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A newsletter from the
Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we move into the fall season, we are excited to share some fantastic updates on our projects, events, and the ways you can continue to support the parks you love! The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks (FCWP) is committed to enhancing and preserving our local park district, and we couldn't do it without your help. Here's what's happening:



The FCWP is pleased to welcome Foundation Ambassador, Brian Code. Brian joined on in July to help organize promotional and fundraising opportunities, as well as engage with community stakeholders for the benefit of the foundation. Brian has already gotten the word out to two of the community's prominent civic groups, Centerville Noon Optimists and Centerville Rotary, by presenting a slideshow to each group in July and October respectively. Brian serves as a volunteer for the Centerville-Washington Park District. He has removed over 500 invasive species from the parks—and counting! Brian also helps lead programs, such as Hike for Your Health. He looks forward to building meaningful relationships with our donor community.

How You've Helped: Your Donations in Action

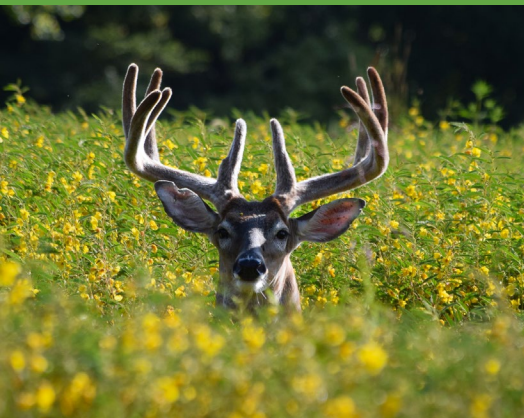


Your generous donations are making a difference! Thanks to your support, we were able to contribute to the purchase of a Communication Board to add to the playground at Activity Center Park. These boards, designed for accessibility and inclusivity, are placed at key park locations, allowing individuals with communication challenges to interact with their surroundings more easily. Thank you for helping make our parks more inclusive for everyone!

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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.

Recent and Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

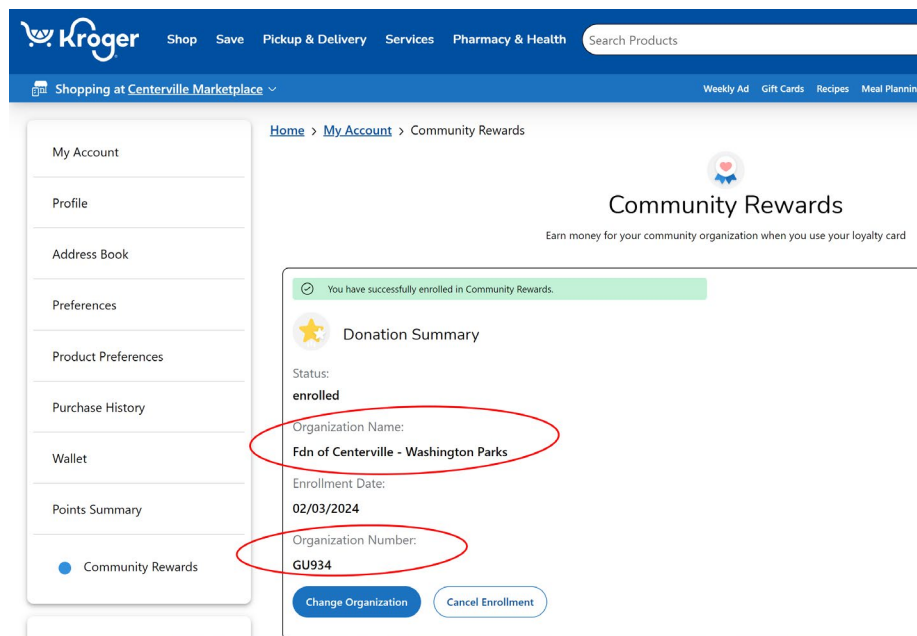


Whit's Frozen Custard Takeover Event: If you enjoyed a sweet treat at Whit's Frozen Custard on our takeover day last month, thank you! Your participation helped raise funds for the Foundation's ongoing projects. Every scoop you savored went toward making our parks even better.

Stay tuned for future takeover event opportunities, including City BBQ on December 14!

Kroger Rewards Program: Did you know you can support the Foundation every time you shop at Kroger? If you haven't already, please sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program and select the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks as your charity of choice. It's an easy and impactful way to give back every time you buy groceries.

Visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards> to sign up!



Stay Connected: We're on Facebook!

We're excited to announce that the Foundation is now on Facebook! Follow us to stay up-to-date on Foundation news, events and project updates. It's the perfect place to connect with other donors, ask questions, and see how your contributions are being put to work in real-time.



Connect with us on Facebook!
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PROJECT UPDATES: ENHANCING YOUR PARK DISTRICT

We are thrilled to share some important updates on several projects aimed at improving our park spaces:

1. **Yankee Park Tennis Court Renovation:** Starting in 2025, the Park District will begin the renovation of the Yankee Park tennis courts, converting them from three tennis courts to a mix of two tennis and two pickleball courts. This decision reflects the growing popularity of pickleball while still accommodating tennis enthusiasts. Your donations will help make this enhancement possible!
2. **Grant Park Bridging Project:** As part of the effort to improve safety and accessibility at Grant Park, two new bridges will be built over Hole's Creek. These bridges will provide reliable, year-round access and enhance the park's usability for all visitors. The Foundation is actively seeking donations to help contribute to this crucial project.
3. **Village South Park Upgrades:** Plans for Village South Park include a new playground, tree plantings, paved access path, and additional seating to make the park more welcoming and enjoyable for all visitors. Your support will help bring these upgrades to life!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIP Tour of Grant Park

Mark your calendars for a special VIP Tour of Grant Park on **Sunday, November 10!** You'll have the opportunity to explore the park and learn about the exciting park improvements coming as part of the Grant Park Master Plan. This guided tour will include a hike, facility tour, and an exclusive look inside the historic barn, so don't miss out on this unique event!



Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/n251aHZgjZ9g5jzw5>

Luminary Walk

It's a community tradition! We hope to see you at Bill Yeck Park on Friday, December 13 for the Luminary Walk. Grab some hot chocolate at the Forest Field shelter before you stroll along the candlelit trail. Warm up by the Smith House fire circle and enjoy carols from the Centerville High School Symphonic Choir. Celebrate the season from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

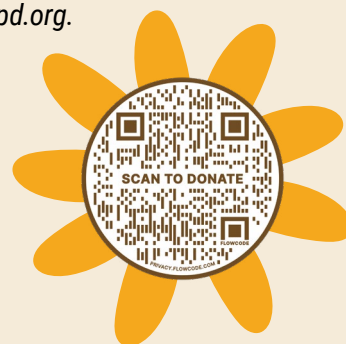
City Barbeque Takeover Event

Head to the Centerville location of City Barbeque for lunch or dinner on Saturday, December 14. They will donate 25% of your purchase to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks when you use the promo code **GIVE!**



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@cwpcd.org.



*Donations may also be mailed to:
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