



Centerville-Washington
PARK DISTRICT
NEWS & EVENTS

Winter
program
registration
begins online
Monday,
November 11.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

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January 1 & 20

Park Addresses

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



Dog Park Closures

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



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpd.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League
www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer
www.centervillesoccer.com

Centerville Wee Elks
Football Association
www.weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.cvlax.org

FC Dayton
www.fcdayton.org

Commissioners' Corner



As the temperature drops and the first snowflakes begin to fall, your parks are filled with opportunities for outdoor fun. Winter in your parks is more than just a season—it's

a chance to connect with nature, stay active, and meet others who enjoy these outdoor community spaces.

The Park District offers winter activities that accommodate all ages and abilities. Our talented Program Staff have created over 100 winter activities, including more than 20 brand new programs. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, or working to achieve your fitness goals, or someone who enjoys artistic endeavors, there is a program offering for you!

Luminary Walk, a community tradition to kick off the holiday season, is set for December. We are also excited about the Winter Hiking Club, our stargazing programs, the expanded winter break camps, glass fusing classes, and the indoor plant workshops, to name a few!

The New Year marks the start of the 2025 facility reservations. Take your next party to the parks! There are 12 shelters and three fire circles available, as well as indoor reservations at the Kennard Nature Nook. These spaces are perfect for family gatherings, graduation parties, showers, birthdays and other special events!

District staff continue to work on exciting projects that will enhance your parks and improve the quality of life for area residents. Here are some of the initiatives currently underway:

- **Village South Park** playground and accessibility upgrades
- **Yankee Park** tennis court resurfacing to include two updated tennis courts, and the conversion of one tennis court into two pickleball courts
- Trail improvements per the **Grant Park** Master Plan



SAVE A TREE

To subscribe to the CWPD monthly e-newsletter visit www.cwpd.org or scan the QR code to the left.

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

The Park District is committed to sustainability and environmental responsibility. For the 4th year in a row, the Park District will host the annual Styrofoam Recycling Event with community partners. Let us help you get rid of that holiday Styrofoam, or the pile you've set aside for the past year. In 2024, we kept over 8,000 pounds of Styrofoam out of the landfill. Let's top that in 2025!

Speaking of efforts to improve our environment, we are excited to be the recipient of generous funding from **Centerville Rotary** to enhance interpretive signage at the Seed Nursery at **Bill Yeck Park** and plant numerous trees along the paved path at **Grant Park's** McEwen Entrance. The trees will enhance the visitor experience and create wildlife habitat. Please reach out if you or your organization is interested in supporting a new or on-going park project!

On behalf of the Park Board, I encourage you to bundle up and take advantage of everything the Park District has to offer this winter. From the thrill of outdoor adventures to the warmth of community events, there's no better time to explore your parks. Visit our website for updates on upcoming events, project progress, and volunteer opportunities. You can also sign up for the monthly e-newsletter by visiting the website. Join in the fun of discovering your community's BIG backyard this season!

Jeff Senney
Park Board Secretary

P.S. 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.cwpd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/



Reserve a Park Shelter for Your Next Gathering



Forest Field Park



Kennard Nature Nook

Perfect for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions and more, large group shelters are available at **Activity Center, Forest Field, Iron Horse, Oak Creek South, Oak Grove, Robert F. Mays, Schoolhouse** and **Yankee Parks**. Shelters are reservable beginning the first business day in January. Reservations may be made online if your reservation will be during the months of April through November. Please contact us if you would like to reserve a shelter for use during the months of January, February, March or December.

You may also reserve a shelter in person with cash, check or credit card during regular office hours. Shelters are available for use on a first come, first served basis when not reserved.

Grant Park's Kennard Nature Nook is also available for reservation on Saturdays and Sundays. To learn more about reserving the Kennard Nature Nook, please visit the Park District website: cwpd.org/parks/grant/kennard-nature-nook/

Become a Park Commissioner!



In late spring of 2025, the Park Board will seat a new commissioner! Commissioner Jason Riley will step down having completed his three-year term.

Serving on the Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Commissioners is a rewarding way to contribute to the quality of life in Centerville and Washington Township!

Interested residents may contact us to get more information about the requirements, the position and the application process. Call 937-433-5155 for more information, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. You may also contact us via email at mail@cwpd.org.

The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks



The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks secures philanthropic funding for projects, programs and conservation efforts directly related to the Centerville-Washington Park District's mission, vision and values. This fund is administered by The Dayton Foundation, the region's leading community foundation.

The foundation's mission is to support and enhance your Centerville-Washington Parks!

Why donate? Donations, sponsorships and gifts are important to the vitality of the Centerville-Washington Park District and its mission to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors. When you donate to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks, you are making a positive impact to the community for years to come.

Learn more at cwpd.org/support/foundation-for-centerville-washington-parks/



Construction Alert! Grant Park Bridge Temporarily Closing

In 2020, the Board of Park Commissioners adopted a new master plan for Grant Park, the largest park in the District. The master plan reflects a large number of passionate voices from the community. The recommendation for safe, reliable access for students, visitors, maintenance and first responders came from community input. To address safety and accessibility within the park, the master plan calls for two new bridges to allow for reliable year-round access to the park's trails.

The main trails at Grant Park are accessed via an existing 160-foot bridge near the park's Normandy entrance. This bridge has reached the end of its lifespan. The plan calls for its replacement with a new vehicle load-rated, ADA accessible bridge. The second bridge will cross Hole's Creek upstream along the same trail network.

The Centerville-Washington Park District received \$250,000 from the State Capital Budget's One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund to help fund this project. Construction on the new bridges began in October. **The main bridge at the Normandy entrance is expected to be completely removed in mid-November.** But don't worry, creek crossing stones will be placed upstream to allow park access until the new bridge is ready in the spring. Keep an eye out for directional signs at the park's entrance to find the reroute!

The new park bridges will be similar in style to the bridge pictured below.



Grant Park is a beautiful 222-acre nature park stretching along Hole's Creek. It attracts more than 65,000 visitors each year. The park provides access to forests, meadows, prairies, wetlands and a meandering stream. A trail network connects the park's natural and historic features, which include the Kennard Nature Nook, historic bank barn, nature play area, nature literature trail, fire circles and more. Visit cwpd.org/parks/grant/ to review the Grant Park Master Plan.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Woodland Lights: Woodland Walk Thursday, December 12

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Washington Township RecPlex
895 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.
Fee/person: \$5

We are joining the Washington Township RecPlex at Woodland Lights for an evening!

Woodland Walk participants will get a light necklace upon entry. For every lap completed, you'll get a ticket from the Washington Township Up and Running Store. Tickets can be exchanged in the shelter for prizes from community partners! We are joining forces with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and the Washington Township RecPlex to encourage the community to enjoy walking outdoors this winter!

Registration is not required. Visit woodlandlights.org for the season's full Woodland Lights schedule.



The Ugly Sweater Oh What Fun Run

All ages
Saturday, December 21
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



December 20 is National Ugly Sweater Day! Join us for a fun run inspired by one of the most "fashionable" parts of the holiday season! Wear your ugliest sweater (or make one yourself!) and be ready to learn about some of the ugly "sweaters" we can find in the natural world. Vote on the "ugliest sweater" in nature to enter a raffle!

The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 10:30 am.

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



Luminary Walk

All ages
Friday, December 13
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Bill Yeck and Forest Field Parks
Parking at 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.
(Forest Field Park)

Enjoy a candlelit stroll through Bill Yeck Park. There will be a half-mile paved route and a one-mile route along the purple trail. Warm up by the Smith House fire circle and enjoy the sounds of the season with carols from Centerville High School's symphonic choir! Free hot chocolate at the Forest Field shelter while supplies last!

Registration is requested but not required. Registered participants will receive a weather cancellation email in the event of inclement weather. Weather updates will also be posted on cwpd.org. (AB)

Help us give back to our community by bringing a donation for Crayons to Classrooms! Please bring a school supply item to support Crayons to Classroom's mission to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. This non-profit serves teachers in more than 125 schools and 10 childcare centers across the Greater Dayton Area.

Crayons to Classrooms collects markers, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, children's scissors, filler paper, glue sticks, pocket folders and more! Visit the Crayons to Classrooms website for more information about their mission at crayonstoclassrooms.org.



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Styrofoam Recycling Event

All ages
Saturday, January 4
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.



Please don't throw away all the Styrofoam you open over the holidays! According to reports from the Society of Environmental Journalists, Styrofoam can take up 30 percent of the space in some landfills! Bring your Styrofoam to Activity Center Park. Volunteers will unload your vehicle — you won't even need to get out of your car! This event is open to the public, regardless of where you live.

If you are interested in dropping off Styrofoam, please make sure you are following the guidelines listed below:

- **Styrofoam must be clean**
- **Clean food containers will be accepted. These must be scrubbed out.**
- **No stickers or tape**

Collected Styrofoam will be transported to the ECO Development facility in Mason and recycled into products like surfboards, picture frames and coat hangers.

We will also accept batteries, holiday string lights and used athletic shoes for recycling.

Registration is not required. (KL)

I Wuff You Valentine Hike

All ages
Saturday, February 15
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville-Station Rd.

Happy Valentine's Day to our favorite pups! Join us for a self-guided hike through the trails of Bill Yeck Park. You and your pup will be pampered with special treats along the way as you visit stations meant to show your dog how much they mean to you!

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. (KF)

WINTER DAY CAMPS

Little Critters Camp

Ages 3 – 5
Friday, December 27
9:00 a.m. – noon
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

New!

Fee/day: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, December 20

Calling all little ones for a morning of winter camp! We will learn all about winter wildlife — where do they go, how do they find food, and what does a warm winter home look like for foxes, turtles, bunnies, bats and more?

Throughout the morning your camper will play games, sing songs, do crafts, experience stories and play in the winter woods. Please dress them for the weather. (KF)



Arctic Exploration Camp

Ages 5 – 12
December 26, 27 & 30, January 2 & 3
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/day: \$30 residents, \$40 nonresidents
Before/after care fee/day: \$5 (8:00 a.m. drop off and/or 5:00 p.m. pickup)

Registration deadlines:
Friday, December 20 for December 26 & 27
Monday, December 23 for December 30
Friday, December 27 for January 2 & 3

A winter break camp experience to 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 winter! Children will warm up in the Smith House with games, crafts and nature programs. (KF)

Attend all Arctic Exploration Camp days, or register for the individual days that best fit your schedule!



Winter Woods Camp

Ages 5 – 12
Friday, February 14 AND/OR Monday, February 17
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/day: \$30 residents, \$40 nonresidents
Before/after care fee/day: \$5 (8:00 a.m. drop off and/or 5:00 p.m. pickup)
Registration deadline: Friday, February 7 AND/OR Monday, February 10

Calling all kids that love camp! Join us on your day off school for a camp full of all our favorite fun camp activities, but in the winter! Campers will enjoy hikes and games outside, gather around the fire circle for s'mores, then warm up in the Smith House with games and crafts. (KF)

Attend both Winter Woods Camp days, or register for the individual days that best fit your schedule!

Evergreen Camp

Ages 6 – 12
Friday, January 17
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$30 residents, \$40 nonresidents
Before/after care fee/day: \$5 (8:00 a.m. drop off and/or 5:00 p.m. pickup)
Registration deadline: Monday, January 10

A day off school means a day of fun and adventures at camp! Your camper will enjoy nature-based activities, winter hikes, indoor warm-up activities, games and more! See the beauty of winter at Grant Park and stay active during this one-day camp. (KF)

New!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.

All participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.

Minecraft Flora & Fauna

with Stemily

Ages 7 – 12

Thursday, January 2

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, December 27

Children dive into the cool world of Minecraft and see how it matches up with nature in their own backyard. We'll explore the different virtual biomes and discover amazing plants and animals that look just like the ones around us. Get ready for a wild adventure that brings the magic of Minecraft and the wonders of nature together! (KF)

Pokémon Nature Quest

with Stemily

Ages 7 – 12

Friday, January 3

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee: \$75 residents, \$95 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, December 27

An exciting journey where children become real-life Pokémon trainers, discovering the wonders of nature all around them! We'll explore the various virtual habitats and learn how different plants and animals inspired our favorite Pokémon. Join us for a fun-filled adventure that blends the magic of Pokémon with the beauty of the natural world! (KF)



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 8 AND UNDER)

Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Where the Wildlife Go

Tuesday, December 17 OR Wednesday, December 18

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 11

Bug Homes

Tuesday, January 14 OR Wednesday, January 15

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 8

Toadstools

Tuesday, February 25 OR Wednesday, February 26

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 19

Let's get together and do a nature craft! We will complete crafts with nature/sensory themes, read stories, play games and take short hikes in the park — all to spark a love of nature in our youngest community members!

This program is limited to one adult companion per registrant. (KF)

Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, December 12, January 9 & February 13

Fee: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 5

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

Fee/session/child: \$4 nonresidents

Soil Chefs

Thursday, December 12

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 10

What is soil made of? We will pretend to be chefs and cook up the perfect soil recipe while we learn about the importance of soil in nature. (KL)

Flocks of Fun

Thursday, January 16

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 14

What are our local birds doing during the winter months? We will learn how their behavior changes and make them a little seed treat! (KL)

A Year of Groundhogs!

Thursday, February 20

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 18

Groundhogs are one of Ohio's true hibernators! Walk the path with a naturalist and learn what a groundhog does throughout the year. (KL)

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



Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6
 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.
Fee/session/child: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Session A
Wednesdays, December 4 – January 22
 (no class December 25 or January 1)
Registration deadline: Sunday, December 1

Session B
Wednesdays, January 29 – March 5
Registration deadline: Sunday, January 26



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 both 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.

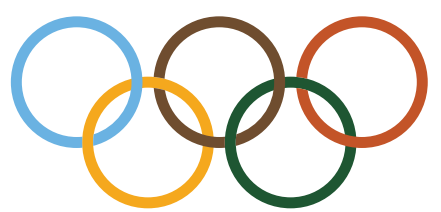
Visit amazingathletes.com for more
 information on the Amazing Athletes
 program. (AS)



Canvas Painting & Storytime: Winter Wonderland

Ages 4 – 7 with adult companion
Friday, January 17
 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **OR** 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.
Fee/child: \$27 residents, \$35 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, January 9

Children will design their own winter
 theme canvas and enjoy an interactive
 story during this fun program with Kristin
 Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush. (AB)



Little Tikes Winter Olympics

Ages 4 – 8
Monday, February 17
 10:00 a.m. – noon
Activity Center Park, Community Room
 221 N. Main St.
Fee/child: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, February 14

New!

A morning of fitness fun for children on
 a day off school! This event will feature a
 variety of winter-themed activities and sports
 inspired by the Winter Olympics. It aims to
 promote physical activity, coordination and
 imaginative play, providing children with a
 fun and engaging way to experience winter
 sports in a monitored environment. Child-
 friendly equipment and decorations will be
 included, making an exciting and festive
 experience for young participants! (AL)



Beginner Naturalists Club

Ages 3 – 6 with adult companion
 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.
Fee/session/child: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Oh Deer
Saturday, December 7
Registration deadline: Friday, November 29

Incredible Ice
Saturday, January 11
Registration deadline: Friday, January 3

Winter Birds
Saturday, February 1
Registration deadline: Friday, January 24

CWPD is looking for our newest generation
 of naturalists! This program is an opportunity
 for participants to explore Bill Yeck through
 their five senses, just like naturalists! Each
 month will cover a different, exciting topic.
 (KF)



Online nonresident registration begins
 Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 5 – 18)

Teddy Bear Slumber Party

Ages 5 – 8

Thursday, February 13

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 6

It's a Teddy Bear's evening out! Bring your teddy for a snuggly evening featuring themed stories and crafts. We will also have games and snacks all tailored to children and their teddies. Don't miss this cozy imaginative evening program that aims to foster a love for storytelling and reading among children. (AB)

New!

Owlexander's Cinema

Ages 5 – 10

Fee/child/session: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Conservation

Thursday, December 19

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Friday, December 13

New!

Owls

Friday, February 7

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 31

Owlexander is holding movie nights, and he's inviting his friends to join him for fun-filled evenings! We will kick off the evenings with crafts, games and preparing a salty snack. Then, we will settle in for a kid-friendly movie about our topic! (KF)

Cold Hands, Warm Hearts

Ages 5 – 12

Saturday, December 7

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday, December 2

What better way to spend a cold winter day than giving back to your community? After a short winter hike to explore the park, we will warm up in the Smith House and make encouragement cards for local neighbors living in nursing homes! To end the program, we will warm up around the campfire. (KF)



Holiday Gift Workshops

Ages 5 – 14

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 12

Session A

Ages 10 – 14

Sunday, December 15

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Session B

Ages 5 – 9

Tuesday, December 17

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Join CWPD staff to make creative presents for your loved ones at this station-based craft program. Children will also get to add bags and gift tags to keep the presents a surprise! If weather permits, we will take a few breaks to play games outside while we let the projects dry. (AB)



Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

Tuesdays, December 10, January 14 AND/

OR February 11

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: One week before each session

This drop-off program is designed to give your child the opportunity to get creative! They will design a variety of projects based on a monthly theme. Outdoor activities will be included when weather permits. Sign up for one or multiple sessions. (AB)



Kid's Glass Fusing:

Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with an adult companion

Tuesday, December 3

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 26

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

Financial Assistance With Program Fees Is Available!

The Park Board realizes that residents may encounter financial challenges that could limit their ability to participate in programs. Fees should not be a barrier to participation for residents who are experiencing financial challenges. Assistance is available to Centerville and Washington Township residents! The financial assistance guidelines and an application may be found on cwpd.org/forms/

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



Cocoa & Cookies

Ages 6 – 10

Friday, December 20

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 12

Kick off winter break with cocoa and cookies with Katie Blausler from Eat Pretty Darling! Children will bake cookies and make hot cocoa to enjoy during the class. They will also make it as a gift in a jar! (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Fossil Frenzy

Ages 6 – 10

Thursday, February 27

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, February 21

Join us for an evening hike and an opportunity to learn about the fossils around us. Throughout the program, we will also be making fossils to take home and enjoy. (KF)



New!

Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, January 8 – February 12

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 1

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, January 6 – February 10

Registration deadline: Monday, December 31

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, challenges and games. (KL)

Tie-Dye & Snowball Fight

Ages 6 – 12

Tuesday, January 28

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 24

Design and make your own tie-dye tote bag! After tie-dyeing, we will head outside for an epic snowball fight in our natural play area. No snow? No problem! We will bring out our special fake snowballs and have some indoor fun. (KF)



Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

Designed for ages 6 – 10

Thursday, January 9

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

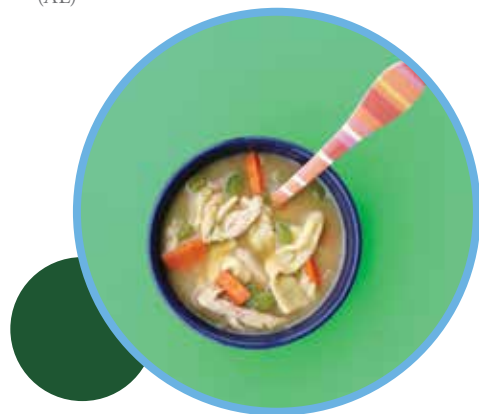
*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 7

There are candy canes hidden around the park! Bring your flashlight and help us find them. First, we'll decorate a bag to collect the candy canes, then we'll race to hunt for them. Free hot chocolate will be provided!

(AL)



Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup Workshop

Ages 8 – 15

Saturday, January 11

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$26 residents, \$34 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 2

Warm up on a winter day! Learn a new skill with Katie Blausler from Eat Pretty Darling! Children will make the ultimate comfort food — egg noodles from scratch — for chicken noodle soup. (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Pizza Party

Ages 8 – 15

Monday, February 17

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$28 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 6

Enjoy the day off school with a pizza party! Katie Blausler from Eat Pretty Darling will guide participants through making their own personal pizza and a crunchy side salad.

(AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

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Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.

Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, December 5, January 2 AND/

OR February 6

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: One week before each session

Try new art skills during this fun crafting program based on nature themes. Each session will have different options for participants to choose from and allow them to work independently or get creative together! (AB)

Holiday Teacup Workshop with Now and Zen

Ages 10 and up

Saturday, December 7

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, December 1

Choose from a wide variety of fairy garden embellishments to design a charming teacup terrarium that will brighten up any room! Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift! (AB)

This is not a drop-off program. All children must be registered and have an adult attend with them. Adults are welcome to register to create their own project!

New!



Young Birders Club Southwest Chapter Meetings



Ages 12 – 18



Kettering PRCA and Centerville-Washington Park District are collaborating to bring the joy of birdwatching to our youth. Birdwatching

and identification is a fun and rewarding hobby and a great place to make friends! Light snacks are included. Participants must be members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. Winter programs will be held by Kettering PRCA on December 14, January 18 and February 15. Please check playkettering.org for registration information. (KL)



Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

Nest Box Build

Thursday, January 2

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, December 27

We will construct large nest boxes for owls, kestrels and squirrels to use. The boxes will be installed in your parks at a later date. (KL)

Seed Cleaning

Friday, January 24

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 22

The seeds that were collected at the beginning of the fall season need to be cleaned! We will then begin packing the seeds up for sowing or for distribution in the community. (KL)

FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Winter POP UP



Park Challenge



All ages

Begins Monday, December 2

The Pop-Up Park Challenge is back for more winter-themed fun! Throughout the winter months we'll be posting challenges on our Facebook page. Complete eight out of ten posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 gift card to My Favorite Muffin! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing!

Most challenges will involve visiting a specific park location to fulfill a task or to find a landmark. Other challenges will involve attending one of our winter events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge time clock begins, and then you'll have a deadline to complete it! Post a photo in the comments of each Facebook post proving challenge completion.

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

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



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



Do You Want To Paint a Squirrel?

All ages

Pick up plywood squirrel: Friday, November 29 – Monday, December 9

Return finished squirrel: Friday, December 13 – Friday, December 27

*Activity Center Park, Headquarters (Bin A)
221 N. Main St.*

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 28

Spot, the Park District snowman, is visiting his red squirrel friends at Grant Park. They are super excited to show him their winter cache! They collected more than food to get them through the winter! Knowing how much Spot loves CWPD, they each collected some items that reminded them of a park experience or activity they enjoyed. What do you think the squirrels collected?

Households can register to paint a plywood squirrel using the above prompt. After painting, turn your squirrel in to enter it in the Spot the Snowman Scavenger Hunt contest for a chance to win a prize!

Squirrels will be turned in and featured in a scavenger hunt. Scavenger hunt participants will cast votes for their favorite squirrel. Winners of the painting contest will be announced on February 27. (KL)



Spot the Squirrels Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Thursday, January 9 – Thursday, February 13

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 12 (*Clues are emailed every Thursday. Registering late will mean some missed clues.*)

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Each week, participants will receive a clue to go out in your parks to search for the squirrels. Squirrels will only be hiding at each park for one week! Mark their numbers and where you found them on the recording sheet. Turn in your sheets for a prize. Don't forget to vote for your favorite! (AS)

Family Ornament Workshop: Pottery Painting

Ages 5 – 12 with adult companion

Friday, December 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$34 residents, \$45 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 28

Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush to paint three special ornaments with a variety of glaze colors. From classic holiday designs to animals and sports themes, you'll find the perfect pieces to reflect your unique style. Get started on your holiday decorating or gift giving! (AB)



Winter Hiking Club

All ages

Fee/family/session: \$4 nonresidents

Hibernation 101

Saturday, December 14

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Park

358 Zengel Dr.

Solstice Sunset

Saturday, December 21

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E Centerville Station Rd.

Fantastic Frozen Feet

Saturday, January 18

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance

7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.

Winter Fishes

Saturday, January 25

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Sleeping Insects

Saturday, February 8

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Evergreen Art

Saturday, February 15

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Getting outdoors makes us happy and healthy, especially in the wintertime! Participants will join the instructor for a brief nature lesson, game or activity before the group starts the hike to explore the park. These are Tools to Trek programs. All hikes will take place on natural paths.

Individuals who attend Winter Hiking Club will get a themed sticker! (KL)



Tools to Trek

Look for the Tools to Trek symbol throughout this guide. Attend Tools to Trek programs to earn a free Trek Pack! Print your Tools to Trek tracking sheet on cwpd.org. Bring it to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full, turn it in to collect your prize!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.

"The greatest legacy we can leave our children is happy memories."

~ Og Mandino



Pet Pros: All About Reptiles

Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up

Thursday, January 9

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 3

Are you interested in learning what it takes to provide a healthy and happy home for a less common pet (i.e. rabbits, reptiles, parrots, etc.)? The Pet Pros series invites community experts to teach everything there is to know about responsible pet ownership! Sadly, every year we find abandoned pets in your parks. Pet Pros aims to empower our community members with the information they need to know before committing to a new FURever friend!

This month, we've invited experts from Arrowhead Reptile Rescue (and some of their stunning rescue reptiles) to teach about responsible reptile ownership! This program is perfect for anyone, from those curious about pet reptiles to those with a home already slithering with them! (KF)

This is NOT an adoption event. However, those interested in adopting can pick up information on taking the next steps!

Light Hike: Constellations

All ages

Friday, January 10

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Drop in anytime from 6 – 7 p.m. for a lighted hike! In addition to the lights on the paved path, there will be constellations to light up with a black light. Bring your own flashlight. Black light flashlights will be available to borrow. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Create Together Workshop with Now and Zen

Ages 6 and up with an adult companion

(Adults can register as well to create their own terrarium)

Saturday, January 11

11:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents per terrarium

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 2

This adult and child sand art workshop is a perfect opportunity to have a fun bonding experience with your favorite little one! Kids and adults alike will enjoy being creative with sand art — with the bonus of adding live air plants. All materials are included for this fun project, including the choice of a vertical or horizontal vessel. (AB)

Winter Woodland Tea Party

Ages 3 – 10 with adult companion

Sunday, January 26

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **OR**

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$20 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, January 20

Join us for a tea party for the whole family. Enjoy the view of the park while we make nature-themed crafts, play family games and enjoy time together! We will have tea and treats sure to please all ages. (KF)



Winter Hike & Seek

All ages

Monday, January 27

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 23

There is so much to see in Grant Park on winter days! Meet at the Kennard Nature Nook to compete against other families in a winter-themed scavenger hunt! Free hot chocolate will be provided! Families that find at least half of the scavenger hunt items will be entered in a prize drawing!

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. (AL)



Meet the Trees Hike and Learn

All ages

Tuesday, February 11

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, February 9

Is your yard a little lonely? Do you find yourself with an empty tree-shaped spot in your life? Families will walk the Tree Trail and learn some fun, dare we say unBEAF-able, facts about our local trees, how to identify them in winter, and decide which one is right for your yard! Participants will enter a drawing for a gift card to Siebenthaler's Nursery. This is a Tools to Trek program.

This hike takes place on a crushed limestone path. (KL)

Valentine's Day Family Art Workshop

Recommended for ages 5 – 10 with adult companion(s)

Friday, February 14

10:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/plate: \$43 residents, \$56 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 6

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a heartwarming family craft session! Work together to create a personalized family plate with your handprints and names. It will be fired in the kiln, making it a durable memento. Add some extra love to your celebration with a special flower craft, perfectly arranged in a vase for you to take home and enjoy. Register one person per family. If you would like to make multiple plates, register an additional child or adult. (AB)

The plates will be ready to pick up in approximately two weeks.

New!

New!

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Winter Stargazing

Ages 6 and up

Friday, February 21

6:15 – 7:45 p.m. **OR** 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 13

It may be chilly, but we can still enjoy an indoor stargazing experience! Boonshoft Museum of Discovery will have an indoor planetarium to view the night sky in the Nature Nook. There will also be opportunities for various stargazing activities outside, including hot chocolate and a short night hike with a naturalist! (KF)

Please register each member of the family who will be attending. The dome has limited space.

Forts in the Forest

All ages

Saturday, February 22

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Forest Walk Park

7570 Forest Brook Blvd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, February 17

Build forts with what nature provides — sticks, leaves, mud or snow! Discover the fun of using nature to make a shelter as a family. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative use of materials, most livable and most woodland fairy-tastic. At the end of the program, we will take a commemorative picture and learn the proper way to give your creation back to nature. (KF)



Glass Fusing: Winter Ornaments

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
November 26

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. This class includes three ornaments with plenty of styles and options to choose from. (AB)

Projects will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters approximately one week after class. You will receive an email when they are ready to be picked up.



Glass Fusing: Night Light

Ages 16 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Session A

Tuesday, January 14

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 9

Session B

Thursday, January 30

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 26

Create a 3.25" by 3.25" night light to add a unique glow to the dark winter evenings. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will provide the supplies. Beginners and returners alike are welcome to this new class! (AB)

Projects will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters approximately one week after class. You will receive an email when they are ready to be picked up.

Glass Fusing: Winter Birch Trees

Ages 16 and up

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person/session: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents

Session A

Saturday, February 8

10:00 a.m. – noon

Registration deadline: Sunday, February 2

Session B

Thursday, February 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, February 16

You will create a beautiful winter birch scene on a 10.75" square of glass. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will lead participants through our biggest glass fusing project of the season! (AB)

Projects will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters approximately one week after class. You will receive an email when they are ready to be picked up.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.



It 'Felt' Like the Holidays:

Embroidered Decor

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, December 5

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,

November 28

Use colorful felt, thread, beads and sequins to create your own handmade holiday decorations. We will be going through the steps needed to sew a felt ornament. Each participant will leave the program with the supplies to finish their set. No experience with embroidery or sewing is needed to participate in this festive program. (LP)

New!

Silent Reading Club

Ages 16 and up

Thursdays, December 5, January 2 &

February 6

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, December 1

Unwind with a good book while taking in the winter view from inside the cozy Kennard Nature Nook. Bring your own book, or borrow one from our nature-themed collection for the evening. Let the relaxing atmosphere work its magic while you enjoy light refreshments. (AB)

New!

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, December 12

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$26 residents, \$34 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

December 4

Ukrainian Egg Decoration uses waxes and other mediums to decorate real chicken eggs with nature and folk designs. This style of painting has been done for hundreds of years in Eastern and Central Europe. Learn this ancient process from local teaching artist of more than 20 years, Ginny Baughman. Join us for this new and unique class and take home your own beautifully decorated egg!

(AB)

New!

Hike With a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, December 19

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park Kennard Nature Nook Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 17

Join us on a stroll through your park! A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. Hike is on a natural path. Flashlights and lanterns will be provided. (KL)

Embroidery Journaling:

Stitch the Year with CWPD

Ages 14 and up

Thursdays, January 2, February 6 &

March 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday,

December 26

Enhance your stitching skills and reflect on the coming year! This class will take us through 2025 as we create an embroidered journal representing important or special memories with simple stitches and colorful designs. The first class will cover the basics of making the journal and a few beginner-friendly stitches. No previous experience is required to take this journey. Each session will include light refreshments and a nature talk on a seasonal topic. All supplies needed to begin will be provided, and you are not required to attend every session! (LP)

This registration only includes the winter sessions.

New!



Introduction to Crochet

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, January 9

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 2

This introductory-level crochet class will cover the basic stitches and techniques needed to create a crochet coaster. Each participant will receive a skein of environmentally-friendly yarn and a crochet hook to keep. No previous experience is needed to participate. (CM)

New!

Needle Felt Pictures

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, January 21

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 14

Take your needle felting to the next level and create a one-of-a-kind piece of textured art. We will be using roving wool to 'paint' a picture of your choice as we learn about different methods and supplies used in needle felting projects. You can choose from a beginner-friendly or a more advanced project option. This class is designed for all skill levels, providing as much or as little assistance as you would like, and all supplies needed to complete the project will be provided. (LP)



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



All About Coyotes

Ages 16 and up
Wednesday, January 29
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 Woodbourne Library
 6060 Far Hills Ave.

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 26

Join ODNR Division of Wildlife experts for a presentation on coyote life history. The lecture will include information about coyote behavior and resources for those concerned about their local coyote populations. Register for this program on events.wclibrary.info beginning on December 29. (KL)

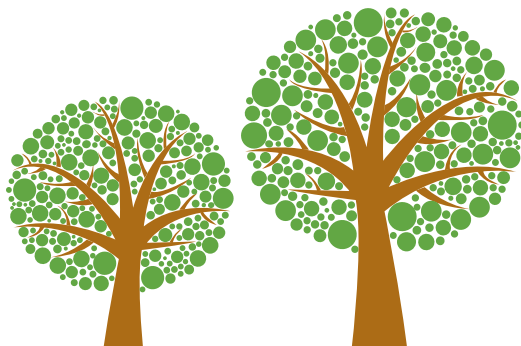


The Importance of Trees in our Urban Environment

Ages 16 and up
Thursday, February 13
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Woodbourne Library
 6060 Far Hills Ave.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 11

Pat Migliozi, Certified Forester with the ODNR Division of Forestry will share how trees and shrubs are beneficial to us and wildlife in our landscapes. Best practices for site and plant selections will also be covered. Register for this program on events.wclibrary.info beginning on January 13. (KL)



Warm Hearts: Couples Evening

Ages 16 and up
Friday, February 7
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/pair: \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, February 3

Warm up with your special someone during a night out in the park! Start the evening with an intentional, self-guided night hike lined with deep-dive questions to spark conversation. Then, get out of the cold and into the Smith House for a hot chocolate bar and games, or head outside to enjoy a cozy bonfire together. This is a night for couples young and old! Night hike trail will be paved and lit for easy navigation. (KF)

Looking for something to do with the kids while out on this special night? Register them for **Owlexander's Cinema**, happening the same evening!



New!

Moss Art Workshop with Now and Zen

Ages 16 and up
Saturday, February 8
 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Activity Center Park,
 Community Room
 221 N. Main St.

Fee/terrarium: \$65 residents, \$85 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, February 2

Join Now and Zen DIY to design a beautiful 8" x 8" piece of wall art using preserved moss and other interesting natural elements. A truly unique accent for your home that you'll enjoy for years to come! (AB)



Couples Dinner Date with a Starry Stroll

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, February 13
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
 6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/pair: \$55 residents, \$72 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Thursday, February 6

Celebrate Valentine's Day with instructor Katie Blausner from Eat Pretty Darling! Make a romantic dinner for two featuring salmon with a salad, roasted potatoes and dessert! After enjoying your meal, take a walk around a luminary-lit paved path. (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.



New!

Online nonresident registration begins
 Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.

ADULT WELLNESS

Yoga in the Park

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

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

Session A

Mondays, December 2 – January 6

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, November 29

Session B

Saturdays, December 7 – January 11

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 4

Session C

Saturdays, December 7 – January 11

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 4

Session D

Mondays, January 13 – February 17

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, January 10

Session E

Saturdays, January 18 – February 22

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 15

Session F

Saturdays, January 18 – February 22

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 15

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. (AS)

Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Session A

Wednesdays, December 4 – January 22

(no classes December 25 or January 1)

Registration deadline: Monday, December 2

Session B

Wednesdays, January 29 – March 5

Registration deadline: Monday, January 27

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

National Ugly Sweater Goat Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, December 19
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Monday, December 16

This will be a one-of-a-kind evening filled with lots of fun and a bit of yoga! Goat Country, LLC. will bring their adorable goats dressed up for National Ugly Sweater Day. Practice some classic poses while interacting with the goats. Additionally, participants are encouraged to wear ugly sweaters to get in the holiday spirit! Time for pictures and cuddles with the mini goats will be included at the end. (AS)



Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Tuesdays, January 7 – February 25
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$48 residents, \$63 nonresidents
Registration deadlines: Friday, January 3

Join us for a gentler, more adaptable yoga program. This class will feature additional guidance, modifications and props to assist in supporting postures and a slower pace. Taught by certified yoga instructor Kathleen Crosby. (AS)

Winter Mindfulness

Ages 16 and up
Sunday, January 5
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 31

As the holiday season comes to an end, the promise of work, school and the winter blues may have you down. We invite you for an evening of slowing down and practicing mindfulness in nature. This sensory-friendly space will include gentle movement, mindful crafts and an easy hike. We will end the evening gathered around a fire to take in beauty of the nature park together.

Bring a friend, a partner, or travel solo for this important opportunity to slow down and just BE! (KF)

New!

Explore Your Parks this Winter!

These paved paths are wonderful for running and walking! Check cwpd.org for park addresses.

Activity Center Park, 0.5-mile 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.

Grant Park, 0.25-mile loop

Hithergreen Park, 0.25-mile loop

Holes Creek/Silvercreek Parks, 1.3 miles (one way)

Iron Horse Park, 2 miles (one way) and 0.6-mile loop

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, November 11, 10:00 a.m.

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, December 3 – February 27

(no walk December 24)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors and 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.

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

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

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, December 4 – February 26

(no hikes December 25 or January 1)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this winter! What better way than through guided hikes? Staff and volunteers will lead groups at different paces. Hike for Your Health is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get to know Bill Yeck Park better. All hikes are on natural trails. Please wear appropriate shoes for trails that may be muddy or slick.

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 Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, December 3 – February 28

(no trekking December 24)

9:30 – 10:30 a.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

Tuesdays & Fridays, December 3 – February 28

(no trekking December 24)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$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 winter. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up

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

Fee/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.

Classes take place outdoors with the option to move indoors for inclement weather.

Beginner Tai Chi

Thursdays, January 9 – February 13

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 7

An introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong (pronounced Chi Kung) principles and form through Tai Chi Easy — a form created by Roger Jahnke, O.M.D. — to make Tai Chi accessible and fun for everyone.

Intermediate Tai Chi

Mondays, January 13 – February 17

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, January 10

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

Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, January 21 – February 25

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadlines: Sunday, January 19

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! (AS)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 18, 10:00 a.m.**

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

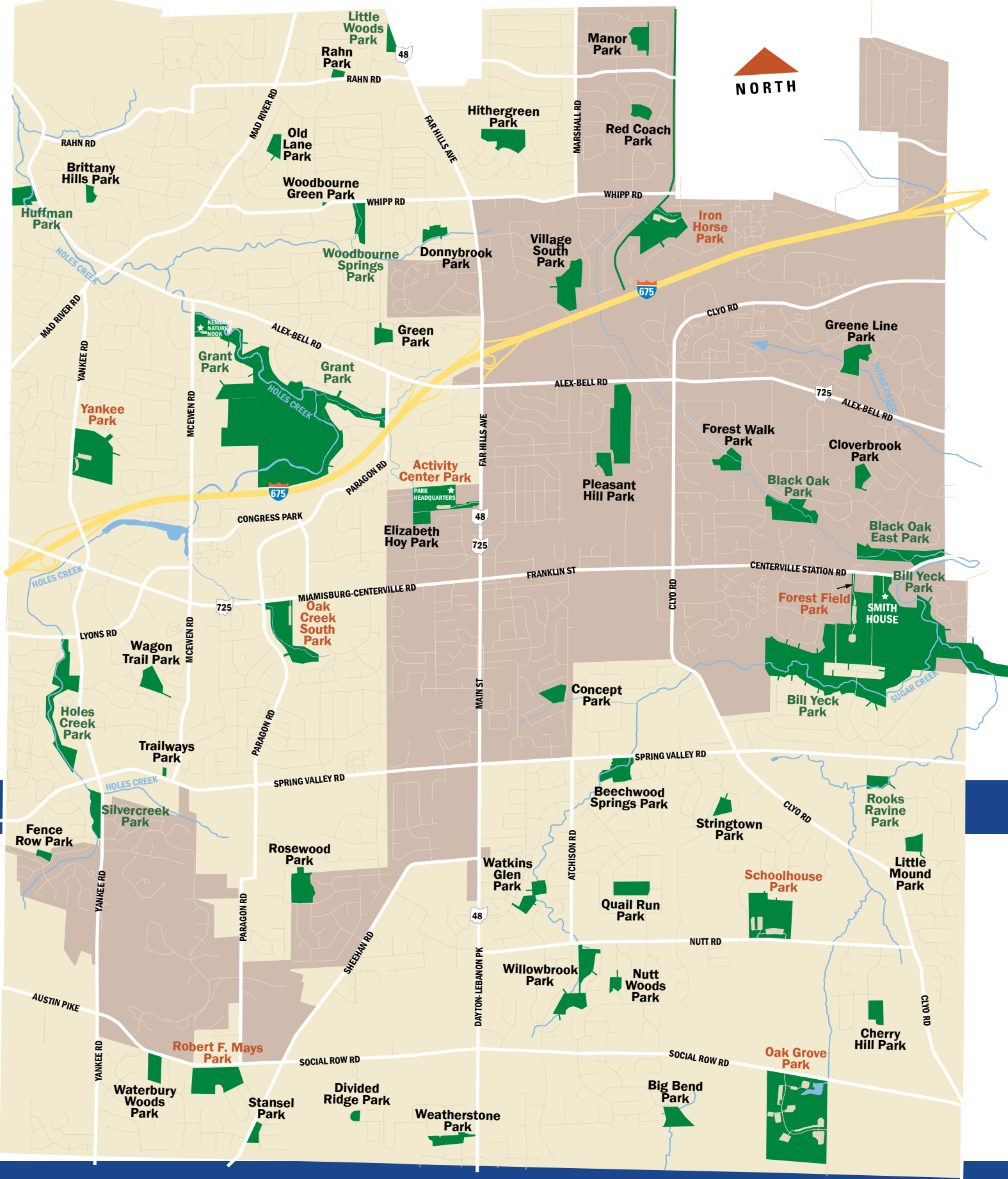
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER

WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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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 November 11.

Online

Visit <https://cwpd.recdesk.com> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on November 11. 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 CWPD or Centerville-Washington Park District. **In person registration begins one day later than online registration.**

Registration and Refund Policy

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

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 a 50% 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 if you require any additional modifications or support because of a disability.

Financial Assistance

We hope to provide park experiences for all members of the Centerville and Washington Township community. Financial assistance is available for residents to participate in Park District programs. Visit cwpd.org/forms/ for more information.

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, November 11
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, November 18
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