



*Centerville-Washington*

**PARK DISTRICT**

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



*Explore* your community's BIG backyard!



Black Oak Park



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Programming During a Pandemic



Former CWPB Executive Director Arnie Biondo and CWPB Executive Director Kristen Marks.

In 2021, the Centerville-Washington Park District (CWPD) became even savvier in adapting to pandemic restrictions. For a second year in a row, we did not allow restrictions to keep us from serving this great community. Program participation and park visitation exceeded pre-pandemic numbers as outdoor experiences remained in demand. In fact, Ohio Business Magazine recognized the Park District with the **2021 Ohio Success Award** for program innovation during the pandemic!



In other award news, we were recognized as a finalist for the **2021 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management**. This is the third time in four years CWPD has been named as a finalist for the award. It is an honor to be recognized as one of the best in the nation!

The year brought several changes to the CWPD leadership team. Commissioner Lucy Sanchez served her ninth and final year on the Park Board. We welcomed Jeff Senney as a new commissioner. In addition, Arnie Biondo retired after serving six successful years as executive director. The Board of Commissioners selected Kristen Marks to lead the organization as the new executive director. Ms. Marks has been with CWPD since 2002. She started as the Park District's naturalist, was twice promoted, first to outdoor education coordinator, and then to program manager. In April, Jake Hensel joined the CWPD team as the new program manager, taking over Kristen Marks' previous role.

## FINANCES

Once again, CWPD received the highest rating from the State of Ohio Auditor. CWPD consistently shows accuracy and proper accounting controls of taxpayer money. General fund receipts totaled \$5,684,282.

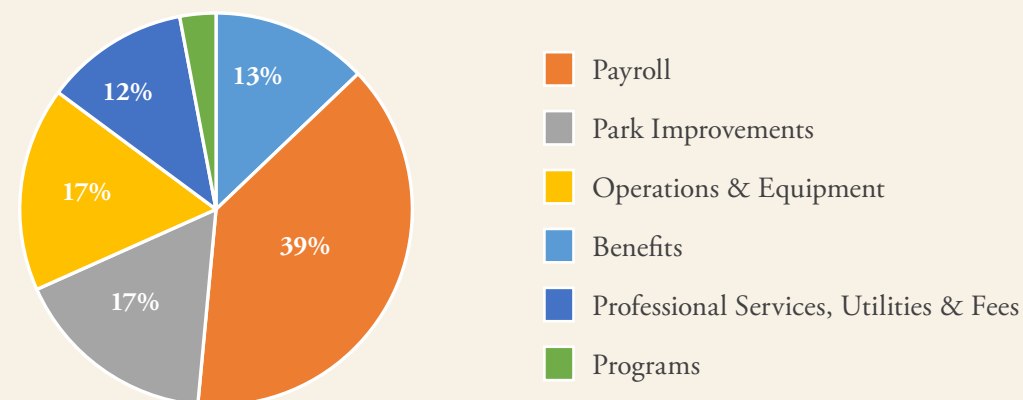
General operating expenditures totaled \$4,133,337

Capital improvements totaled \$821,469 and included:

- Expanding the **Bill Yeck** McGuffey Meadow parking lot
- A new playground at **Yankee Park**
- Adding a perimeter path to **Activity Center Park**
- Headquarters entry improvements
- A new picnic shelter at **Hithergreen Park**
- Streambank erosion repair at **Grant Park** and **Holes Creek Park**

We were thankful to receive a \$25,000 donation from Centerville Noon Optimist Club toward the new Yankee Park Playground!

## 2021 EXPENDITURES



## DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity in 2021!

Centerville Noon Optimist Club  
Dayton Children's Hospital  
Emily Denlinger  
Penbrooke Garden Club  
PetPeople  
United Way of Greater Dayton  
William and Dorothy Yeck  
Nature Fund

Additional donations were made this year to honor:

Mary Rose Back  
Arnie Biondo  
Marsha Birch  
Kerry Breed  
Ryan & Christina Butler  
Cammie Chinery  
Charlotte Chinery  
Jack Chinery  
Robert Thomas Furderer  
Bruce Holroyd  
Charles LeBoeuf  
Jeffrey Loomis  
Jean Radice  
Jane Visser  
Patricia Chinery Whalen

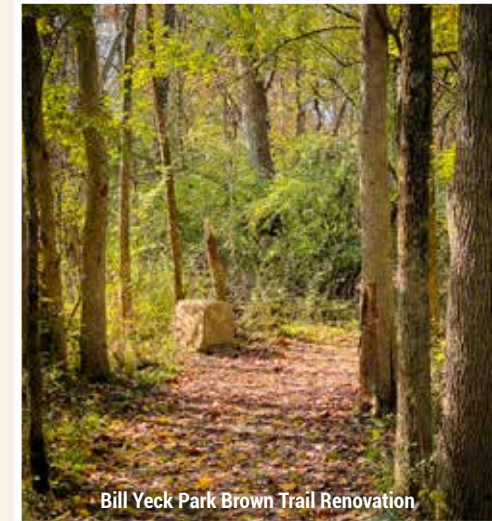
## PARKS & PLANNING

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 2021 to list, but here is a short list of ways your parks became better places to explore in your community's BIG backyard!

- Received a grant to purchase 33 acres from the Centerville City School District to expand **Grant Park**
- Added a shelter, nature play area and a nature trail to **Hithergreen Park**
- Renovated the brown trail at **Bill Yeck Park** and relocated Owl Alexander's Tree Trek to the new trail
- Three new playgrounds got underway – **Black Oak, Willowbrook and Yankee Parks**. All three playgrounds were designed with community input and will be open for use in 2022.
- Controlled burns of 30 acres to control for invasive species
- Improved pedestrian access to **Forest Field Park**
- Added dugout covers at **Oak Grove Park**
- Nature path and learning stations added at **Village South Park** to enrich the education of neighboring Primary Village North students
- A tobacco-free parks policy was adopted for eight community parks: **Activity Center, Forest Field, Iron Horse, Oak Creek South, Oak Grove, Robert F. Mays, Schoolhouse and Yankee.**



Hithergreen Park Picnic Shelter

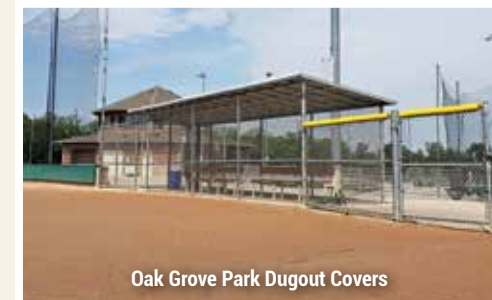


Bill Yeck Park Brown Trail Renovation

## PROGRAMS

A variety of activities and programs help you explore your community's BIG backyard! Here are just a few of the opportunities offered in 2021:

- An increased focus on sustainability programming, including a Styrofoam recycling event, the annual Pull Your Weight Garlic Mustard Challenge, holiday lights recycling collection and composting programs. CWPD was awarded a **first place Ohio Parks and Recreation Award** in the environmental and interpretive category for the first Styrofoam recycling event in our region.
- 200 teams completed the 51 Parks Challenge, visiting every park in the district from January to December 2021
- 1,300 children attended CWPD summer camps
- 18 special events and over 500 weekly/monthly programs were planned for the community to enjoy



Oak Grove Park Dugout Covers

Volunteers logged in 3,041 volunteer hours, with an estimated value of \$86,790. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers for their important contributions to CWPD.

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  
President



Alex Pearl  
Vice President



Jeff Senney  
Secretary

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## 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 123,000 | website hits                                   |
| 13,700  | social media followers                         |
| 3,041   | hours volunteered to CWPD                      |
| 2,346   | lbs. of garlic mustard pulled                  |
| 1,300+  | children at camps                              |
| 1,200   | lbs. of Styrofoam collected for recycling      |
| 768     | lbs. of holiday lights collected for recycling |
| 100+    | trees planted                                  |
| 18      | special events planned                         |
| 2       | miles of trail added                           |



# 2021 Annual Report: Follow the trail through your community's BIG backyard!



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**JAN**



**1,200 lbs.** of Styrofoam collected at the region's 1<sup>st</sup> Styrofoam Recycling Event — a partnership with the City of Centerville and Montgomery County Environmental Services.



**5 MILLION VIEWS** on CWPDP's Facebook page — all because of a post about bagworms! Did you see it?

**FEB**



**768 lbs.** broken holiday string lights collected for recycling.



**2,346 lbs.** of invasive garlic mustard removed from your parks by volunteers!

**JUN**



Jeff Senney joined the Board of Park Commissioners.

**JUL**

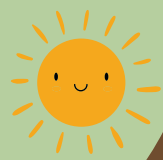


Named a National Recreation and Park Association **Gold Medal Finalist** for the third time in four years!



Added dugout covers to Oak Grove Park through a 50/50 matching funds project with the Centerville Baseball Softball League.

**1,300+ children** attended summer camps!



**AUG**



Grayson Atkins of BSA Troop 516 constructed an outdoor classroom at Village South Park. Thanks, Grayson!

**OCT**

Brown trail at Bill Yeck Park renovated to include 0.8 miles of wooded trail and three boardwalks.



A tobacco-free parks policy was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners for your 8 community parks.

**SEP**



Owlexander's Tree Trek was relocated along the Bill Yeck Park brown trail.

**NOV**



Received a **1<sup>st</sup>** place Ohio Parks and Recreation Association award for the Styrofoam Recycling Event held in January!



**200 teams** completed the 51 Parks Challenge, visiting all 51 parks in 2021!

**DEC**

**3,041 hours** volunteered to CWPDP! Thank you for your support!

More than **18** special events and **500** scheduled programs complete!

Keep in touch with us — we want to hear your suggestions as we strive to meet the community's outdoor recreation needs!

- Your Board of Park Commissioners

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- Jean Radice
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Changing of the guard! Arnie Biondo retired as CWPDP's Executive Director and Kristen Marks took the helm!



Picnic shelter added to Hithergreen Park.

Nature play area and a nature trail added to Hithergreen Park.

Completed controlled burns on **30 acres** of parkland to control for invasive species.

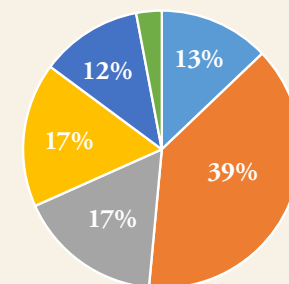


Improved pedestrian access from nearby neighborhoods into Forest Field Park.

## 2021 FINANCES

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## 2021 EXPENDITURES



- Payroll
- Park Improvements
- Operations & Equipment
- Benefits
- Professional Services, Utilities & Fees
- Programs



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