



Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



Explore your community's **BIG** backyard!



Oak Grove Park BIG Backyard Party

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Grant Park McEwen Entrance groundbreaking



Yankee Park playground grand opening



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In 2022, the Centerville-Washington Park District (CWPD) completed a Community Needs Assessment. Staff are already using the resident input to drive strategy! There is repeating data from our 2016 Needs Assessment reaffirming community support to continue adding and improving multi-use paths and hiking trails, preserving habitats and ecosystems, holding large community events and increasing health and wellness programming.



It was a banner year for impactful partnerships. In fact, Ohio Business Magazine recognized the Park District with the 2022 Ohio Success Award! The award honors businesses, non-profits and governmental organizations' success, focusing on the partnerships they form with each other to benefit their communities. CWPD partnered with several notable organizations, such as Centerville High School National Honor Society, Centerville Noon Optimist Club, Centerville Rotary Club, City of Centerville, Dayton Children's Hospital, House of Bread, SICSA, Shoes for the Shoeless and Washington-Centerville Public Library.

We also teamed up with the Dayton Foundation to establish the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks. The Foundation secures philanthropic funding for projects, programs and conservation efforts directly related to the Centerville-Washington Park District's mission.

Commissioner Dan Monahan served his ninth and final year on the Park Board in 2022 and we welcomed Jason Riley as a new park commissioner.

FINANCES

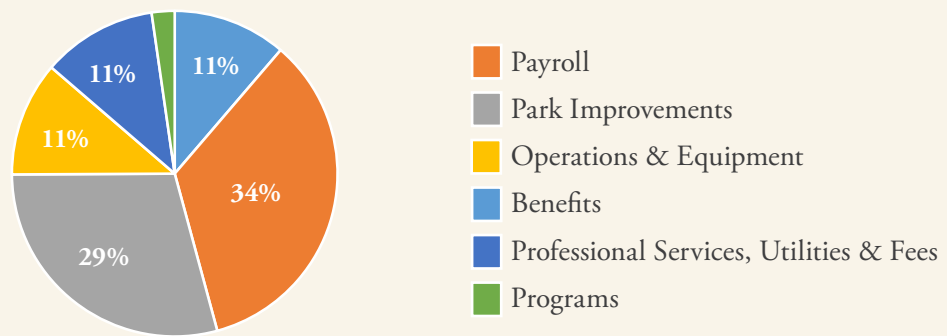
CWPD consistently shows accuracy and proper accounting controls of taxpayer money. General fund receipts totaled \$6,364,267. General operating expenditures totaled \$5,947,973. Capital improvements totaled \$1,727,923 and included:

- Grant Park, McEwen entrance improvements and paved multi-use path
- Accessible walkways added to **Divided Ridge, Manor, Pleasant Hill** and **Yankee Parks**
- New playgrounds at **Black Oak, Willowbrook** and **Yankee Parks**
- New wayfinding system at **Bill Yeck Park**

We were thankful to receive a \$51,000 donation from Centerville Rotary toward the entrance improvements at Grant Park, McEwen Entrance, as well as \$20,000 from the Centerville Noon Optimists to purchase 23 accessible swings. With this purchase, we are proud to say ALL 41 playgrounds have an accessible swing!

We also received \$352,290 in grant funding in 2022, including H2Ohio funding for streambank restoration and stormwater wetland creation at Grant Park.

2022 EXPENDITURES



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

290,000	park visitors for sports
125,000	website hits
14,880	social media followers
12,000	enrolled in park programs
4,558	hours volunteered to CWPD
1,200	Centerville school students visited in the classroom
175	Bill Yeck wayfinding signs planned
34	special events planned
33	additional acres at Grant
3	miles of trail added

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 2022 to list, but here is a short list of ways your parks became better places to explore in your community's BIG backyard!

- With grant money, purchased 33 acres from Centerville City School District to expand **Grant Park**
- Planted 100 tree saplings at **Pleasant Hill Park** in cooperation with BSA Troop #116
- Added the two-mile orange trail at **Bill Yeck Park**
- Added the half-mile western trail extension at **Bill Yeck Park**
- Added a nature playground to **Pleasant Hill Park**
- Planned more than 175 signs for a new wayfinding system at **Bill Yeck Park**
- Added new irrigation pump station to **Oak Grove Park**
- Welcomed 4,000 sports practices and games on athletic fields
- Improved the nature classroom at **Village South Park/Primary Village North**
- Added a vernal pool in **Bill Yeck Park's** bluebird meadow
- Received SFMA Facility Certification for demonstrating best management practices for environmentally sustainable sports facilities at **Oak Grove Park**

PROGRAMS

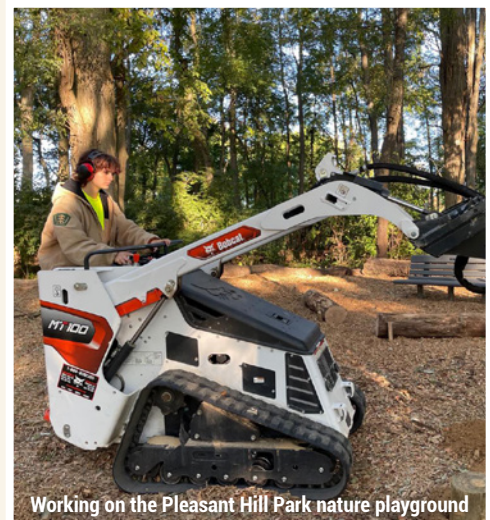
A variety of activities and programs provide excellent opportunities to explore your community's BIG backyard! Here are just a few of the opportunities offered in 2022:

- We started a "zero-waste" initiative for three big programs — two youth day camps as well as the community, 1,000-participant festival, BIG Backyard Party. Our knowledgeable staff conducted internal workshops on best composting practices. Recycling options were made readily available to participants. Vendors at BIG Backyard Party cooperated by offering reusable and compostable containers and utensils. At camps, counselors reported behavior changes among campers regarding lunch contents, recycling and composting!
- Working with our partners, such as Dayton Children's Hospital and Bike Centerville, we increased fitness and wellness enrollment by 107% from 2021 to 2022 — from 1,151 participants to 2,394!
- 34 special events were offered, a 100% increase from 2021, as well as over 600 weekly/monthly programs that included environmental education, health and wellness, and outdoor recreation.
- The Park District's outreach team instructed 1,200 Centerville City School students! The Park District loves being park of the students' learning journey and supplementing the outstanding work teachers are doing.

Volunteers logged 4,558 volunteer hours, a 50% increase from 2021, with an estimated value of \$136,512. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers for their important contributions to CWPD!



Bill Yeck Park orange trail



Working on the Pleasant Hill Park nature playground



New Special Event: A Night with Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities



Alex Pearl
President



Jeff Senney
Vice President



Jason Riley
Secretary

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

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

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity in 2022!

The Blessing Family
 Burke Orthodontics/Smile Doctors
 Centerville High School National Honor Society
 Centerville Noon Optimist Club
 Centerville Rotary Club
 Dayton Children's Hospital
 Kona Ice
 Penbrooke Garden Club
 The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams
 Community Partners
 Dale Siefker
 William and Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation

Additional donations were made to honor:

Mary Rose Back
 Judy Bair
 Forrest & Sally Betche
 John T. Cogan
 Charles Joseph Francis
 Janet Lee Harry
 Bruce Holroyd
 Joshua Logan Laepple
 Allen & Lois Miller
 Chris Miller
 David Miller
 Dan Monahan
 Donald J. Muckerheide
 Phil & Kathy West
 Bill Yeck



Oak Grove Park awarded an SFMA Certified Facility for demonstrating best management practices for environmentally sustainable sports facilities.

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JAN

H2Ohio \$300K H2Ohio grant funding awarded for streambank restoration and stormwater wetland creation at Grant Park.

5,500 lbs. of Styrofoam collected at the 2nd annual Styrofoam Recycling Event — a partnership with the City of Centerville and Montgomery County Environmental Services.

FEB

1,100 lbs. broken holiday string lights collected for recycling.

MAR

New playground added to Black Oak Park.

APR

100 tree saplings planted at Pleasant Hill Park thanks to Owen Currie of BSA Troop #116!

MAY

New Yankee Park playground opened! The Centerville Noon Optimist Club donated \$25K toward the project. Thanks, CNO!

JUN

Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks
 Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks established.

JUL

New monthly e-newsletter launched in response to the community needs assessment results!

AUG

1,500+ native seed packets distributed at the Americana Festival.

SEP

900+ children attended summer camps! **40%** of them attended multiple weeks!

OCT

Nature playground added to Pleasant Hill Park.

2,500 people attended fall special events.

NOV

More than **450 park shelter reservations** in 2022!

DEC

More than **34** special events and **600** scheduled programs in 2022!

33.25 acres added to Grant Park, funded by a \$613K grant!

4,558 hours volunteered to CWPD! Thank you for your support!

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

23 accessible swings added to neighborhood parks thanks to a \$20K donation from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club!

Added dugout covers to Oak Creek South and Activity Center Parks through a 50/50 matching funds project with the Centerville Baseball Softball League.

New **2-mile** orange trail and **0.5-mile** western trail extension opened at Bill Yeck Park.

The Pop-Up Pup Park traveled to **11 parks** in 2022!

Dorothy, a leucistic red-tailed hawk was released from Glen Helen into Bill Yeck Park.

Jason Riley joined the Board of Park Commissioners.

New playground added to Willowbrook Park.

Accessible walkways added to the playgrounds at Divided Ridge, Manor & Pleasant Hill Parks.

0.5-mile paved perimeter path added to Activity Center Park.

Grant Park's Kennard Nature Nook entrance expanded to double parking and improve traffic flow. **0.25-mile paved path** added around the meadow. All with the help of a \$50K gift from the Centerville Rotary Club!

More than **4,000 games or practices** held on sports fields!



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