

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2025

Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Fall program
registration
begins online
on Monday,
August 11.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

The Great Turkey Trek, Bill Yeck Park

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



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpsd.org/field_status/

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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 cooler autumn air settles in and the leaves begin to turn, there's no better place to enjoy fall than in your community's BIG backyard. Whether you're young or just young at heart, this

fall is packed with opportunities to explore, play and connect!

We're thrilled to welcome back community favorites like Adapted Action Day, hosted at the highly accessible **Activity Center Park** — offering a truly inclusive experience for all. The whimsical Fairy and Gnome Home Festival returns as well, charming families with nature-based creativity. And what would fall be without the Halloween Hop & Howl, the fright-free celebration that never fails to bring out the best costumes — and biggest smiles?

Families will also enjoy Truck or Treat, where kids can get up close to BIG vehicles and collect candy in a safe and exciting setting. And of course, if you're looking to walk off those Halloween treats, come out to the The Great Turkey Trek, a seasonal tradition that takes you on a scenic hike through **Bill Yeck Park**.

There are also some new events this year! Coffee with your Pup brings dog lovers together for tasty coffee beverages and doggie playtime, while the GLOW-tastic! Fun Run/Walk will be a lively night of fun colors and glowing features to entertain the whole family.

Numerous projects that will make your parks even better are wrapping up for the summer. The **Rosewood Park** Pond Restoration will improve water quality, enhance habitat and create even more opportunities for outdoor recreation. At **Forest Field Park**, you will see widening and repair of the drive and parking to improve safety, access and longevity. And, lastly, we're moving forward with plans to refresh the playgrounds at **Wagon Trail** and **Old Lane Parks**, as well as installing additional shade structures in various



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.cwpsd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

community parks to make your visits even more comfortable on those sunny days.

Speaking of projects, the Community Needs Assessment recently wrapped up, and we're now digging into the results. Your input is helping us identify priorities and guide future decisions on programs, park improvements and how we can better serve the community. We appreciate all who participated!

Lastly, we are excited to invite business and civic leaders to join us for the Great Parks, Great Community Breakfast—an opportunity to connect, hear updates on park projects and community data, and recognize the vital role parks play in economic growth and community well-being.

We're grateful for your continued support as we invest in these improvements and grow our programs. With 51 parks across our district, there's no shortage of space to explore, play and unwind. So, lace up your boots, bring the family, and take full advantage of everything your Park District has to offer this fall — see you out there!

Jeff Senney
Park Board Vice President



New Park Commissioner Appointed



Gregory Stephens has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Park Commissioners of the Centerville-Washington Park District. He will begin his first year of appointment as the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Stephens is the 20th individual to serve as a park commissioner since the district's formation in 1959. He replaces Jason Riley, who retired from the board after a three-year term.

Stephens has a deep appreciation for parks. He served as a Park Ranger for over 20 years at Dayton-Montgomery County Park District, now Five Rivers MetroParks. He spent his next 12 years with Montgomery County, retiring with 32 years of public service.

He is currently working at Kettering Health coordinating emergency communications and technology. He also volunteers with the Montgomery County Police Athletic Association and with the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee. He served as a Butler Township Finance Committee member until his family relocated to Washington Township in 2019. Greg and his greyhound enjoy the Centerville-Washington Park District daily. He believes in keeping parks safe, inclusive and accessible for everyone.

New Grant Park Bridges Now Open



Two new bridges are improving safe, accessible access to Grant Park — benefiting students, visitors, staff and first responders. A vehicle-rated, ADA-accessible bridge near the Normandy entrance connects to the main trails, while a second spans Hole's Creek upstream.

The Centerville-Washington Park District received a generous private donation in addition to \$250,000 from the State Capital Budget's One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund to help fund this important project.

The new bridges were celebrated with a July dedication.

Great Parks, Great Community: Business and Civic Leader Breakfast

Start your day with connection and insight at the Business and Civic Leader Breakfast. This event brings together community leaders, business owners and local stakeholders to recognize the benefits of parks and green spaces on community vitality.

Enjoy light breakfast fare and hear from the Park District's Executive Director, Kristen Marks, who will speak about the economic impact of parks and green spaces, from boosting property values and supporting small businesses to enhancing quality of life. Staff will then share updates on the latest community survey data, projects and place-making events.

We will also take time to acknowledge key partners and individuals whose contributions have had a meaningful impact on our parks and community. Their leadership and support help make our mission possible. We hope you'll join us for this engaging and informative event!

Tuesday, October 7, 8:15 – 9:30 a.m.
Activity Center Park, Community Room

**Scan the QR code or visit cwcpd.org to
RSVP by Friday, October 3.**



Communication Boards Promote Inclusion in Parks



We are proud to announce the installation of three new communication boards at playgrounds across the district, all made possible through generous support

from community partners. These colorful, symbol-based boards are now available at **Activity Center Park, Forest Field Park and Iron Horse Park.**

Communication boards are designed to assist individuals with communication challenges—including non-verbal children, early learners and non-English speakers—by offering a visual tool to express needs, feelings and ideas. Users can point to images on the board to communicate, encouraging interaction and social connections with peers.

"The addition of communication boards is another step toward making our parks welcoming and inclusive for everyone," said Kristen Marks, CWPDP Executive Director. "These tools help foster connection, ensuring every child can play, express themselves and feel a sense of belonging in our outdoor spaces."

Each board contains commonly used phrases, emotions and activities relevant to a playground setting. The locations were selected based on existing inclusive park features, like adaptive equipment and accessible surfaces.

The communication boards at Forest Field Park and Iron Horse Park were funded through a grant from the **Mark A. Kreusch Memorial Fund**, whose mission is to enrich the lives of children by investing in programs, facilities and services that provide children the opportunities and resources to grow, learn and play in a safe and healthy environment. The Activity Center Park board was generously donated by the **Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks**, a foundation dedicated to securing philanthropic funding for projects, programs and conservation efforts directly related to the Centerville-Washington Park District's mission, vision and values.

SPECIAL EVENTS

YoGlow

Ages 14 and up (under 18 must have an adult companion)

Friday, September 5

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Ommmmm ... 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.

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive reminder and/or cancellation emails. (AS)



Movie Party in the Park: *The Wild Robot*

All ages

Saturday, September 13

(Rain date: Saturday, September 20)

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



This movie party is sure to be one wild adventure! Our night will begin with games, crafts, activities and more to unleash your family's wild side! The Family Spoon food truck and Sweet P's popsicle

cart will be pleased to serve you the perfect meal! Or, you can bring your own food for a picnic blanket dinner. At sunset, we will settle in for a viewing of the adventurous and heartwarming film, *The Wild Robot*.

This event is possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from the Jeff Probst Group.

Registration is requested but not required. (KF)



Fairy and Gnome Home Festival

All ages

Saturday, September 6

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 music provided by the Dayton Dulcimer Society, a craft, and more! Sweet P's Handcrafted Ice Pops will be available for purchase. (KL)

Early Arrival Option

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, August 29

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)



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



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. 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!

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park

All ages
Friday, September 19
 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Spread out on the Smith House lawn to enjoy a fun and relaxing fall evening with your family and stuffed furry friends! Bring your own dinner and/or enjoy free light refreshments while supplies last! The afternoon will include themed crafts, games and a scavenger hunt.

Registration is requested. Registered participants will receive a cancellation notice if necessary due to inclement weather. (AB)

Allergens will be present in some of the free refreshments and other participants' meals.

No pets, please.

Soothing Sounds at the Smith House

All ages
Sunday, September 21
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon on the Smith House lawn! Enjoy two hours of live piano music featuring your favorite tunes and classic oldies, performed by local pianist Jimmy Douglass. Free refreshments will be available throughout the event. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair to sit back, relax and enjoy the music!

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive reminder and/or cancellation emails. (AB)



Adapted Action Day

All ages
Saturday, September 27
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Activity Center Park
 221 N. Main St.

New location!

Join us at the accessible and exciting Activity Center Park for this afternoon of adapted events created to serve all abilities! The day will be full of archery, kickball, sidewalk chalk, adapted biking, pickleball/tennis, crafts and so much more! Partners from all over the community will be there to bring this event to life!

This program is open to all. Whether you are a community member who has a disability, love someone who does, want to learn more about inclusivity, or just want to join the fun, you're invited to Adapted Action Day!

Registration is requested but not required. Please let us know what accommodations you would like to see to make this event even better for you! (KF)

Halloween Hop & Howl

All ages
Thursday, October 2 OR
Thursday, October 9
 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Forest Field Park
 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Put on your Halloween best and enjoy a festive stroll designed especially for preschoolers! Themed signs will be placed along the path to get children moving and grooving as they collect treats at various stations. Families are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy the Halloween spirit. Allergy-friendly treats will be provided. Please bring your own bag to collect them! Kona Ice will be available for purchase, weather permitting.

This event is presented in partnership with local businesses.

Please contact Ally Berger at ABerger@cwpd.org if you would like information about sponsoring a station.

Registration is not required, however, registered participants will receive a cancellation email in the event of inclement weather. (AB)

GLOW-tastic! Fun Run / Walk

All ages
Saturday, October 4
 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Schoolhouse Park
 1875 Nutt Rd.

New!

A special glow-in-the-dark fun run and walk! We will kick off the event with our 100-meter dash at 7:45 p.m., followed by an approximately 0.5-mile paved trail for you to explore. The trail will be lit up with all kinds of fun colors and glowing features. A not-so-spooky start to the Halloween season!

Registration is requested so that we can have an accurate number of glow-in-the-dark accessories for participants. (AS)

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Truck or Treat

All ages
Saturday, October 18
 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 and Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck refreshments will be available for purchase, weather permitting.

Registration is not required.

If you have a unique vehicle you are interested in bringing to Truck or Treat, please email Ally Berger at ABerger@cwpsd.org for information. (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. We will have a limited amount of ear protection for participants to borrow throughout the event.

Please note that allergens will be present in some giveaways.

No pets, please.



Hound Hike

All ages
Sunday, October 19
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Did you know just 20 minutes of exploring novel scents has the same enrichment benefits as an hour-long walk for dogs? Let's get those noses going! Join us for a self-guided hike through the trails of Bill Yeck Park, complete with sniff-stops along the way. Your dog will explore brand-new scents, and you get a beautiful fall hike with your best friend. Afterwards, treat your pup to a fall-themed pup-cup!

Participants are welcome to come anytime during the program. The final time to start the hike is 5:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. (KF)

All dogs must remain on a leash and leashes cannot extend longer than 8 feet. Please clean up after your dog. Respect the space of other dogs until the owner confirms your dog can say hi!



Honeysuckle Homestead

All ages
Saturday, October 25
 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance
 6588 McEwen Rd.

Join us for a family-friendly day of honeysuckle removal! While we accomplish the important task of removing invasive honeysuckle from the park, we will also build forts in the Mark Kruesch Nature Playce with the honeysuckle sticks and vine! There will be children's games and a picnic around a fire with hot dogs to roast, chips and drinks. The day will culminate with a dessert of Honeysuckle Tea and cookies. The group with the most impressive fort will win a prize basket! (PB)

Coffee With Your Pup

All ages (children must be 8+ to enter the dog park)
Saturday, November 1
 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 Oak Grove Park, Dog Park
 1790 E. Social Row Rd.

New!

Calling all dog owners to enjoy an early-morning social at the dog park! Travelin' Tom's coffee truck will be available for owners to purchase coffee to sip while watching their dogs play. Dogs will get a free pup cup courtesy of the park district! This is a great opportunity to meet and greet other dog lovers and socialize your pup.

Registration is requested but not required. Please review all dog park rules before attending. (KF)

Glow in the Park Pickleball

All ages (Required to be 8 or older to play pickleball matches; anyone under 16 must have an adult guardian)
Friday, November 7
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
 Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
 221 N. Main St.
Fee/person: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 5

Don't let the time change get you down! Join us at the courts for a special glow-in-the-dark evening of pickleball! The court will be lit with fun colors and we'll have light-up pickleballs! Wear colors that will shine under black light and glow/light-up accessories!

This is not a tournament-style event. Matches will be for fun and to lower points, and we will make every effort to rotate teams through the courts frequently.

Please bring your own paddles and wear secure footwear. Pickleballs will be provided. (AS)



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



The Great Turkey Trek

All ages

Saturday, November 22

Noon – 3:00 p.m. (Last groups will be going on the 5k trail at 2:15 p.m.)

Parking at Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

We need your help for this Thanksgiving adventure! Follow the clues along the routes and help us find the turkeys during an interactive walk or hike. There are two options for your quest, a one-mile paved/limestone path walk or a 3.1-mile (5k) adventure hike. Either trek you complete, there will be a fun Thanksgiving-themed prize! Our sponsor for this event is Dayton Children's Hospital. Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck will be in attendance with items available for purchase.

T-shirt requests are due by the end of the day on Thursday, October 30, or until all t-shirts are claimed. Any extra t-shirts will be given out at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the event.



Attendees are encouraged to bring new, unopened, colorful socks for Shoes 4 the Shoeless. Athletic socks that fit children ages 5 and up are preferred.

Registration is requested. (AS)



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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 AND UNDER)



Early Adventures

Ages 0 – 5 years with adult companion
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee/child/session: \$4 nonresidents

September Adventure

Tuesday, September 2

Greene Line Park

6774 Crossbrook Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 31

October Adventure

Tuesday, October 7

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 5

November Adventure

Tuesday, November 4

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 2

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.

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



Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Hello, Fall!

Tuesday, September 16

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 11

Outstanding Owls!

Tuesday, October 14

Yankee Park

7500 Yankee St.

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 9

Pine Tree Painting!

Tuesday, November 18

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 13

Let's get together and do a nature craft! We will complete crafts with nature/sensory themes 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.

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

Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 13

Fee/three kits: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 4

These take-home kits feature 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

Dragonflies

Thursday, September 18

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 16

There are many different dragonfly species in Ohio! Their lifecycles include water and land. During this session, we will search for their nymphs in the water and the adults in the meadow! Be prepared to get wet in the creek. Close-toed shoes are required. (KL)

Woodpeckers

Thursday, October 16

*Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 14

Tap, tap, tap—what's that sound? Join us as we discover the behaviors of woodpeckers. Your leader will guide you on a hike to learn and test out some of their adaptations! (KL)

Owl Sounds!

Thursday, November 20

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Registration deadlines: Tuesday,
November 18

Come along on our night hike as we listen for owls! Did you know different owls have different sounds? We will learn their sounds before heading out on our hike to listen for whooo's out in the park at night! (KL)



Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

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

Fee/child/session: \$80 residents, \$100
nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, September 3 – October 8

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 31

Session B

Wednesdays, October 15 – November 19

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 12



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



Pumpkin Playtime

Ages 4 – 6 with adult companion

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 30

Join us for a variety of pumpkin-themed sensory stations! Fall is a fun time to explore new textures and craft techniques. We will finish the morning with a fun story! (AB)

Turkey Tails and Tales

Ages 4 – 6 with adult companion

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 4

Join us for a variety of Thanksgiving-themed sensory stations! Fall is a fun time to explore new textures and craft techniques. We will finish the morning with a fun story! (AB)



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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 5 – 18)



The CWPD 500

Ages 5 – 9 with adult companion

Saturday, November 15

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
November 5

Do you love competition and racing? Do you like being creative and completing challenges? Join us for a "CWPD 500" race around the park! Create your own cardboard race car! We will provide kits for you to pick up and decorate your cars beforehand. Additional decorations will be provided on the day of the event. Race along the route while completing various pit stops to cross the finish line!

Please register each child you would like to have create a cardboard race car. (AL)

An Evening at Camp

Ages 5 – 12

Friday, October 17

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$12 residents, \$16 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, October 10

Are you missing the fun and excitement of summer camp? We are too! Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities to have one last summer camp night before fall really begins. The evening will end with s'mores and a campfire! (KF)

Fall Foliage Camp

Ages 5 – 12

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/child/camp: \$25 residents, \$33
nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 16

Camp A

Thursday, October 23

Camp B

Friday, October 24

School is out for fall break! Do you have a plan? 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, staying active on their days off. (KF)

Fall Foliage Camps A and B are separate programming; participants may attend both.

CWPD Rodeo Showdown

Ages 6 – 8

Saturday, September 6

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
September 3

An interactive and action-packed adventure that brings the Wild West to life! Kids will take on the role of little cowboys and cowgirls as they participate in exciting Western-themed games, challenges and activities that promote physical activity, coordination and teamwork. With a lively frontier atmosphere, this program offers a rootin'-tootin' good time filled with fun, imagination and plenty of Wild West spirit! Encourage your little wranglers to dress the part by wearing cowboy hats, bandanas or boots to fully embrace the adventure! (AL)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

**Tuesdays, September 9, October 7 AND/
OR November 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. Register for one session or all sessions! (AB)



Kid's Glass Fusing: Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

Thursday, November 6

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday,
October 31

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

Please register each child attending. (AB)

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Park, Play, Repeat!

Ages 6 – 11

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

September Session

Sunday, September 14

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 7

October Session

Sunday, October 12

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 5

November Session

Sunday, November 9

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 2

This program is parks and recreation in its most classic form! Participants will spend an afternoon of crafting, playground play, games, hikes and exploration! Each month features a different park. (KF)



Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, September 1

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, September 10 – October 15

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, September 8 – October 13

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)

New!

Spooky Bites & Sweet Surprises

Ages 7 – 14

Tuesday, October 28

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 21

Join instructor Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling to spooky up your snacks! Create Halloween-themed healthy bites and treats, featuring mummy pizza and graveyard cake! (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.



Spooky Slime Making

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesday, October 15

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/child: \$8 residents, \$11 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 8

Join us for the fan-favorite Fall version of slime with Halloween-themed additions! This program is a great way to get creative while making new friends and trying new slime recipes for fun and stress relief! Due to the variety of types of slime, please be sure to note any allergies. (AB)



Out-Of-This-World UFO Terrarium with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, September 9

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 2

Young space explorers will create a glowing UFO terrarium and start a real crystal-growing experiment! Kids will decorate their jars with moon rocks, space gems, a UFO and glow-in-the-dark constellation stickers. Then, they'll add the crystal mixture and learn how crystals grow over time—watching them start to form in as little as 24 hours at home! (KF)

DIY Neon Sign with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, October 14

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 7

Light up creativity! Kids will design and build their own custom neon-style sign! Using a flexible LED light strip and shaping wire, participants can bend, twist and fasten their design into a glowing world or shape of their choice. A fun fusion of art and engineering, this class lets kids bring their bright ideas to life! (KF)

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Fluffy Light-up Cloud with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, November 11

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 4

In this dreamy class, kids will build and decorate their very own light-up cloud lamp! Starting with a paper lantern base, they'll add fluffy filling, sparkly tinsel, metallic stickers, and shimmering gems to create a soft, glowing cloud that's totally unique. This hands-on project combines creativity with cozy vibes—perfect for kids who love to craft and decorate their space with something magical and handmade. (KF)



Fall About Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Thursday, September 4

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, August 29

Let's dive into the fall season with some archery! Join us for this session to learn the basics of archery, and play some competitive, fall-themed games! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary.

This is a drop-off program, but adults are welcome to stay and observe. (KF)

Ghosts & Goblins Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Friday, October 10

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday, October 6

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 into practice. Participants will compete in friendly fall-themed competitions. All equipment is provided and all skills are welcome! This program is geared towards beginners. (KF)

Oh My Gourd Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Sunday, November 2

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 28

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

See page 21 for the
My Teen & Me
Pickleball League!

Mad Science University



Ages 9 – 12

Wednesdays, November 5 – December 3

(no class November 26)

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 27

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. (KL)

Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, September 11, October 9

AND/OR November 13

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, nature-themed crafting program. Each session will offer different options for participants to choose from, allowing them to work independently or get creative together! (AB)

Teen Pickleball Party in the Park

New!

Ages 11 – 16

Friday, September 26

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.*

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 24

Join us at the courts for an evening of pickleball with your friends! We will have music, light refreshments and a whole lot of pickleball. We will mix groups throughout the evening and try to keep similar experience levels together. This is designed as for-fun, non-tournament style open play.

Please bring your own paddles and wear secure footwear. Pickleballs will be provided. (AS)



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



Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 18

Tree Mapping

Thursday, September 4

(Rain Date: Friday, September 5)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 2

Put your tree ID and measuring skills to the test! We will be entering trees into our database using tablets—no experience is needed. (KL)

Seed Collection Hike

Tuesday, September 30

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 28

In addition to collecting late-blooming flower seeds from the Seed Nursery, we will hit the trails and look for other seeds ready to be collected. (KL)

Tree Planting

Wednesday, November 26

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Park location to be determined

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 24

The operations department needs our help with their November tree planting. Many trees are planted throughout the Park District to add to our tee canopy each year. Participants will plant trees and log them into our tree map. (KL)

Ohio Young Birders Club Southwest Chapter Meeting

Ages 12 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.



Session A

Tuesday, September 9

Grant Park- Kennard Nature Nook Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 7

Session B

Tuesday, October 14

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 12

Session C

Tuesday, November 11

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville-Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 9



Join the OYBC Southwest Chapter! Kettering PRCA and Centerville-Washington Park District are collaborating to bring the joy

of bird watching to our youth through the Ohio Young Birders Club.

Bird watching and identification is a fun and rewarding hobby and a great place to make friends!

Light snacks are provided. Participants must become members of the Ohio Young Birders Club. (KL)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

Fossils Rock Education Trail

All ages

Saturday, September 6 – Saturday, September 20

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fossils are fascinating! Girl Scout Troop #3212 is sharing its passion for Ohio fossils with an educational trail. Walk the paved path and read their research signs to learn about common fossils found in the nearby creek bed.

When you have found all of the signs, scan the QR code and take the fossil quiz to be eligible for a handmade paintable fossil prize and to be included in the raffle for a fabulous fossil-themed basket! (KL)

Fall Family Art Workshop

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

Saturday, September 6

10:00 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$43 residents, \$56 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 31

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 with added fall touches such as leaf imprints. Register one person per family. If you would like to make multiple plates, register an additional child or adult. (AB)

Grandparents Day at the Nook!

All ages with grandparents (suggested for children ages 3 – 12)

Sunday, September 7

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/family: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 1

There are few people more special in our lives than a grandparent! This Grandparents Day, we invite you to celebrate with us. Grandkids and their grandparents will gather for an afternoon of nature crafts, stories in the shade, an indoor tea party and nature play! (KF)

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



BIRD is the WORD

All ages

Saturday, September 27

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 25

Many birds have interesting names! Join avid birder John Kennard on a birdwatching walk. He will share fun anecdotes about how some of our feathered friends got their names. Hike is on a natural path. Bring binoculars if you have them. A limited supply will be available to borrow. (KL)



Nature Fun: An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

Fridays, September 12 & October 31

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. (KF)

Registration is not required, but is recommended.



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Butterfly Survey

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, September 20

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

AND/OR

Saturday, October 4

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. (KL)



Creek Connectivity

All ages

Tuesday, September 23

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 21

Search for and learn about the tiny creatures that have an important role in the creek ecosystem. Close-toed shoes are required. (KL)

Fall Family Archery

Ages 8 and up

Thursday, September 25

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 19

Join us for this family session to learn the basics of archery and to play some competitive, fall-themed games! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (KF)



Family Clay Fairy House Workshop

Recommended for ages 4 and up with parent/guardian participation

Sunday, September 28

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$57 residents, \$74 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 21

This fairy house workshop is for the young and young at heart! No previous clay experience is required for this workshop! Each family will receive 2 lbs. of clay, enough to make two to three small houses or one larger house! We will use non-sharp simple tools and hand building, and paint the houses with glaze the same day!

This is not a drop-off program. (AB)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Goldenrod Picnic

All ages

Friday, October 3

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

As the end of wildflower season draws near, we invite your family to join us for a picnic amongst the fall flowers! Bring a dinner, a picnic blanket and all your favorite people. While you eat, we will learn about wildflowers from an engaging naturalist. Then, we will take a sunset hike through the meadow. Optional crafts and stories will be available for young attendees.

Hike will be approximately one mile over a crushed gravel and natural path. A fully paved, wheelchair-accessible loop will be available as well.

Registration is requested but not required. (KL)

Family Clay Flower Pot Workshop

Recommended for ages 4 and up with parent/guardian participation

Sunday, October 12

10:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/family: \$57 residents, \$74 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, October 5

Enjoy a cozy morning creating a delightful and functional flower pot—or two—with your little artist. Each registration includes 2 lbs. of clay, enough to build one larger container or two to three smaller ones, making it perfect for siblings. After shaping our flower pots and adding drainage holes, we'll finish them off with a splash of color using a variety of fun glazes. In addition, when you pick up your projects, we will add succulents to brighten the upcoming winter days!

This is not a drop-off program. (AB)

New!

Un-loch the Mysteries of Ohio Cryptids

Ages 8 and up

Tuesday, October 14

(Rain date: Thursday, October 16)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Ohio folklore is rich in legends of the unexplained: the Loveland Frogman, Orange Eyes, Grassman, Mothman and more! Are they just myths, or are these creatures roaming the park waiting to be discovered? Join us around the campfire to hear their tales and then head out on a sunset scavenger hunt to search for proof that these fantastic beasts exist. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (KL)



The Great Squirrel Search

All ages

Wednesday, October 22

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 20

Squirrel fans unite! How many squirrels can we find in 90 minutes? We will scurry through the trail in the light and dark to find as many squirrels as possible. Why? Why not! Along the way, your leader will give you trivia and challenges. (KL)



Night Flight

All ages

Friday, November 14

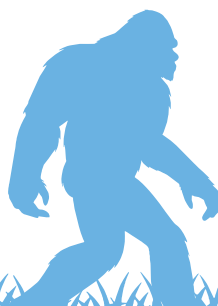
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*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 12

Discover the world of nocturnal flying squirrels and owls. Observe their habitats and learn fun facts while taking a pause mid-hike to try and call in owls in the meadow. (MB)



ADULT PROGRAMS



Embroidery Journaling: Stitch the Year with CWPD

Ages 14 and up

Thursdays, September 4, October 2 & November 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 3

Enhance your stitching skills as we continue our journey through 2025. This class will take us through the fall months as we create an embroidered journal representing important or special memories with simple stitches and colorful designs. While this program builds off the winter, spring and summer sessions, you do not need to have attended these sessions to participate. You also do not need to attend every session. Some experience with stitching is recommended. Each session will include light refreshments and a nature talk on a seasonal topic. (LP)

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.

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



Fall About Archery

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, September 4

6:15 – 7:45 p.m.

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

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, August 29

Let's dive into the fall season with some archery! Join us for this adult session to learn the basics of archery and play some competitive, fall-themed games! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (KF)

Oh My Gourd Archery

Ages 16 and up

Sunday, November 2

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 28

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

Container Gardening:

Fall Blooms

Ages 14 and up

Friday, September 5

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, August 29

Take in the last of the sunshine and plant some fall blooms with us! Decorate a terracotta pot and plant a variety of seeds and starts just in time for a seasonal pop of color. All supplies and equipment will be provided. (LP)



Hike With a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee/household/hike: \$4 nonresidents

September Hike

Thursday, September 11

*Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 9

October Hike

Thursday, October 9

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 7

November Hike

Thursday, November 13

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 11

Join us on a stroll through your park! A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. Hikes are on a natural path. (KL)

Happy Bees Hydration Station

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, September 13

10:00 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/person: \$45 residents, \$59 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 7

Join Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC for a hands-on clay workshop where creativity meets conservation! In this fun and purposeful session, you'll design and build a functional water station using approximately one-and-a-half pounds of clay—perfect for keeping bees hydrated. Kristin will guide you through shaping your piece and adding thoughtful details, then you'll finish it off with colorful glaze to make it truly your own. Help support our vital pollinators while exploring your artistic side! (AB)

Cyanotypes and Lumen Prints

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, September 13

10:30 a.m. – noon

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

Fee/person: \$39 residents, \$51 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 4

Learn two historical camera-less photographic processes while creating beautiful botanical images with local artist and educator Heather Ballard. We will collaborate with the sun and the park's natural resources to create frameable works of art! All supplies are included. You may bring flowers or leaves from your yard or garden! (AB)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Welcoming the New Photographer



Ages 14 and up

Saturday, October 11

10:30 a.m. – noon

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 5

Join local artist and educator Heather Ballard for a morning exploring the fall foliage at Grant Park. Learn the basics of exposure, camera settings and composition. Bring your fully-charged camera and memory card. This class is open to photographers with all types of cameras—from DSLRs to smartphones!

(AB)

Confidence Behind the Camera

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, October 25

10:30 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 19

Join local artist and educator Heather Ballard for a "level 2 beginner" class to learn the basics on how to use your DSLR or mirrorless camera. Get out of auto mode! This session will include time outside photographing autumn color in the park and a more in-depth introduction to the basics of exposure, camera settings and composition. Bring your fully-charged camera and memory card. (AB)



Glass Fusing: Birch Trees

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, September 18

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 11

Pick your birch tree scene's season—fall, winter, spring or summer! This project is a 10.75" square of glass for you to design a beautiful birch tree scene with the season of your choice. Complement your existing collection or pick your favorite season! Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will lead participants through this customer-favorite class and will provide all the supplies needed!

(AB)

Glass Fusing: Sunflower Suncatcher

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, October 23

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 16

Capture the golden and glowing autumn sunlight with a 4.5" by 9" suncatcher featuring sunflowers! Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will provide the supplies. Beginners and returners alike are welcome to this new class! (AB)

Glass Fusing: Night Light

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, November 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 30

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. (AB)

Watercolor Still Life

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, September 20

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 14

Create watercolor still life paintings based on observation. Start with a quick study, then use a wet-in-wet method to set the background. Once the initial layer dries, we will create details using a wet-on-dry. You will leave the class with a completed painting!

All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All equipment will be provided.

(KF)

Watercolor Painting Using Resist Techniques

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, October 18

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

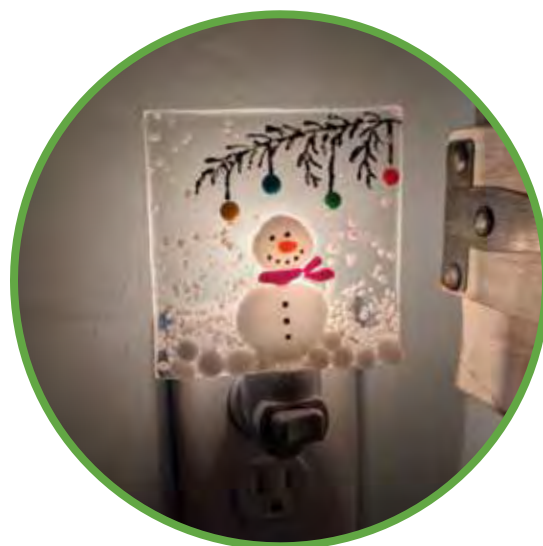
Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 12

Create stylized nature paintings using resist techniques. We will explore a variety of techniques while creating our paintings. Leave the class with two stylized, nature-themed paintings!

All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All equipment will be provided.

(KF)



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



Watercolor Mushroom Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, November 15

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 9

We are going to have fun with fungi! We will create mushroom-themed watercolor paintings utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. You will leave the class with a completed mushroom painting! All skill levels are welcome! This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All equipment will be provided. (KF)

Sunflower Bandana Wreath

Ages 16 and up

Friday, September 19

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, September 12

The sunflowers are blooming and so are we! Come and create a sunflower-inspired wreath with us, perfect to welcome the chilly fall days and spread a little sunshine. All supplies and materials will be provided, and no previous experience is needed to participate. (LP)



Birdwatching Walk

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, September 20

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Fee/household: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 18

Join us for a slow but exciting walk focused on our feathered friends. Participants will learn bird identification as we see who is chirping and chipping above us! Before we start, we will learn about feather types. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available to borrow. (KL)



All About Coyotes

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, September 25

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*RecPlex West, Auditorium
965 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.*

Registration deadline: one hour before program begins or until program is full

Join an ODNR Division of Wildlife expert 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. (MB)

Registration is required through Washington-Centerville Public Library on <https://events.wclibrary.info/>. Registration for this program opens on August 28.



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LEGO Botanical Autumn

Ages 16 and up

Friday, September 26

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$38 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 17

Create a project with a lasting reminder of the colors of summer during this new adult evening out! Participants will choose a LEGO flower kit to build while the sun sets over the meadow. Enjoy a variety of refreshments while you work on your project. (AB)

Kit options will be different from the spring session.



Mini Pumpkin Succulent Decor

Ages 16 and up

Friday, October 3

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 28

Create your own beautiful fall decor with three mini pumpkins topped with moss and succulents. (AB)

Needle Felt Forest Fungi

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, October 16

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$16 residents, \$21 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 9

This beginner-friendly needle felting class will cover the basics of needle felting and the process of creating a friendly forest fungi to add to your fall decorations. No prior experience is needed. All supplies and materials will be provided. (LP)

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

Couples Charcuterie Picnic & Hike

Ages 18 and up

Friday, October 17

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/couple: \$42 residents, \$55 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 13

Celebrate Sweetest Day with a sunset hike and charcuterie! Join Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling for a cozy and creative evening in the heart of fall. You'll start by crafting your own charcuterie tray, perfect for a golden-hour picnic and a scenic sunset hike through Grant Park.

Parents: Need childcare? Check out the "An Evening at Camp" program. It's offered at the same time! (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class. The hike is weather-dependent.

Pumpkin Spice Paint Night

Ages 16 and up

Friday, October 24

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 19

Join us for a cozy and creative night! Try out watercolor paintbrush pens to bring a pre-outlined autumn scene to life while enjoying a relaxing ambiance with plenty of fall-themed refreshments.

All supplies included. Participants will keep the watercolor paint pen set. (AB)



Ladies' Friendsgiving *New!*

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, November 20

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 13

Celebrate Friendsgiving with a ladies' night out cooking class taught by Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! You'll shake up a delicious mocktail and whip up a selection of tasty appetizers! From fruity drinks to savory bites, you'll learn easy recipes perfect for any gathering. Gather your friends for an evening of creativity, laughter and delightful flavors! (AB)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

DIY Gifts:

Felted Coasters and Trivets

Ages 14 and up

Friday, November 21

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$18 residents, \$24 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, November 14

Get a head start on holiday gifting or hosting with this colorful craft. We will use wool-felted balls to create a set of bright coasters and a matching trivet. All supplies and materials needed for this class will be provided. No experience is necessary to participate in this easy workshop. (LP)

Rustic Thanksgiving Centerpiece *New!*

Ages 16 and up

Saturday, November 22

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, November 14

Create a beautiful nature-themed centerpiece in a wooden bowl — perfect for your Thanksgiving table! Use fall-themed decor, mini pumpkins and/or succulents to make your bowl unique! (AB)

ADULT WELLNESS



Trail Trekking/Nordic Walking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, September 2 – November 25

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!

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/Nordic Walking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, September 2 – November 25

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 fall. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

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

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 2 – November 25

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.

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 3 – November 26

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 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)



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

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 3 – October 29

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 House 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.



Moms Walk and Talk

Ages 18 and up

Mondays, September 8 – November 17

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Start your week with some mom talk! We will meet near the shelter for introductions and a coffee then explore one of the trails. A local mom will lead the group and will have various discussion topics. Feel free to bring your younger children in carriers or strollers.

Walks will take place on paved and/or natural trails depending on the participants with strollers. Please wear appropriate shoes for trails that may be muddy or slick.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Registration is required, but you can join anytime! (AB)

New!

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 3 – October 8

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, August 31

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)

Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, October 14 – November 18

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 12

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)

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

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

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 6 – October 11

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 3

Session B

Saturdays, September 6 – October 11

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 3

Session C

Mondays, September 8 – October 13

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 5

Session D

Saturdays, October 18 – November 22

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 15

Session E

Saturdays, October 18 – November 22

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 15

Session F

Mondays, October 20 – November 24

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, October 17

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)

Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Session A

Tuesdays, September 9 – October 14

Registration deadline: Friday, September 5

Session B

Tuesdays, October 21 – November 25

Registration deadline: Friday, October 17

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)

Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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

Session A

Wednesdays, September 10 – October 15

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

Registration deadline: Monday, September 8

Session B

Mondays, September 15 – October 20

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

Registration deadline: Friday, September 12

Session C

Wednesdays, October 22 – December 3

(no class November 26)

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

Registration deadline: Monday, October 20

Session D

Mondays, October 27 – December 1

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

Registration deadline: Friday, October 24

Get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout, yoga practice and a blend of mindfulness and functional movement for vitality and longevity. This class is designed to help you maintain the strength, mobility and power at age 100 that you have now. You'll work motor units—which disappear if we don't use them—and all types of muscle, from slow twitch to fast twitch. All levels are welcome. Taught by certified yoga instructor Dan Loofboro. (AS)

Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, October 9

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 7

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)



Halloween Goat Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, October 18

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Fee/person: \$33 residents, \$43 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 16

A one-of-a-kind morning filled with lots of fun and a bit of yoga! Goat Country, LLC. will bring their adorable goats dressed in costumes for a special Halloween program. Practice some classic poses while interacting with the goats. Additionally, participants are encouraged to wear costumes to get in the Halloween spirit! Time for pictures and cuddles with the mini goats will be included at the end. (AL)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Beginner Pickleball Lessons

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, September 2 – September 30

(No class September 9)

4:15 – 5:45 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$50 residents, \$65 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Friday, August 29

Join Certified Pickleball Trainer James Lawson to develop the introductory skills to level up your pickleball game. James is a licensed and certified instructor with a DUPR rating of 5.23. This 4-week lesson is designed for the beginner player looking to develop basic skills to move up to a more competitive level of play.

This program will move indoors for adapted lessons in inclement weather.. (AS)

Pickleball League Any Doubles My Teen & Me

Ages 12 – 17 plus a family member over 21

Sundays, September 14 – October 19

4:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/person: \$20 residents, \$26 nonresidents
Registration deadline: Sunday, August 31

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this fall! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. All leagues are six weeks long. Six Franklin X-40 pickleballs per team are included and can be picked up from Park District Headquarters prior to league play. This for-fun league is open to any doubles teams (men's, women's, or mixed doubles) comprised of a teen and their parent/guardian or other close family member over the age of 21. (AS)

Pickleball Leagues

Ages 18 and up

September 15 – October 23

6:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Pickleball Courts
221 N. Main St.*

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(AS)

Day	Level of Play
Monday	Any Doubles Intermediate
Tuesday	Mixed Doubles Intermediate+
Wednesday	Any Doubles Beginner
Thursday	Mixed Doubles Beginner

There are no refunds after the pickleball schedules have been posted.

Bike About Centerville

Ages 18 and up

Ride A

Sunday, September 14

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

*Old Lane Park
500 Druewood Ln.*

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 11

Ride -B

Friday, September 19

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

*Oak Creek South Park
790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.*

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 17

Ride C

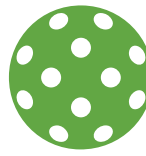
Sunday, September 28

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.*

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 25

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)



NEED A PICKLEBALL PARTNER?

Sign up for a league 'Will Call' list and we'll match up partners when we can!



Stability and Mobility with Airrosti

Ages 16 and up (under 18 requires adult companion)

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

Upper Back & Neck Session

Saturday, September 20

11:00 a.m. – noon

Registration deadline: Friday, September 19

Knees, Feet & Ankles Session

Thursday, November 13

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 12

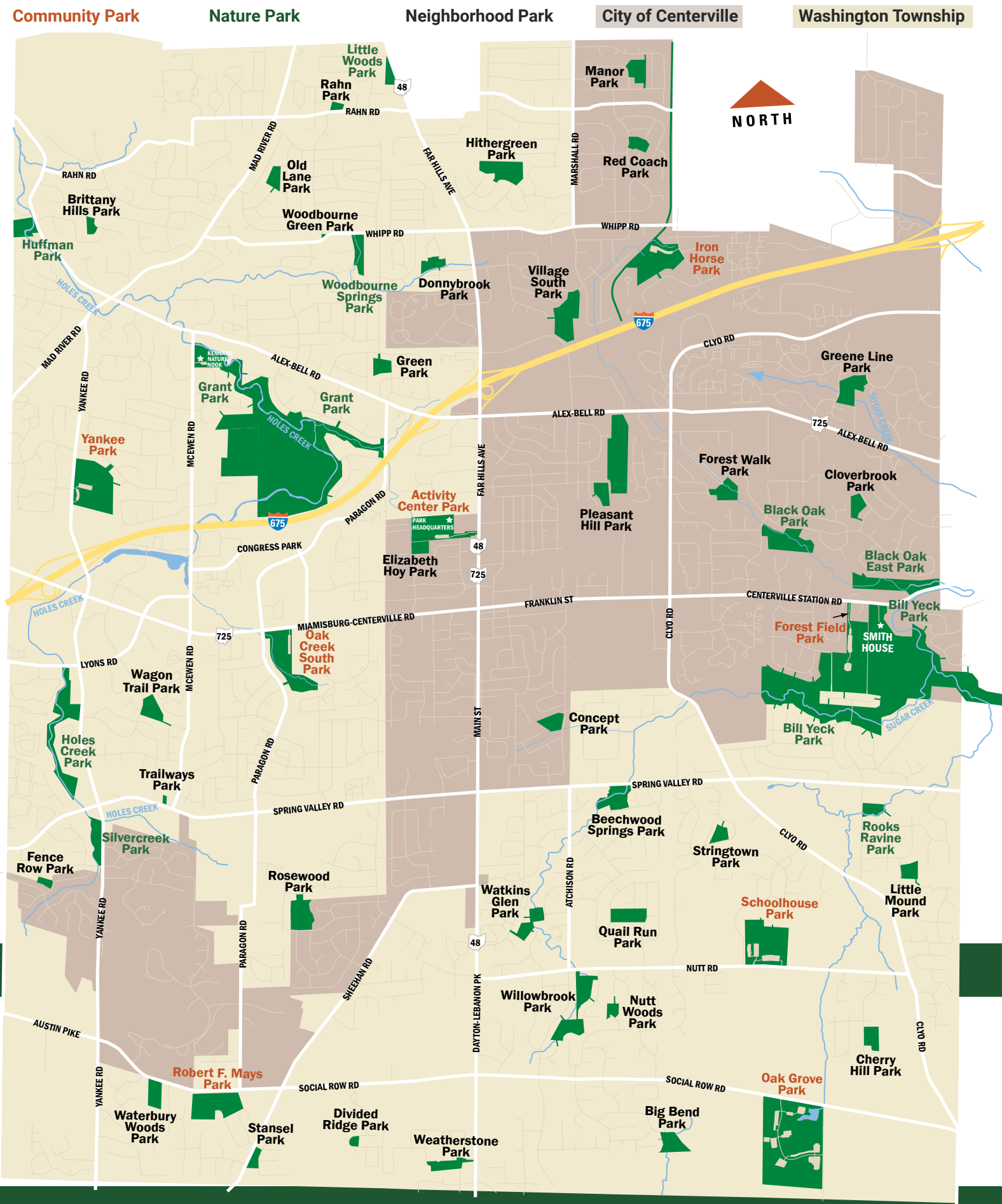
Airrosti's Dr. Steven Miller and Adelle will teach you how to manage, reduce and eliminate musculoskeletal pain through preventative self-myofascial release techniques using a foam roller, lacrosse ball and banded exercises.

If you have a foam roller, lacrosse ball or mat, please bring them with you. There will be a limited supply of foam rollers and lacrosse balls on hand to use. (AS)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 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.



HOW TO REGISTER

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 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 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 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 at mail@cwpd.org 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 www.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.

HOW TO REGISTER



Online **Resident** Registration Begins
Monday, August 11
at 10:00 a.m.

Online **Nonresident** Registration Begins
Monday, August 18
at 10:00 a.m.



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