



Annual Report 2023



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Introduction

Division Staff

Kim Farrell, Director
Zachary Wike, Assistant Superintendent
Jackie Dell, Secretary

The Parks Director and Assistant Superintendent work with numerous boards, volunteer organizations and individuals, contractors, businesses and committees in addition to managing the daily operations of the Division. The Secretary is instrumental to the daily operations of the Division.

Programs

Erin Harris, Recreation Program Supervisor
Shawnah Tibbs-Sargent, Recreation Coordinator

To provide athletic and leisure education opportunities, the Recreation Program staff plans, coordinates, staffs and supervises hundreds of leisure opportunities and special events. Seasonal employees are hired to meet the needs of the community during the summertime.

Senior Center

Tyler Barlage, Senior Center Supervisor
Krissi Fedkow, Senior Center Coordinator
Judy Lemke, Senior Center Secretary
Carol Weimer, Senior Center Recreation Aide

The Senior Center staff manages the operation of the Senior Center, including facility management, programs, and transportation. The Senior Center also benefits from the efforts of over one hundred valuable volunteers.

Parks Maintenance

Josh Kirschbaum, Section Leader
Kris Gearhart, Operator III
Jason Clymer, Operator II
Joel Sorah, Operator II
Tony Nuss, Operator I
Tim Clemons, PT Maintenance Worker
Derek Alley, PT Maintenance Worker
Ursula Kraus-Carey, PT Building Attendant
Missy Smith, PT Building Attendant

The division manages over 400 acres of public parks including playgrounds, athletic fields, bike hubs, fishing lake and skate park. Staff is supplemented during the growing season with seasonal employees.

Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Board

Eric Corbitt, Chairperson
Kristina Heaton, Vice Chairperson
Sharon Fulcher
Candi Meyer
Matt Schmidt

Public Meetings:
2nd Tuesday monthly
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Director's Message

The mission of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division is to deliver recreational experiences that enhance quality of life. As I reflect on the past year, I can't help but feel immense pride in what we have accomplished together. The spirit of the community has flourished within our park system and the echoes of laughter from families creating new memories are testaments to the joy our division brings to so many.

In 2023, our primary focus was Spring House Park, marking our most significant project of the year. The previously untouched land underwent a transformation, including the adoption of its new name, the formulation of a comprehensive master plan and the establishment of hiking trails made possible through the invaluable assistance of numerous volunteers.

In the upcoming year, we will persist in our dedication to creating family-friendly parks, enhancing the quality of programs and fostering improved connectivity.

Kim Farrell

Parks Director



Parks and Facilities

The City of Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Division operates and maintains 24 parks, the Beavercreek Senior Center, Lofino Plaza, C.I. Beaver Hall, four historical cabins, and a replica historical barn. Our division offers numerous benefits and services, and serves as gathering places for the community. For many residents, parks provide their primary access to the natural environment, and for all residents, a variety of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities. Access to these facilities helps promote the health and wellness of the community.

Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture



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MISSION

To deliver recreational experiences that enhance quality of life



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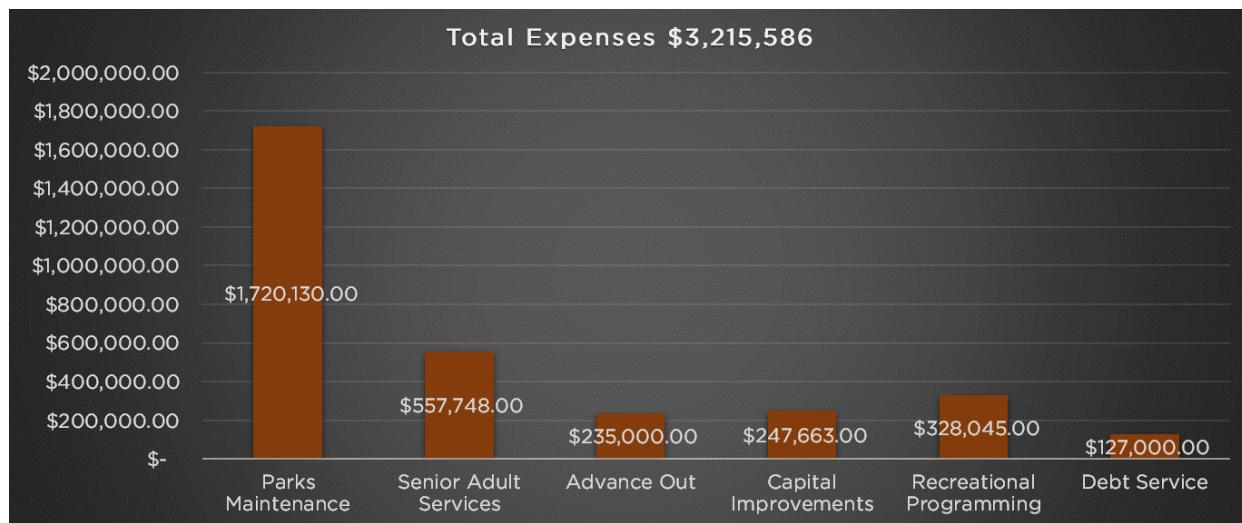
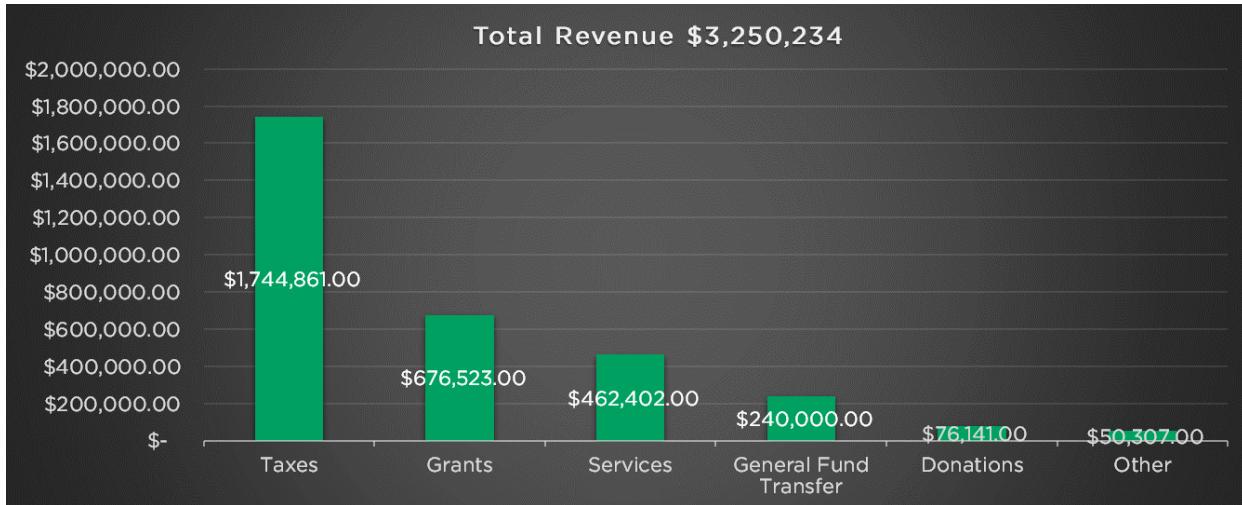
Building a happy and healthy community by connecting people to quality parks, engaging programs, and unique events



VALUES

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| Connectivity | Collaboration |
| Health and Wellness | Safety |
| Inclusion | Leadership |

Financials



Financial Summary

The 2023 financials returned to a more traditional year of revenue and operating expenses after seeing an irregular year in 2022. In 2022, revenue and expenditures saw a significant increase associated with the land acquisition for Spring House Park.

In fiscal year 2023, the largest share of revenue, or \$1.74 million, is generated through the 1.2 mill property tax levy. Additionally, the Parks Division obtained over \$676,000 in grant funding in 2023. Personnel costs account for the largest share of operating expenses at \$1.53 million of the total \$3.21 million in parks expenditures.

2023 Division Accomplishments

Senior Center

- Annual memberships are again at an all-time high; over 2,100 members by end of 2023
 - Total 503 members added in 2023
- The center offered more activities during evenings and weekends than ever before including pickle ball, yoga, meditation, arts & craft classes, etc.
- Record number of transportation trips: 11,440 trips in 2023 (9,000 in 2022)
 - 1,435 wheelchair trips (977 in 2022)

Recreation

- Event highlights:
 - Partnered with Police on National Night Out
 - Offered two children's entertainment puppet shows
 - Summer concert series welcomed over 1,700 people
 - Nearly 1,500 attendees at Winter Welcome at Wartinger Park
- Program highlights:
 - Adult softball women's league offered for first time
 - More summer camps than before with specialty camps (multiple offerings each week during summer)
 - Variety of new classes and programs including tree hike, line dancing and more

Parks

- Spring House Park
 - With the assistance of the community, Park Advisory Board, and City Council selected the name of this new parcel
 - Master plan completed with input from over 2,220 respondents
 - Plan meets most of the unmet needs of the community identified in the 2019 Parks Master Plan
- Improved Connectivity
 - Hiking trail development at Cinnamon Ridge Park and Spring House Park
 - Walking path completed at Gerspacher Park
 - Bridge replaced at Merrick Park
- Park Improvement Projects
 - Replaced roofs on all cabins at Wartinger Park
 - Renovated ball diamond 1 infield at Rotary Park
 - Stocked pond at Dominick Lofino with minnows
 - Installed gravel parking lot at Spring House Park
 - Landscape beds improved in Senior Center parking lot
 - 30 new trees planted
 - 700 yards of playground mulch installed at 9 playgrounds

Volunteerism 2023

Volunteers help the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division accomplish many things we could not do with our staff alone.

Volunteers help our community through scout projects, gardening and landscaping efforts, senior transportation, senior center operations, special event support, committees and boards, and much, much more. Thank you!



By the Numbers:

- Senior Center Volunteers
 - 160 volunteers
 - 29,331 volunteer hours
 - Transportation, front desk, kitchen, instructors/activity leaders, library, fitness, photos, events, etc.
- Parks Volunteers
 - Over 244 volunteers
 - 600 volunteer hours
 - 15 projects completed
- Recreation Volunteers
 - 64 volunteers
 - 331 volunteer hours
 - Volunteers helped at 12 different in-person events
 - Individuals and group volunteers gave time in a variety of roles, including:
 - Archery Instruction
 - Event set-up and facilitation
 - Photography
 - Holiday decorating

According to the Independent Sector, the 2023 estimated value of a volunteer is \$31.80 per hour.

Volunteers for the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division worked a total of 30,262 hours with an estimated value of \$962,332

2024 Goals and Objectives

In 2022, City Council adopted new strategic priorities. Goals and objectives for 2024 have been adopted in line with several of these priorities.

Family Friendly Parks

1. Quality Parks and Recreation Facilities: Provide a variety of parks that take advantage of existing assets and develop modern facilities that serve as destinations for community recreation.
 - a. Replace playground at Walnut Grove Park
 - b. Make ADA improvements at park and recreation facilities in accordance with the ADA transition plan
2. Improved Connectivity: Increase connectivity between parks, nature and the community.
 - a. Replace pedestrian bridge at Stafford Park
 - b. Install paved perimeter walking path at Virgallito Park with neighborhood access to Cold Springs Dr.
3. Attractive Programs and Quality Experiences: Offer a variety of recreational programs and events for users of all ages and abilities.
 - a. Seek additional partnerships (i.e. Tree Advisory Board, local universities, Master Gardeners, etc.) for two additional (new) nature programs
 - b. Offer two programs specifically geared towards younger adults
 - c. Offer one partnership program with Beavercreek Community Theatre
 - d. Make specific improvements to two events and communicate those to attract participation by individuals with disabilities
 - e. Add one new recurring program that runs in the evening at the Senior Center
 - f. Combine the garage sale and health fair to boost attendance and increase scope of these events



2024 Goals and Objectives

Right Sized Workforce and Diversified and Sustainable Revenue

1. Effective Management and Efficient Operations: Utilize efficient, proactive management of staff and fiscally sound strategies to promote an informed population and a safe environment at parks.

- a. Create career development plan for all recreation and senior center staff
- b. Update the employee training matrix and policy
- c. Recruit ten new volunteers in transportation
- d. Create and implement a strategy for reducing the number of trip denials in the transportation service
- e. Review and update the Cost Recovery Plan



Sponsorship 2023

Sponsors make our programs and events free or affordable for the community! Thank you to

- UES
- Premier Health
- DaySpring of the Miami Valley
- Village at the Greene
- Beavercreek Health and Rehab
- Kettering Health Network
- Day Air Credit Union
- Woolpert
- Traditions of Beavercreek
- Trinity Community at Beavercreek
- Greene Optimists Club
- Tree Care, Inc.
- Miller Pipeline
- Harmon Hospitality
- Springfield Masonic Community
- Northwood Assisted Living
- Brookdale Beavercreek
- Detmer & Sons
- Trim's Property Maintenance
- Synergy
- Brian Jarvis
- American Legion Post #763
- Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.
- Houser, Inc.
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- SIBCO, Ltd.
- DWA Recreation
- Metronet
- Dayton Children's
- IH Credit Union
- Beavercreek Women's League
- Homestead Village
- Reichley Insurance
- UA1
- Ann Birt
- Fishbeck
- Next Step Senior Transitions
- Keast Excavating & Plumbing
- Duncan Oil
- Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce
- FirstLight Home Care
- Trippensee Construction
- Family Hearing Centers
- Kingston of Miamisburg
- Dr. Joseph Kerre of Associates in Podiatry, Inc.
- Levin Porter Architects
- Milano's Pizza, Subs & Taps
- MJ Painting
- Remax
- Zimmer Tractor
- App Architecture
- Friendship Village
- Fyzical Centerville
- Garden County Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Gem City Nursing & Rehab
- Goodbye Neuropathy/HealthQuest of Centerville
- Greene County Council on Aging
- Greene County Public Library
- Harmony Hearing
- Keller Williams Community Partners
- Legacy Beavercreek
- Living Well Spine Center
- NovaCare Rehabilitation
- Oasis Senior Advisors
- Ohio Family Tree
- Suncrest Hospice
- The Ashford of Beavercreek
- The Oakes of West Kettering
- The Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio
- The Ridge of Beavercreek

- Washington-Centerville Public Library
- Xenia Hearing
- Mosaic Church
- City BBQ
- Rumpke
- Cincinnati Reds
- Kiwanis of Beavercreek
- Beavercreek Township
- Greene Optimist Club
- Beavercreek Lions Club
- TCA Graphics
- TJ Awards
- Beavercreek Historical Society
- Beavercreek Township Fire Department
- Crumbl Cookies
- Puzzles Plus
- Time to Escape
- Beavercreek Pizza Dive
- Ritter's Frozen Custard
- Chick-Fil-A
- Old Scratch Pizza
- FC Cincinnati
- McAllister's
- Reza's Coffee Roasterie
- Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau



