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TRAILBLAZERS

A newsletter from the
Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks



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FOUNDATION NEWS



Grant Park: A VIP Tour

The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks partnered with the Park District to host a special VIP Tour of Grant Park on May 2. The tour offered a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and explore the park amenities and facilities, including the Kennard Nature Nook, McEwen Barn and Grant Nature Buildings, all while learning about the Grant Park Master Plan implementation.

Participants also heard about the Foundation's latest initiatives and learned ways to get involved in supporting our mission.

Thank you to those who attended!

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City Barbeque

Kroger Community Rewards

Real Life Church

We appreciate your continued support of the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks. With your help, we are making a lasting impact on our community's parks and creating spaces everyone can enjoy.

Donation Opportunity: Accessibility Improvements to the Bill Yeck Park Fire Circle

Fundraising Goal: \$20,000

This project will create an accessible fire circle, ensuring individuals of all abilities can enjoy this special park amenity. By adding an ADA-compliant pathway, accessible surface and supportive seating, we will foster recreational inclusivity for the community.



Fire circle design rendering donated as an in kind service from Kimley-Horn and Associates.

Sponsorship Levels

Pathway Partner – \$5,000+

- Private Campfire Experience – A hosted evening at the fire circle with s'mores, campfire nature program or campfire yoga, and a guided hike
- Recognition on a bench plaque at the fire circle
- Recognition on group donor plaque
- Name/logo in Foundation's Trailblazers newsletter and social media acknowledgments
- Invitation to ribbon-cutting event with recognition
- Thank-you letter and framed ribbon cutting photo

Trailblazer Sponsor – \$2,000 – \$4,999

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Fire Circle Friend – \$500 – \$1,999

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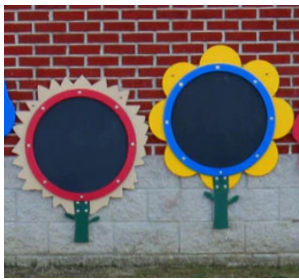
Community Builder – \$100 – \$499

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Every donation brings us closer to making this space welcoming for all! Thank you for your support in fostering an inclusive outdoor experience for our community.

How You've Helped: Your Donations in Action

Your generous donations are making a difference!



Thanks to your support, we were able to contribute to the purchase three flower chalkboards, two for the Mark Kreusch Nature Playce at Grant Park, and one for Schoolhouse Park. These lively chalkboards enrich the visitor experience by engaging people of all ages in creative expression. The flower-themed design ties into the natural surroundings nicely and are a fun park enhancement.



You may recall the Communication Board that was purchased late last year. It has been installed at the playground at Activity Center Park. These boards, designed for accessibility and inclusivity, are placed at key park locations, allowing individuals with communication challenges to interact with their surroundings more easily.

Schedule a Foundation Presentation: Help Spread the Word

We would love the opportunity to speak to your group on behalf of the Foundation, sharing how individuals can donate or get involved in meaningful ways. Our mission is to support and enhance our Centerville-Washington Parks, ensuring they remain vibrant and well-maintained for generations to come.

The foundation focuses on three key areas:

Conservation, by protecting and preserving the natural beauty of our parks;

Impact, by funding improvements that maximize community benefits; and

Connection, by fostering strong relationships to sustain exceptional parks, programs, and services.

Whether you belong to a civic organization, garden club, homeowners association, scouting group or business networking group, we would love to connect and share how you can help make a difference. Let's work together to keep our parks thriving! Email us at foundationforCWparks@gmail.com to get us on your schedule.

"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."

~Lady Bird Johnson



CWPD Survey!

CWPD needs your voice. A **community survey is currently open** and the Park District encourages you to participate. Your input helps drive decisions, ensuring they continue to provide the best parks and programs to serve your needs and interests. Visit cwpd.org to take the survey!

UPCOMING EVENTS

YoGlow

Ommmmm ... Method Yoga Studio owner and instructor Megan Lees will lead this outdoor yoga class in Forest Field Park's peaceful setting at 9 p.m. on **Friday, June 6**. CWPD 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. Registration is not required.

Sunday Sundaes

Kick off red, white and blue week with a free sundae at the Bill Yeck Park Smith House on **Sunday, June 29**, from 2 to 4 p.m.! Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon with refreshments, yard games and themed crafts. Registration is not required.

Campfire Evening



Join the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks for a cozy evening around the campfire at the Bill Yeck Park Smith House on **Wednesday, August 13**, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy gourmet s'mores, a nature talk from the Centerville-Washington Park District and fun for all! Learn more about the fire circle accessibility improvements and how your support can make a difference.

It will be the perfect mix of warmth, community and the great outdoors! Click or scan the QR code above to sign up!

If you love your parks, please consider making a gift. All donations, sponsorships and gifts will adhere to the policy, procedures, and guidelines and be consistent with the Park District mission, policies, park property restrictions, park master plans, and the most current Comprehensive Master Plan.

The Park District would like to thank you in advance for your contribution. If you have any questions or need help with a donation, please contact our office at (937) 433-5155 or mail@cwpd.org.



Click or scan the QR code above, or donations may also be mailed to:

**Foundation for
Centerville-Washington Parks
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