

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2023

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



*Explore* your community's BIG backyard!

The Great Turkey Trek at Bill Yeck Park



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November 23 & 24, 2023

### Park Addresses

For more information and each park's  
address, visit [www.cwpc.org](http://www.cwpc.org).



### Dog Park Closures

[www.cwpc.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/](http://www.cwpc.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/)



### Athletic Field Conditions

[www.cwpc.org/field\\_status/](http://www.cwpc.org/field_status/)

### Area Youth

#### Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League  
[www.cbltoday.org](http://www.cbltoday.org)

Centerville Recreational Soccer  
[www.centervillesoccer.com](http://www.centervillesoccer.com)

Centerville Wee Elks  
Football Association  
[www.weeelks.org](http://www.weeelks.org)

Centerville Youth Lacrosse  
[www.cvlax.org](http://www.cvlax.org)

FC Dayton  
[www.fcdayton.org/](http://www.fcdayton.org/)

## Commissioners' Corner



During my 25 years in the United States Army, my family and I were fortunate to have lived in over a dozen states and countries. I can honestly say that none of those

locations had the high-quality parks and programs that we operate in your Centerville-Washington Park District. We maintain your parks and programs through an operating levy. On November 7, we will ask voters to replace an expiring 0.9 mill property tax levy with a new 1.0 mill property tax levy. Passage of this 10-year replacement levy will help preserve your District's 51 high-quality parks and enable us to continue offering the diverse portfolio of award-winning programs that you and your family enjoy.

Below are just some of the program and project highlights happening this fall.

### PROGRAMS

- Join us for a revamped Adapted Action Day at **Oak Grove Park**! 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! Thanks to various sponsorships, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Adapted Action Day will be bigger and better than ever!
- Celebrate your child's imagination and creativity at **Bill Yeck Park**'s Fairy & Gnome Home Festival. Build a fairy and gnome home out of natural materials for our woodland residents. Other activities will include story time, a scavenger hunt and a craft!
- Bike Centerville will host rides at **Forest Field, Iron Horse, Oak Creek South and Pleasant Hill Parks**.
- Archery for all ages and abilities at the archery range at **Oak Grove Park**.



### SAVE A TREE

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Did you know the Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month throughout the year? View the schedule on the Park District website:

[www.cwpc.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/](http://www.cwpc.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/)

- A brand new meet your parks series takes place at **Big Bend, Concept, Hithergreen** and **Wagon Trail Parks**. Learn about the history and features of neighborhood parks. Meet your neighbors and enjoy light refreshments.

### PROJECTS

- A sprayground renovation at **Activity Center Park** will kick-off at the close of sprayground season. When completed, visitors will enjoy a completely renovated sprayground with new seating, picnic tables, shade canopies and water spray features for the 2024 season.
- A new perimeter path is opening soon at **Iron Horse Park**. All eight community parks will have a perimeter path — a vision of the 2004 park improvements levy!

As always, we are grateful for our dedicated volunteers, generous donors and supportive community that help make your community's BIG backyard so exceptional!

Finally, if you are not already, I encourage you to follow us on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and sign-up for our e-newsletter so you can join in and learn about other opportunities to explore!

Jason Riley  
Park Board Vice President



## Volunteer Spotlight

### LIGHT UP THE MOUND PUMPKIN GLOW, BY MANDY MAURO

After finishing our military service in California in 2013, we decided to move back to our home state of Ohio in order to be closer to family. Coming from such a large area in California we were worried about the type of things a small town in Ohio would have to offer. It wasn't long before we fell in love with the Centerville/Washington Township area and that small town community atmosphere.

When our children were young, Little Mound Park became our daily ritual. It was a place to play and make memories. We even watched the Americana fireworks our very first 4<sup>th</sup> of July sitting on top of the mound. Our love for **Little Mound Park** grew each year. From sled riding in the winters to introducing our first puppy to the joys of the word "park," Little Mound Park quickly became our go to place.



One weekend when my parents were in town visiting, we took our daily walk down to the park with the kids. I joked with my parents how neat it would be to cover the mound in pumpkins and light it up on Halloween. Being the amazing parents they are, they said, "You should do that, and we can help!" The next Halloween we held our very first Light Up the Mound Pumpkin Glow. We had 35 pumpkins on the mound that year and we were so proud. Almost every one of those 35 pumpkins came from our family and friends who pitched in to help us accomplish our crazy idea.

## Park District Will Be on the November Ballot

At the July 10 meeting of the Centerville-Washington Park District (CWPD) Board of Commissioners, a resolution was passed to place a 1.0-mill levy replacement question on the November 7 ballot. This levy will replace an expiring 0.9-mill levy. The 0.9-mill levy was originally approved by voters in 2004 and was renewed in 2014.

The Park District's primary source of revenue is from property tax levies provided by Centerville and Washington Township residents. CWPD does not receive operating monies from the City of Centerville, Washington Township, Montgomery County, or Five Rivers MetroParks. This levy will generate approximately \$2M in revenue, which will provide funding to keep facilities in top shape, while adding various requested improvements. Homeowners would pay \$35/year per \$100,000 of assessed home value.

Investments over the next 10 years are driven by resident feedback and will include:

- Repairing aging hardscape areas, such as paved trails and courts
- Conservation and habitat management of natural areas
- Implementation of the Grant Park Master Plan, including new wayfinding
- Replacing aging equipment and park amenities, such as playgrounds
- Continuation of CWPD's ADA Transition Plan
- Continuation of award-winning program offerings
- Ensuring the Park District can retain excellent, highly qualified staff

In keeping with our value of fiscal responsibility, the Park District continually pursues available grants for park improvement projects and program initiatives. Over the past seven years, this has led to \$2.9M in grant funding, which has made countless park improvements possible, including 32 acres added to Pleasant Hill Park, the creation of Hithergreen Park, a new Forest Field Park playground, archery range improvements, a new Schoolhouse Park playground, Hole's Creek streambank restoration and much more!

The Centerville-Washington Park District has played a vital role in improving quality of life for Washington Township and Centerville residents since 1959 – delivering fun, healthy and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors.

The Park District also has a 2.0-mill operating levy, which was renewed by voters in 2017.

*Levy stories are for information and are not intended to support or promote the levy.*

I am consistently blown away by our community's support for Light Up the Mound. What I love most about doing this for our community is that it has not only become a big tradition in our family, but neighbors near and far tell us the same. It has become an annual tradition to stop by Light Up The Mound during trick or treat, and that means so much to us. Creating memories and a little magic for our neighbors makes it all worth it. From that first year of 35 pumpkins, to 100 pumpkins in 2022, it has grown and gained such an outpouring of support every year. All of which could never be made possible without our family, friends and neighbors donating carved pumpkins and joining in on all the magic. Who knows, maybe this year we will hit 101. Maybe 10 years from now we can cover the entire mound!

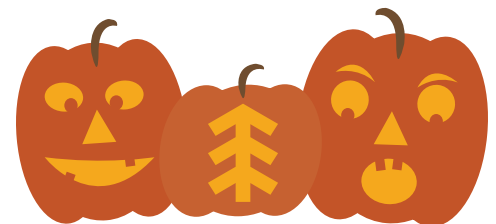
### Fun Facts about Light Up the Mound Pumpkin Glow

- All of the pumpkins return back to the fields to feed the animals of Old Sunnyside Farm.
- Once in a Blue Moon Farm and Lucas Brothers Farm have donated pumpkins.
- Mayor Brooks Compton pinned the very first Blue Ribbon Pumpkin in 2021 and the Washington Township Sheriff's Department awarded first place in 2022.
- The carving party that originated in the Mauro's backyard with just a few pumpkins and carvers is now held at Little Mound Park the Sunday before Halloween with lots of pumpkins and lots of carvers!
- Mandy's Mom and Dad still travel from Mansfield, Ohio every Halloween to help set up, pass out candy during trick or treat, and clean up.

### Get Involved!

Participate in the Light Up the Mound Pumpkin Glow by dropping off a carved pumpkin at the park on October 31!

Several other neighborhoods have held pumpkin glows in their parks for the neighbors to enjoy. If you are interested in organizing a glow for your neighborhood park, please contact CWPD Community Engagement Coordinator Ginger Clark at [gclark@cwpd.org](mailto:gclark@cwpd.org) or 937-433-5155.





## SPECIAL EVENTS



### YoGlow

Ages 18 and up

**Friday, September 8**

**(Rain date: Friday, September 15)**

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Ommmm ... 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 yoga mat and water. Dress comfortably. (AS)

**Please do not leave children unattended in the park while you participate in this event.**

### Fairy and Gnome Home Festival

All ages

**Saturday, September 9**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

*(Parking available at Forest Field Park)*

Celebrate your child's imagination and creativity with CWPD and the South Metro Optimist Club. Build a fairy and gnome home out of natural materials for our woodland residents. Upon arrival, your family will receive special currency to purchase natural embellishments for your home. Visit the realtor to get your home lot number and build a lovely house for our forest friends. Other activities will include a storytime, a scavenger hunt and a craft! Sweet P's Handcrafted Ice Pops will be available for purchase.

Registration is requested. (KL)

#### Early Arrival Option

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, September 1

We are offering an early arrival option for children needing a quieter, sensory-friendly Fairy and Gnome Home Festival experience.

Registration is required for this time slot to allow for a more controlled environment for participants. Registration is by family. Please register only one family member. (KL)



### Adapted Action Day

All ages (must be 8 and up for archery)

**Saturday, September 16**

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

You spoke and we listened! Join us for a revamped 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!

Thanks to various sponsorships, the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Adapted Action Day will be bigger and better than ever!

Registration is not required. (KT)

### Archery Day

All ages

**Saturday, September 23**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

We are teaming up with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District, the Kettering Recreation Complex and the Washington Township RecPlex for an afternoon of archery! Join us for blow-up archery, food trucks, various vendors and much more! Walk-up registrations for an archery class sampler on the range will be available on a first-come first-served basis during the event.

Registration is not required but is recommended. (KT)



**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**



## Pumpkin Patch Dash Fun Run

All ages

**Saturday, September 30**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*



A fun run all about one of our favorite aspects of fall — pumpkins! Visit all the stations along the route. They will have a wide variety of pumpkin and fall-inspired activities. Learn more about our favorite fall gourd along the way! This will be a one-mile course with a 100-meter dash option for ages 10 and under.

The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. For the one-mile course, you have the option to use your favorite fitness tracking app to record your time and share to our Facebook event page. This is a Tools to Trek program.

This event is sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital. (AS)



## Earn Tools to Trek!

Get ready to explore! Attend Tools to Trek programs to **earn a FREE Trek Pack!** Print a Tools to Trek tracking sheet from [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org). Bring your tracking sheet to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full of stamps, turn it in to collect your prize!

Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

## Halloween Hop & Howl

All ages

**Thursday, October 5, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**AND/OR**

**Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m. – noon**

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Put on your Halloween best and join us for a festive stroll for preschoolers and their families around Forest Field Park. Themed signs will be placed along the path to get kids moving and grooving as they collect goodies at various stations. Families are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy the Halloween spirit. The first 100 participants each day will receive tickets for free Kona Ice, sponsored by Tammy Zell of the Sasser Group/KW Advisors Realty! Kona Ice is weather dependent.

This is a "real pumpkin" event — all treats will be allergy-friendly. Please bring your own bag to collect treats!

This event is in partnership with the South Metro Optimist Club of Centerville.

Registration is not required. (AB)



## Truck or Treat

All ages

**Saturday, October 21**

10:00 a.m. – noon

*Oak Grove Park*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

A fall family favorite! Visit vehicles from our community partners and collect treats and giveaways! Honk a fire truck horn, shift tractor gears, push buttons in the law enforcement vehicles and much more!

Kona Ice will be available for purchase, weather permitting.

Attendees are encouraged to bring donations of new hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes), new clothes (any sizes), new pajamas (any sizes) for Isaiah 117 House. The mission of Isaiah 117 House is to ease the transition for children awaiting foster care placement.

Registration is not required. Please note that allergens will be present in some giveaways. (AB)

**10:00 – 10:30 a.m. is a special sensory time! There will be reduced noise and lights. Participants will be discouraged from honking horns or turning on lights. The Centerville-Washington Park District will have a limited amount of ear protection for participants to borrow throughout the event.**

No pets, please.





## Hound Hike

All ages

**Saturday, October 28**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Join us for an afternoon of testing your dog's sense of smell! Dress your dog up in their best costume and enjoy a self-guided hike through the trails of Bill Yeck Park. Start at the CWPD tent to get your score sheet, then see if your dog can find all the hidden scents along the trail.

Participants are welcome to come anytime during the program. The final time to start the hike is 1:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. (KT)

**All dogs must remain on a leash and leashes cannot extend longer than 8 feet.**

## Girl Scout Tree Promise

All ages

**Saturday, November 4**

**(Rain date: Sunday, November 5)**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Pleasant Hill Park  
358 Zengel Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 23

Join CWPD for an afternoon of planting, learning about and celebrating trees. Each Scout will plant two trees during the session. Please register by Troop. (KL)



## The Great Turkey Trek

All ages

**Saturday, November 18**

**(Rain date: Sunday, November 19)**

Noon – 3:00 p.m. (Last groups will be going on the trail at 2:15 p.m.)

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

We need your help for this Thanksgiving adventure. Help us find missing turkeys during an interactive walk or hike! There are two options for your quest: a one-mile paved/limestone walk or a 3.1-mile (5k) adventure hike. Either trek you complete, there will be a fun Thanksgiving-themed prize!

Dayton Children's Hospital is generously providing t-shirts for participants. T-shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registrations received by October 31.



Attendees are encouraged to bring new, unopened, colorful socks for Shoes for the Shoeless. Athletic socks that fit children ages 5 and up are preferred.

This is a Tools to Trek program.

Registration is requested. (AS)



New!



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 8 AND UNDER)



## Early Adventures

Ages 0 – 4 years with adult companion

**Fee/child/session:** \$4 nonresidents

### September Adventure

**Tuesday, September 5**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Watts Middle School Entrance  
7056 McEwen Rd.  
(natural path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, September 3

### October Adventure

**Tuesday, October 3**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Willowbrook Park  
10225 Park Edge Dr.  
(natural path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, October 1

### November Adventure

**Tuesday, November 7**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Holes Creek Park  
8575 Yankee St.  
(paved path)*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, November 5

Hit the trail with us! These exploratory hikes foster curiosity and confidence in young children. Your leader will point out seasonal changes and other natural points of interest in the parks. These are Tools to Trek programs.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. Strollers are not recommended for hikes on natural paths. (KL)

**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**

## Reading in the Wild

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion  
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*  
6588 McEwen Rd.  
**Fee/child/session:** \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

### September Storytime *Rabbits, Chipmunks and Squirrels*

**Tuesday, September 19 OR**  
**Wednesday, September 20**  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
September 14

### October Storytime *Spooky Creepy Crawlers*

**Tuesday, October 17 OR Wednesday,**  
**October 18**  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
October 12

### November Storytime *All Things Beavers*

**Tuesday, November 14 OR Wednesday,**  
**November 15**  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
November 9

Let's get together to read a story! We will interact with stories, complete crafts with sensory themes and take short hikes in the park — sparking a love of nature in our youngest community members! This program is limited to one adult companion per registrant.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. (KT)

## Creative Kids Corner:

### *Take Home Kits*

Recommended for ages 3 – 5  
**Thursdays, September 14, October 12 & November 9**  
**Fee/kit:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
September 7

This take-home kit features crafts and activities revolving around a fun nature-based seasonal theme! There will be three different kits — one for each month! (AB)



## Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**Fee/child/session:** \$4 nonresidents

### *Bison Were Here!*

**Thursday, September 21**  
*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow*  
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.  
**Registration deadline:** Tuesday,  
September 19

Bison used to roam our open areas in Ohio! We will learn about their life history through activities and a hike! (KL)

### *BAT-daptations*

**Thursday, October 19**  
*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*  
6588 McEwen Rd.  
**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 17

Bats have really fascinating adaptations to survive in Ohio habitats. We will learn all about their unique characteristics on a short hike! (KL)

### *Wild Turkeys*

**Thursday, November 16**  
*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*  
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.  
**Registration deadlines:** Tuesday,  
November 14

Wild Turkeys are very interesting birds! We will search for their eggs, learn how they fit into the ecology of local habitats, and take an up-close look at their feathers. (KL)

## Reckits

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

### *A Not-so-Spooky Halloween! Jr.*

**Monday, October 16**  
**Fee/kit:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 9

Halloween is right around the corner! This Reckit is full of crafts and a simple STEM challenge perfect for a not-so-spooky season! (LP)

### *It's Turkey Time! Jr.*

**Monday, November 6**  
**Fee/kit:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents  
**Registration deadline:** Monday,  
October 30

Thanksgiving is coming up! This Reckit has all you need for Thanksgiving, including gratefulness-themed crafts. They can double as gifts or decorations! (LP)

## Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6  
*Activity Center Park, Community Room*  
221 N. Main St.  
**Fee/child/session:** \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

### *Session A*

**Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11**  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.  
**Registration deadline:** Sunday, September 3

### *Session B*

**Wednesdays, October 18 – November 29**  
(No class November 22)  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m.  
**Registration deadline:** Sunday, October 15



Balance! Run! Jump!  
Catch! Kick! Come  
join Amazing Athletes  
as we practice our  
coordination, fine motor

skills and gross motor skills! This program uses the fundamentals of 10 different sports to help build and develop motor skills, nutritional knowledge and body awareness. Sign up for all three sessions and receive an Amazing Athletes t-shirt!

This class will be held outdoors when possible with the option to go inside for inclement weather, so please dress accordingly.

Visit [amazingathletes.com](http://amazingathletes.com) for more information on the Amazing Athletes program. (AS)

Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



## Canvas Painting & Storytime: Cheerful Pumpkins

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion

**Friday, October 6**

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$27 residents, \$35 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 2

Children will create a unique pumpkin design on canvas and enjoy a silly pumpkin story during this fun evening with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. (AB)

## Canvas Painting & Storytime: Gobble, Gobble!

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion

**Friday, November 3**

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$27 residents, \$35 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 30

Children will design their own turkey on canvas and enjoy a festive Thanksgiving story during this fun evening with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. (AB)

## Pottery Painting & Storytime: Holiday Ornaments

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion

**Monday, November 6**

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$34 residents, \$43 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, November 1

Get started on holiday decorating or gift giving by picking two special ornaments to paint. Then listen to an interactive story during this fun evening with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. The ornaments will be ready to take home at the end of the session. (AB)



## Intergenerational Series

Ages 4 – 8 with grandparent(s)

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/child/program:** \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

### Pumpkin Party

**Friday, October 27**

10:00 a.m. – noon

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 20

Grandchildren and grandparent(s) will create a pumpkin craft, enjoy pumpkin stories and search for pumpkins large and small!

Registration is required, but you can arrive anytime between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. (AB)

### Turkey Time

**Friday, November 10**

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, November 3

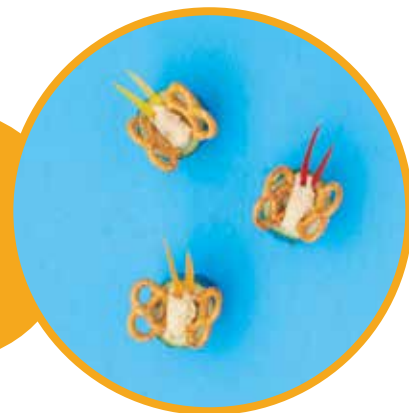
Grandchildren will celebrate this fun time of year with a fall-themed craft, stories about turkeys and games with their grandparents!

Registration is required, but you can arrive anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. (AB)

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



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 4 – 18)



## Creating an Edible Butterfly Lifecycle

Ages 4 – 8

**Saturday, September 16**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/child:** \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, September 12

Join instructor Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling to learn about the life cycle of a butterfly with food! Make celery caterpillars and butterfly hummus cups. (AB)

**All major food allergens could be present in this class.**

*New!*

## Dig in: Dirt Pudding Cups

Ages 4 – 8

**Saturday, November 11**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

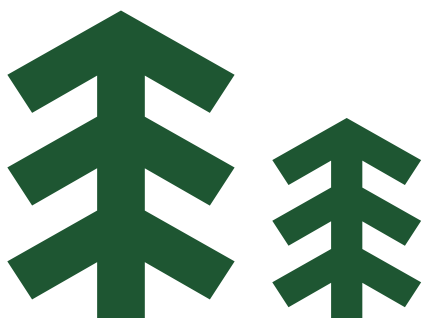
**Fee/child:** \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, November 7

Dig into a yummy dessert with instructor Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! Participants will make dirt pudding cups with avocado pudding and granola dirt. (AB)

**All major food allergens could be present in this class.**

*New!*



**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**



## Fall Foliage Camp

Ages 5 – 12

9:00 a.m. – noon

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

**Fee/child/day:** \$20 residents, \$26

nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 20

### Camp A

Thursday, October 26

### Camp B

Friday, October 27

Keep your children active while school is out! Much like our summer day camp, campers will explore the park, but this time for all things fall foliage! Children will participate in games, crafts and nature programs. (KT)

**Fall Foliage Camps A and B are separate programming, so participants may attend both.**

## Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

**Tuesdays, September 12, October 10 & November 14**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, September 5

Does your child love art time? This drop-off program is designed to give your child an opportunity to get creative! They will try new techniques and design unique projects based on a monthly nature theme. Participants should wear old clothes — things could get messy! (AB)

*New!*



## Campfire Cupcakes

Ages 6 – 10

**Saturday, October 14**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 9

Join instructor Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling to build your own cupcake campfire! We will make vanilla cupcakes and decorate the tops with an edible campfire. (AB)

**All major food allergens could be present in this class.**

*New!*

## Fall Gardening Projects

Ages 6 – 10

**Thursdays, September 14, October 12 & November 9**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 7

This program will introduce participants to different types of gardening opportunities — from delicious squash to festive foliage! Participants will learn when and where to plant them! (AB)



## Kid's Glass Fusing:

### Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/child/session:** \$26 residents, \$39 nonresidents

### Session A

Thursday, November 9

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, November 2

### Session B

Friday, November 17

**Registration deadline:** Friday, November 10

Children will use their creativity to make two penguin ornaments! Kathy Woodruff will assist the children and parents, guardians or grandparents as they work together on this unique project.

Please register each child attending. (AB)



## The Great Muddy Bake Off with Stemily Studios

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

**Thursday, September 21**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 14

Donuts! Cakes! Pies! All made from mud! Learn about the other creatures that love to play in the mud as you put on your creative hat and create fun and wacky “sweets”! This is not a drop-off program. (KT)

Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

## Thankful for Parks Party

Ages 6 – 11

**Sunday, November 19**

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, November 14

Spend the afternoon among the beautiful autumn trees celebrating everything that makes fall special! We will play fan-favorite games from summer, create seasonal-themed crafts and take a nature hike to enjoy the fresh air if the weather permits! (AB)

## Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

*Grant Park  
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Fee/child:** \$11 residents, \$14 nonresidents

### Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

**Wednesdays, September 13 – October 18**

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 6

### Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

**Mondays, September 11 – October 16**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, September 4

Outdoor play is vital to child development and well-being. Children will learn about nature and the outdoors in this program designed to allow children to interact with nature in unique ways. Activities include discovery, games and creeking. (KL)



*New!*



## An Evening at Camp

Ages 6 – 12

**Saturday, November 11**

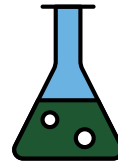
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, November 3

Are you missing camp? We are too! Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities. Finish the night sharing your favorite camp stories around a campfire with s'mores. (KT)



“If you  
never did  
you should.  
These things  
are fun, and  
fun is good.”

~Dr. Seuss

## Reckits

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

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

### A Spook-tacular Halloween!

**Monday, October 16**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 9

Halloween is right around the corner! This ReckKit is full of crafts and a simple STEM challenge perfect for a spooky season! (LP)

### It's Turkey Time!

**Monday, November 6**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 30

Thanksgiving is coming up! This ReckKit has all you need for Thanksgiving and gratefulness-themed crafts. They can double as gifts or decorations! (LP)



## Mad Science University

Ages 8 – 12

**Wednesdays, November 1 – 29**

(no class November 22)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 23

Science is all around us! Children will experience science firsthand through hands-on, and sometimes messy, activities! We will explore fascinating science concepts with a new theme each week. We are putting science to the test as your child learns about chemistry, biology and physics. (PG)

Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



## Nature Ninja Warriors with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

**Thursday, September 28**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
September 21

Use the power of science to grow your ninja moves! We'll start the class by improving your balance, strength, and camouflage skills before venturing off into the woods on a search and rescue mission! (KT)

## Creepy Crawly Spider Bot with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

**Thursday, October 26**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 20

Are spiders gross bothers or are they friendly helpers? Learn the truth about these creepy crawlers and then build your very own Spider Bot to take home! (KT)

## Fear Factor: Nature Edition with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

**Thursday, November 16**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook  
6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday,  
November 10

Nature is beautiful — but it can also be gross! Are you brave enough to let something slimy crawl on you? Join us and see if you have what it takes to overcome fear and become the Fear Factor Champion! (KT)

## Ghosts and Goblins Archery

Ages 8 – 15

**Wednesday, October 18**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 13

It's spooky season and the archery range is full of ghosts and goblins! We will learn the basics of archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will compete in friendly fall-themed competitions. All equipment is provided. (KT)

## Oh My Gourd Archery

Ages 8 – 15

**Saturday, November 4**

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

**Fee/child/session:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 27

### Session A

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### Session B

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

What better use of old Halloween pumpkins than to shoot them with arrows! Join us for an evening of archery, but this time aiming for pumpkins! We will learn the basics of archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will aim for pumpkins and compete in friendly fall-themed competitions. All equipment is provided. (KT)



New!



## Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

**Thursdays, September 21, October 19 & November 16**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
September 14

Level up from Art & Imagination with this new crafting program based on nature themes! Participants will learn new art skills and get creative together! Participants should wear old clothes — things could get messy! (AB)

## Creating with Clay: Pumpkins

Ages 9 – 15

**Thursday, October 26**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/child:** \$49 residents, \$64 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, October 19

Join Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC to make your own unique pumpkin decoration out of two pounds of clay. Learn clay building and carving skills as you create your pumpkin. You will glaze it during the same class. (AB)

**Projects will be fired in the kiln and ready for pick up in approximately one week.**



Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

## Polymer Clay: Cottagecore Minis

Ages 9 – 15

**Friday, October 27**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$37 residents, \$46 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
October 19

Try your hand at using polymer clay to create nature-themed art and/or jewelry! You will have the opportunity to implement your creative vision. Create cute mushrooms, fairy houses, wildflowers and more that could be turned into wearable art with a wire attached. All clay creations will be baked on-site to be taken home that day! Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC will be leading this session and providing a variety of tools and technique ideas! (AB)



## Introduction to Jewelry Making

Ages 10 – 15

**Friday, September 8**

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/child:** \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday,  
September 4

Try a new art skill with Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush! Students will learn a little history of jewelry making and how it has evolved through the years. They will get an introduction to tools, wires, stones, pottery, beads and more. Then, they will use them to create their first pendant! We will learn basic wire-wrapping techniques. With the information learned and materials provided, students will get to create a 2<sup>nd</sup> jewelry piece on their own!

In addition, this class also satisfies the requirements for the Girl Scouts Junior Jewelry Making Badge. Please note badges themselves are not provided by CWPDP or Purple Paintbrush. (AB)



## Capture the Flag & Bonfire

Ages 12 – 17

**Friday, October 20**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Fee/child:** \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 17

The ultimate game of capture the flag! Participants will be broken into two teams. Each team will have to make it back to their side of the field with the other team's flag while protecting their own. After the winning team is determined, we will enjoy s'mores and music by the fire. (KT)

## Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

## Seed Collection Walk

**Thursday, September 7**

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, September 5

We will walk the park and collect various native plant species that are going to seed. Hike will be on a natural path. (KL)

## Wild Card

**Thursday, October 26**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 24

During this session of Conservation Crew, we will work on immediate needs of CWPDP conservation. Please dress to be outdoors. (KL)

## Young Birders Club Chapter Meeting

Ages 11 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.



### Session A

**Tuesday, September 5**

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance*

*7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, September 3

### Session B

**Tuesday, October 3**

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, October 1

### Session C

**Tuesday, November 7**

*Schoolhouse Park*

*1875 Nutt Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, November 5

Bird watching and identification is fascinating. You will walk away with a greater knowledge of birds and their role in the ecosystem. Club activities are based on participant feedback, so you direct the focus of study. A light snack is included. Participants must be members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. (KL)

**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### The Any Time Fun Run

All ages

**Friday, September 1 – Friday, September 15**

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

A fun run to fit your schedule! Signs along the fun run route feature fun and unique ways to stay active and get moving! The route is one mile using the Forest Field Park green trail. (AS)

### Let's Meet Up

All ages

**Wednesdays, September 6, October 4 AND/OR November 1**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

Enjoy fresh air and nature playtime. Meet other parents/caregivers and their children. Stop by the Kennard Nature Nook for a snack. Then, explore the nature play area and trails during this casual meet-up! Staff will have one activity planned for each session that children can participate in before or after unstructured playtime. This is a Tools to Trek program.

The meet-up will not be held in inclement weather. This is not a drop-off program; parents/caregivers are required to stay with their children. (AB)



### Owlexander's Hoot Route Hike

Recommended for ages 8 and under

**Saturday, September 9**

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Hoot, Hoot! Join us for a hike and story along the Hoot Route. Owlexander and his friends set out on an adventure through the woods. Meet all of Owlexander's friends. Participants will make an Owlexander puppet for the hike. The story and hike are put together in partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library.

Registration is not required but is recommended. (KT)



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### Grandparents Day in the Park

All ages

**Sunday, September 10**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, September 1

Spend an afternoon in the park celebrating your grandparents on National Grandparents Day! We will have a variety of activities, games and crafts for children and their grandparents to do together. In addition to the interactive activities, enjoy light refreshments.

One registration per family. (KT)

**This intergenerational program is only for grandparents and their grandchildren. Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.**



### Nature Fun: An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

**Mondays, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 13**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

Families are invited to join us outside to listen to a story brought to you by the Washington-Centerville Public Library! Participate in nature-themed activities following the story. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. All sessions are Tools to Trek programs. (KT)

Registration is not required, but is recommended.



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### Flying Squirrel Search

All ages

**Friday, September 22**

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 20

While flying squirrels are common in our local forests, they are very tricky to see! We will head into the woods and search quietly for signs of flying squirrels. Bring a flashlight if you have one. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)



### Butterfly Survey

Recommended for ages 8 and up

**Saturday, September 23 AND/OR**

**Saturday, October 7**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday prior to the survey

Help contribute to research 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. These are Tools to Trek programs. (KL)



Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

## Adapted Archery

Ages 8 and up

**Sunday, October 1**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

**Fee/person:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 20

We will learn the basics of archery and put the skills learned to practice. This hands-on archery program will be facilitated at a monitored pace with individualized attention. All equipment is provided. (KT)

*New!*



## Fall About Archery:

### Family Battles

Ages 8 and up

**Sunday, October 8**

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range*

*1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$30 residents, \$35 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 3

### Session A

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### Session B

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Looking for some family-friendly competition? We will learn the basics of archery and will use the skills you learn in a friendly competition against your own family. Please register just one family member. Maximum four people per family. All equipment is provided. (KT)

## Crosswick Snake's Great Sports Challenge

All ages

**Friday, October 6 – Thursday, November 2**

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, October 4

Join us for a fun scavenger hunt featuring characters from Cryptids Together, a comic by professional cartoonist Steve Stegelin showcased in the Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities comics anthology. Last year, Ohio's legendary monsters competed in a game of Hide 'n' Seek and Grassman prevailed as champion. The Crosswick Snake cried foul and challenged his fellow monster athletes to compete in a great sports battle. Whose team would you choose to be on?

Every Friday in October we will send you a clue to find a cryptid in one of your 51 parks. Scan QR codes on the signs to document your sightings and you will be eligible to win a beastly basket filled with prizes! (PG)



## Family Mystery Night

Ages 8 and up

**Friday, October 13**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 6

Owlexander hit the trails for an afternoon hike. While taking in the beautiful changing colors along the trail, he lost his keys! It's Friday the 13th, so weird things are happening in the parks. Owlexander needs your help! Team up with your friends and family to see if you can solve the mystery. Get Owlexander's keys back to him before dark!

S'mores will be available following the program. One registration per group. (KT)

## Spooky Stories with the Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities

Recommended for ages 10 and up (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

**Saturday, October 14**

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook*

*6588 McEwen Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, October 12

The Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities is a comic anthology featuring ghost stories and cryptid accounts from the area. Join Kat Klockow for a storytelling session! Kat is the anthology's editor, illustrator and haunted history author. She has investigated haunted sites around the world! After some stories, walk the lighted trail for a glow-in-the-dark ghost hunt. Popcorn will be provided! Comic books will be available for purchase. (KL)



## Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt

All ages

**Thursday, October 19**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 13

Join us for an evening of fall family fun! Participants will explore the park through a photography scavenger hunt. Following the scavenger hunt, families will share photos with one another. The team with the most items found on the list will receive a prize!

All families need to bring a device to take photos, preferably one that has a screen to view the photos. Cell phone cameras are acceptable!

One registration per family. (KT)



**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**

**Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.**





## Crunch Munch Hike

All ages

**Friday, November 3**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday,  
November 1

Just like a certain favorite arcade game, groundhogs have been eating and eating to prepare for hibernation! Come on out for a glowing walk, avoid the ghosts, and get your own crunchy treat! Take our groundhog quiz for a chance to win a prize! Bring a black light flashlight if you have one. A limited supply will be available to borrow. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

*New!*



## Geology 101

All ages

**Saturday, November 11**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

*Grant Park  
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Fee/family:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
November 9

Rocks are the name of the game today! We will learn what types of rocks we can find in Grant Park and add some fun specimens to our rock collections. Geologic history and fossil formation will also be discussed. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

## ADULT PROGRAMS



### Introduction to Italian

Ages 14 and up

**Tuesdays, September 12 – October 24**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$65 residents, \$85 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday,  
September 5

Broaden your cultural knowledge while taking in fall beauty. Italian instructor Nicoletta Serenata of "When I am in Rome" will introduce participants to the basics of the Italian language. Participants will receive a syllabus and materials to practice in class and at home. Each class will focus on a different subject — introducing yourself, numbers, expressions and more! (AB)

### Italian Level 2

Ages 14 and up

**Tuesdays, November 7 – December 19**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$65 residents, \$85 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 31

Italian instructor Nicoletta Serenata of "When I am in Rome" will teach participants how to build on skills learned in the previous class. Participants will also learn how to speak in the past tense while creating some complex sentences.

Participants will receive a syllabus and materials to practice in class and at home.

Introduction to Italian is a prerequisite for this class. (AB)

### Hike With a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Fee/household:** \$4 nonresidents

#### September Hike

**Thursday, September 14**

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday,  
September 12

#### October Hike

**Thursday, October 12**

*Grant Park*

*501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 10

#### November Hike

**Thursday, November 9**

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, November 7

Join us once a month for a hike through your parks. A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. Hikes are on a natural path. (KL)

### Morning Birdwatching Walk

Ages 18 and up

**Saturday, September 16**

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/household:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Thursday,  
September 14

Join Volunteer Naturalist John Kennard on a leisurely walk through the park to focus on bird identification. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available to borrow. (KL)



Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

## Fall Floral Design

Ages 16 and up (children 8 – 15 can be registered as participants alongside a paying adult)

**Saturday, September 16**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Shelter*

*Rain location: Activity Center Park,*

*Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/person:** \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Saturday, September 9

Learn, step-by-step, how to create a beautiful fall flower arrangement to take home with you! All supplies are included. (AB)



"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house."

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Halloween Floral Design

Ages 16 and up (children 8 – 15 can be registered as participants alongside a paying adult)

**Saturday, October 28**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/person:** \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Saturday, October 21

Learn, step-by-step, how to create a "spooky" flower arrangement to take home with you! All supplies are included. (AB)

## Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement

Ages 16 and up (children 8 – 15 can be registered as participants alongside a paying adult)

**Saturday, November 18**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/person:** \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Saturday, November 11

Learn, step-by-step, how to create a flower arrangement for your Thanksgiving table! All supplies are included. (AB)

## Meet Your Parks Series

Ages 16 and up

**Fridays, September 22, October 13 & 27, November 17**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the history and features of your neighborhood parks. Meet your neighbors and enjoy light refreshments. Attend as many or as few sessions as you would like! Some locations will include a short hike. Please wear close-toed shoes.

Registration is requested for planning purposes. (AB)

Date	Location
September 22	Wagon Trail Park
October 13	Big Bend Park
October 27	Concept Park
November 17	Hithergreen Park



## Nature Drawing on Toned Paper

*New!*

Ages 18 and up

**Saturday, September 23**

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Fee/person:** \$40 residents, \$52 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, September 15

We will utilize tonal paper to help capture and develop a full value range drawing. This will help to create depth and realism in our drawings. Leave the class with everything you need to keep drawing. This is a beginner/intermediate level class. (KT)

## Couple's Evening Out!

Ages 16 and up

**Friday, September 29**

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House*

*2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Fee/pair:** \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, September 22

Whether you are partners, family, or best friends, spend the evening together in the park testing your knowledge of each other! Self-guided signs with questions and funny actions will be posted along the purple trail. After seeing how well you truly know each other, meet back at the Smith House for crafts, light refreshments and gourmet s'mores around the fire! (KT)

Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.



## Glass Fusing: Scenic Fall Trees

Ages 16 and up  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person/session:** \$72 residents, \$92 nonresidents

### Session A

Thursday, October 5

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 28

### Session B

Tuesday, November 7

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, October 31

Create a beautiful forest with fall trees and leaves on a 10.75" square of glass. This project is a perfect piece to add to your fall décor! A metal hanger will be added if you would like for it to be a window decoration! All materials, except a stand for your project, are included. (AB)



## Request a Chat With a Naturalist

Does your special interest group want to learn more about Centerville and Washington Township wildlife? Groups of 10 or more can book a naturalist to speak at their gatherings for 45 minutes to an hour. Groups are limited to two requests per year and six weeks notice is required for planning purposes. Please call (937) 433-5155 for a list of topics.



## Glass Fusing: Winter Ornaments

Ages 16 and up  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person/session:** \$72 residents, \$92 nonresidents

### Session A

Thursday, November 9

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, November 2

### Session B

Friday, November 17

**Registration deadline:** Friday, November 10

Exercise your creative side while making new holiday presents or decorations. Instructor Kathy Woodruff will lead the class in creating a variety of fused glass ornaments. Choose from plenty of different styles to create three ornaments! (AB)



## Watercolor Pumpkin Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, October 21

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$28 residents, \$37 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, October 13

It's fall! Cooler temperatures and lots and lots of pumpkins! We will celebrate by creating pumpkin-themed watercolor paintings utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. Six sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper are included with the price of the class.

Suggested materials to bring: watercolor paint set (cakes or pans), a container for water, spray bottle, towel, #8 round brush. (KT)

## Watercolor Mushroom Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, November 11

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$28 residents, \$37 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Friday, November 3

We are going to have fun with fungi! We will create mushroom-themed watercolor paintings utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. Six sheets of 6x9 paper are included with the price of the class.

Suggested materials to bring: watercolor paint set (cakes or pans), a container for water, spray bottle, towel, #8 round brush. (KT)



Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

## ADULT WELLNESS

### Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

**Fridays, September 1 – November 17**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays, September 5 – October 31**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Trekking with Nordic poles is a wonderful way to cross-train or try something new. The American Nordic Walking Association notes that this form of exercise engages 80% of your muscles while still remaining low impact.

Meet up with other trail trekking enthusiasts to trek through the parks during this self-guided meet-up program! Staff and volunteers will join in periodically.

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

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

**You must bring your own Nordic poles if you sign up for this option.**

### Trail Trekking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

**Fridays, September 1 – November 17**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesdays, September 5 – October 31**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$15 nonresidents

Sign up to rent Nordic poles before you purchase your own set. You will be contacted to sign a borrower's permit and pick up your set for the fall. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)



### A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 5 – November 30**

(no walk November 23)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

### Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, September 6 – November 29**

(No hike on November 22)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Fee/person:** \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this fall! What better way than through guided hikes in your parks? Staff and volunteers will lead groups for different paces. Hike for Your Health is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and 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!

View the Hike for Your Health schedule on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/>. (AS)



### Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, September 6 – November 1**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join Up and Running trail leaders as you enjoy running on 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 or the Smith Entrance (2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.) of Bill Yeck Park. Please check online schedule for dates and locations for each week. Sign up once for the entire year!

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

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



### Hit the Trails this Fall!

These paved paths are wonderful for running and walking!

#### Activity Center Park

0.5-mile paved loop

#### Bill Yeck/Forest Field Park

0.5-mile paved loops and additional limestone trails

#### Black Oak Park

0.2 miles (one way) up a steep hill. No bicycles permitted.

#### Hithergreen Park

0.25-mile loop

#### Holes Creek/Silvercreek Parks

1.3 miles (one way)

#### Iron Horse Park

2 miles (one way)  
Paved loop coming soon!

#### Oak Creek South Park

0.4-mile loop

#### Oak Grove Park

1.5-mile loop (shorter loops also available)

#### Robert F. Mays Park

0.75-mile loop

#### Schoolhouse Park

0.75-mile loop

#### Yankee Park

0.82-mile loop

**Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.**





## Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/person/session:** \$36 residents, \$47 nonresidents

### Session A

**Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11**

**Registration deadline:** Monday, September 4

### Session B

**Wednesdays, October 18 – November 29**

(no walk November 22)

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 16

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 are welcome. Taught by certified yoga instructor Dan Loofboro. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)



## Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

**Fee/person/session:** \$52 residents, \$67 nonresidents

### Session A

**Saturdays, September 9 – October 14**

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 6

### Session B

**Saturdays, September 9 – October 14**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, September 6

### Session C

**Mondays, September 11 – October 16**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Saturday, September 9

### Session D

**Saturdays, October 21 – November 25**

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, October 18

### Session E

**Saturdays, October 21 – November 25**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, October 18

### Session F

**Mondays, October 23 – November 27**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Saturday, October 21

Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)



## Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up

**Thursday, October 5**

**(Rain date: Thursday, October 12)**

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, October 1

Celebrate the crisp evening weather with Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees! Enjoy some downtime next to the warm and cozy fire. This outdoor yoga class will include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation around the campfire. (AS)



## Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

**Wednesdays, September 6 – October 11**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, September 3

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

Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

## Bike Centerville Advanced Ride

Ages 18 and up

**Sunday, September 10**

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

*Forest Field Park*

*2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 7

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. This ride will be led by trained and experienced bike leaders and will help you learn routes to shopping, parks and more! The ride will be approximately 15 to 20 miles to Bellbrook and will start and end at Forest Field Park. (AS)



## Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up

### Ride A

**Sunday, September 24**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

*Iron Horse Park*

*6161 Millshire Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 21

### Ride B

**Sunday, October 8**

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

*Oak Creek South Park*

*790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, October 5

### Ride C

**Sunday, October 22**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

*Pleasant Hill Park*

*358 Zengel Dr.*

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, October 19

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. (AS)

## Strollers in Motion

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

**Fee/adult/session:** \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

### Session A

**Mondays, September 11 – October 9**

*Schoolhouse Park*

*1875 Nutt Rd.*

**Registration deadline:** Monday, September 11

### Session B

**Mondays, October 23 – November 20**

*Activity Center Park, Community Room*

*221 N. Main St.*

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 23

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

The week after each session ends will be used for weather make-up days. Weather cancellations will be posted on the Strollers in Motion Facebook page. (AS)



## A Stroll in the Park

Ages 18 and up

**Thursdays, September 21, October 19 & November 16**

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Get outdoors, enjoy sunshine and fresh air while meeting other stroller-walking enthusiasts. These guided walks take place in 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. Meet up once a month for a leisurely, 45-minute stroll with your stroller-aged child(ren). Time is built in to visit the playground! It will be A Stroll in the Park!

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

Date	Location
September 21	Forest Field Park
October 19	Yankee Park
November 16	Schoolhouse Park

*New!*



Online resident registration begins  
Monday, August 14, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.





## Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up

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

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

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

### Beginner Tai Chi Session A

**Thursdays, September 14 – October 19**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, September 12

### Beginner Tai Chi Session B

**Saturdays, September 16 – October 21**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Registration deadline:** Thursday, September 14

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. (AS)

### Intermediate Tai Chi

**Mondays, September 11 – October 23**

(No class October 2)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline:** Friday, September 8

Continuing to develop Tai Chi and Qigong principles moving from Tai Chi Easy™ into Dr. Roger Jahnke's Integral Tai Chi form. (AS)

## Outdoor Fitness Equipment Demo Day!

Ages 13 and up (participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

**Thursday, September 14**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$4 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, September 12

Meet us at Oak Grove Park for a walk-through of the outdoor fitness equipment trail! We will go over the equipment and how to incorporate the fitness trail into your workout routine!

The complete Energi™ system is for active individuals ages 13 and up, while the LifeTrail® system is geared toward those ages 50 and over and includes ADA-accessible pieces. (AS)

## Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

**Tuesdays, October 10 – November 28**

(No class on October 31 or November 7)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Sunday, October 8

This class is a total body workout designed to bring people (like you!) together through music and dance. We dance to various styles of music (Latin, hip hop, pop, global rhythms, etc.) which provides a good mix of low to high-intensity moves. There are no wrong moves ... just keep moving with the cues! Instructor Emily Chandler strives to make this class high-energy and a lot of fun! We can guarantee you'll leave this class feeling great!

Please bring a bottle of water. (AS)

## Healthy Simplified!

*Adding Health to the Holidays*

Ages 18 and up

**Thursday, November 2**

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Fee/person:** \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

**Registration deadline:** Monday, October 30

Learn how adding or swapping simple nutritional options can add up to a healthier lifestyle. Join Holistic Health Coach Michelle Daniel of The Lifestyle Technique as you learn the basics of nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. Gather with others while we look at ways to add health to the holidays. (AS)

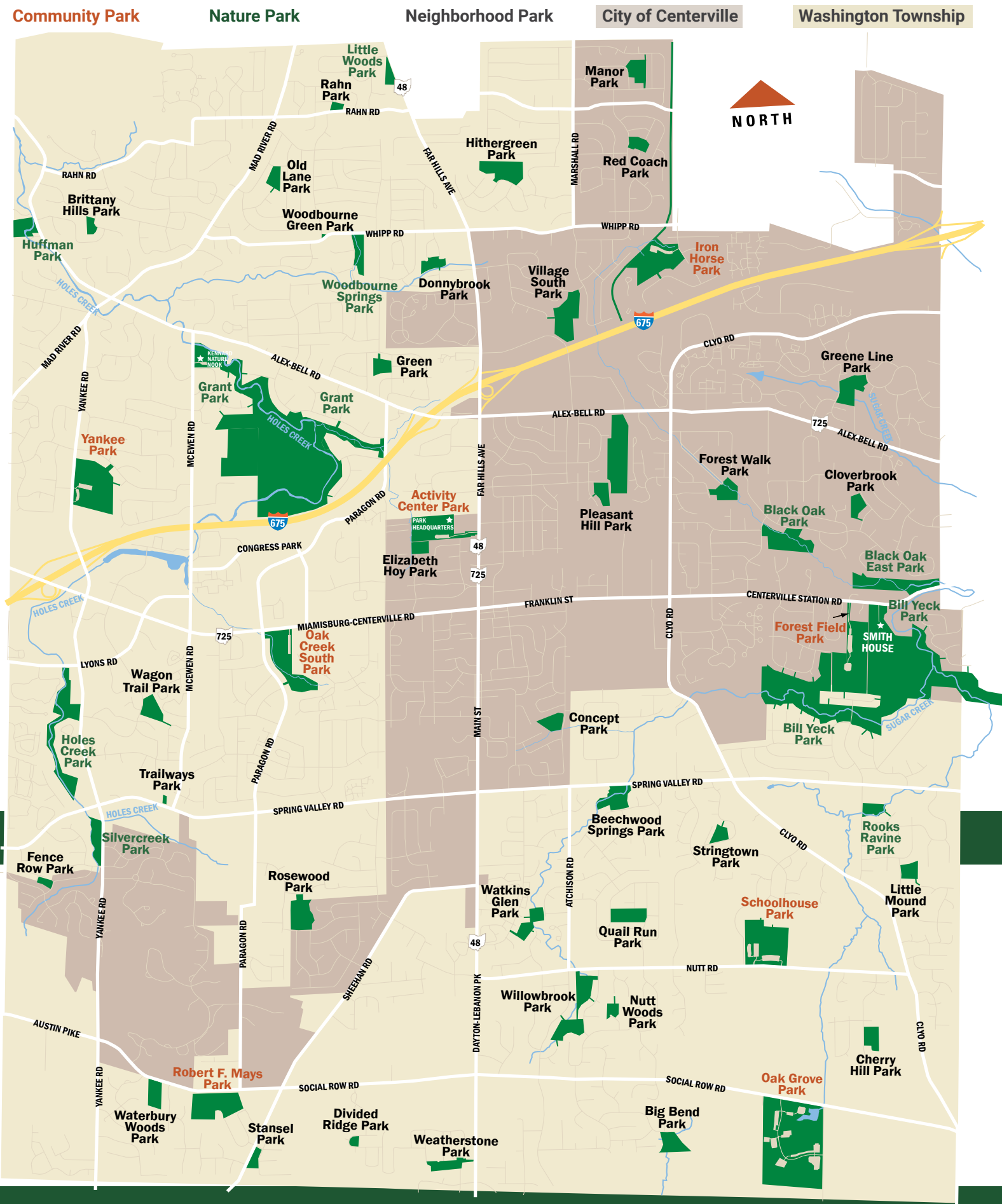


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that is right for you?  
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to see offered in the future!  
You can reach us by email at  
**mail@cwpsd.org.**

We look forward to  
hearing from you!

Online nonresident registration begins  
Monday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.

The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks.  
Visit [www.cwpd.org](http://www.cwpd.org) for detailed information and a map to each park.





## HOW TO REGISTER



### WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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#### 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 setup your account and enroll for 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 August 14.**

### 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 August 14. Centerville and Washington Township residents, **please list Dayton as the city in your address** or the site will not recognize you as a resident. This website can be used for free programs and for fee-based programs with a debit or credit card.

### By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 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 3:30 p.m. You may pay with cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to CWPDP or Centerville-Washington Park District. **In person registration begins one day later than online registration.**

### Registration and Refund Policy

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

If a program is canceled by the Park District, you will receive a full refund. If you can no longer attend a program, you may cancel seven days prior to the program's start date to receive a full refund as household credit or back to the original payment method. Cancellations made less than seven days prior to the program's start date will be offered household credit. Cancellations made during or after the program are not eligible for a refund.

### Access for All

We are committed to providing programs, services and facilities that ensure inclusive and adapted access for all. Please contact us at [mail@cwpd.org](mailto:mail@cwpd.org) if you require any additional modifications or support because of a disability.

### 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, August 14  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Online Nonresident Registration Begins  
Monday, August 21  
at 10:00 a.m.**



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