

JUNE – AUGUST 2020



Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Summer program
registration
begins online
Monday, May 11.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Intergenerational Series, Pleasant Hill Park



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Park Addresses

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



Dog Park Closures

www.cwpcd.org/parks/oakgrove/dogpark/dogparkclosurestatus/



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpcd.org/fieldstatus/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League
www.cbftoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer
www.centervillesoccer.com

Centerville United Soccer Association
www.cusasoccer.org

Centerville Wee Elks Football Association
www.weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.cvlax.org

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Commissioners' Corner



At the time of writing this, the world is in a novel place. We hope that our plentiful parks and open spaces have been a relief to you over these past

months. I also hope things are returning to normal, and our park spaces can serve not only as an independent way to connect to nature but as a place to bring our community together once again. In case of further disruptions, please go to www.cwpcd.org or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

Summer, what a great time to take advantage of your many parks! With 24 pages of programs, activities and opportunities, there is sure to be something that will entice you to get outdoors. Look inside for Camp on the Farm, The Microscopic Garden and a Sprayground Glow Party to name a few.

You may also take notice of trail improvements that are underway or completed. For example, **Grant Park** hikers know that the yellow trail has been closed due to erosion. All winter and spring, construction crews have been repairing that trail so we can enjoy it again in summer. Also, watch for trail improvements at **Bill Yeck Park** and **Pleasant Hill Park**.

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/

For you dog lovers, the Pop-Up Pup Park roving dog park returns to some neighborhood parks after its initial appearance last year. More programs are planned in your neighborhood parks as well, such as Neighborhood Yoga.

Finally, we are proud to tell you of two awards your park district received in recent months. First, the Great Lakes Parks Institute named **Forest Field Park** as the best park development of 2019. Along with that, the District achieved the Connect to Nature Site award for **Donnybrook Park** and **Forest Field Park** by the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside organization.

On behalf of the entire Park Board and staff, we hope you have a fun, healthy and outstanding summer in your parks.

Lucy M. Sánchez
Park Board Vice President

At press time for this issue of News & Events, several weeks of spring park programs, facility reservations and athletic events were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is unclear how long the cancellations will last or how the pandemic will impact our community. We are hoping for the best, but please visit www.cwpcd.org for the latest information on your upcoming park events!

Save a Tree

To subscribe to the CWPD e-newsletter visit www.cwpcd.org.

To stop home delivery of the printed newsletter, email your name and address to mail@cwpcd.org.





Pop-Up Pup Parks

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

Keep an eye on www.cwpc.org for the schedule of CWPD Pup-Up Pup Parks! Plan to get your pup together with the other dogs in your neighborhood this summer! Thank you, Centerville Rotary Club for sponsoring the Pop-Up Pup Parks!

Become a CWPD Volunteer

Volunteering for the Centerville-Washington Park District is fun and rewarding! Be part of a robust team of talented citizens donating their time and skills to benefit your community.

As a volunteer you can:

- Learn new skills and develop your interest in nature;
- Get to know your community's parks;
- Make new friends and become part of a team;
- Become a positive role model;
- Earn discounts on program registration or facility rentals;
- Join yearly trainings, educational opportunities and field trips;
- Encourage participation and outdoor recreation;
- Participate in conservation and citizen science and be a leader for environmental stewardship and conservation;
- Give back to your community!

A wide range of opportunities exist for youth volunteers (ages 14 – 17), adult volunteers (ages 18 and up) and groups. To learn more about the volunteer program and opportunities available please contact Community Engagement Coordinator Ginger Clark at 937-433-5155 x234 or gclark@cwpc.org.

Traveling Owlexander

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

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

Get your Traveling Owlexander PDF on www.cwpc.org. Photos can be emailed to photos@cwpc.org, posted on the CWPD Facebook page, or posted on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag [#travelingOwlexander](https://twitter.com/travelingOwlexander).

Fairy and Gnome Supplies Needed

The Centerville-Washington Park District Fairy and Gnome Home Festival is growing by leaps and bounds! The Park District needs your help to gather nature items for the festival. Time spent gathering can count toward volunteer hours! Please only gather in CWPD parks or on property where you have permission. Make sure you are not picking items from live plants. Some suggested items:

- Leaf confetti (hole punched leaves)
- Seed pods/seed heads
- Seashells
- Burlap
- Jute
- Pine cones
- Sweet Gum balls
- Bark (Please do not peel bark from live trees!)
- Acorns
- Any other ideas? Check with the Park District Naturalist Katy Lucas at klucas@cwpc.org.

Mark your calendars for this fall's Fairy and Gnome Home Festival — September 12, 2020!



Bring your dog with you on your next park visit! But please remember, regulations require all dogs to be on a visible leash 8 feet or less at all times. Also, make sure your dog is current on vaccinations and is wearing a license! Citations may be issued for violations.



SUMMER CAMPS

W.I.L.D. About Summer

Ages 3 – 6

Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$175

Registration deadline: Monday, June 1

Campers will join the teachers of W.I.L.D. Child Nature Preschool for a wild week of messy play, exploration and nature adventures! This memorable week of camp will include hiking, unstructured play in the woods, creek romping and more! Your child will explore with their five senses through process art and sensory play, participate in cooperative games, investigate stations and have the chance to truly let their imaginations run wild!

Camp is held outdoors in all safe weather conditions. Please remember to dress for the mess and prepare to be outdoors in all summer elements!

Campers will need to bring a small hiking backpack, reusable water bottle and a sack lunch that doesn't need refrigeration. Water refilling stations and healthy snacks provided! (KL)

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.



Preschool Play Yard (PPY)

Ages 3 – 5

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$24 residents, \$31 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 29

Session A

Mondays, June 8 – July 27 (no PPY July 6)

Session B

Tuesdays, June 9 – July 28 (no PPY July 7)

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/JK)

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



Summer Recreation Program (SRP)

Ages 5 – 11

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fee: \$28 residents, \$48 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, May 31

Session A

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 8 – August 5

Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Dr.

Session B

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 8 – August 5

Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee St.

Session C

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 9 – August 6

Oak Creek South Park, 790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Session D

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 9 – August 6

Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Rd.

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

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

Inclement weather cancellations will be posted on www.cwpd.org. Opt-in for text alerts on your 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.

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

New this year!
Sign up for a
specific park!



**Online resident camp registration begins
Monday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.**

Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Ages 5 – 12 (preschool weeks are ages 3 – 9)

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Resident fee/week: \$55 half day, \$110 all day
\$27, before and after care

Nonresident fee/week: \$85 half day, \$170 all day
\$27, before and after care

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

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

Hidden Meadows Day Camp encourages children to learn about nature and enjoy the outdoors by exploring, playing games and making new friends. Campers will also be treated to guest speakers, special presentations and activities. Snacks are provided, but campers should bring a filled water bottle every day. All-day campers need to bring a packed 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 8 – 12 Adventure 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 15 – 19 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 22 – 26 (Preschool Week) Wonderful Water Fun

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

Week 4: June 29 – July 3 Community ROCKS

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

Week 5: July 6 – 10 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!

Week 6: July 13 – 17 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 20 – 24 (Preschool Week) Sensory 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 8: July 27 – 31 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! An exciting week to learn and play with new friends at camp!

Week 9: August 3 – 7 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!

Date	AM	PM	All Day
	9:00 a.m. – noon	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
June 8 – 12	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
June 15 – 19	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
June 22 – 26	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 5 – 9
June 29 – July 3	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
July 6 – 10	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
July 13 – 17	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
July 20 – 24	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 3 – 9	Ages 5 – 9
July 27 – 31	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12
August 3 – 7	Ages 5 – 12	---	Ages 5 – 12



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.

Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.



Decoy Art Center Nature Art Camp

Ages 6 – 11

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Camp A

Monday – Wednesday, June 15 – 17

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 7

Camp B

Monday – Wednesday, July 13 – 15

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, July 5

Art and nature come together! Campers will explore fun processes with paint, collage, clay and drawing to create artwork! We will talk about artists that have used nature as a source of inspiration, like Monet! We will also play fun and challenging games that get the children up and moving. (AD)

Rain location is at the Park District headquarters building at Activity Center Park.

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

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

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 will be treated to guest speakers, special presentations and activities. Snacks are provided, but campers should bring a filled water bottle and a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers will receive a t-shirt during their first week. Camp is held rain or shine. (AP)

Week 1: Rapids and Raptors, June 8 – 12

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: Bounding Around, June 15 – 19

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: Ancient Explorers, June 29 – July 3

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: Grossology, July 6 – 10

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: Adventure Awaits, July 13 – 17

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: Prairie Olympics, July 27 – 31

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: Mammal Mania, August 3 – 7

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.

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



Youth Archery Camp

Ages 8 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, August 3 – 5

10:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee: \$30 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, July 30

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

Adventure Camp

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$130 residents, \$170 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday prior to the first day of camp

Adventure Camp A

Ages 10 – 12

Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Camp B

Ages 10 – 12

Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adventure Camp C

Ages 12 – 15

Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, July 11, 9:00 a.m.

This camp week includes an overnight at Bill Yeck Park.

Adventure Camp D

Ages 12 – 15

Monday, July 20 – Thursday, July 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 24, 6:30 p.m. – Saturday, July 25, 9:00 a.m.

This camp week includes an overnight at Bill Yeck Park.

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

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

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



Fri-DAY Camp on the Farm!

Ages 7 – 12

Fridays, June 12 – July 17

(no camp July 3)

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Therapeutic Riding Institute

3960 Middle Run Rd, Spring Valley

Fee: \$300

Registration deadline: Friday, June 5

Learn what it is like to own a horse during this 5-week program! Participants will spend time each day caring for their assigned horse and learning basic riding skills.

Camp is held at the Therapeutic Riding Institute's 23-acre horse farm. TRI's Certified Riding Instructors will conduct lessons in their safe enclosed riding arena and their stables in the mornings. In the afternoons, campers will explore the property with CWPDP's trained nature day camp staff. They will learn about Ohio wildlife through games, crafts and fun hiking adventures. It is sure to be a busy day with this unique camp experience! (AP)

New!



Online nonresident camp registration begins
Monday, April 20, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS



YoGlow

Ages 18 and up

Friday, June 5

(Rain date: Friday, June 12)

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 13

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

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!

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 27

10:00 a.m. – noon

Oak Grove Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.



4 Paws for Ability, Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association, Montgomery

County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, Synergy Family Therapy Specialists, Therapeutic Riding Institute, Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Washington Township Recreation Center 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)

Americana Festival Children's Area

All ages

Saturday, July 4

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Celebrate Independence Day at the Americana Festival!

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

For the most up-to-date information on this year's festival, visit

www.americanafestival.org or the Americana Festival Facebook page. (AD)

Registration is not required.

BIG Backyard Party

All ages

Saturday, July 18

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)



Sprayground Glow Party

All ages

Friday, August 7

8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

New!

Celebrate the end of summer with us! For one night only we are extending the sprayground hours! Come play in the water with a variety of lights and glow sticks! Free Kona Ice available to the first 50 registered attendees! All children must be accompanied by an adult. (AD)

Registration is requested.



Movie Party in the Park

All ages

Saturday, August 22

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Enjoy an evening of entertainment! We will start out with bounce houses, games, crafts and fun on the playground.

Claim a spot in the grass with a picnic blanket dinner, or have the professionals from a local food truck cook for you. Then as the sun sets over the park, settle in to watch Moana under the stars.

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

Registration is requested.



Backpack Adventures



Our mission is to deliver fun, healthy and outstanding park experiences. We recognize that does not always come in the form of a traditional park program. We'd like to help you create your own unique park experiences with CWPD Adventure Backpacks! Visit park headquarters at Activity Center Park to borrow a backpack that includes everything you need to explore the natural habitats of your 51 parks — including creeks, forests and meadows. Backpack supplies vary by age and by season.

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

Family Pack (ages 0 – 8)

Family Pack (ages 9 and up)

Teen Pack (ages 13 – 17)

Adult Pack (ages 18 and up)

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 2

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

OR Thursday, June 4

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

(natural path)

July Adventures

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

OR Thursday, July 9

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

(natural path)

August Adventures

Tuesday, August 4

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

OR Thursday, August 6

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow

7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.

(natural path)

Parents and their little ones will experience the summer sights and sounds in their parks. These leisurely hikes provide great family time in nature.

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

Stepping Stones

Ages 3 – 4

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Animal ABCs

Friday, June 12

Registration deadline: Friday, June 5

Start the summer off with a fun way to work on the ABCs! This fun animal-themed session will feature indoor and outdoor games and activities for children to learn and laugh! (AD)

Nature's Music

Friday, June 19

Registration deadline: Friday, June 12

It can be hard to sit quietly in nature to hear the birds and meadow sounds, so we will replicate nature sounds in different ways for preschoolers to enjoy. This session will also include a musical craft. (AD)

Fresh Flowers

Friday, June 26

Registration deadline: Friday, June 19

Preschoolers love to see, touch, smell and play with flowers! During this session, we will use our senses to explore a variety of fresh flowers. (AD)

Digging in the Dirt

Friday, July 10

Registration deadline: Friday, July 3

Dig up some fun! There are worms, roly polies, ants and more to explore under the grass. This session will include a small potted plant to take home. Children should be dressed to get messy. (AD)

New!



Garden Colors

Friday, July 17

Registration deadline: Friday, July 10

Our pollinator garden is in full bloom! Children will participate in a color scavenger hunt while exploring the beautiful wildflowers. Then we will relax under a shady tree for a story. (AD)

Ponds and Puddles

Friday, July 24

Registration deadline: Friday, July 17

Whether it has been rainy or not, we will find ways to splash outside! We will also learn about wildlife in our local wetlands. Children should bring a towel and dress to get wet. (AD)

End of Summer Party!

Friday, July 31

Registration deadline: Friday, July 24

Wrap up summer with our favorite preschool activities! Crafts, songs, games and more! Children should bring a towel and dress to get wet. (AD)



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



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Intergenerational Series Hike & Seek

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s)

Friday, June 12

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **OR** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Park

358 Zengel Dr.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 8

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

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

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



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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 4 – 16)

MusicMania

Ages 4 – 6

Thursdays, July 9 – 30

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$20 residents, \$30 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 26

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

Kids Night Out: Party in the USA!

Ages 4 – 8

Wednesday, July 1

(Rain date: Thursday, July 2)

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 26

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



Children's Yoga Series

Ages 5 – 8

Saturdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee: \$18 residents, \$25 nonresidents

Summer is here! Children will stretch, balance and strengthen the body while learning yoga poses from certified Color Me Yoga Instructor Megan Pooler. A blend of nature and exercise, children will learn about summer creatures with hands-on activities during the first part of each class. They will finish with a fun-filled, quiet yoga session. All equipment provided. (JH)

All Around the Garden

Ages 5 – 9

Thursdays, June 25, July 23 &

August 27

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, June 19

Children will learn all about the animals and habitats in their gardens, backyards and parks! They will get to explore the great outdoors through a nature hike, games, art and music. Children should dress for outdoor play. (AD)

Tennis Instruction

Ages 6 – 13

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 8 – July 22

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$115 residents, \$150 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 29

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.

Summer's End Adventures

Ages 6 – 12

Monday – Wednesday, August 10 – 12

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, August 3

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



The Microscopic Garden

Ages 7 – 14

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 15

Ages 7 – 9

Friday, July 24

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$32 residents, \$40 nonresidents

Ages 10 – 14

Saturday, July 25

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$35 residents, \$45 nonresidents

There is a whole different world within a flower that you cannot see with your eyes alone! See just what this microscopic garden looks like!

Children will learn to use a microscope on the flowers gathered from our meadows. They will create an art project inspired by what they see in the microscopic garden! An age-appropriate beginner's microscope will be used in the program. Children will get to keep their microscope! (AD)

New!

Nature Design Challenges

Ages 7 – 13

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, May 29

Tuesday, June 2

Willowbrook Park

10225 Park Edge Dr.

Tuesday, July 7

Forest Walk Park

1193 Deer Run Rd.

Tuesday, August 4

Green Park

6661 Green Park Dr.

All engineers on deck! Meet at your local neighborhood parks for 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 of the day! (AD)

Nerf Archery Challenge

Ages 10 – 15

Thursday, August 13

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$10 residents, \$14 nonresidents

Archery and Nerf guns collide! Test out your Nerf skills in a fun tournament using real archery targets. All Nerf bullets will be provided, but participants must bring their own Nerf gun(s). (AD)

New!



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.**



Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt

Ages 11 – 15

Wednesday, July 1 – Friday, July 31

Fee: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, June 29

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 29 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!

Optional Photo Training

Wednesday, June 24

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Signing up for this challenge includes a free optional photography training with staff photographer, Katie Swift. Katie will teach tips and tricks for capturing great nature photos. (AD)



Teen Games and Bonfire Series

Ages 12 – 15

Fridays, June 12 – August 7

(no session July 3)

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee: \$24 residents, \$32 nonresidents

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

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

Teen Games and Bonfire Series 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 message.

Junior Leadership Program

Ages 14 – 16

Monday, June 8 – Friday, June 12

9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Friday

Fee: \$50 residents, \$63 nonresidents

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

Tuesday: *Oak Creek South Park (Summer Recreation Program)*

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

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

Friday: *Park Operations Building (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 CWPD 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.

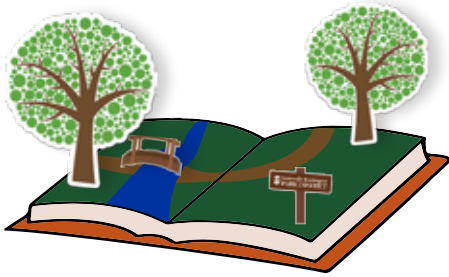
New!



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Summer **POP UP** Park Challenge

All ages

Begins Monday, 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 and Twitter accounts. Complete ten out of 15 posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 Soyo Yogurt gift card! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing — a \$100 gift card to Great Miami Outfitters!

Most challenges will involve visiting a specific park location to fulfill a task or to find a landmark. Other challenges will involve attending one of our events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge time clock begins, and then you'll have a deadline to complete it! Post a photo proving challenge completion with the hashtag **#itsacwpdsummer**. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to get more updates about this summer's Pop-Up Park Challenge! Registration is not required. One prize per household. (GC)



Thank you to Great Miami Outfitters for their generous prize donation!

Let's Meet Up: Nature Playce

All ages

Tuesdays, June 16, July 21 AND/OR August 18

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **OR** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Grant Park, Mark Kreusch Nature Playce
6588 McEwen Rd.

Enjoy fresh air and sunshine. Meet other parents/caregivers and their children. Explore Grant Park's Mark Kreusch Nature Playce during this unstructured and casual summer meet up! Staff will join in the fun and bring extra activities a few times throughout the summer! Attend as few or as many sessions if you would like. The meet-up will not be held in inclement weather. (AD)

Registration is not required.



Pop-Up Ology

All ages

New!

Thursday, June 4

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Saturday, June 20

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Robert F. Mays Park
10553 Paragon Rd.

Saturday, August 15

10:00 a.m. – noon
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 walk your family through various activities related to a field of study. Preregistration is not required. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

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!



Online resident registration begins
Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

EarthJOY Tree Climb

Ages 5 and up (*17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*)

Saturday, June 6 AND/OR

Saturday, August 1

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Green Park

6661 Green Park Dr.

Fee/session: \$40

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

Visit <http://earthjoyvillage.com/treeclimbing/> to register for the tree climbs. (KL)

Family Recess

All ages

Tuesday, June 9 AND/OR

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Play park games with your family! Sign up for the whole program and come to whichever sessions work best for you. CWPD will facilitate a variety of games such as dodge ball, capture the flag, crafts, face painting and more. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This is not a drop-off program.

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



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



Butterfly Surveys

Recommended for ages 8 and up
Saturdays, June 20, July 25 AND/OR
August 22

10:00 a.m. – noon

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)

Hike & Play with W.I.L.D. Child

All ages

Saturdays, June 27 AND/OR July 25

10:00 a.m. – noon

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family/session: \$5

We will have a variety of nature-themed sensory stations for children to explore, a process art activity to work on and a healthy snack to enjoy. We will take a guided hike through the woods to play at the creek.

W.I.L.D. Child celebrates childhood and encourages messy play, so please dress for the mess and the fun! These events are for the whole family, and siblings of all ages are welcome!

Bring a refillable water bottle and consider bringing lunch to enjoy a picnic at the end of the program! (KL)

Registration is requested. Registration on-site is possible but will need to be done on your smartphone with a credit card.

AccessAbility



A collaboration between the Centerville-Washington Park District, Washington-Centerville Public

Library and the Washington Township Recreation Center! AccessAbility rotates locations based on the monthly host. Activities will be adapted to give participants of all ages and abilities an enriching sensory, social and physical experience. (KM)

Rainbows in the Park!

All ages

Saturday, July 11

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Summer is here and so are the colors! We will take a walk around the path to the chimneys and search for as many colors as we can find. Get ready to spend the hour soaking up the summer sun and enjoying the gorgeous colors that nature has to offer.

Craftmania

All ages

Thursday, August 13

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Woodbourne Library

6060 Far Hills Ave.

Enjoy an evening of craft-making fun at the library. All supplies will be provided. For all abilities. Register at wclibrary.info/.

EXPLORE the great outdoors!



WEEK ONE

Fentastic Wetlands

Monday, June 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Donnybrook Park

6161 Donnybrook Dr. **OR**

6161 Millbrook Dr.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Registration deadline: Friday, June 12

Donnybrook Park is a special place. We will start off Creek Week by investigating Donnybrook Fen. Please dress to get muddy and a little wet. We will not be in a creek, but we will encounter some wet spots in the fen.

Wildlife Survey A

Tuesday, June 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

The presence or absence of certain wildlife within the creeks can tell us how clean they are. We will use charts to determine how many creatures call Sugar Creek home. We will then compare our results with our Holes Creek Study.

WEEK TWO

Watershed Wonders

Monday, July 13

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow

7893 Wilmington Dayton Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

All water must go somewhere! We will hike to the wetlands in McGuffey Meadow, taking note of the landscape and where the water travels. Then, we will investigate the creek! This program includes a hike on a natural path.

Water Power

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Registration deadline: Friday, July 10

Is your family up to the challenge? Build an object that is powered by water, test it out, and share with the others! We will use creativity and learn from each other. All building items provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own items.

Creek Weeks!

All ages



Creek Week is back and now there are two water-packed weeks to explore our waterways! Individuals attending five or more programs will receive a special Creek Week patch. Please dress to be in the creek. Close-toed shoes are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (KL)

These are all Tools to Trek programs.



Friends & Family Hikes

All ages

Attend at least three out of five Friends and Family Hikes in the 2020 series and receive a free t-shirt!

Friendship Hike

Thursday, July 30

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

In celebration of International Day of Friendship, grab your friends and come out for a nature hike. Staff and volunteers will guide you through the park, which makes this hike perfect for those just getting acquainted with Grant Park and those who have been hiking in the park for years.

Please dress for natural trails and bring water. Strollers are not recommended.

This is the third hike of the 2020 Friends & Family series. (JH)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.**

Wildlife Survey B

Wednesday, June 17

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

The second part of our Wildlife Survey takes place at Holes Creek. We will search for wildlife and compare our data from the previous day!

The Hidden Gem

Thursday, June 18

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

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

Creeking Rocks!

Friday, June 19

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Geology is the topic of the evening. We will learn about the Geology of Holes Creek, search for fossils, and identify creatures that call creek rocks home.

Dragons and Damsels

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Dragonflies and damselflies love creeks. We will learn about the life histories of each and search for both their larval and adult forms.

Creek Conservation

Thursday, July 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Big Bend Park

1328 Spring Ash Dr.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Creeks need our help! We will learn ways to help keep creek habitats healthy for creatures and humans. We will then investigate this new location to Creek Week!

Creek vs. Pond

Friday, July 17

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Black Oak Park

1552 Ambridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresident

Do different plants and animals prefer creeks and ponds? We will survey both the creek and pond at Black Oak Park and see who lives where!



Shooting Stars Campout

All ages

Saturday, August 8 – Sunday, August 9

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$30 residents, \$36 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 5

The stars will be shining on us as we roast marshmallows, learn about constellations and explore the park after dark!

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

Centerville Noon Optimist Annual Fishing Derby

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

Saturday, June 6

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

Washington Township Recreation Center
895 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Two ponds are stocked with several hundred pounds of catfish. Fishing rods/reels are awarded to the first three places of each age group, also special prizes are awarded for the most pounds and largest fish. Some rods/reels will be given away after derby ends. Free bait and free lunch will be provided!



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Hike with a Naturalist

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

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Flying Squirrels

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

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

Nothing

Thursday, July 2

10:00 – 11:30 p.m.

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

Fen Plants

Friday, August 7

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

*Donnybrook Park
6161 Donnybrook Dr. OR
6161 Millbank Dr.*

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

Nothing involves placing a sheet and lamp out as well as setting up bait stations. The hike will be very short and we will be focusing on the identification of the individuals we attract. Participants are welcome to leave early however, our moth species are most active beginning at 11:30 p.m.



Booked for Lunch

Ages 18 and up

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

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

Wednesdays, July 8 & August 5

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

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

Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert! The library will advance order copies for participants, while supplies last.

For summer book titles, please visit <https://www.wclibrary.info/bookdiscussion/booked/> (AP)

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



Don't Bug Me: Natural Insect Protection for Yards

Ages 18 and up

Monday, June 15

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee: \$4 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, June 11

Summer can mean mosquitoes, grubs, beetles and more invading your yard! We will provide you with tips and techniques to allow you to have a more peaceful landscape — without chemicals that can damage our health and environment. This program will include one DIY all natural bug repellent spray to take home! (AD)



"Adrift in the liberating, late light of August, delicate, frivolous, they make their way to my front porch and flutter near the glassed-in bulb, translucent as a thought suddenly wondered aloud, illuminating the air that's thick with honeysuckle and dusk."

Moths, by Jennifer O'Grady



Solstice Poetry Walk

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, June 20

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Take advantage of every ray of sunlight as the northern hemisphere prepares for the most hours of daylight and the first day of summer! Guides will take you on a walk along paved trails to hear short poems and folklore surrounding the summer solstice and new season. S'mores and hot dogs will be available around the campfire! (AP)



Chat with a Naturalist: Moth Mania

Ages 18 and up

Monday, July 20

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Rec West Enrichment Center,
Main Entrance*

965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Many of our moths are extremely elegant adults and adorable caterpillars! We will chat about the main groups of moths found in Ohio. (KL)

Registration is not required.

UFO (Unfinished Objects) Club

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, August 15

Noon – 4:00 p.m.

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

Do you have Unfinished Objects? Join us in the Community Room to finish up crafts and other UFOs in your life. Once registered, participants are welcome to drop in as their schedules allow. Help yourself to some light refreshments as we work on our projects together! (KL)



Discover Your Potential
Explore Your Creativity
Challenge Your Limits

Washington Township Rec Center Horticulture Program

Learn how to design, plant, and maintain outdoor garden containers that remain attractive year round with the Rec Center's new horticulture program. Presentations will be led by Yvonne Dunphe, a Master Gardener who has been Washington Township's horticulture consultant for the past 15 years. This program is for beginners who are looking to learn the basics of gardening as well as seasoned gardeners who want to expand their knowledge. The program encourages volunteers to help with the township's garden beds.

The education presentations are free and designed to supplement hands on demonstrations that take place throughout the year.

Composting

Tuesday, June 16

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Rec West

Rec West Bed Mid-Season Care

Wednesday, July 22

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **AND**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rec West

Color and Care

Sunday, August 16

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Rec West

Washington Township Recreation Center

895 Miamisburg-Centerville Road

937-433-0130

www.washingtontwp.org/recreation

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

ADULT WELLNESS



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 2020 at any Centerville Strollers in Motion class. If you cannot make it to an entire five-week session, this may be the solution for you! (JH)

Strollers in Motion Boot Camp

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Session A

Saturdays, May 30 – June 20

Fee/session: \$19 residents, \$25 nonresidents

Session B

Saturdays, July 11 – August 8

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

This Boot Camp version of Strollers in Motion will incorporate circuit training and station exercises. You will be able to move at your own pace and comfort level, as modifications will be given for every fitness level. Strollers in Motion Boot Camp is an awesome way to get fit, meet new people and have fun with your little ones! And, after some classes, special activities will be planned for the children! All new participants will receive a water bottle. Strollers in Motion Boot Camp is led by Strollercize® certified instructor, Caitlin Elliott.

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

Strollers in Motion

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks – Pre K

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Session A

Mondays, June 1 – June 29

Session B

Mondays, July 13 – August 10

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

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

Bike Centerville Routes to Ride

Ages 18 and up

Monday, June 1

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

A review of safety tips, defensive cycling tips and group riding skills for beginner road cyclists who want to be more comfortable riding on roads. Several local 10 – 12 mile bike routes using mostly lower traffic roads will be discussed. Maps and cue sheets provided for all routes, along with electronic links. Presentation will be by Theresa Gilbert from Bike Centerville. Theresa is an active cyclist logging approximately 6,000 miles per year. She is also Vice President of Dayton Cycling Club, club ride leader and a trained Bike Miami Valley bike leader. A free Smart Cycling Quick Guide provided. (KM)

ROUTE
12

DID YOU KNOW?

Bike Route 12 begins at **Holes Creek Park** and runs through Centerville to Wilmington Pike. The route utilizes low traffic streets as much as possible. Look for the signs and give it a try this summer!

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.**



Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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)

Community Ride A

Sunday, June 7

*Oak Creek South Park
790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.*

Community Ride B

Sunday, July 19

*Schoolhouse Park
1875 Nutt Rd.*

Community Ride C

Sunday, August 23

*Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.*



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

Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up

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

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.

Tai Chi is held outdoors, moving indoors for inclement weather.

Tai Chi Beginner

Saturdays, June 13 – August 15

(no class July 4 & 25)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 7

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 1 – August 10

(no class June 29)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$48 residents, \$64 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 9

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)

Cardio Combo

Ages 18 and up

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Session A

Tuesdays, June 2 – July 14

(no class June 30)

Session B

Thursdays, June 4 – July 16

(no class July 2)

Session C

Tuesdays, July 21 – August 25

Session D

Thursdays, July 23 – August 27

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. Bring water, exercise mat and towel. (JH)

Cardio Fit

Ages 18 and up

Thursdays, July 23 – August 27

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 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, exercise mat and towel. (JH)

Fit Fusion

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

Session A

Wednesdays, June 3 – July 15

(no class June 17)
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, June 5 – July 17

(no class July 3)
 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fit Fusion incorporates cardio, circuit training, resistance training, pilates and compound exercises. Each class will vary in the types of exercises and will help you build speed, power, strength and endurance. We will target different muscle groups using different methods of training, allowing you to experience a jump start in fat loss and muscle definition. Modifications provided. No guts, no glory! Taught by Emily Chandler, a certified group fitness instructor.

Please bring a light set of weights, and a towel or yoga mat. (JH)



Outdoor exercise boosts the body, mind and mood!

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
June 2 – August 27
 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!

This program is designed to be a “meet-up” style format. Staff will join the walks from time to time.

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

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

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



Trail Trekking

Ages 18 and up
Fee/session: \$15 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, June 2 – August 25

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Session B

Fridays, June 5 – August 28

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! (JH)

Date	Park
June 2/5	Forest Field
June 9/12	Iron Horse
June 16/19	Yankee
June 23/26	Oak Creek South
June 30/July 3	Holes Creek*
July 7/10	Robert F. Mays
July 14/17	Oak Grove
July 21/24	Schoolhouse
July 28/31	Forest Field
August 4/7	Iron Horse
August 11/14	Yankee
August 18/21	Oak Creek South
August 25/28	Holes Creek*

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

Online resident registration begins
 Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.



Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, June 3 – August 26

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 3	Bill Yeck, Smith House
June 10	Grant, Watts
June 17	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
June 24	Forest Field
July 1	Grant, Normandy
July 8	Bill Yeck, McGuffey Meadow
July 15	Forest Field
July 22	Grant, Normandy
July 29	Bill Yeck, Smith House
August 5	Grant, Watts
August 12	Bill Yeck, Rooks Mill
August 19	Forest Field
August 26	Grant, Normandy

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



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 at the park. 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.

Instructions are on the equipment. You can also use your mobile device to watch instructional videos for each piece.

Oak Grove Park is open daylight hours. It is located at 1790 E. Social Row Rd.



Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

June 3 – August 26

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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



"Thank you for offering outdoor yoga! There is something truly special about practicing yoga while surrounded by nature. I love this class!"

Yoga in the Park Participant

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 6 – July 18
(no class July 4)
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session B

Saturdays, June 6 – July 18
(no class July 4)
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Session C

Saturdays, July 25 – August 29
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Session D

Saturdays, July 25 – August 29
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. Class will be held on the deck overlooking the meadow with the option to move indoors for inclement weather. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (JH)

Fitness Yoga

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

Session A

Wednesdays, June 10 – July 15
6:00 – 7:00 a.m.
Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session B

Wednesdays, June 10 – July 15
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Fee: \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

Session C

Wednesdays, July 22 – August 26
6:00 – 7:00 a.m.
Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Session D

Wednesdays, July 22 – August 26
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)



Online resident registration begins
Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Yoga

Ages 18 and up
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Gentle Yoga

Thursday, June 11

Cherry Hill Park
10244 Cherry Tree Terrace

Vinyasa Flow

Thursday, July 9

Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.

Breathwork + Meditation

Thursday, August 13

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 18
8:45 – 10:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
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. (JH)



Tennis Instruction: Drill & Play

Ages 18 and up
Mondays & Wednesdays,
June 8 – July 22

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$135 residents, \$175 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, May 29

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)

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.



Tennis Leagues

Ages 18 and up
July 5 – September 14
6:00 p.m.

Various locations

Fee: \$25 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, June 21

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



Spend time this summer exploring your parks! Visit a park you've never explored before, or revisit an old favorite! Bring along friends and/or the whole family for some exercise. The following parks have tennis courts you can use during daylight hours:

Forest Field, Green, Oak Grove, Old Lane, Schoolhouse, Village South and Yankee Parks.

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

Registration is required for 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.

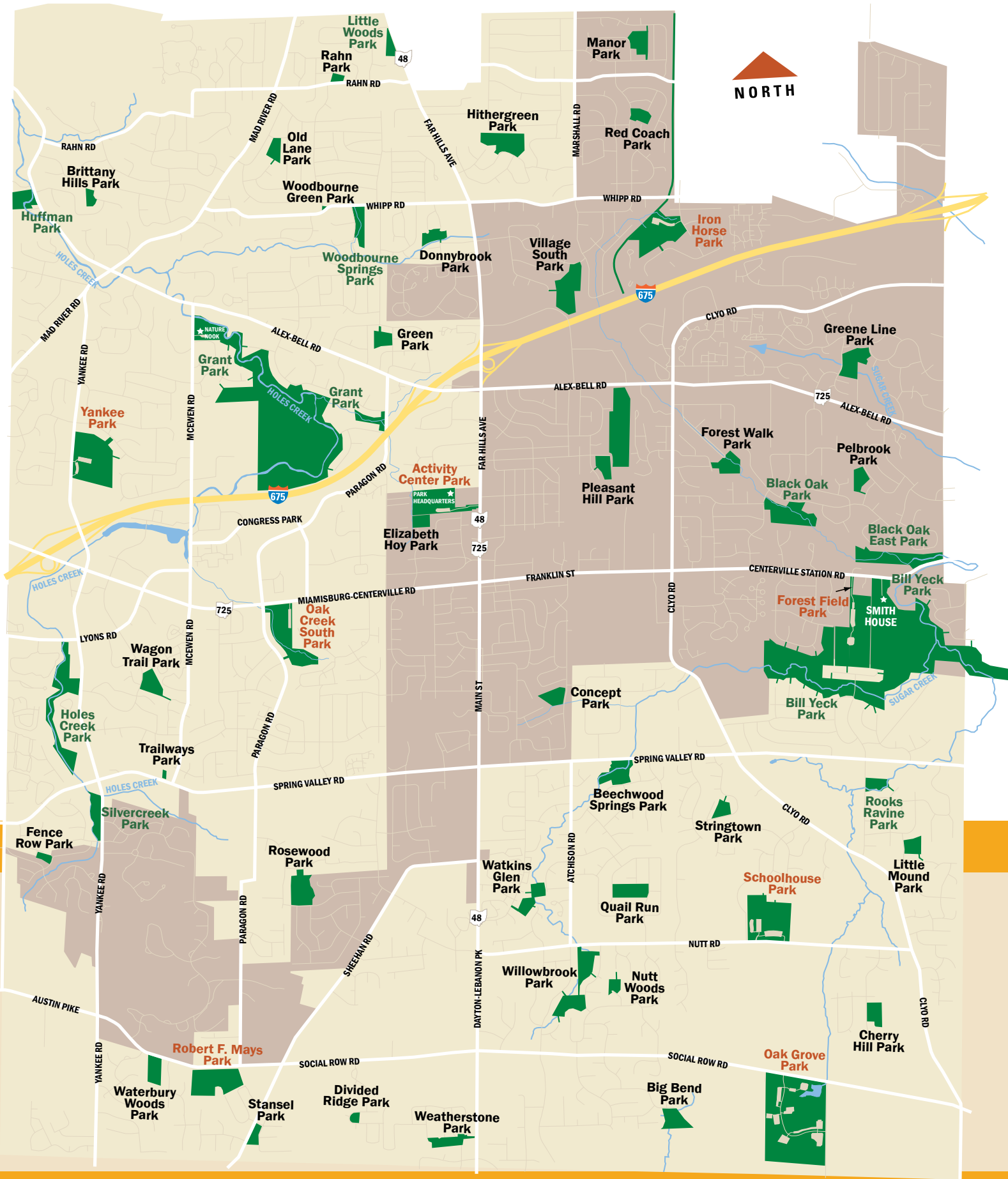
Community Park

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 11.

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

Registration for the camps on page 4 – 7 began online April 13.

By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please have your credit card ready for fee-based programs. Phone registration begins one day later than online registration.

In Person

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

Registration and Refund Policy

Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.

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

Access to All

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 11
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, May 18
at 10:00 a.m.

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

EVEN BETTER PARKS IN 2019

The Park Board pays close attention to what you tell us you want in your parks. Simultaneously, the Board is always looking to keep parks and amenities safe, clean and in good repair. There were too many park improvements in 2019 to list, but please enjoy this list of ways the Park District made your parks better places to Explore Your Community's BIG Backyard!

- Flushable restrooms completed and opened at **Oak Grove Park**.
- Additional features added to the **Forest Field Park** nature playground.
- Addition of **Hithergreen Park**, your 51st park!
- Added two new, permanent pickleball courts at **Activity Center Park**.
- Newly routed and surfaced one-mile purple trail at **Bill Yeck Park**.
- Improved trail access at the Rooks Mill entrance to **Bill Yeck Park**.
- Added a new playground at **Divided Ridge Park**, plus upgraded five other playgrounds.
- Completed a one-mile trail at **Pleasant Hill Park**.
- Moved park operations to a larger, better functioning maintenance garage.

DELIVERING MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

This year of park and program improvements is impressive. But, all of this is being accomplished while making sure improvements are achieved by being effective and efficient with the community's tax dollars.

Faster Mobilization. The new, more spacious maintenance facility allows park technicians to be "loaded and ready to go" every day. At the old, under-sized facility, trucks were unloaded every day and parked outdoors for the night. Conservative estimates are that staff has freed about 1,800 hours per year from the task of prepping vehicles, equipment and supplies each day. That's 1,800 hours per year of more time in the parks making them safe, clean and beautiful.

Planting Container-grown Trees. Staff research found that smaller trees grown in containers will match or exceed the size of larger "ball and burlap" trees after five years. What's important about this is that the trees can be planted without heavy equipment and can be planted with fewer staff — getting them in the ground much faster.

Leveraging Local Money. In 2019, CWPD earned more than \$120,000 in grants to replace the Schoolhouse Park playground. We used a grant awarded in 2018 to convert the Hithergreen site into a public park.

Repurposing an Old Building. After maintenance operations moved out, the Park District was able to convert the old garage space in Activity Center Park. The new space doubles as a small but versatile place for programs and activities like composting and gardening.



Hithergreen Park



Bill Yeck Park Purple Trail



Divided Ridge Park Playground



Pleasant Hill Park Trail



Park Operations Facility

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2019 BY THE NUMBERS

105,000	website hits
15,000	program participations
10,500	social media followers
3,750	hours volunteered to CWPDP
1,116	children at nature camps
700+	trees planted
408	picnic shelter reservations
26	acres of pollinator habitat created
24	programs in neighborhood parks

PEOPLE AND PARTNERS POWER THE PARKS!

Without the volunteers, community groups and our sister public entities, the parks and activities would not be as good as they are. Here are some of the terrific contributions to the parks by these people.

Race To the Holidays 5K/10K. This fund-raiser for the library foundation is a cooperative joint venture of the Friends of the Library, Washington Township Recreation Center and the Park District. A record number of runners and walkers enjoyed a sunny day at Schoolhouse Park.

Scouts Lead. This year, six Boy and Girl Scout projects added to Your BIG Backyard!

Volunteers Abound. Up 65% from 2018, volunteers contributed 3,750 hours of work in parks, at programs and with all-around assistance to the parks.

Capabilities Care for Libraries. With five Little Free Libraries in your parks, the question was how to keep them stocked and clean. Enter Capabilities, Inc! Their adult participants sort books donated by the Friends of the Library and deliver them to one Little Free Library each week.

Neighbor Engagement. Neighbors from Pelbrook and Willowbrook Parks, and from the Hithergreen neighborhood participated in the District's new engagement process. The process allowed more than 100 people to explain how they use their neighborhood parks, giving direction to future park design and amenities.

Goodbye Garlic Mustard. The annual "Pull Your Weight Challenge" eliminated a ton of invasive garlic mustard from parks. Teams uprooted an estimated 2,040 pounds, exceeding the previous year by 380%. Don't miss the chance to join the fun in 2020!

Operation Re-leaf. The emerald ash borer has killed thousands of trees in the parks. This year, 550 school children, grades 3-6, from three schools, planted more than 300 trees. But, it was not just a planting. The schools will combine science and math studies with the trees as they grow and mature. The park-schools program was funded by a Centerville-Washington Foundation grant.

Township, Library and Parks Partnership. Building on previous cooperation, these three public entities have collaborated to create AccessAbility. This series of activities is aimed to provide a variety of fun and enriching activities to residents with special needs.

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



PROGRAMS LEAD PEOPLE TO PARKS

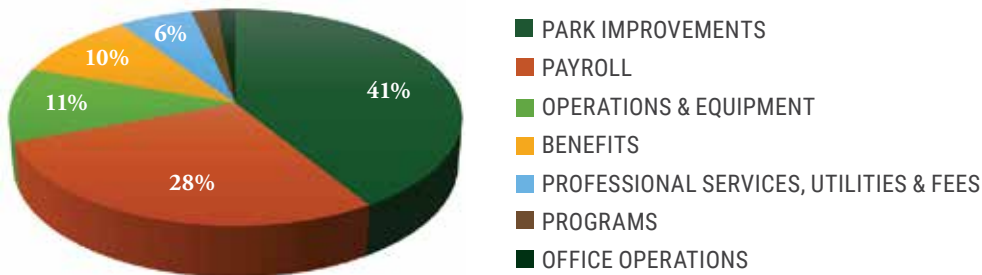
According to resident feedback and participation rates, many of you like to use your parks via planned programs and activities. A variety of new activities and programs helped you Explore Your Community's BIG Backyard! Here are just a few of the new opportunities in 2019:

- Pop-Up Pup Parks, a portable dog park enclosure, made its way to five neighborhood parks, receiving rave reviews from dogs and their owners.
- To meet demand, a second summer nature and outdoor recreation day camp was added at **Bill Yeck Park** — Sugar Valley Day Camp.
- Overall day camp capacity was enlarged, allowing for 100 more campers.
- The annual Luminary Walk was offered for two evenings instead of one.
- Dozens of Pop-Up Park Challenges drew hundreds of people to parks at their time and convenience.

2019 EXPENDITURES

General fund receipts, not including advance repayments (temporary loans from the general fund to another fund), totaled \$5,476,817. General fund operating expenditures totaled \$3,885,531.

Capital improvements totaled \$2,694,270 and included exciting projects such as: **Oak Grove Park** restroom facilities, the beginning of erosion repair at **Grant Park**, several scheduled neighborhood park updates and improvements, trail and drainage improvements at **Pleasant Hill Park** and updates to the headquarters and operations facilities.



Pop-Up Pup Park



Sugar Valley Day Camp



Luminary Walk at Bill Yeck Park



Summer Pop-Up Park Challenge



Grant Park Stream Bank Repairs

We are serious about stretching your tax dollars!
We sought and were awarded the following grant in 2019:
Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant — for
Schoolhouse Park playground renovations to be completed in 2020.
(\$120,000)

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DONATIONS

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

- Centerville Baseball Softball League
- Penbrooke Garden Club
- The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners
- Erica Tan
- Susan Vogler
- United Way of Dayton

Additional donations were made in honor of:

- David Brown
- Carman's Advisory
- Jack Kennedy
- Connie Millspaugh
- Irene and John Ponto
- Emmet Roth
- Charlotte Ann Wharton

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

LOOKING AHEAD

We have a great many things planned for your parks in 2020:

- The **Grant Park** yellow trail will re-open. Visitors will once again be able to hike from the Normandy side of the park to the Kennard Nature Nook, or vice versa. In addition, **Grant Park** master planning will take place soon. You will be invited to participate! Watch for more details to be announced.
- A new **Schoolhouse Park** playground will be accessible for all with an all-weather safety surface.
- Even more improvements are coming to the trails of **Bill Yeck Park**, including improved wayfinding.
- **Hithergreen Park** development will continue.
- Look for new and fun ways to explore the outdoors with programs and events for all ages, such as the 3rd Annual Ales and Tails, Race to the Holidays, iNaturalist Blitz, Monarch Migration Program, Build a Terrarium, and What's in Your Big Backyard. Halloweekend is also coming to your parks, with an all new, all ages outdoor holiday schedule of events!

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

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



We are honored to have been awarded the Wright Brothers District of the Miami Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America Outstanding Organization of the Year in 2019! Hundreds of Scouts have worked to improve your parks over the years. It is our pleasure to work with them!



David R. Lee
President



Dan H. Monahan
Secretary



Lucy M. Sánchez
Vice President

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

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