

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2026

Centerville-Washington PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Fall program
registration
begins online
on Monday,
August 10.



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Truck or Treat, Oak Grove Park

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Park Addresses

For more information and each park's address, visit www.cwpc.org.



Dog Park Closures

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



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpc.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

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



This is my second fall as a Park Commissioner and a perfect time of year to be reminded why serving this community means so much to me. The leaves will be

turning, the air will become crisp, and all across your 51 parks, families and friends continue to get outdoors together. Serving this community is a privilege, and I hope you can feel that dedication in everything we do.

Fall is a busy time for youth athletics. Thousands of young athletes, coaches and families benefit every week from the various sports facilities. From soccer and football fields to baseball diamonds, these spaces serve as the foundation for healthy lifestyles, teamwork and lifelong memories. Ensuring these facilities remain top-tier is a primary focus for the Board. On the capital improvements front, we are wrapping up the planning phase for pickleball court replacement alongside major parking and accessibility improvements at **Activity Center Park**. Tennis court resurfacing is coming to **Old Lane** and **Village South Parks**, and **Old Lane** will also receive a new paved path to the playground. Additionally, we have entered the early planning stages for resurfacing the **Iron Horse Trail**, reflecting our continued investment in active transportation. Our annual fall tree planting initiative will add over 50 new trees to ensure the long-term health of our canopy.

None of these improvements or regional successes would be possible without the incredible network of collaborators who help our district thrive. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our local government entity partners, community groups, youth athletic leagues and dedicated organizations whose shared resources and alignment make program and projects a reality.

Building a thriving community requires shared vision. Following the success of last year's economic impact of parks discussion, we are hosting our 2nd annual Business and Civic Leader Breakfast. Under this year's theme, Legacy and Landscapes, we are excited for interactive table discussions and a brainstorm about how park amenities can help local businesses and community leaders attract talent, improve employee wellness and serve as community hubs. We want to ensure the landscapes that shaped our past continue to be the reason people choose to live, work and stay in Centerville and Washington Township.

This collaborative spirit also brings a lively season of fall programming. This fall, families can experience all-access recreation during Adapted Action Day at Activity Center Park, or build imaginative woodland structures at the Fairy and Gnome Home Festival at Bill Yeck Park. Our youngest community members can look forward to festive, autumn traditions with the GLOW-tastic! Fun Run/Walk at Schoolhouse Park, Halloween Hop & Howl at Forest Field Park, and Truck or Treat at Oak Grove Park. We wrap up the season with The Great Turkey Trek at Forest Field Park, a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving tradition sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital that encourages participants to give back to those in need through Shoes for the Shoeless.

We owe thanks to our community for your support, which inspires our dedicated Park District staff and volunteers as they work to provide top-notch programming and beautifully maintained parks. With 51 parks across the district, there is always a new discovery to make, a trail to enjoy, or a positive memory to create. In every park, nature leaves the door open. We hope to see you out there this fall.

Greg Stephens
Park Board Vice President



SAVE A TREE

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Legacy and Landscapes: Business and Civic Leader Breakfast

For many of us, Centerville and Washington Township aren't just coordinates on a map. It is home. Whether you grew up playing on the ballfields at Activity Center Park or hiking the trails of Grant Park, or you've spent decades building your business in the heart of our community, you know that our green spaces are the common ground that brings us together.

Last year, we shared data on the economic impact of your parks. This year, we want to talk about legacy and vision.

Whether you are a business and civic leader who understands the spirit of this community or are new to the area and want to know more, we are inviting you to a different kind of breakfast. We aren't here to talk at you; we are here to listen.

The Goal: To ensure the parks that shaped your journey continue to be the reason the next generation of talent chooses to live, work, and stay in Centerville and Washington Township.

Wednesday, September 23, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

Scan the QR code or visit cwpd.org to RSVP by Friday, September 18.



Volunteer Spotlight



Hike for Your Health is one of our most popular year-round programs, and we have a dedicated team of volunteers to thank for it! Each Wednesday, Lindsey Arndt, Brian Code, Cambra Edmondson, Judith Keegans and Jeanne Schierloh help lead hikers along the trails in your community's BIG backyard.

Their enthusiasm, knowledge and welcoming spirit make this program a favorite for participants of all experience levels. We are grateful for the time and talent they share to help others enjoy the outdoors and stay active.

Interested in joining a guided hike? See page 19 for upcoming Hike for Your Health opportunities.

Adopt-a-Habitat

You, your family or your organization can help restore native habitat right here in our community!

Twelve habitat areas throughout **Bill Yeck Park** are available for adoption by individuals, families, businesses, scout troops, schools and community groups. By removing invasive plants such as honeysuckle, buckthorn and garlic mustard, volunteers help restore biodiversity, reduce the need for herbicides and protect wildlife habitat.

A sign with your group's name will be placed in your adopted habitat for all park visitors to see.

Your efforts will create more beautiful natural spaces for future generations to enjoy! Visit cwpd.org/support/volunteer/project-vipr/ to learn more.

The Centerville-Washington Park District is always looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in their parks. Whether you'd like to lead hikes, assist with programs, support special events or help care for natural areas, there's a place for you on our volunteer team. To learn more, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Shauna Marshall at 937-433-5155 ext. 234 or smarshall@cwpd.org, or complete an application at cwpd.org/support/volunteer/.

Funding Your Community's BIG Backyard

Did you know the Centerville-Washington Park District is an independent government agency? That means we operate separately from the City of Centerville and Washington Township. Because of this, we rely on the support from local residents to fund and care for your parks.

Unlike cities or counties, park districts cannot collect income or sales taxes. Instead, most of our funding comes from voter-approved property tax levies. These local tax dollars keep 51 parks open, safe and well maintained.

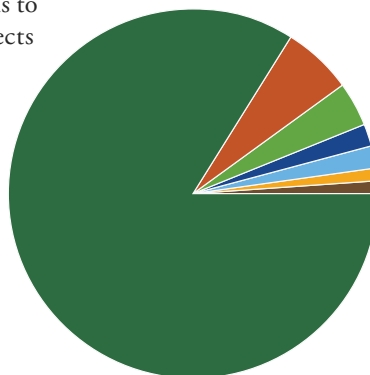
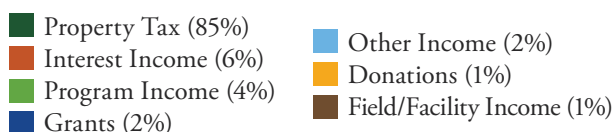
Local Accountability

Every dollar collected from park levies stays right here in our community. Residents have a voice in how those dollars are used to care for more than 1,060 acres of parks, trails and green space.

Making Every Dollar Count

We work hard to secure grants, sponsorships and donations to improve your parks. These funds help pay for special projects and new amenities, such as the inclusive play elements at Yankee Park. However, they cannot be used for everyday expenses, like keeping the grass mown and the trails maintained. Local property tax dollars make fun, healthy, outstanding park experiences possible!

CWPD Funding Sources



SPECIAL EVENTS



YoGlow

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

Friday, September 4

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Ommmmm ... Method Yoga's 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. (JH)



Fairy and Gnome Home Festival

All ages

Saturday, September 12

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

(Parking available at Forest Field Park)

Celebrate your child's imagination and creativity with CWPd! 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: Wednesday, September 9

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)

Help us collect nature materials for the Gnome Store at the Fairy and Gnome Home Festival. We are looking for small (12 in. long) sticks, long grasses, flower heads, bark, acorns and shells. Turn in donations at the main office through September 9, 2026. Questions? Contact KLucas@cwpsd.org.



Movie Party in the Park:

How to Train Your Dragon

All ages

Friday, September 18

(Rain date: Friday, September 25)

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.



Hear ye, hear ye! It will be a night to remember! Journey back in time for games and activities inspired by the renaissance period. From archery and "apple bobbing," to art making and stories of fantastical beasts, there will be fun for all ages! Family-friendly costumes are welcome and encouraged. Timeless Tacos food truck and Whit's Frozen Custard will be available for purchase and sure to delight! Or you can bring a picnic-blanket dinner to enjoy. At sunset, we will end the night with a screening of the original animated "How to Train Your Dragon."

This event is possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from Waverly Advisors.

Registration is requested but not required.

(KF)



Over the Rainbow Bridge

All ages

Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 20

Oak Grove Park, Dog Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

At the park district, your losses are ours as well. This National Pet Memorial Day, we invite our community members to honor pets who have passed by adding their photos to the temporary Rainbow Bridge memorial. You can visit any time during daylight hours.

(AB)



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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



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 **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!

Halloween Hop & Howl

All ages

Thursday, October 1 OR

Thursday, October 8

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Join CWPD and local businesses for a festive, family-friendly stroll! Designed especially for preschoolers, this playful walk invites children to stop at sponsored stations along the route to collect treats. Costumes are encouraged to add to the fun! Now in its sixth year, Halloween Hop & Howl has grown into a beloved community tradition. With a paved, accessible trail and thoughtfully selected giveaways, this free event offers a fun, safe and inclusive experience for all.

Please contact Katie Thorpe at **KThorpe@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. (KT)



Adapted Action Day

All ages

Saturday, October 3

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.

Join us at the accessible and exciting Activity Center Park for this afternoon of adapted events created to serve all abilities! This day will be full of archery, kickball, sidewalk chalk, adapted biking, 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 or love someone who does, are interested in learning 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)



GLOW-tastic! Fun Run / Walk

All ages

Friday, October 9

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

A special glow-in-the-dark fun run and walk! We will kick off the event with an approximately 0.5-mile paved trail lined with colorful lights and glow-in-the-dark decor for you to explore. 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. (JH)



Truck or Treat

All ages

Saturday, October 17

10:00 a.m. – noon

Oak Grove Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

A fall family favorite! Explore a lineup of awesome trucks and community vehicles while collecting treats and giveaways along the way. Climb aboard, honk a fire truck horn, shift tractor gears, push buttons in law enforcement vehicles, and discover how these big machines work up close. Costumes for all are encouraged!

Kona Ice and Travelin' Toms Coffee Truck refreshments will be available for purchase, weather permitting.

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

If you have a unique vehicle you are interested in bringing to Truck or Treat to park and hand out treats, please email Katie Thorpe at **KThorpe@cwpd.org** for information. Please note: all vehicle requests must be approved in advance. (KT)

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.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Hound Hike

All ages

Sunday, October 18

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. (AB)

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, November 7

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Join us for a family-friendly day of honeysuckle removal! After we remove honeysuckle, we will build a fire to dispose of the invasive plant and make s'mores! (SM)



The Great Turkey Trek

All ages

Saturday, November 21

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 beverages available for purchase.

T-shirt requests are due by the end of the day on Thursday, October 29, 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. (KT)



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 1

*Hithergreen Park
5900 Hithergreen Dr.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 30

October Adventure

Tuesday, October 6

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 4

November Adventure

Tuesday, November 3

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 1

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)



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

Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Fee/child/session: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Nocturnal Neighbors—Moths!

Tuesday, September 8

*Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 1

Nocturnal Neighbors—Bats!

Tuesday, October 13

*Forest Field Park
2100 E Centerville Station Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 6

Nocturnal Neighbors—Opossums!

Tuesday, November 10

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 3

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)



Autumn Sensory Stations

Ages 2 – 6 with adult companion

Saturday, October 10

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Saturday, October 3

Join us for a morning exploring the changing season with sensory stations! We will explore different themed stations relating to fall! (LM)

New!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, September 10, October 8 & November 12

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 3

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! (LM)



Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee/child/session: \$4 nonresidents

Sunflowers

Thursday, September 17

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 15

Sunflowers are one of our favorite fall-blooming flowers. From rich golden colors to deep maroons, there are over 50 native species of sunflowers! Join us for a hike as we learn how versatile this species is. (JR)

Seed Search

Thursday, October 15

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 13

It may be fall, but our parks are still full of life! Take a close look at how seeds spread as we search the trails for some of our fall blooms and their seeds. (JR)

Flying Squirrels

Thursday, November 19

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

Registration deadlines: Tuesday, November 17

Flying squirrels are Ohio's most common squirrel, yet most people claim they have never seen one! Join us on a hike as we try to spot this elusive frequent flyer. (JR)



Turkey Time Adventure

Ages 3 – 5 with an adult companion

Friday, November 20

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 15

Join Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling to make a turkey themed snack and then trek together around the meadow! (KT)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.



Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

Wednesdays, September 9 – October 14

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 6



Balance! Run! Jump! Catch! Kick! Join Amazing Athletes to practice coordination, fine motor 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. This class will be held indoors with the option to go outside when the weather permits.

Visit amazingathletes.com for more information on the Amazing Athletes program. (JH)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 5 – 18)

The CWPD 500

Ages 5 – 9 with adult companion

Tuesday, October 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 1

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. (AB)



Owlexander's Cinema: Island Adventure Night

Ages 5 – 10

Thursday, November 12

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, November 6

The ocean is calling and your child is invited on the journey! As the cold weather rolls in, we will kick off our evening with crafts and games reminiscent of a tropical vacation. Afterwards we will make a fruit-filled snack featuring fruits from mango to papaya! We will end the night with a screening of a beloved, ocean-filled movie.

The best part? No school on Friday, November 13! Kick off your 3-day weekend with a splash! (KF)

An Evening at Camp

Ages 5 – 12

Thursday, October 15

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Friday, October 9

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 as we enter into the fall season. 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 15

Habitat Hoppers

Thursday, October 22

Whooo Loves Camp?

Friday, October 23

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)



Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

Tuesdays, September 8, October 13 AND/OR November 10

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 multiple sessions! (KT)

Kid's Glass Fusing: Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

Thursday, November 5

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 30

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. (KT)



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

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: One week before each session

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, September 16 – October 21

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, September 14 – October 19

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)

Clay Forest Friends

Ages 8 and up

Friday, October 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$54 residents, \$71 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 11

Participants will explore the art of clay sculpting while creating whimsical forest critters resting on a natural-textured base. Using simple hand-building techniques and sculpting tools, artists will learn how to shape and add detail as they bring their imagination to life. Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush will provide 2 lbs. of clay and educational guidance to encourage the creation of curious foxes, slow-moving snails, gentle turtles or a creature all their own!

Children younger than 8 can sign up to attend with a parent or guardian to assist them with the project. Adults can sign up on their own as well! (KT)

Pieces will be glazed the same day and fired in a kiln off site. Pieces will be ready approximately 3 weeks after the program. Participants will be notified by email when they are ready to be picked up.



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Pumpkin Fairy Houses

Ages 8 – 12

Thursday, October 1

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 24

Join us for an evening of making fairy houses! We will use pumpkins as the base and decorate with whimsical treasures and trinkets to make it feel like home! (LM)

New!



Spooky Slime Making

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesday, October 14

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 7

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. (LM)



Winter Craft Workshop

Ages 8 – 13

Sunday, November 22

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, November 16

There is nothing quite like giving a handmade gift! This workshop invites kids to make unique and special gifts just in time for the winter holiday season. From handcrafted soap, crafty picture frames, and DIY cards to pull it all together, your child will walk away with special gifts, wrapped and ready for the season. (KF)

Chicken Rescue! with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, September 8

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

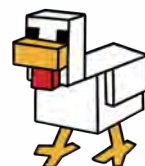
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 2

The chickens need your help! In this Minecraft-inspired class, kids will team up to solve puzzles, crack clues, and complete hands-on challenges in an escape room-style adventure. Working together, they'll use teamwork and problem-solving skills to rescue the block chickens before time runs out. (KF)

Not an official Minecraft event associated with Mojang or Microsoft.



New!

LED Halloween Treat Bag with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, October 20

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 14

In this festive hands-on class, kids will explore electricity and circuits while creating their own LED light-up Halloween candy tote bag! After learning how simple circuits work, they'll design and build a glowing pumpkin-themed tote that's perfect for carrying candy on Halloween night. (KF)

New!

Pumped for Pumpkins with Stemily Studios

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, November 17

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
November 11

In this pumpkin-packed STEM class, kids will explore all things pumpkin through hands-on science experiments and tasty fall fun! From erupting pumpkin volcanoes to making pumpkin pie in a bag, participants will investigate, create, and discover as they dive into a variety of pumpkin-themed activities. (KF)

We will be making a tasty pumpkin treat to eat at this program. Please be sure to include any food allergy information for your child upon registration. No peanuts will be used; however other allergens may be present.

Sushi Roll Adventure

Ages 8 – 15

Tuesday, September 22

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 15

Learn the art of sushi making with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! From rolling your own sushi rolls to crafting delicious fillings and sauces, this hands-on experience will unleash your culinary creativity. Perfect for sushi lovers and beginners alike, you'll leave with delicious veggie rolls to enjoy and the skills to impress! (KT)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.



Spooks and Spells Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Sunday, October 11

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/child: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 8

Create your own potions and spells while learning the basics of archery at this spooky-themed archery afternoon. After learning archery basics, put them to the test with thrilling games and activities! All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (JR)



From Patch to Plate

Ages 8 – 15

Tuesday, October 13

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 6

Join Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling to celebrate the flavors of fall with sweet and savory seasonal foods. Make spaghetti squash pasta with a savory sauce and an apple crumb dessert. Don't forget the spiced apple cider! (KT)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Oh My Gourd! Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Sunday, November 8

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/child: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
November 5

What better way to reuse old pumpkins than to give them second life at the archery range! Join us as we learn the basics of archery, then put those skills into practice, aiming at our pumpkins! All equipment is provided; no experience is necessary. (JR)

Mad Science University

Ages 9 – 12

Wednesdays, November 4 – December 2

(no class November 25)

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 26

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 3, October 1 AND/
OR November 12**

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! (KT)



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

Teen S'moregasbord

Ages 11 – 15

Friday, October 2

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$6 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday,
September 28

Your teen will help themselves to a full s'mores buffet! From the classic chocolate and marshmallows, to strawberries and cookie dough, we will mix and match s'mores toppings and determine the BEST way to build a s'more.

After our campfire time, we will take a night hike through the meadows and see if we can spot any nocturnal wildlife in the park. (KF)

All food will be nut-free. If your child has an additional food allergy, they will be provided with alternative ingredients, but the allergen may still be present at this program.



Express Yourself: Confident Conversations

Ages 11 – 16

Wednesdays, September 9 – 30

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
September 2

Join Rachel Abshear and Rebecca Stevens for this new program designed for preteens and early teens. This engaging class helps participants build confidence, strengthen communication skills and grow while having fun in a supportive environment. Through interactive activities and discussions, teens will learn how to express their opinions clearly and respectfully, navigate challenging emotions, and develop positive ways to connect with others. Each class will include snacks and drinks! (KT)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.**

New!

Spooky Scenes and Sweets

Ages 11 – 16

Saturday, October 24

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Fee/child: \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 18

Create spooky scenes with watercolor brush pens. Use flowing layers and natural blending to create misty shadows, eerie skies, and ghostly shapes that feel extra mysterious! A variety of breakfast treats will be provided to enjoy while you paint.

No experience needed.

All supplies included, participants will get to keep their watercolor paint pen set. (KT)

Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 17

Seed Collection

Tuesday, September 22

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 20

We will be collecting seeds in the native seed nursery during this session. Bags and gloves will be provided. (KL)

Seed Collection Hike

Thursday, October 1

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 29

We will hit the trails and look for seeds ready to be collected. Participants are welcome to take some seeds home to plant in their gardens. (KL)

Build a Turtle Platform

Friday, November 13

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, November 9

Grab a hammer and nails and help CWPD build some turtle platforms for the wildlife ponds at your parks! All supplies will be provided. No experience necessary. (KL)

All Conservation Crew sessions are eligible for volunteer service hours.

New!

Ohio Young Birders Club Southwest Chapter Meeting

Ages 12 – 18

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Session A

Tuesday, September 8

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 6

Session B

Tuesday, October 13

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 11

Session C

Tuesday, November 10

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 8



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)



See page 22 for the
My Teen & Me
Pickleball League!

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Fitness BINGO

Ages 6 and up with adult companion

Thursday, September 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 3

Get ready to move, play, and shout BINGO! Compete in a variety of fun fitness challenges like jumping, balancing, and running to fill in a bingo card. Complete a row or go for a full blackout! This event is all about staying active while having a blast in the park. (AB)

Nature Fun: *An Outdoor Family Storytime*

All ages

Fridays, September 11 & October 30

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 for this program, but is recommended.



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Grow Together **Native Garden Club**

All ages

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Session A

Friday, September 11

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 9

Session B

Saturday, October 10

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 8

Grow Together Native Garden Club will focus on the entire household working as a team to manage your own native wildflower gardens at home. Along the journey, we will focus on three ways a garden space can be used: pollinator support, food production and play! Each meeting, families will share their garden adventures, learn about garden ecology, give our small garden space a little TLC and spend some time creating or playing! (KL)

Morning Moms and Toddlers Walk

Recommended for ages 2 – 5 with a parent/guardian

Saturday, September 12

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 6

Start your morning with some mom talk during a toddler walk and playground playtime. We will meet at the shelter for introductions, coffee and breakfast snacks then walk along "Owlexander's Wetland Walk." (KT)

Grandparents Day at the Nook!

Recommended for children ages 3 – 12 with grandparent(s)

Sunday, September 13

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, September 7

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

Fall Family Archery

Ages 8 and up with an adult companion

Sunday, September 13

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/person: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 10

Join us for a fun, family session of archery! We will learn the basics of archery and play some competitive, fall-themed games. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. (JR)

Please register all participating members of your family.

Family Creeking Fun!

All ages

Wednesday, September 16

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 14

Creeking season is coming to a close! Let's get out one more time to investigate fossils and search for creatures! Close-toed shoes are required. (KL)



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



Decomposition Detectives

All ages

Saturday, September 19

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 17

Can you spot early signs of decomposition? Decomposition is nature's way of recycling plant and animal matter back into the environment. Fungi, bacteria and even insects all take part in the recycling process! Come on a hike as we look for decomposition throughout our parks. (JR)



Family Goldenrod Hike & Campfire

All ages

Thursday, September 24

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 18

As the end of wildflower season draws near, we invite your family to join us for a hike and campfire amongst the fall flowers! We will start out with an evening walk to see the goldenrods that are at peak bloom this time of year! Along the way, learn about wildflowers and what our wildlife are doing to prepare for fall. Then, settle in for a sunset campfire with s'mores. There will be optional crafts, games, and stories available. (KF)

This is not a drop-off program. Trail will be approximately one mile over crushed gravel and natural path. A fully paved, wheelchair-accessible loop will be available as well.



New!

Moms & Tots Trek

Recommended for ages 2 – 5 with a parent/guardian

Friday, September 25

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday,
September 20

Wrap up your week with some mom talk during a toddler trek, including snacks and playground fun! We will meet near the shelter for introductions and making a "trail mix" then walk along "Owlexander's Tyke Hike." (KT)



Butterfly Survey

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, September 26

AND/OR Saturday, October 10

10:00 – 11:30 a.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)



Adventures with Grassman

All ages

**Thursday, October 1 – Wednesday,
October 28**

Sightings of Grassman, Ohio's legendary Bigfoot, are on the rise in our area! Rumor has it he is searching for butterflies in the neighborhood parks before they start their overwintering phase. Can you find Grassman in each park and help him say bye to the butterflies?

Sign up for this free program, and in October we will send you a clue each Thursday to find Grassman in one of your 51 parks! When you find him, you will also learn about a native butterfly! Each time you find Grassman and log the sighting, that is another entry into our raffle for a fun Grassman/butterfly combo prize bag! (KL)



New!

Family Fun Fishing Night

Recommended for 5 and up

Sunday, October 11

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Feldmann Pond
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

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

Registration deadline: Monday, October 5

Whether you and your family fish all the time, or you are just starting out and want to learn the basics, join us for Family Fun Fishing Night! Bring your own rod or borrow one of ours! Basic bait, tackle and guidance will be provided. You may also bring a picnic blanket dinner to enjoy a water-side feast as a family! (KF)

Fishing is catch and release only. No fishing license is required.



Signs of Fall: ASL Interpreted Hike

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, October 17

(Rain date: Saturday, October 24)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

This adapted hike welcomes all community members to enjoy a stunning hike through the meadows! An ASL interpreter will assist our naturalist in sharing facts about the wildlife, plants and ecosystems we will explore! (KF)

Registration is requested, but not required.



Simply Bat-tastic!

All ages

Monday, October 26

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 22

It's International Bat Week! Bats have played a critical role in our environment for more than 50 million years, maintaining insect populations, dispersing seeds and more! Come on an explorational hike as we look for these keystone species in their natural environment. (JR)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.



Hike and Play

All ages

Monday, November 9

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Road

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 5

Join us for a hike and some of our favorite trail games as we explore the park at sunset! (JR)



Fall Seek 'n' Find

All ages

Friday, November 20 – Sunday,

December 6

Grant Park, All Entrances

Registration deadline: Thursday,

December 3

Fall is almost over, so let's get back onto the park trails and learn more about some of our favorite fall blooms! Five fall flowers are hidden around Grant Park! Each bloom you find is another entry to our raffle for a floral-themed basket. Once you find a flower, scan the QR code and fill in the answers. (JR)

Rooted Together Family Painting

New!

Ages 5 – 12 with an adult companion

Friday, November 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday,
November 15

Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush to celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a meaningful piece of art. Work together to design a beautiful tree filled with fingerprint designs, painted initials and thoughtful embellishments that reflect what you're most thankful for. We'll begin with a light demo and guided sketch to help you get started, then the creativity (and connection!) is all yours. This heartfelt experience is all about slowing down, sharing gratitude and making something special together.

The class registration includes one 11" x 14" (or similar) canvas, perfectly sized for two participants to create side by side. Families with more than two may wish to register for an additional canvas so everyone has space to contribute to their creation.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Wayfinding 101

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, September 1

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, August 28

Do you love hiking, but find yourself getting a little ... lost? Do you want to gain confidence in finding your way around the park, and learn some new-to-you trails along the way? This program will take participants through the trails! We will learn how to use the wayfinding system at this park, become familiar with a variety of the trails, and answer your questions about the park and the experiences that hiking here can provide.

This program will involve an easy hike up to 2 miles along mixed-terrain. While this program caters to the beginner hiker, all experiences with hiking are welcome. (KF)

Stitch a Sparrow:

Summer Sparrows

Ages 14 and up

Thursday, September 3

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, August 31

Learn more about Ohio's summer sparrow residents in this cross stitch program! Participants will choose from five sparrow species commonly found in Ohio. Stitch a pattern while learning fun facts about them!

All supplies will be provided. (JR)

Fall Foliage Cross Stitch

Ages 14 and up

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$11 residents \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, November 6

The fall colors are in full effect! Learn about common tree species and how they put on a show each fall as you choose from various fall foliage patterns to cross stitch.

All supplies will be provided. (JR)

LIFT UP and Laugh

Recommended for ages 55 and up

Wednesdays, September 9 – 30

7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
September 2

LIFT UP focuses on six essential concepts to get us through trying times and boldly embrace life — Laugh, Inspire, Fellowship, Thrive, Uplift and Play.

Each week, we will enjoy a laughter club, creative experience, group games and personal connection. This club is a fun and unique opportunity for adults to connect and develop tools against depression and isolation. (KT)



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

Hike With a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee/household/hike: \$4 nonresidents

September Hike: Wetlands

Thursday, September 10

*Donnybrook Park
6161 Donnybrook Dr.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 8

October Hike: Spider Search

Thursday, October 8

*Grant Park, McEwen Entrance
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 6

November Hike: Turkeys

Thursday, November 12

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
November 10

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)

Cyanotypes and Lumen Prints

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, September 12

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday,
September 7

Experiment with the season's beautiful leaves. 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!

(KT)

Sweater Weather Knit & Crochet Group

New!

Ages 16 and up

Mondays, September 14 & 21, October 12 & 26

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Sweater weather is almost here! Gather with fellow fiber enthusiasts for relaxing fall evenings of stitching outdoors on the Kennard Nature Nook deck. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome. Bring any project (no sweaters required!) and settle in for good company, fresh air and beautiful seasonal views as the leaves change week to week. Want to stretch your legs? A nearby 0.25-mile paved path offers the perfect opportunity for a short walk between stitches.

(CD)



Turtle Up: Sea Turtle Conservation in Ghana

Ages 16 and up

Monday, September 14

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*Woodbourne Library
6060 Far Hills Ave.*

Join Turtle Up: Conservation, Education, and Action (TUCEA) for an engaging seminar on sea turtle conservation and sustainability. During the session, presented by a TurtleUp volunteer, learn about the organization, explore the challenges of plastic pollution and learn practical ways to take action. Activities include trivia, a plastic waste reduction challenge, and discussions on eco-tourism and volunteering, all designed to inspire change. Whether you're passionate about marine life or seeking ways to live more sustainably, this seminar offers valuable insights and opportunities to get involved in meaningful conservation efforts. This program is presented in partnership with the Washington-Centerville Public Library and Turtle Up. (KL)

Registration is required through Washington-Centerville Public Library on <https://events.wclibrary.info/>. Registration for this program opens on August 17.



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Glass Fusing: Birch Trees

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, September 17 AND/OR

Thursday, September 24

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: One week before
each session

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 help you start or complete your birch tree collection. (KT)

This is a more advanced glass fusing class and recommended for participants who have already made a smaller project.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Glass Fusing: Sunflower Suncatcher

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, October 22

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 15

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 and instruction. Bring your ideas! (KT)

Glass Fusing: Night Light

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, November 5

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 29

Create a 3.25" by 3.25" fused glass nightlight to add a warm glow to the dark winter evenings with Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver. Enjoy a relaxing and creative experience as you design a piece that reflects your personal style. This is the class to get creative and create your own unique project. (KT)

See page 9 for the Clay
Forest Friends program!

Woodland Fairy House Luminaries

New!

Ages 16 and up

Friday, September 25

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$56 residents, \$73 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 20

Create a magical fairy house luminary inspired by woodland hideaways! Learn how to add charming details in clay like tiny doors, windows, toadstools, leaves and maybe even a fairy or two! Finish your project with little openings that let the light glow from within and same-day glaze. Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush will provide each participant with approximately 2 lbs. of clay and plenty of techniques to use while making your project. (KT)

Luminaries will be fired in the kiln and available for pick up approximately 3 weeks after program.

Watercolor Sunflowers Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, September 26

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 20

Learn techniques like how to add interest to backgrounds, combine fields of color with line work, utilize a limited palette, and work with limited brushes to improve dexterity.

This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All supplies will be provided, and you will leave the class with your completed artwork! Class is taught by visual artist and designer Renee Hopson. (KF)

Watercolor Balancing Rocks Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, October 17

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 11

Create loose watercolor drawings of balancing rocks. Learn techniques like how to add interest to backgrounds, combine fields of color with line work, utilize a limited palette, and work with limited brushes to improve dexterity.

This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All supplies will be provided, and you will leave the class with your completed artwork! Class is taught by visual artist and designer Renee Hopson. (KF)

Watercolor Wreath Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, November 14

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 8

Celebrate the season by creating a wreath watercolor painting utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. Makes a great gift or decoration.

This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All supplies will be provided, and you will leave the class with your completed artwork! Class is taught by visual artist and designer Renee Hopson. (KF)

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 10, 10:00 a.m.**



Growing Up WILD Workshop and Training

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, September 29

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, September 25

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood curriculum that can be incorporated into classroom settings, informal educational opportunities and with the children in your family. This 3-hour training session will show educators how to use the guide and showcase resources available to connect children to the outdoors. Please plan to be outside for portions of the program. (KL)



Beyond Recycling: How to Live Zero Waste

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 23

You've heard of living a zero-waste lifestyle, and probably have a lot of questions — what does living waste-free look like, how is it done, and is it possible for my household too?

Local Master Recycler and Zero-Waste Expert Mike Fanelli will take you through how to go from recycling pro to zero waste. From using local resources to expand your ability to recycle and compost, to changing your mindset about how and what you buy, you'll walk away with tips and tricks to take your household one step further into the world of zero waste! (KF)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.**

Intermediate Archery Clinic

Ages 16 and up

Sunday, October 11

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 8

Need to freshen-up your follow through, strengthen your shot, or just try new targets? This intermediate archery clinic is designed to strengthen your existing archery abilities. Participants should have a basic understanding of archery. No equipment is necessary. (JR)



Oh My Gourd! Archery

Ages 16 and up

Sunday, November 8

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, November 5

What better way to reuse old pumpkins than to give them second life at the archery range! Join us as we learn the basics of archery, then put those skills into practice, aiming at our pumpkins! All equipment is provided; no experience is necessary. (JR)

Pumpkin Spice Paint Night

Ages 16 and up

Friday, October 23

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$22 residents, \$29 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 18

Join us for a cozy and creative night! Try watercolor paintbrush pens to bring a pre-outlined autumn scene to life. Enjoy a relaxing ambiance with plenty of fall-themed refreshments. All supplies included, participants will get to keep their watercolor paint pen set. (KT)



Welcoming the New Photographer

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, October 24

10:30 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 18

Join local artist and educator Heather Ballard for a morning exploring fall foliage. 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! (KT)



Land-based Crafting: Herbal Tincturing 101

New!

Ages 18 and up

Sunday, October 25

10:00 a.m. – noon **OR** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

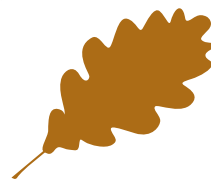
*Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.*

Fee/person: \$55 residents, \$72 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 18

Learn how to make herbal tinctures for yourself, friends and family. Beth Bridgeman, a full-time maker and weaver from Yellow Springs, Ohio, will teach about several safe, effective adaptogenic herbs and the unique properties and benefits of each. You will also learn about marks and menstruum and the variety of liquids that you can use for tincturing. Walk away with multiple handmade tinctures! (KF)

**The AM and PM sessions are the same program.
Please select only one.**



Land-based Crafting:

Cold Process Soap

Ages 18 and up

Friday, November 20

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **OR** 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$80 residents, \$100 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, November 13

Learn to make soap through cold processing from Beth Bridgeman, a full-time maker and weaver from Yellow Springs, Ohio. We will be using lye and fat to build our bars as well as essential oils and natural colorants. Participants will walk away with 8 – 10 bars of gentle, natural and handmade soap along with information, history and the confidence to make your own soap at home. All materials are included. Light refreshments will be provided. (KF)

The AM and PM sessions are the same program. Please select only one.



Spooky Season Hike

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, October 27

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E Centerville Station Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 22

Let's enjoy spooky season in the parks! We will kick off the night with local legends of things that go bump in the night and a tour of our historic Smith House (which may just be a little bit haunted). Then, as the sun sets we will hit the trails to see some iconic, spooky sites at this park. Those goosebumps are just from the wind, right?

During your hike, you will learn about some of the history of the property, as well as the nocturnal wildlife that call this park home. (KF)

New!

Silent Sunset Stroll

Ages 16 and up

Friday, November 13

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Big Bend Park

1328 Spring Ash Dr.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 8

Join CWPD for some mindful time in nature before the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Quietly explore a less-frequented nature trail as the golden hour settles on the park. (KT)

New!

3D Embroidery: Mushrooms!

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, November 3

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 27

Join us for fungi-filled crafting this fall! Discover different techniques to make your embroidery POP! We'll learn to create three-dimensional embroidered mushrooms by using felt, wire and thread. Along the way, we'll enhance our projects by understanding the anatomy of different mushrooms. Each participant will leave class with an in-progress stump work embroidered mushroom project. (KT)



Wildflower BINGO

Ages 16 and up

Friday, November 6

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, November 1

Did you know that planting wildflower seeds in November is actually a great strategy? Many native flowers need cold stratification (a period of cold, moist conditions) to germinate well in the spring. Play BINGO on a specialized wildflower board to learn about native wildflowers and win seeds that you can go home and plant right away. Then appreciate their beauty and habitat benefits in the spring! (KT)

New!

Fall-ing for Felt Workshop

Ages 14 and up

Friday, November 13

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, November 6

Join us for a felt-filled evening of making cozy crafts! We will be using basic sew and stitch techniques to make felt bookmarks and cup cozies. (LM)

Moon Gardens

with Deeply Rooted Landscapes

Ages 14 and up

Wednesday, November 18

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Monday, November 16

Learn how to create a garden that comes alive at night with white flowers, silvery foliage and night-blooming plants. Moon gardens can be designed for visual appeal or to attract nocturnal wildlife such as moths and bats. This talk covers which native plants work best for a moon garden, how to layer plants for continuous bloom, and tips for planning a garden that is both beautiful and wildlife-friendly. Participants will receive a handout with a moon garden native plant list to help plan their own nighttime landscape. (KL)

New!

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

ADULT WELLNESS

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 1 – November 24

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors and enjoy the 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 schedule on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/> (JH)



Moms Walk and Talk

Ages 18 and up

Mondays, September 14 – October 26

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 1

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.

(KT)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Nordic Walking and Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, September 1 – November 24

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 Nordic Walking schedule on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/> (JH)

You must bring your own Nordic poles if you sign up for this option.

Nordic Walking and Trekking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, September 1 – November 24

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. (JH)



Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 2 – November 18

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors! What better way than through guided hikes in your parks? Staff and volunteers will lead groups at 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/> (JH)

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 2 – October 28

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! (JH)

If running group is canceled due to inclement weather, Up and Running will post a notification on social media.



Fitness for Longevity

Ages 18 and up
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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

Session A

Wednesdays, September 2 – October 7

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

Registration deadline: Monday, August 31

Session B

Mondays, September 14 – October 19

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

Registration deadline: Friday, September 11

Session C

Wednesdays, October 14 – November 18

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

Registration deadline: Monday, October 12

Session D

Mondays, October 26 – November 30

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

Registration deadline: Friday, October 23

Get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout and functional movement for vitality and longevity. This class is designed to maintain strength, mobility and power at an advanced level, regardless of your age. This is accomplished through a focus on grip strength, speed, balance, and building muscle. Exercises are also designed to improve breath work and fascia alongside joint and heart health. Taught by Dan Loofboro. (JH)

Due to the incorporation of a full range of exercises from calisthenics to long holds and deep stretches, prior exercise experience is highly recommended.



Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 2 – October 7

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 30

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. (JH)

Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, October 13 – November 17

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 11

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 guarantee you'll leave this class feeling great! (JH)

Tai Chi

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/session: \$99 residents, \$119 nonresidents

Session A

Thursdays, September 3 – October 8

Registration deadline: Monday, August 31

Session B

Thursdays, October 15 – November 19

Registration deadline: Monday, October 12

A welcoming, low-impact way to build strength, balance, and inner calm while learning a yang-style Tai Chi series. Designed for adults of all ages and fitness levels, this class introduces participants to the gentle, flowing movements of traditional Tai Chi, often called "meditation in motion", while also gaining insight to the martial aspects of the practice. Each session focuses on slow, intentional movement, mindful breathing and improved body awareness. This program is ideal for anyone looking for a calm, restorative form of exercise — no prior experience required. Movements can be adapted for different abilities. (JH)



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

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 5 – October 10
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 2

Session B

Saturdays, September 5 – October 10
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 2

Session C

Mondays, September 14 – October 19
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 11

Session D

Saturdays, October 17 – November 21
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 14

Session E

Saturdays, October 17 – November 21
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 14

Session F

Mondays, October 26 – November 30
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, October 23

Method Yoga's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. (JH)

Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up
Thursday, October 8
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle (Smith House)
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Celebrate the crisp evening weather with Method Yoga'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. (JH)



Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session: \$36 residents, \$47 nonresident

Session A

Tuesdays, September 22 – October 27
Registration deadline: Friday, September 18

Session B

Thursdays, September 24 – October 29
Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 22

Session C

Tuesdays, November 3 – December 15
(No class November 24)
Registration deadline: Friday, October 30

Session D

Thursdays, November 5 – December 17
(No class November 26)
Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 3

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. (JH)

Injury Prevention

Workshop with Airrosti

Ages 16 and up (under 18 requires adult companion)
Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Airrosti's Adelle Scott, Sr. Recovery Specialist, 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. This class will focus on injury prevention. See Airrosti.com for more info on pain relief!

Any additional follow-up or inquiries on the advice given will need to be conducted with Airrosti directly. CWPDP is not able to provide any advice on further steps in treatment planning. (JH)

September Session

Saturday, September 12
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 11

An optional, free range-of-motion health assessment administered by Airrosti Rehab Center, LLC is available at this session.

November Session

Thursday, November 19
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 18



Bike About Centerville

Ages 18 and up
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

September Ride

Sunday, September 20
Rosewood Park
475 Roselake Dr.
Registration deadline: Friday, September 18

October Ride

Sunday, October 11
Stringtown Park
9191 Woodstream Ln.
Registration deadline: Friday, October 9

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The ride will be led by trained and experienced bike leaders and will help you learn routes to shopping, parks and more! The ride will be an easy-paced 10 to 15 miles. (JH)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.

Beginner Pickleball Lessons

Ages 18 and up

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Yankee Park, Pickleball Courts

7500 Yankee St.

(Rain Location: Activity Center Park, Community Room)

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

Session A

Tuesdays, September 15 – October 6

Registration deadline: Friday, September 4

Session B

Tuesdays, October 20 – November 17

(No class November 10)

Registration deadline: Friday, October 16

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. (JH)

Pickleball League Any Doubles My Teen & Me

Ages 12 – 17 plus a family member over 21

Sundays, September 13 – October 18

4:30 p.m. **AND/OR** 5:30 p.m.

Yankee Park, Pickleball Courts

7500 Yankee St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 30

Join a Park District pickleball league and play pickleball in the parks this fall! 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. (JH)



Pickleball Leagues

Ages 18 and up

September 14 – October 21

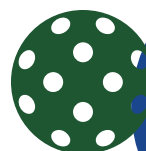
Yankee Park, Pickleball Courts

7500 Yankee St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, August 30

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. Any doubles leagues are open to any combination of teams (men's, women's, or mixed doubles). (JH)



**NEED A
PICKLEBALL
PARTNER?**

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

Day	Level of Play
Mondays, 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. AND/OR 7:30 p.m.	Any Doubles Intermediate
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. AND/OR 7:30 p.m.	Any Doubles Intermediate/Advanced
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. AND/OR 7:30 p.m.	Any Doubles Beginner

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

Top Spots to Get Your Steps!

Looking for the perfect spot to get moving? These paved paths are ideal! Whether you're training for a race, taking a relaxing stroll or simply soaking up the sunshine, these paths offer smooth, scenic routes to make your workout feel like a breeze.

Activity Center Park, 0.5-mile loop

Bill Yeck/Forest Field Parks, 0.5-mile paved loops and additional limestone trails

Black Oak Park, 0.2 miles (one way) up a steep hill. No bicycles permitted.

Grant Park, McEwen Entrance, 0.25-mile loop

Hithergreen Park, 0.25-mile loop

Holes Creek/Silvercreek Parks, 1.3 miles (one way)

Iron Horse Park, 2 miles (one way) and 0.6-mile loop

Oak Creek South Park, 0.4-mile loop

Oak Grove Park, 1.5-mile loop (shorter loops are also available)

Robert F. Mays Park, 0.75-mile loop

Schoolhouse Park, 0.75-mile loop

Yankee Park, 0.82-mile loop



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 10. 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 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.

WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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You're first in line!

Online registration takes place the day before phone or walk-in registration.

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It's convenient

The flexibility to register and pay at your convenience, anytime, from anywhere.



It saves time

In less than five minutes, you can setup your account and enroll for your program.



It's easy

Three simple steps, and you'll be enrolled in the program of your choice.



It's environmentally friendly

No need to use gas driving over to register in person. And it saves paper.

Online resident registration begins August 10.

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

Online **Nonresident** Registration Begins
Monday, August 17
at 10:00 a.m.



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