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PARK DISTRICT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Explore your community's BIG backyard!



Grant Park Peace Pole, donated by the Centerville Rotary Club

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New pickleball courts at Yankee Park.



One of two new bridges at Grant Park.



John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle Grand Opening in November 2025.

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

The Centerville-Washington Park District remains committed to the vision of becoming the community's outdoor recreation destination of choice. In 2025, the District continued to expand its impact through **30 special events** and **470 programs** offered to the community. Youth engagement was a major highlight, with **90 camps hosted and 815 children attending summer camp**, many of whom joined us for multiple weeks.

Our facilities saw strong demand throughout the year, resulting in **560 shelter reservations**. Many of these accomplishments were made possible by our dedicated staff and volunteers who make sure your "BIG backyard" is welcoming for all. Additionally, we are honored by the community's feedback, as **94% of residents reported being "satisfied" or "very satisfied"** with the value they received from the Park District.

FINANCES

A core value of CWPDP and a priority in our Strategic Plan is **Fiscal Responsibility**. General Fund receipts totaled \$7,819,311. General operating expenditures totaled \$7,106,295 of that, capital improvements totaled \$1,823,814.

In 2025, grants and alternative revenue sources totaled \$262,420. These funds made both large and small projects possible, including accessibility upgrades to the fire circle at Bill Yeck Park, water quality improvements at Rosewood Park, and communication boards at three playgrounds. The District's second universal changing table was made possible through funding from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, and interpretive signage projects were supported by funding from the Centerville Rotary Club. We were also fortunate to receive funding for fishing and archery programming supplies from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Additional project and program funding came from Centerville Noon Optimist Club, Dayton Children's Hospital, FC Dayton, Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks, Mark A. Kreuzsch Memorial Fund, ODNR Division of Wildlife and The William and Dorothy Yeck Fund.

PARKS & PLANNING

The Park Board takes CWPDP's commitment to **Creating Positive Memories** seriously. By listening to resident feedback, they continuously work to enhance parks, keeping them safe, clean and inviting. Here are some of the key improvements in 2025:

- Rosewood Park pond improvements
- Yankee Park tennis and pickleball courts
- Grant Park bridges
- Village South Park path and playground
- Forest Field Park drive and parking lot improvements
- Playground tile resurfacing at Iron Horse and Robert F. Mays Parks
- Universal changing table installed at Oak Grove Park
- John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle completion at Bill Yeck Park
- District-wide shade initiative underway, with completion anticipated in spring 2026
- Grant Park Chimneys fire circle enhancement

As stewards of your parkland, CWPDP prioritizes **Environmental Responsibility**.

Efforts in 2025 included:

- Wildlife monitoring
- Habitat restoration
- Sustainable trail construction
- Tree planting
- Invasive species control

We also celebrated the incredible success of Project VIPR (Volunteer Invasive Plant Response), an initiative that earned a First Place Award from the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association (OPRA) in the Conservation and Natural Resources category.

Initially launched at Bill Yeck Park to combat invasive honeysuckle, the program reached a major milestone this year, with **96% of targeted sections completed**. This massive undertaking was made possible by **17 dedicated volunteers** who contributed **527 hours** of labor, along with invasive species removal events that engaged many additional volunteers.

Thanks to the initial removal of heavy growth, follow-up efforts are now three times faster, allowing native plants to thrive and restoring the ecological balance of the park. This data-driven approach was further enhanced by a unique partnership with the Sinclair UAS mission planning class, which utilized drone technology to identify specific locations of invasive species for targeted removal.

Beyond land management activities, the Park District helps the community reduce its environmental footprint through various recycling programs. In 2025, Styrofoam recycling alone kept **2,850 pounds** of material out of landfills.

IMPACTFUL PROGRAM PARTNERS

Public Service is at the heart of CWPDP's mission, and collaboration with community partners ensures diverse, impactful programming. In 2025, we partnered with **70 businesses and organizations** to bring exciting opportunities to residents.

- The Annual Hop & Howl Event took on an exciting new format in 2025! Local groups and businesses hosted stations for families to enjoy. The response was stellar, with **15 organizations** and businesses joining in to create a fun, festive and community-centered experience for all who attended.
- Montgomery County Environmental Services visited summer camps to educate campers about sustainability and promote recycling. The interactive presentations inspired environmental awareness amongst campers.
- Sugarcreek Bird Farm brought fascinating birds to camps, giving children a unique, hands-on learning experience. Everyone was thrilled to see these amazing birds up close!
- Due to growing community interest, CWPDP partnered with a local pickleball expert to offer instructional pickleball lessons. This addition has expanded recreational opportunities for those new to the game.
- **Twelve local organizations** that specialize in providing services for individuals with disabilities participated in Adapted Action Day. Their presence offered valuable resources, support and opportunities to families.
- We hosted the BIG Backyard Party for **1,800+ participants**, distributing **185 free fishing poles**, with casting lessons from the Centerville Noon Optimists. Other partners included the Washington-Centerville Public Library, MCBDDS, Community Services for the Deaf, Girl Scouts, Centerville-Washington Diversity Council, Amazing Athletes, and Miami Valley Fly Fishers.

Whether it is a park amenity or a program, we strive to remove barriers to access and inclusion. We were thrilled to partner with the Mark A. Kreuzsch Memorial Fund and the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks to install communication boards at the Activity Center, Forest Field and Iron Horse playgrounds. With generous funding from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, we also installed the District's second universal changing table. Located at Oak Grove Park, this amenity will support people of all ages, including the TOPSoccer players who use Oak Grove each fall. Another accessibility project completed in 2025 was the John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle at Bill Yeck Park, made possible through the partnership of the John and Betty Meyer Foundation.

Our volunteers are a driving force behind our success. In 2025, volunteers contributed **3,670 hours**, valued at **\$118,900** in labor. Their efforts supported everything from school outreach and recreation programs to environmental conservation. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and care each volunteer invests in our parks and programs. This investment strengthens our entire community.



Honeysuckle Homestead at Grant Park.



Sugarcreek Bird Farm visits summer camp.



New communication board at Iron Horse Park, funded by the Mark A. Kreuzsch Memorial Fund.

YOUR PARK BOARD



Alex Pearl, President



Jeff Senney, Vice President



Greg Stephens, Secretary

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

2025

What happened in your community's BIG Backyard?

GRANT PARK
 The Centerville Rotary Club donated a peace pole to the Kennard Nature Nook entrance.
 Flower chalkboards were donated by the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks.
 Two vehicle-rated, ADA-accessible bridges were dedicated.
 A new trail opened, leading from Grant's Trail to the Chimneys.
 The Chimneys fire circle was refreshed.

YANKEE PARK
 Resurfaced the tennis courts and added two new pickleball courts.

ACTIVITY CENTER PARK
 2,850 lbs. of Styrofoam collected and saved from the landfill at the 5th annual recycling event.
 Communication board added to the playground thanks to a donation from the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks.
 Owl Alexander photo op and interpretive signage installed at the sprayground thanks to a sponsorship from Dayton Children's Hospital.
 First Great Parks, Great Community breakfast was held.
 First Community Toy Swap was held.

ROSEWOOD PARK
 Pond's fish were relocated to Oak Grove Park. Then, pond restoration removed silt and debris, added sustainable practices for future silt capture and deeper pond areas for fish habitat. A Clean Ohio grant funded 75% of the project.

OLD LANE PARK
 Disc golf basket generously donated by a park neighbor.

RAHN PARK
 Two new playground features added.

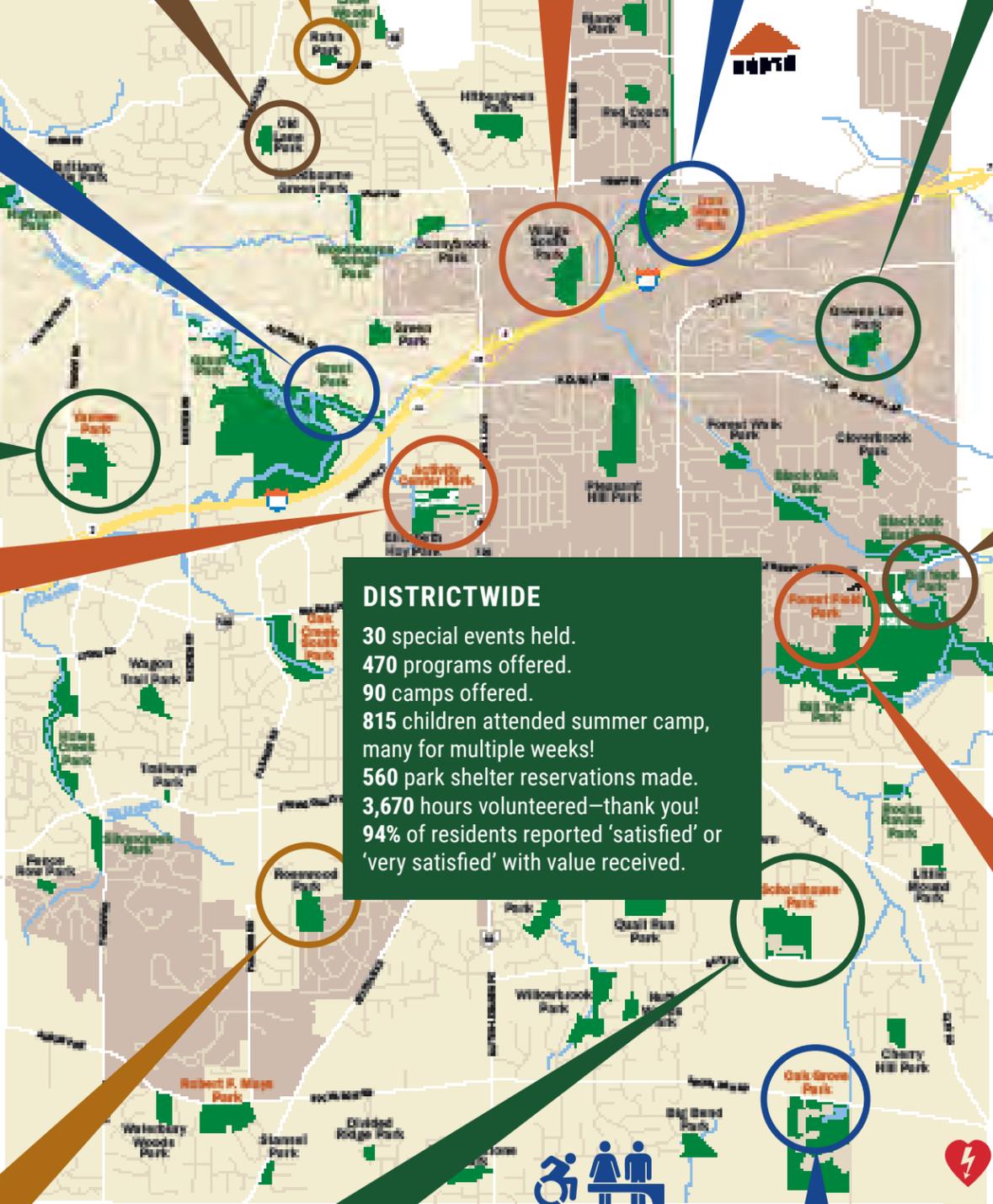
VILLAGE SOUTH PARK
 A new playground and a paved path to the playground were added to the park.

IRON HORSE PARK
 A communication board was donated to the playground by the Mark A. Kreusch Memorial Fund.

GREENE LINE PARK
 A playground climber was replaced and a new play feature was added.

BILL YECK PARK
 CHS Environmental Science students planted live stakes along creek banks.
 800 lbs. of garlic mustard pulled during Garlic Mustard Pull-A-Palooza.
 50 native Pawpaw trees planted.
 Seed nursery and bird blind signs installed. They were donated by the Centerville Rotary Club.
 Dedicated the John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle, an inclusive park space and Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks project.
 Received a **first place** Ohio Parks & Recreation Association award for Project VIPR (Volunteer Invasive Plant Response).
 Sinclair UAS mission planning class identified locations of invasive honeysuckle.

FOREST FIELD PARK
 Grant-funded Level II EV charging station installed.
 A communication board was donated to the playground by the Mark A. Kreusch Memorial Fund.
 Park drive widened for better traffic flow.
 Solar-powered AED installed at back fields.



DISTRICTWIDE
 30 special events held.
 470 programs offered.
 90 camps offered.
 815 children attended summer camp, many for multiple weeks!
 560 park shelter reservations made.
 3,670 hours volunteered—thank you!
 94% of residents reported 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with value received.

SCHOOLHOUSE PARK
 ProX Robotic Line Painter purchased to line athletic fields thanks to a grant from Ohio BWC.
 Flower chalkboards added to Owl Alexander's Tyke Hike thanks to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks.

OAK GROVE PARK
 25 evergreen trees placed in the pond for fish habitat. Trees were donated by the Centerville Noon Optimist Club.
 Grant-funded Level II EV charging station installed.
 Thanks to an ODNr grant, 185 free fishing poles were given to children attending BIG Backyard Party.
 Universal changing table added to the family restroom at the Noon Optimist shelter. It was partially funded by a donation from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club.
 An AED was installed at the Gebhart shelter.

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

- Centerville Noon Optimist Club
- Centerville Rotary Club
- Centerville Soccer League
- Dayton Children's Hospital
- FC Dayton
- Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks
- Incarnation Leisure Club
- Penbrooke Garden Club
- The Jeff Probst Group at Keller Williams Community Partners
- Richard L. Blessing
- United Way
- William & Dorothy Yeck Family Foundation

Additional donations were made to honor:

- Josh Ahrens
- Landon Chynoweth
- Kenneth Cornelius
- David Depp
- George & Sharon Farkas
- Suresh Gupta
- Robert Jelinek
- Levi Keifer
- Grant Austin King
- Jeffrey Kunst
- John Meyer II
- Rebecca Parr
- Natasha Shah
- Ethan Trout
- Dave Weaver
- Erica Younkin

2025 FINANCES

Receipts totaled \$7,819,311; expenses totaled \$7,106,295. Of the receipts, \$170,921 was grant-funding (actually received) and \$91,499 was donations.

2025 EXPENDITURES





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