

Centerville-Washington
PARK DISTRICT
2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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



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Sprayground renovation at Activity Center Park, sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital.



Village South Park new playground improvements underway, to be completed in early 2025.



Universal changing table added to Activity Center Park family restroom, funded by the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation.

The Park District remains committed to our vision of becoming the community's outdoor recreation destination of choice. In 2024, we welcomed **10,257 program registrations** across **600+ programs and events**. Our **36 special events** drew approximately **16,000 attendees**, while staff and volunteers brought **environmental education to over 3,000 students**. Additionally, **4,900 youth athletes** utilized our athletic facilities, bringing total participation across all programs to nearly **35,000**. The Park District also hosted **250,000 visitors** for youth sporting events!

FINANCES

A core value of CWPD and a priority in our Strategic Plan is **Fiscal Responsibility**. General fund receipts totaled \$6,968,405. General operating expenditures totaled \$5,493,958. Capital improvements totaled \$902,985.

2024 was exceptional for securing grants and alternative revenue sources, totaling \$665,053. These funds make both large and small projects possible, including new bridges at Grant Park and water quality improvements at Rosewood Park. Tree planting and interpretive signage projects were made possible with generous funding from the Centerville Rotary Club, and supplies for fishing and archery programming were funded by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Additional funding came from Clean Ohio Greenspace, ODNR Division of Wildlife, The William and Dorothy Yeck Fund, Bureau of Workers Compensation, Dayton Children's Hospital, and the State of Ohio's one-time strategic investment funding.

PARKS & PLANNING

The Park Board takes CWPD's commitment to **Creating Positive Memories** seriously. Listening to resident feedback, they continuously work to enhance parks, keeping them safe, clean, and inviting. Here are some of the key improvements in 2024:

- Sprayground renovation at Activity Center Park
- Streambank restoration at Bill Yeck and Grant Parks
- Grant Park bridges are underway, completion summer 2025
- Village South Park – paved path, playground, basketball resurfacing, tree planting underway, completion spring 2025
- Accessibility improvements to Oak Creek South Park ball diamonds
- Dugout covers at Yankee Park
- Universal changing table installed at Activity Center Park's family restroom
- Dog park perimeter path and gathering plaza added
- Forest Field Park drainage phase II
- Completion of Activity Center perimeter path repairs

As stewards of your parkland, CWPD prioritizes **Environmental Responsibility**. Monitoring wildlife, planting native habitats, wetland restoration, streambank stabilization, tree planting and invasive species control are just some of the ways that the Park District demonstrated conservation and stewardship in 2024.

Last fall, we launched VIPR (Volunteer Invasive Plant Response) at Bill Yeck Park to combat honeysuckle. Volunteers have already removed honeysuckle from 60% of the park, allowing native plants to thrive!

Beyond land management activities, the Park District helps the community reduce their environmental footprint through various recycling programs. In 2024, those who dropped off Styrofoam helped keep 6,775 pounds of it out of landfills! Attendees also recycled 1,453 pounds of broken holiday lights.

IMPACTFUL PROGRAM PARTNERS

Public Service is at the heart of CWPD's mission, and collaboration with community partners ensures diverse, impactful programming. In 2024, we partnered with 70+ businesses and organizations to bring exciting opportunities to residents.

- Co-managed the Southwest Chapter of the Ohio Young Birders Club with Kettering Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts, helping teens become citizen scientists.
- South Metro Optimist Club provided numerous volunteers for treat stations at Halloween Hop and Howl, serving over 750 park visitors.
- Hosted the BIG Backyard Party for 1,200+ participants, distributing 200 fishing poles, with casting lessons from the Centerville Noon Optimists. Other partners included Amazing Athletes, Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, Community Services for the Deaf, Girl Scouts, Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services and the Washington-Centerville Public Library.
- Washington Township Fire Department visited summer camps, thrilling campers with fire safety lessons and a close-up look at their firetruck!
- A new partnership with Hope Wanders enabled women to share community and learn archery with other outdoor enthusiasts.

Whether it is a park amenity or a program, we always strive to remove barriers to access. So, we were honored to have been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Erin Ritchey Memorial Award (Community) from the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services! The award recognizes the professional efforts of groups throughout the Miami Valley who make significant contributions to improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the community members who nominated us for this recognition!

Our volunteers are a driving force behind our success. In 2024, volunteers contributed 3,557 hours, valued at \$119,137 in labor! Their efforts support everything from school outreach to environmental conservation. A special highlight: We launched a partnership with ITOP (Integrated Transition Options Program) students from Centerville City Schools, who have now dedicated hundreds of hours to park beautification projects—an enriching experience for all involved!



A South Metro Optimist volunteer handing out treats at Halloween Hop & Howl.



Storytime with Community Services for the Deaf at BIG Backyard Party.



Eclipse viewing party at Forest Field Park.

2024 BY THE NUMBERS

250,000	park visitors for sports
131,000	website hits
14,000	social media followers
10,000	enrolled in park programs
3,600	hours volunteered to CWPD
470	shelter reservations
175	trail masters/path finders
62	trees planted
36	special events planned
1	sprayground renovated



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

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

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following donors for their generosity in 2024!

The Blessing Family
 Centerville-Washington Diversity Council
 Dayton Children's Hospital
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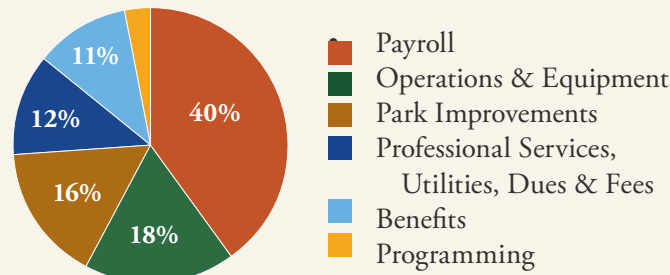
Follow the creek through your community's BIG backyard!



2024 FINANCES

Receipts totaled \$6,968,405; expenses totaled \$5,493,958. Of the receipts, \$591,571 was grant-funding (actually received) and \$159,069 was donations.

2024 EXPENDITURES



Keep in touch with us — we want to hear your suggestions as we strive to meet the community's outdoor recreation needs!
 - Your Board of Park Commissioners

3,357 hours volunteered to CWPDP! Thank you for your support!

More than **470 park shelter reservations** in 2024!

4,900 youth athletes competed on CWPDP sports fields.

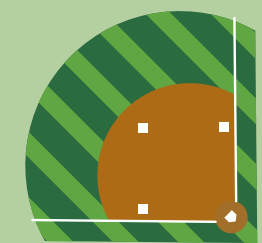
DEC

62 trees planted across **19 parks**. **28 trees** were donated by the Centerville Rotary Club!

Awarded the 2024 Erin Ritchey Memorial Award (Community) from Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Operations Manager Ken Carter named OPRA professional of the year.

36 special events and more than **600** programs were scheduled this year!



Schoolhouse Park baseball diamonds renovated.

A gravel path was added to the Dog Park's interior perimeter to improve winter turf conditions.

175 people completed the year-long Path Finder and/or Trail Master Challenges, visiting all paths/trails in the Park District!

Awarded a **\$40K grant** from Ohio BWC for a field painting robot.

Project VIPR (Volunteer Invasive Plant Response) launched and **60%** of Bill Yeck was covered by the volunteer team by the end of the year!

NOV

Dugout covers installed at Yankee Park ball diamonds nos. 1 – 3.

SEP

\$7,500 grant awarded from ODNR to restock the Rosewood Park pond after restoration project.

1,800 children attended a CWPDP summer camp!

AUG

Completed renovations at the sprayground at Activity Center Park!

JUL

Phase II of the Forest Field Park practice field drainage improvements completed thanks to matching funds from FC Dayton.

Held an Open House at Village South Park and surveyed neighbors to determine new playground design to be installed in early 2025!

JUN

Trained more than **70 camp counselors!**

Commissioner Jeff Senney reappointed for another 3-year term.

MAY

A universal changing table was installed in the family restroom at Activity Center Park — funded by the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation.

\$230K grant awarded from Clean Ohio for the Rosewood Park pond restoration.

MAR

1,453 lbs. broken holiday string lights collected for recycling.

FEB

37 groups completed the annual Winter Pop-Up Park Challenge, spending time outside once a week all winter long!

More than **200 children** experienced the joy of fishing at Oak Grove Park during the Centerville Noon Optimist Fishing Derby.

6,775 lbs. of Styrofoam collected at the 4th annual Styrofoam Recycling Event — a partnership with the City of Centerville and Montgomery County Environmental Services.

JAN

\$2,500 grant received from Ohio Department of Natural Resources for prescribed burns in natural areas.

\$250K grant awarded from the State of Ohio for **2 new bridges** at Grant Park.

USTA Park Agency Tennis Assessment completed.



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