

DECEMBER 2026 - FEBRUARY 2027

Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **NEWS & EVENTS**

**Winter
program
registration
begins online
Monday,
November 9.**

Explore your community's BIG backyard!

Bill Yeck Park



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January 1 & 18

Park Addresses

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



Dog Park Closures

[cwpd.org/parks/oak-grove/
dog-park/dog-park-closure-
status/](http://cwpd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/)



Athletic Field Conditions

cwpd.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



As the winter season sets in across Centerville and Washington Township, your parks remain vibrant hubs for activity, connection and discovery.

Whether you are stepping out on a crisp trail, participating in a family tradition, or attending a new community event, there are countless ways to enjoy your community's BIG backyard this winter.

Park District staff have put together an exciting lineup of winter programs and events tailored for all ages. Families can step into a magical December evening along candlelit trails at the Luminary Walk on December 11. Early in the season, hands-on offerings like the Family Holiday Workshop: Ornament Painting, Seed Stocking Stuffers, and a cozy Tea Party in the Park give residents of all ages a chance to gather and create throughout December.

As the new year begins, you can clear out holiday packing materials at the annual Styrofoam Recycling Event on January 2, hosted in partnership with local conservation organizations. Outdoor adventure continues throughout the colder months with the Spot the Turtles Scavenger Hunt and the Do Birds Get Cold? workshop in January, followed by the dog-friendly I Wuff You Valentine Hike and Forts in the Forest in February.

Cure your cabin fever by taking advantage of all the paths and trails close to home. The Park District maintains 39 miles of trails across 18 parks, 9.2 miles of which are paved! Take your own adventure or join one of the weekly programs, such as Hike for Your Health or a Walk in the Park to hit the trails with companions. Use the Find a Park feature on the website to find paved paths or hiking trails.

Behind the scenes, we are continually planning improvements to keep facilities safe, accessible and high-quality. Looking ahead into 2027, several key capital improvement projects will get underway across the district:

- Pavement upgrades along the popular **Iron Horse Trail** corridor will ensure a smoother, safer experience for cyclists, runners and walkers. These improvements are a collaboration between City of Centerville, Centerville-Washington Park District and City of Kettering.
- Extending our commitment to inclusive recreation, a new paved path at **Grant Park** will provide access to the park's natural beauty, Chimneys landmark and fire circle.
- High-use pickleball courts at **Activity Center Park** will receive resurfacing treatments to enhance gameplay and accommodate growing community interest. The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks is fundraising for seating and shade to further enhance this facility.

Whether you are strolling a lit path, taking on a winter family challenge, or enjoying peaceful moments in nature, we thank you for your continued support and participation. We hope to see you out exploring your community's BIG backyard this season!

Alex Pearl
Park Board Secretary

P.S. The Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month throughout the year.

View the schedule on the Park District website:

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



SAVE A TREE!

To subscribe to the CWPD monthly e-newsletter visit cwpd.org or scan the QR code to the left. You'll receive suggested park activities, seasonal nature news and a link to the online version of this newsletter delivered straight to your inbox!

To stop home delivery of the printed newsletter, email your name and address to mail@cwpd.org.





New Pickleball Courts Coming to Activity Center!

Activity Center Park's pickleball courts are getting a major upgrade! Expect resurfaced courts, two brand-new courts and improvements designed to create an even better experience for players and spectators. Also planned, expanded parking and traffic flow improvements at the Park Headquarters Community Room Entrance.

A BIG thank you to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks for enhancing this project through their fundraising efforts! The Foundation's support is helping to bring features like permanent shade structures, additional seating and rebounder improvements to the courts, making them an even more welcoming place to play, watch and connect with friends.

The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks secures philanthropic funding for projects, programs and conservation efforts directly related to the Centerville-Washington Park District's mission, vision and values. This fund is administered by The Dayton Foundation, the region's leading community foundation.

Donations, sponsorships and gifts are important to the vitality of the Centerville-Washington Park District and its mission to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors. When you donate to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks, you are making a positive impact in the community for years to come.

Learn more at cwpd.org/support/foundation-for-centerville-washington-parks/



Volunteer Spotlight

As winter rolls in, we're taking a moment to look back on a summer filled with fun, friendship and plenty of positive memories. We also want to give a round of applause to our amazing summer camp volunteers!

Twenty volunteers donated a total of 791 hours of their time this summer. That's 791 hours spent helping campers have fun, try new things and make memories in their community. Volunteers truly are the roots of a strong community, and we're grateful for every hour, helping hand and smile they shared with us.



Pictured: Commissioner Alex Pearl, Commissioner Greg Stephens, Jaisathvika Valavan, Loudan Zelik, Uma Chamarthy, Community Engagement Coordinator Shauna Marshall, Commissioner Jeff Senney

A special shout-out goes to three young volunteers who accounted for 290 of those hours! Thank you Jaisathvika Valavan (149 hours), Loudan Zelik (74 hours) and Uma Chamarthy (67 hours), for choosing to spend your summer creating positive memories for the children in your community. Your time and dedication made a difference!

The Centerville-Washington Park District is grateful to all of our volunteers who share their time and talents with our community. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Community Engagement Coordinator Shauna Marshall at 937-433-5155 x234 or smarshall@cwpd.org. You can also find our volunteer application at cwpd.org/support/volunteer/.

Reservations Open at Noon on January 4!

Looking for the perfect place to host your 2027 gathering? Take your party to the parks! The Park District offers 12 picnic shelters, three fire circles, and indoor reservations at the Kennard Nature Nook — great options for everything from birthday celebrations to family reunions!

Visit cwpd.org or call 937-433-5155 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Luminary Walk

All ages

Friday, December 11

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck and Forest Field Parks

*Parking at 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.
(Forest Field Park)*

Enjoy a candlelit stroll through Bill Yeck Park. There will be a half-mile paved route and a one-mile route along the purple trail. Pop into the Smith House to tour some gingerbread-inspired dessert houses made by Eat Pretty Darling's Katie Blauser and her students! Warm up by the fire at the John Meyer II Memorial Fire Circle and enjoy the sounds of the season with carols from Centerville High School's symphonic choir. Free hot chocolate and music by Jim Douglass, the Piano Man, at the Forest Field shelter. Hot chocolate available while supplies last.

Registration is requested but not required. Registered participants will receive a weather cancellation email in the event of inclement weather. Weather updates will also be posted on cwpd.org. (KT)

Help us give back to our community by bringing a donation for Crayons to Classrooms! Please bring a new school supply item to support Crayons to Classrooms' mission to secure and distribute school supplies at no cost to teachers of students in need. This non-profit teacher resource center serves teachers in 149 under-resourced schools and childcare centers across the Greater Dayton Area by providing them with free school supplies, books, STEAM items, decorations, and other academic materials for their classroom and students in need.

Crayons to
Classrooms
collects markers,
pencils, colored
pencils, crayons,



**crayons to
classrooms**

children's scissors, filler paper, glue sticks, pocket folders and more! Visit the Crayons to Classrooms website for more information about their mission at crayonstoclassrooms.org.

Styrofoam Recycling Event

All ages

Saturday, January 2

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park

221 N. Main St.



Please don't throw away all the Styrofoam you open over the holidays! The Society of Environmental Journalists reports Styrofoam can take up 30% of landfill space! Bring your Styrofoam to Activity Center Park. Volunteers will unload your vehicle — you won't even need to get out of your car! This event is open to the public, regardless of where you live.

If you are interested in dropping off Styrofoam, please make sure you are following the guidelines listed below:

- **Styrofoam must be clean**
- **Clean food containers will be accepted. These must be scrubbed out.**
- **No stickers or tape**

Collected Styrofoam will be transported to the ECO Development facility in Mason and recycled into products like surfboards, picture frames and coat hangers.

We will also accept **batteries** and **holiday string lights** for recycling. Please do not bring items that are not listed, as they will not be accepted.

Registration is not required, but registered participants will receive an email reminder before the event. (KL)

The Washington-Centerville Library will also be present and accepting items for their TerraCycle Program. They accept the following items:

- **Air and home care cartridges and plugs, spray bottles and pump/spray trigger heads.**
- **Clean and dry aluminum items, including foil, pie tins, yogurt lids, disposable roasting pans, etc.**
- **Oral care products and packaging.**
- **Razors and plastic razor packaging.**
- **Sauce packets, cups and containers (must be empty).**
- **Squeezable snack pouches and caps.**



I Wuff You Valentine Hike

All ages

Saturday, February 13

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

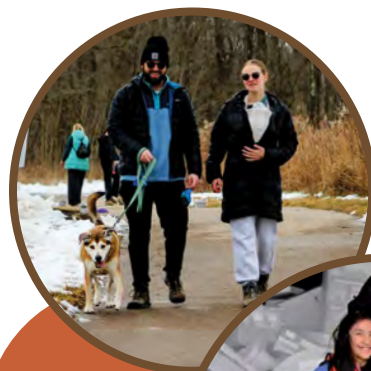
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Happy Valentine's Day to our favorite pups! Join us for a self-guided hike through the trails of Bill Yeck Park. Your pup will be pampered with special treats and stations along the way!

Participants are welcome to come anytime during the event. The final time to start the hike is 1:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. (AB)



Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.

WINTER DAY CAMPS

Little Critters Camp

Ages 3 – 5

Monday, December 21 AND/OR Monday, December 28

9:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday, December 14 **AND/OR** Monday, December 21

Calling all little ones for a morning of winter camp! We will learn about winter wildlife through games, songs, crafts and stories! Campers will play outside throughout the day, enjoying winter in the park. (KF)

All winter day camp participants must be independent in the six activities of daily living: using the restroom, eating, bathing, dressing, transferring (i.e. walking) and continence. If your child requires an accommodation to participate, please let us know when you register.

Arctic Exploration Camp

Ages 5 – 12

December 21, 22, 28, 29, 30 & 31, January 15, AND/OR February 12 & 15

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Fee/day: \$30 residents, \$40 nonresidents

Registration deadlines: one week prior to the camp day

A day off school means a day of fun and adventures at camp! Your camper will enjoy nature-based activities, winter hikes, playground play, indoor warm-up activities, games and more! See the beauty of winter at Bill Yeck Park and stay active during this camp. (KF)

Attend all Arctic Exploration Camp days, or register for the individual day(s) that fit your schedule!

Tools to Trek

Look for the Tools to Trek symbol throughout this guide. Attend Tools to Trek programs to earn a free Trek Pack! Print your Tools to Trek tracking sheet on cwpa.org. Bring it to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full, turn it in to collect your prize!

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 AND UNDER)

Crafts with Nature

Ages 18 months – 4 years with

adult companion

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Oh Deer!

Tuesday, December 8

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 2

Snow Much Fun!

Tuesday, January 12

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 6

Evergreens!

Tuesday, February 9

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 3

Let's get together and do a nature craft! We will complete crafts with nature/sensory themes, read stories, play games and take short hikes in the park — all to spark a love of nature in our youngest community members! (KF)

Please register each child attending. This is not a drop off program. An adult must remain with their participant(s).



Little Movers Tech Fest

Ages 3 – 5 with an adult companion

Tuesday, December 8

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, December 4

Let's get moving! Children will enjoy participating in easy-to-follow song and dance videos made for preschoolers, followed by a hands-on activity that encourages movement, laughter and healthy fun! (AB)

Please register each child attending. This is not a drop off program. An adult must remain with their participant(s).

Cozy Craft Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, December 10, January 14 & February 11

*Pickup Bins at Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.*

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

Registration deadline: One week prior to kit pick up

A new take on our take-home craft kits! Participants will receive a bag with supplies to make three cozy crafts — the perfect indoor activity for the winter weather! (LM)



Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

Fee/session/child: \$4 nonresidents

The Garden in Winter

Thursday, December 17

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 15

What can you do in a winter garden after sunset? Let's find out! We will meet at the school parking lot and hike to the Grow Together Garden next to the Grant Nature Buildings for some activities and playtime. If needed, we will be using the Grant Nature Buildings as our indoor space. (KL)

Pinecone Investigation

Thursday, January 21

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 19

We will explore evergreen trees and adaptations that allow them to survive harsh winter temperatures without going dormant all season. We will also learn how they produce seeds and will make pinecone art. (KL)

ABC Scavenger Hunt

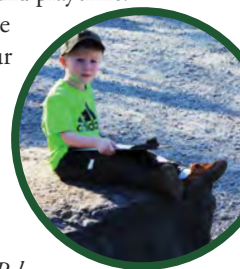
Thursday, February 18

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, February 16

Can we find the entire alphabet in nature? We will learn about one living thing with each letter. Weather permitting, we will also take a short hike to find real examples of some of our letters! (KL)



Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

Wednesdays, January 6 – February 10

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

December 30



Balance! Run! Jump!
Catch! Kick! Come
join Amazing Athletes
as we practice our
coordination, fine

motor skills and gross motor skills! This program uses the fundamentals of 10 different sports to help build and develop motor skills, nutritional knowledge and body awareness.

This class will be held indoors, with the option to go outside when weather permits.

Visit amazingathletes.com for more information about the Amazing Athletes program. (MB)



Financial Assistance With Program Fees Is Available!

The Park Board realizes that residents may encounter financial challenges that could limit their ability to participate in programs. Fees should not be a barrier to participation for residents who are experiencing financial challenges. Assistance is available to Centerville and Washington Township residents! The financial assistance guidelines and an application may be found on cwpd.org/forms/

Imagination Crew: Nature Play!

Ages 3 – 6

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/session/child: \$5 residents,

\$7 nonresidents

Wildlife Heroes

Monday, January 25

Registration deadline: Monday,

January 18

Habitats

Monday, February 1

Registration deadline: Monday, January 25

Kids learn through play! This indoor program welcomes young community members and their adults to a world of imaginative play, all themed around nature lessons. Each session will feature a different topic, learning and growing together through playful, imaginative activities. (KF)

Please register each child attending. This is not a drop off program. An adult must remain with their participant(s).

Little Tikes Winter Games

Ages 4 – 8

Saturday, January 23

10:00 a.m. – noon

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,

January 20

Let's get moving this winter! This event will feature a variety of winter-themed activities and sports inspired by the Winter Games. It aims to promote physical activity, coordination and imaginative play, providing children with a fun and engaging way to experience winter sports in a monitored environment. Child-friendly equipment and decorations will be included.

(AB)



CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

(AGES 5 – 18)

Owlexander's Cinema

Ages 5 – 10

Fee/child/session: \$5 residents,

\$7 nonresidents



Owlexander is holding movie nights, and he's inviting his friends to join him for these fun-filled evenings! (KF)

Wild for Wildlife

Friday, December 4

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Friday, November 27

Let's go WILD for wildlife! Your child will participate in crafts, games and activities all about our local wildlife. After all that fun, we will settle in with a salty snack and view an animated movie that features what happens when animals meet a lone robot.

STEM Night

Tuesday, January 19

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday,

January 12

Before we view a film all about the power of inventions, your child will participate in some easy STEM-based challenges to spark their imaginations. This night will be all about hands-on exploration with a science-filled film to bring it all together.

Dino Night

Friday, February 19

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Friday, February 12

We will kick off the evening with dinosaur fun facts, creation and crafts. Then we will settle in for a kid-friendly movie featuring some lovable dinosaurs on one big adventure.

Looking for something to do while your kids are out and about? Check out Warm Hearts Couples Evening on page 14, which happens the same night.

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Kid's Glass Fusing:

Penguin Ornaments

Ages 5 – 11 with an adult companion

Thursday, December 17

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 3

Children will use their creativity to make two penguin ornaments! Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will assist the children and their grown-ups as they work together on this unique project. All supplies provided. (KT)

Ornaments will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters just over a week after class. You will receive an email when they are ready to be picked up.



Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, January 6 – February 10

Registration deadline: Wednesday, December 30

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, January 4 – February 8

Registration deadline: Monday, December 28

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)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 9

Tuesdays, December 15, January 5 AND/

OR February 9

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. Sign up for one or multiple sessions. (LM)



'Ologies' Series: Wildlife Edition

Ages 6 – 10

Tuesdays, December 1, 8 & 15

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 24

Have an interest in the -ologies? You know, the special science fields such as biology, zoology or ecology? During this series, we will dive into different fields of science through hands-on exploration, activities, games and more! Each session will focus on a different 'ologist'. (KF)

This series will focus on wildlife as we learn about the work of ornithologists, mammalogists and herpetologists.



Cocoa & Cookies

Ages 6 – 10

Friday, December 18

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/child: \$28 residents, \$36 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, December 11

Kick off winter break with cocoa and cookies with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! Children will bake cookies and make hot cocoa to enjoy during the class. They will also make it as a gift in a jar! (KT)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Holiday House:

Graham Cracker Construction!

Ages 6 – 12 with adult companion

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/house: \$30 residents, \$39 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, November 30

Grab your favorite grown-up and join us for a sweet holiday adventure! Together with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling, you'll build, decorate, and sprinkle your way to a one-of-a-kind graham cracker gingerbread house using lots of colorful candies and frosting. It's the perfect recipe for creativity, laughter and festive family fun! (KT)

All houses built in this class will have the option to be displayed at the Luminary Walk event on Friday, December 11! The Graham Cracker House showcase will take place inside the Smith House from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. One holiday house per child. If you have multiple children, you must register them individually.

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Winter Slime Making

Ages 8 – 14

Wednesday, December 2

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
November 25

Join us for this winter-full afternoon of slime making! Have fun making your own winter-themed versions! We will responsibly clean up our mess, but also have fun making it! This program is a great way to make new friends and try some new slime recipes for fun and stress relief! (LM)

Due to the variety of types/ingredients of slime, please note all allergies when registering.

Valentine's Slime Making

Ages 8 – 14

Wednesday, February 10

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
February 3

Join us for this warm and cheerful afternoon of slime making! Have fun making your own Valentine's Day-themed versions! We will responsibly clean up our mess, but also have fun making it! This program is a great way to make new friends and try some new slime recipes for fun and stress relief! (LM)

Due to the variety of types/ingredients of slime, please note all allergies when registering.

Soup & Sammies

Ages 8 – 15

Thursday, January 28

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$28 residents, \$36 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 21

Warm up on a winter day! Learn a new skill with Katie Blauser from Eat Pretty Darling! Participants will make the ultimate comfort food lunch combo, baked grilled cheese and tomato soup! (KT)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.



Creative Crafting

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, December 10, January 14

AND/OR February 11

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: One week before
each session

Try new art skills during this fun crafting program based on nature themes. Each session will have different options for participants to choose from and allow them to work independently or get creative together! (LM)



Dungeons and Dragons: The Return!

Ages 12 – 17

Wednesdays, January 6 – 20

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Monday,
December 21

By popular demand, our teen Dungeons and Dragons mini-campaigns are back! Each week is a new campaign. Teens will have the chance to socialize and share characters. Light snacks and water will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring snacks/beverages that they would enjoy during this time. (TE)

The first session will be used as character creation.

It is encouraged that participants join for this session, but it is NOT mandatory. Please bring a completed character sheet to the mini-sessions if you do not attend the character creation!



Conservation Crew: Reseeding and Restoration

Ages 12 – 17

Session A

Friday, January 8

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 6

The Grant Park McEwen prairie is ready for some new native seeds! We will start our time together by sowing native grass and wildflower seeds in the meadow. The remaining time will be spent cleaning and packaging the rest of the seeds. All Conservation Crew sessions qualify for volunteer service hours. (KL)

Session B

Tuesday, February 2

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 31

The Seed Nursery is getting some new species! We will start our time together by sowing wildflower seeds in the Nursery. The remaining time will be spent cleaning and packaging the rest of the seeds. All Conservation Crew sessions qualify for volunteer service hours. (KL)



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Young Birders Club: Southwest Ohio Chapter Meetings

Ages 12 – 18
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

December Meeting

Saturday, December 12

Registration code: 01-30240-A

The Habitat Environmental Center

3036 Bellflower St., Kettering, OH 45409

January Meeting

Saturday, January 16

Registration code: 01-30240-B

Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm

1000 Aullwood Rd., Dayton, OH 45414

February Meeting

Saturday, February 20

Registration code: 01-30240-C

The Habitat Environmental Center

3036 Bellflower St., Kettering, OH 45409



Kettering PRCA and Centerville-Washington Park District are collaborating to bring the joy of bird watching to our youth. Bird watching

and identification is a fun and rewarding hobby and also a great place to make friends.

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

The winter session of the Southwest Chapter is hosted by The Habitat at Kettering. Register at playkettering.org/.

(KL)



FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Winter

POPUP

Park Challenge



All ages

Begins Tuesday, December 1

The Pop-Up Park Challenge is back for more winter-themed fun! Throughout the winter months we'll be posting challenges on our Facebook page. Complete eight out of ten posted pop-up park challenges on your own, or with family and friends, and win a \$20 gift card to My Favorite Muffin! In addition, each winner will be entered into a grand prize drawing!

Most challenges will involve visiting a specific park location to fulfill a task or to find a landmark. Other challenges will involve attending one of our winter events! You won't know the challenge until the challenge time clock begins, and then you'll have a deadline to complete it! Post a photo in the comments of each Facebook post proving challenge completion.

Like us on Facebook to get more updates about this winter's Pop-Up Park Challenge!

Registration is not required. One prize per household. (LJ)



Family Holiday Workshop: Ornament Painting

Ages 5 – 12 with adult companion

Thursday, December 3

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Fee/child: \$36 residents, \$44 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
November 26

Kick off December with an evening of creativity, cozy treats and handmade memories! Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush for a festive family workshop where you'll paint your own ceramic ornaments while enjoying light cozy refreshments. Whether your style is whimsical winter or merry and colorful, you'll have the freedom to create ornaments that are uniquely yours and treasured for years to come. Each registration includes three ceramic ornaments of your choosing, all painting supplies with step-by-step guidance and a warm seasonal treat! (KT)



Whose Clues?

All ages

Saturday, December 5

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
December 3

Hoof marks from a deer, paw prints from a raccoon or the feather from an owl are all evidence of animal life in our parks! Join us on an exploratory hike as we learn how to search and identify animal tracks and other signs of wildlife throughout your park! (JR)

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.

Do You Want To Paint a Box Turtle?

All ages

Pick up plywood box turtle: Monday, November 23 – Monday, December 7

Return finished box turtle: Monday, December 14 – Monday, December 28

Activity Center Park, Headquarters (near Bin A)

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Monday, December 7

Spot, the Park District Snowman, is excited to visit his box turtle buddies in the parks. The turtles decided to decorate their shells with their favorite CWPDP things to do as a surprise for Spot. Can you guess what each turtle loves to do in the parks?

Households can register to paint a plywood animal using the above prompt. After painting, turn your turtle in to enter it in the Spot the Snowman' Spot the Turtles Scavenger Hunt contest for a chance to win a prize!

Scavenger hunt participants will cast votes for their favorite turtle. Winners of the painting contest will be announced on February 24, 2027. Prizes will be awarded for 1st – 5th place, staff pick and a random drawing. (KL)

Please review all contest rules for decorating your box turtle when registering. Box turtles may only be painted. Do not add items with adhesive that could fall off, use glitter of any form or alter the shape of your entry. Items turned in that break these rules may still be featured but will be ineligible for a prize. One plywood entry per household.

Spot the Turtles Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Thursday, January 7 – Wednesday, February 17

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 10

(Clues are emailed every Thursday. Registering late will mean some missed clues.)

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Each week, participants will receive a clue to go out in your parks to search for the turtles. Turtles will only be hiding at each park for one week! Scan the QR code on the sign next to Spot the Snowman to log which turtles were in the park. Each week that you log turtles gets you another entry into our raffle for some turtle-themed prizes! After the hunt, a turtle round-up with images of each turtle will be emailed to you so you can vote for your favorite entry. (KL)



Seed Stocking Stuffers

All ages

Thursday, December 10

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$2 residents, \$3 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 8

Create native seed balls to hand out as a holiday gift to friends and family. Each household will make 12 seed balls, cut fabric squares for wrapping paper and make labels for their gifts. We will have lessons on planting native plants and about the species included in the seed balls. (KL)



Grow Together Garden Club

All ages

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Grow Together 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! Families will share some of their recent garden experiences as we learn the basics of food planning, planting and harvesting our gardens.

Garden Art

Saturday, December 12

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 10

During this winter session, we will talk about how our native gardens help wildlife, start native wildflower seeds and make some colorful art. (KL)

Planning for Veggies

Friday, February 5

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 3

While the focus of the club is native plant gardening, we will be heavily focused on food production during this session! Families will learn about and plan out their veggie gardens for the upcoming season. (JR)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.**

Tea Party in the Park

Ages 3 and up with adult companion(s)

Sunday, December 13

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, December 7

It's a tea party in the park! Gather your family and join us for a day of crafts, stories, family activities and of course, a delightful tea party! All families will share tea sandwiches and mini desserts with their loved ones, while staying warm and cozy in the Community Room. (KF)

All major food allergens could be present in this class.

Woodpecker Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Saturday, December 19

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,

December 17

Do you know all seven native Ohio woodpecker species? Can you spot the difference between a Hairy Woodpecker and a Downy Woodpecker? Join us on a hike as we find habitats and learn more about each of these native birds. Each family will receive their own woodpecker flip guide. (KL)

Do Birds Get Cold?

All ages

Saturday, January 9

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook Entrance

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,

January 7

Before hitting the trail to find some winter birds, let's talk about how they stay warm in cold weather. Feathers aren't the only tricks they have up their sleeves! (KL)



Seed Starters: Mini Greenhouses

All ages

Wednesday, January 13

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, January 11

In this family workshop, we will make mini greenhouses out of milk and water jugs and sow some native seeds! After constructing the houses, select the species that will work best in your yard and learn how these amazing plants are adapted to the cold Ohio weather.

(KL)



Color Crazy Animal Adaptations

All ages

Friday, January 22

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, January 18

Wildlife exists in a variety of colors and patterns to survive in their given habitats. Learn about these colorful adaptations and their respective habitats as we create our own adapted creatures to take home. (JR)



Family Camping 101

All ages

Thursday, February 4

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 31

A cozy, indoor introduction to camping as a family. Learn basic camping skills that you and your loved ones can use on your next family camp-out — tent set-up, how to start a campfire and more! (KF)

Fish You'll Find at CWPD

Ages 13 and up

Wednesday,

February 24

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park,

Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday,

February 19

Do you love going fishing, but struggle to recognize and prepare for the fish in your area? Come learn about native species in your BIG backyard while enjoying light refreshments. We welcome people of all skill levels and encourage you to bring your own advice and experience to share with folks! (TE)



Pinecone Painting

All ages

Saturday, February 27

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 25

Winter is the perfect time to collect pinecones. Learn the difference between an open and a closed pinecone, why trees need pinecones, and how to use them to create a unique take-home craft! (KL)



Forts in the Forest

All ages

Sunday, February 28

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Forest Walk Park

7570 Forest Brook Blvd.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, February 22

Build forts with what nature provides — sticks, leaves, mud or snow! Discover the fun of using nature to make a shelter as a family. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative use of materials, most livable and most woodland fairy-tastic. At the end of the program, we will take a commemorative picture and learn the proper way to give your creation back to nature. (KF)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

Stitch a Snowflake

Ages 14 and up

Tuesday, December 1

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 24

Learn the basics of cross stitch as you learn about the science of snowflakes! Pick out your pattern as we learn about how and why snowflakes are so unique! All materials are provided — no cross stitch experience necessary. (JR)

New!

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop

Ages 16 and up

Friday, December 4

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$28 residents, \$37 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, November 20

Ukrainian Egg Decoration uses waxes and other mediums to decorate real chicken eggs with nature and folk designs. This style of painting has been done for hundreds of years in Eastern and Central Europe. Learn this ancient process from local teaching artist of more than 20 years, Ginny Baughman. Join us for this unique class and take home your own beautifully decorated egg! (KT)

Stitched Felt Ornaments

Ages 14 and up

Monday, December 7

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 1

Join us for a felt-filled evening of making ornaments! We will be using basic stitch techniques to create shaped ornaments with a whimsical touch! (LM)

Warm & Fuzzies:

Winter Needle Felting

Ages 16 and up

Tuesdays, December 8, January 12, and February 9

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Fee/person: \$32 residents, \$42 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, December 1

Join us for some cozy winter crafting with this needle felting series! We'll cover the basics of needle felting and guide you through new needle felting skills. Each class, we will create a new winter-themed project! No prior experience is needed and all supplies will be provided. Projects for this session are a Frosty the Snowman, cardinals, and a 2D winter forest. (KT)

Glass Fusing

Ages 16 and up

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

Winter Ornaments

Thursday, December 17

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fee/person: \$35 residents, \$50 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, December 10

Kick off the holiday season and spend a relaxing evening creating beautiful fused glass ornaments perfect for gifting or adding to your own holiday décor. You'll create three unique ornaments during this beginner-friendly class, choosing from a variety of styles, colors and designs. (KT)

Birch Trees

Thursday, January 7

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

AND/OR

Wednesday, January 20

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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.

Wildflower Suncatcher

Thursday, February 25

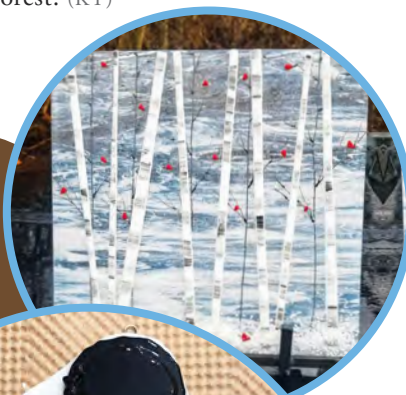
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 18

Create a 4.5" x 9" suncatcher to highlight the upcoming spring wildflowers. Kathy Woodruff from Busy Beaver will provide the supplies. Beginners and returners are welcome in this unique class! (KT)

All glass fusing projects will be available for pick up from Park District headquarters approximately one week after class. You will receive an email when they are ready to be picked up.



Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.



Land-based Crafting: Visible Mending

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, January 9

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

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Saturday, January 2

Experience the art of visible mending with Beth Bridgeman, a full-time maker and weaver from Yellow Springs, Ohio. What if worn fabric, damage, rips and tears were an opportunity rather than a problem? Mending is a skill that teaches not only a form of fiber art but contradicts the culture of use-and-waste. Learn about sashiko and boro stitching, the creation of playful embroidery figures to cover worn areas and how to make creative patches. Bring your clothing in need of repair, or simply try out the skill on provided scrap fabric. All materials will be provided. (KF)

Winter Tree ID

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, January 9

(Rain date: **Saturday, January 23**)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 7

A naturalist will point out tips for identifying trees in winter and fun facts about their life history! The hike is on a natural path. (KL)

Serene Scenes: Postcard Painting

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, January 16

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person: \$21 residents, \$28 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Saturday, January 9

Settle in for a cozy, creative evening! Spread winter cheer by creating watercolor postcards! Use watercolor paint pens to bring a pre-outlined wintery scene to life or create your own work of art by creating your own design! Enjoy a hot chocolate and sweet treat while you create your postcard. (KT)

Woodburning Workshop

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, January 23

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **OR** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 15

Let's make a woodburning project! Participants will choose from three different handmade project options: 3 mini spoons, a bookmark or a cooking spatula. Working with professional pyrography artist Christine Shade of WrinkleFrinkle, participants will bring their designs to life. All materials will be provided! Leave this workshop with your completed wood-burning masterpiece(s). (KF)

Both sessions are identical. Please only register for one session.



Gardening for Birds with Deeply Rooted Landscapes

Ages 14 and up

Friday, January 29

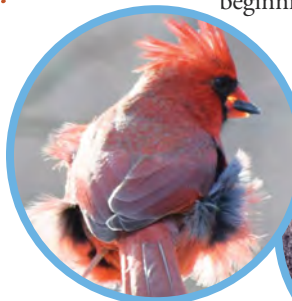
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 27

Learn how to attract birds to your yard by creating a bird-friendly garden with native plants. This talk focuses on providing the essentials birds need to thrive in your yard: a safe habitat, water and food. Discover the flowers, shrubs and trees that offer food for birds directly or support the insects they eat, and learn why eliminating insecticides is critical for sustaining a healthy bird population. Take home a plant list and resources for beginning birdwatchers. (KL)



Welcoming the New Photographer

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, January 30

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook

6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Saturday, January 23

Winter is a magical time to notice the small details in nature. Join local artist and educator Heather Ballard to explore the frosty features of Grant Park. Learn the basics of exposure, camera settings and composition. Bring your fully charged camera and memory card. This class is open to photographers with all types of cameras — from DSLRs to smartphones! (KT)

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

~Lao Tzu

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.



Watercolor Painting: Using Resist Techniques

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, January 30

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 24

Create stylized nature paintings using resist techniques with visual artist and designer Renee Hopson. We will explore a variety of techniques while creating our paintings. You will leave the class with two stylized nature-themed paintings! (KF)

This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All supplies will be provided.

Continuous Line Drawing & Watercolor Washes Class

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, February 27

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, February 21

Visual artist and designer Renee Hopson will guide you through combining floral-themed continuous line drawings with watercolor washes to create a unique aesthetic. This technique will increase observation and drawing skills. (KF)

This class is best for beginner to intermediate level participants. All supplies will be provided.

3D Embroidery: Snowflakes!

Ages 16 and up

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, February 12

Join us for winter wonder crafting! Discover different techniques to make your embroidery POP! We'll learn to create three-dimensional embroidered snowflakes using felt, wire, thread and embellishment beads. Before we thread our needles, we'll take a short walk around Activity Center Park to find natural inspiration (weather permitting). Each participant will leave class with an in-progress stump work embroidered snowflakes project. (KT)

Warm Hearts: Couples Evening

Ages 16 and up

Friday, February 19

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

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

Registration deadline: Monday, February 15

Warm up with your special someone during a night out in the park! Start the evening with an intentional, self-guided night hike lined with deep-dive questions to spark conversation. Then, get out of the cold and into the Smith House for a hot chocolate bar, games and crafts, or head outside to enjoy a cozy bonfire together. This is a night for couples young and old! The night hike trail will be paved and lit for easy navigation. (KF)

Looking for something to do with the kids while out on this special night? Register them for Owlexander's Cinema, happening the same evening!

Companion Planting

Ages 16 and up

Friday, February 26

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee/person: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 24

Plant beets next to your beans and watch magic happen! Learn the science of companion planting in your gardens and how it may help keep pests away, produce better harvest and more. (JR)

The Search for the Oldest Tree

Ages 14 and up

Saturday, February 27

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Grant's Trail Entrance

616 Grant's Trl.

Fee/person: \$1 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 25

Explore various locations to identify, learn about, and calculate the age of CWPDP trees. Due to different growth patterns, the biggest tree isn't always the oldest! This program is excellent for participants of all stages of tree knowledge. (KL)



New!

New!



Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.

ADULT WELLNESS

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, December 1 – February 25

(no walk December 24)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors and enjoy sunshine and fresh air while meeting other walking enthusiasts. These are self-guided walks around your community parks! Walking helps maintain a healthy weight, increases energy, lifts your spirits, strengthens memory and protects from heart disease and high blood pressure. Enjoy reduced stress, improved 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/>. (MB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.

Nordic Walking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, December 1 – February 26

(no walk December 25 or January 1)

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 Nordic walking enthusiasts to trek through the parks during this self-guided meet-up program! Staff and volunteers will join in periodically.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the Nordic Walking schedules on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/> (MB)

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

Nordic Walking Meet-Up with Pole Rental

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Fridays, December 1 – February 26

(no walk December 25 or January 1)

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 winter. A limited number of rental poles are available. (MB)

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, December 2 – February 24

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee/person: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this winter! What better way than through guided hikes? 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/>. (MB)



Fitness for Longevity

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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

Session A

Wednesdays, December 2 – January 6

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

Registration deadline: Monday, November 30

Session B

Mondays, December 7 – January 11

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

Registration deadline: Friday, December 4

Session C

Wednesdays, January 13 – February 17

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

Registration deadline: Monday, January 11

Session D

Mondays, January 25 – March 1

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 22

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. (MB)

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

Tai Chi

Ages 18 and up
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

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

Session A

Thursdays, December 3 – January 21

(no class December 24 or 31)

Registration deadline: Monday,
November 30

Session B

Thursdays, January 28 – March 4

Registration deadline: Monday, January 25

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 into the martial aspects of the practice. Each session focuses on slow, intentional movement, mindful breathing and improved body awareness. (MB)

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.



HAVE YOUR OWN PROGRAM IDEA?

Be part of the 2027 CWPD program lineup! From art to fitness (and everything in between), we're always looking for new contracted instructors to bring fresh ideas to the community. Fill out the program proposal form on cwpd.org/careers to share your talent and connect with fun people of all ages!



Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/session/person: \$52 residents,
\$67 nonresidents

Session A

Saturdays, December 5 – January 16

(no class Saturday, December 26)

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
December 2

Session B

Saturdays, December 5 – January 16

(no class Saturday, December 26)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
December 2

Session C

Mondays, December 7 – January 11

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, December 4

Session D

Saturdays, January 23 – February 27

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
January 13

Session E

Saturdays, January 23 – February 27

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Wednesday,
January 13

Session F

Mondays, January 25 – March 1

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, January 22

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

Gentle Yoga

Ages 18 and up

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Grant Park, Kennard Nature Nook
6588 McEwen Rd.

Fee/person/session: \$48 residents,
\$63 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, January 5 – February 23

Registration deadline: Friday, January 1

Session B

Thursdays, January 7 – February 25

Registration deadline: Monday, January 4

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. (MB)

Kickstart Your Fitness Resolution!

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, January 5

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 1

Wanting to be more active in 2027? Let's kickstart your new year's resolution with a workshop designed to give you ideas, provide planning materials and offer support to design your own fitness plan. Participants will learn about opportunities offered within CWPD that keep you fun, healthy and active in your BIG backyard! (AB)

New!

Online resident registration begins
Monday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, December 9 – February 3

(no classes December 30, January 13 and 20)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, December 6

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. (MB)



Dance Fitness with Emily

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, January 19 – February 23

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Sunday, January 10

This class is a total body workout designed to bring people (like you!) together through music and dance. We dance to various styles of music (Latin, hip hop, pop, global rhythms, etc.) which provides a good mix of low to high-intensity moves. There are no wrong moves ... just keep moving with the cues! Instructor Emily Chandler strives to make this class high-energy and a lot of fun! We can guarantee you'll leave this class feeling great! (MB)



Better Health:

A New Year's Guide to Aging Well

Ages 18 and up

Friday, January 8

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 6

Start the new year with a plan to build strength, improve your health and stay active for years to come! Learn how strength, aerobic fitness, anaerobic power, balance, bone health, nutrition and daily movement directly impact your ability to continue doing activities you enjoy. David Herman, DC, CCSP, CCEP; Kuris Duggan, NASM-CPT, PBC; and Hannah Rastatter, MS, RD, LD of Ohio Sport & Spine will break down simple, safe exercises and realistic lifestyle habits that support heart health, muscle power, joint function, proper fueling and fall prevention. You'll leave with clear, achievable strategies to use right away. Build lasting habits that support your long-term health and independence! (MB)



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

Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.

Beginner Pickleball Lessons

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays, January 12 – February 9

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

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

Registration deadline: Friday, January 8

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 5-week lesson is designed for the beginner player looking to develop basic skills to move up to a more competitive level of play. (MB)

This program will be held indoors with adapted lessons during winter.

The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks. Visit cwpd.org for detailed information and a map to each park.

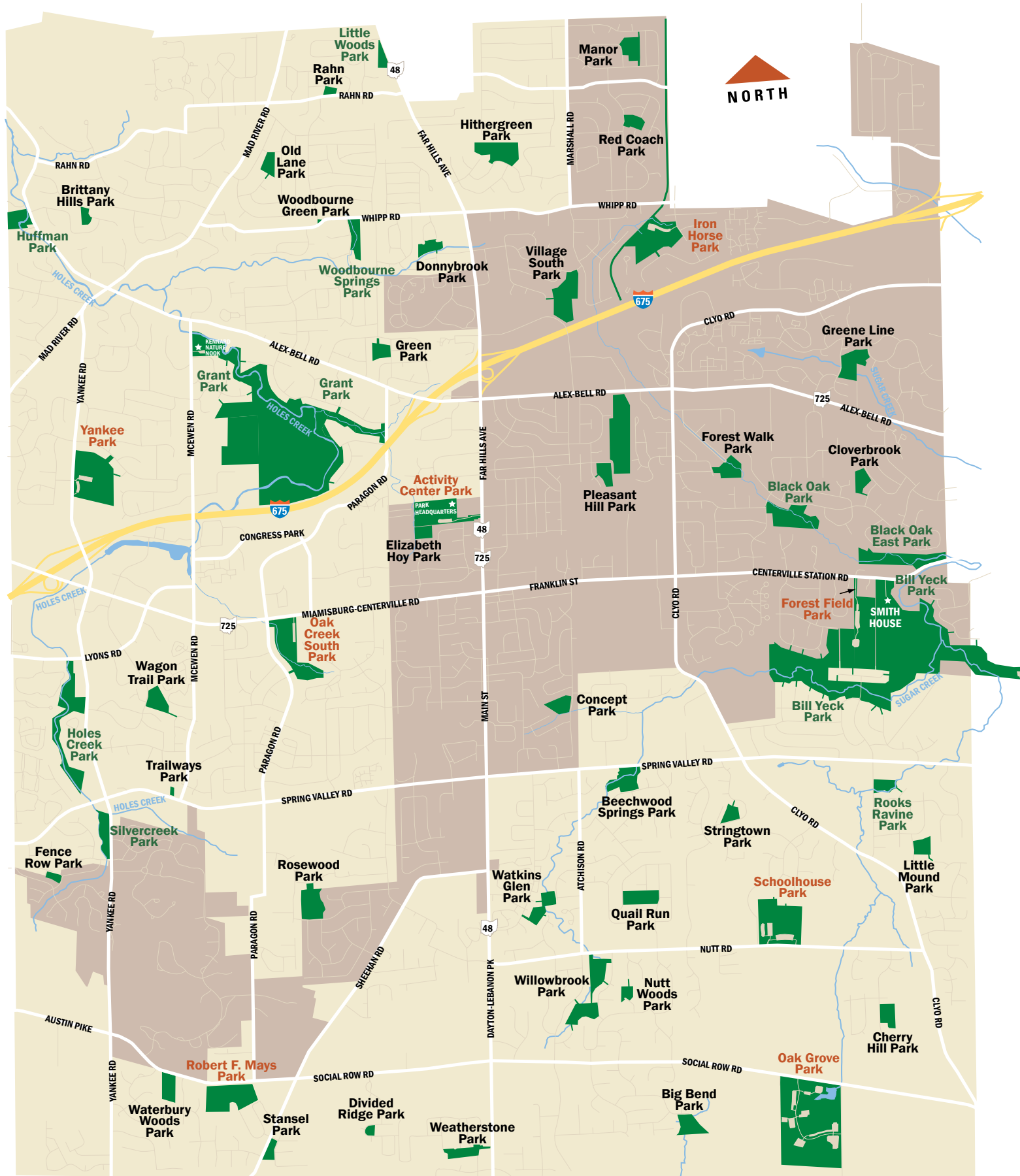
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER

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 set up 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 November 9.

Online

Visit <https://cwpd.recdesk.com> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on November 9. 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 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.

Online Resident Registration Begins
Monday, November 9
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, November 16
at 10:00 a.m.



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