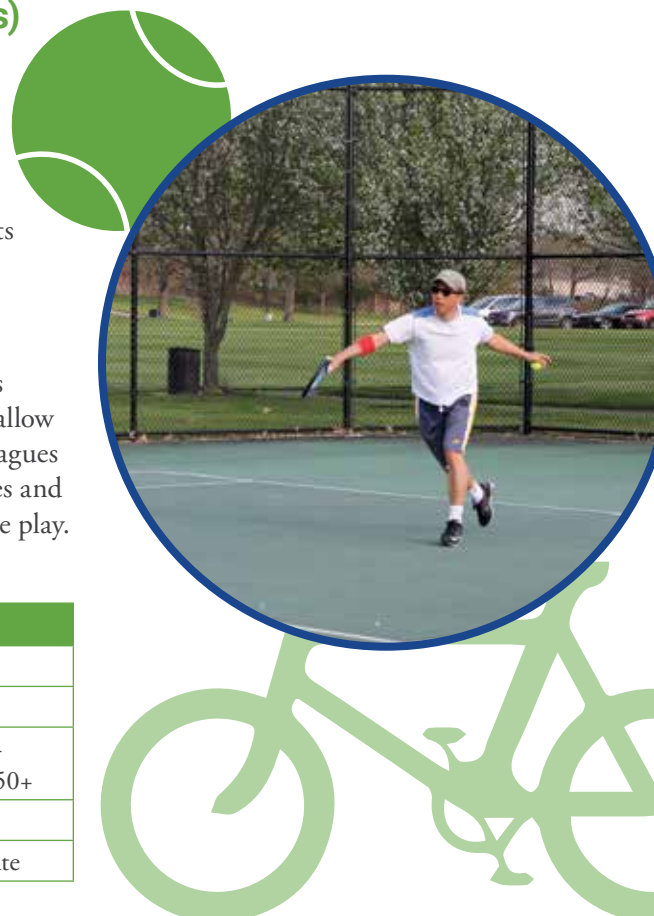
Fee: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 28

Join a Park District singles 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 emailed out prior to league play.

(JH)

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



Registration closes 48 hours prior to all programs unless otherwise indicated.

The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks. Visit www.cwpd.org for detailed information and a map to each park.

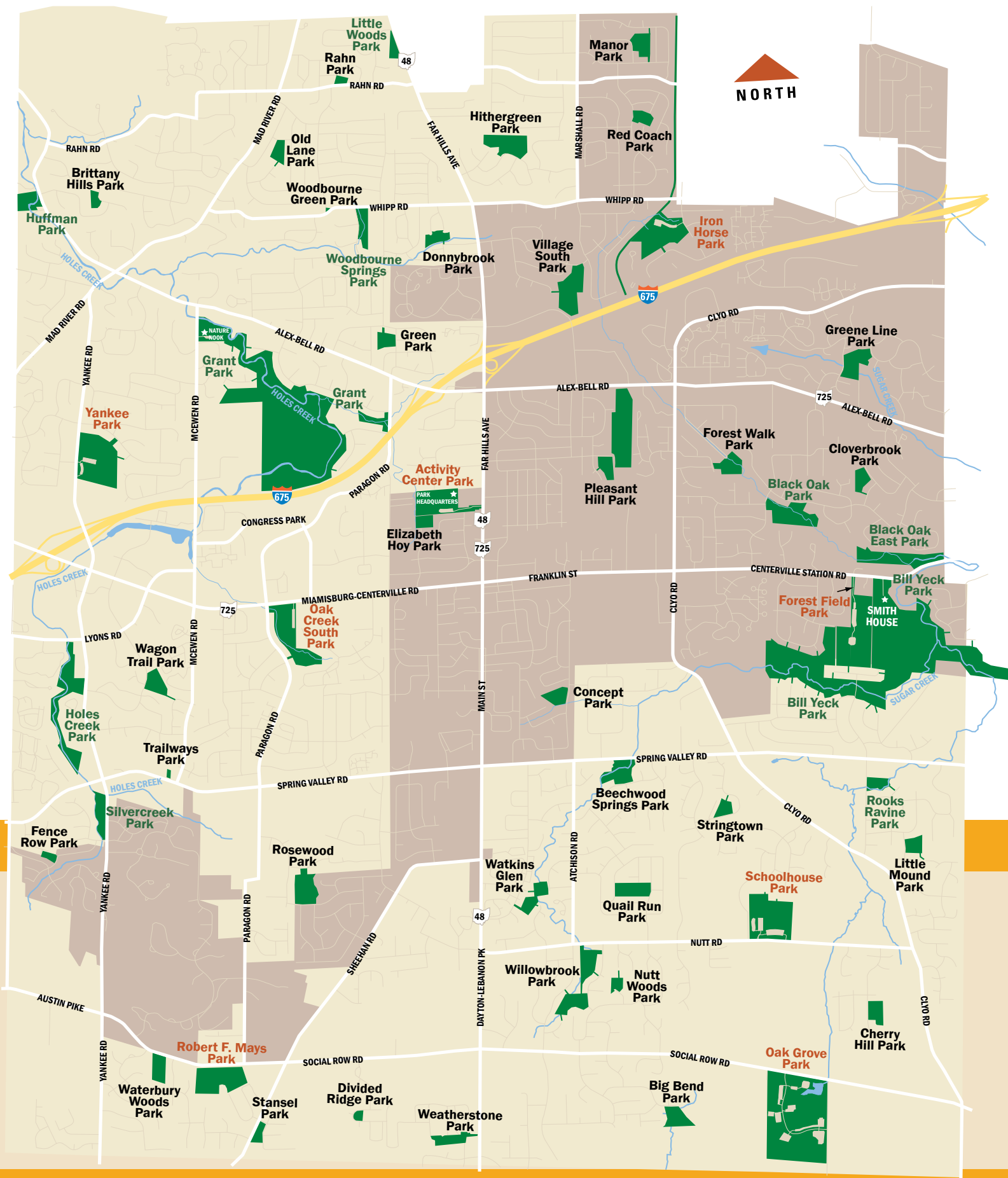
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER



WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

#1

You're first in line!

Online registration takes place the day before phone or walk-in registration.

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It's convenient

The flexibility to register and pay at your convenience, anytime, from anywhere.



It saves time

In less than five minutes, you can set up your account and enroll in your program.



It's easy

Three simple steps, and you'll be enrolled in the program of your choice.



It's environmentally friendly

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

Online resident registration begins May 10.

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

Registration for the camps on pages 4 – 8 began on April 12.

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 CWPDP 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

We are committed to providing programs, services and facilities that ensure inclusive and adapted access for all. Please contact us for a personalized approach to individual accommodations.

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 10
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, May 17
at 10:00 a.m.**

 Please recycle this issue of News & Events when it is no longer of use to you. Thank you!

SUMMER EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

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Thurs, June 17	Family Firefly Hike	21
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Mon, June 21	Nerf Battle Games	12
Tues, June 22	Writing in the Wild	14
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Fri, Aug 27	Night Singing Insects	21
Sat, Aug 28	Designing with Dried Flora	25
Mon, Aug 30	Terrariums with Now and Zen Studio	25

Look inside for popular series programs like A Walk in the Park, Early Adventures, Tai Chi for Wellness and more!