



Annual Report 2024



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Introduction

Division Staff

Zachary Wike, Director
Erin Harris, Assistant Director
Sophia Fleckenstein, Administrative Assistant

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

Recreation

Kayla Sensenbaugh, Recreation Programmer
Shawnah Tibbs-Sergent, 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

Kari Truax, 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 Operations

Allison Bush, Operations Supervisor
Josh Kirschbaum, Section Leader
Jason Clymer, Operator III
Joel Sorah, Operator II
Mark Dietz, Operator I
Kevin Humphries, Operator I
Tim Clemmons, PT Maintenance Worker
Vacant, PT Maintenance Worker
Ursula Kraus-Carey, PT Building Attendant
Vacant, PT Building Attendant

The Parks Operations staff 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

Kristina Heaton, Chairperson
Candi Meyer, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Douglas Goetz
Jennifer Haney Conover
Matt Schmidt

Public Meetings:

2nd Tuesday monthly
6:00 p.m.

Director's Message

As I reflect on the year 2024, it is clear that it was a period of significant transformation and growth for the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Division. Change was a constant theme, particularly following the resignation of our former Parks Director, Kim Farrell, in April. I had the privilege of stepping into the role of Parks Director, leading the division through a reorganization aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery.

These changes helped to further refine our team structure and expand our capacity to meet the growing needs of our community. However, this reorganization was just the beginning. Throughout the year, we experienced the retirement, transfer, and resignation of several employees, resulting in many new faces joining our team. Despite the challenges these changes presented, I am incredibly proud of how our staff came together. Everyone embraced new responsibilities, filled in gaps, and ensured that our service delivery wasn't negatively impacted throughout a period of transition.

2024 was also a year of notable achievement. We were honored to receive a \$1 million grant as part of Ohio HB2 One-Time Strategic Community Investment to begin development on Phase One of Spring House Park. This grant will fund the design services and the construction of an ADA-accessible playground, paved parking, and an entrance drive. While this grant is a tremendous accomplishment, we still face funding challenges to complete the full development of Phase One and the remaining phases of Spring House Park. We continue to work to secure additional resources to bring this vision to life.

We must also acknowledge the challenges we face moving forward. 2024 marked the fifth year of the current park levy, which remains crucial to maintaining our services and facilities. However, the failure of the 0.49 mill park levy in November has presented a financial hurdle. As a result, the 2025 parks budget reflects a reduction in capital expenditures totaling \$242,000, underscoring the importance of securing sustainable funding for the future.

Despite these challenges, our team remains steadfast in our commitment to delivering recreational experiences that enhance the quality of life. We are dedicated to overcoming these obstacles and continuing to provide valuable services that inspire healthy, active, and engaged lifestyles.

As we look to the future, I am confident that with the support of our community and the dedication of our staff, we will continue to grow and adapt to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Zachary Wike
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



VISION

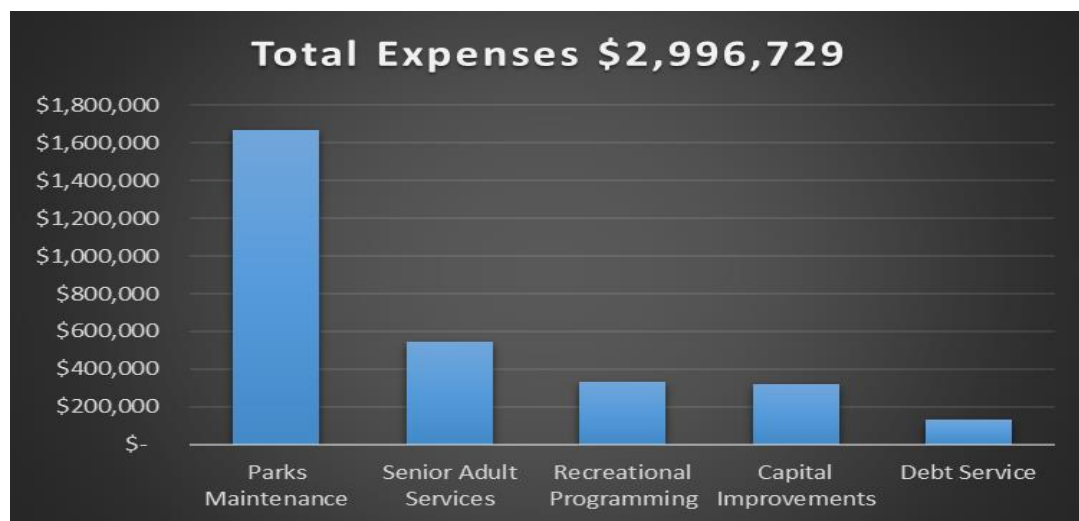
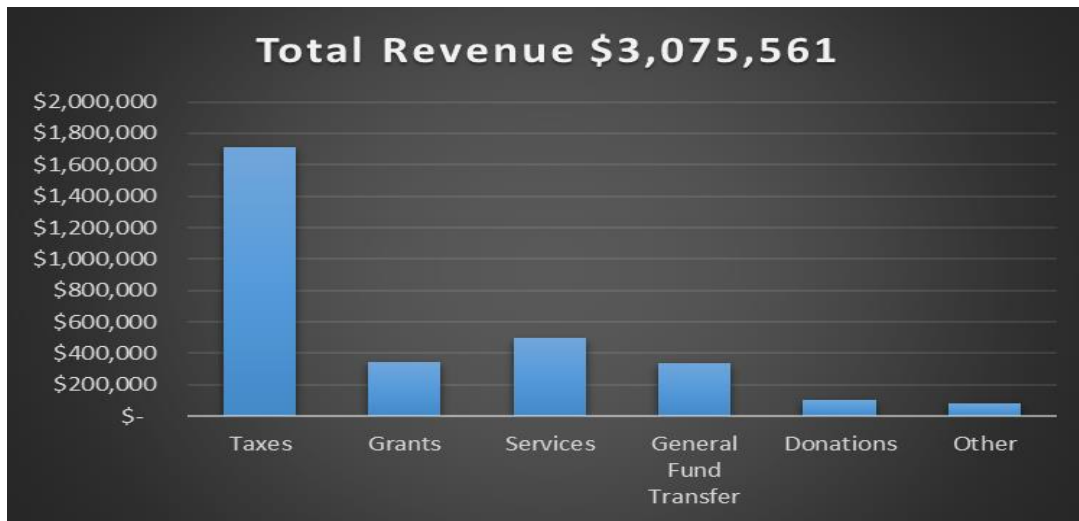
Building a happy and healthy community by connecting people to quality parks, engaging programs, and unique events



VALUES

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

Financials



Financial Summary

The 2024 financials listed above reflect the parks related revenue and expenditures in the 279 Park Levy Fund and the 750 Misc. Trust Fund. Fiscal year 2024 marks the fifth year of the current park levy. For the 2025 budget year, the Parks Levy Fund was projecting a deficit due to no additional revenue following the failure of the 0.49 mill levy on the November 2024 ballot. As a result, a reduction totaling \$242,000 in capital expenditures has been budgeted for 2025.

Not reflected above is the \$1,000,000 grant received stemming from Ohio HB2 One Time Strategic Community Investment. This grant will be used to begin development on phase one at Spring House Park. The 281 Spring House Park Fund was created for this project. In 2024, the \$1,000,000 grant revenue was certified with \$39,459 expended for design services. The remaining funds will be expended in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

2024 Division Accomplishments

Parks Reorganization

In 2024, the Parks Division went through a reorganization due to several staff retirements, transfers, and resignations. Two tenured employees were promoted and six new employees were hired to fill vacancies.

Senior Center

- Annual memberships are again at an all-time high totaling near 2,400
- Received a special grant from Greene County Council on Aging for fitness equipment, ping pong tables, speakers and new bingo cards
- Evening and weekend programming continues to increase year over year
- Purchased a new van with \$40,000 grant from Greene County Council on Aging, and over \$60,000 in donations
- Recruited 14 new transportation volunteers

Recreation

- Event highlights:
 - Over 8,000 people attended 4th of July
 - Summer concert series welcomed over 3,000 people
 - Completed ADA audits for events to identify improvements for 2025
- Program highlights:
 - Nearly 12,000 program registrations between recreation and senior center offerings
 - 600 registrations for Summer Day Camp
 - A variety of new programming offered including additional fitness and wellness, nature, and young-adult programs

Parks

- Spring House Park
 - Developed additional hiking trails at Spring House Park
 - Awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from Ohio HB2 One Time Strategic Community Investment to begin phase one development
- Improved Connectivity
 - Pedestrian bridge replaced at Stafford Park
 - Paved perimeter walking path at Virgallito Park
 - ADA improvements made throughout parks and at Senior Center to make facility amenities more accessible
- Park Improvement Projects
 - Replaced playground at Walnut Grove Park
 - Worked with Beavercreek Historical Society to construct restrooms at Wartinger Park
 - Laser graded ball diamonds at Rotary Park

Volunteerism 2024

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
 - 176 volunteers
 - 34,412 volunteer hours
 - Transportation, front desk, kitchen, instructors/activity leaders, library, fitness, photos, events, etc.
- Parks Volunteers
 - Over 115 volunteers
 - 362 volunteer hours
 - 7 projects completed
- Recreation Volunteers
 - 70 volunteers
 - 395 volunteer hours
 - Volunteers helped at 14 different in-person events
 - Individuals and group volunteers gave time in a variety of roles, including:
 - Archery Instruction
 - Event set-up and facilitation
 - Holiday decorating

According to the Independent Sector, the 2024 estimated value of a volunteer is \$33.49 per hour.

Volunteers for the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division worked a total of 35,169 hours with an estimated value of \$1,177,810.

2025 Goals and Objectives

In 2022, City Council adopted new strategic priorities. Goals and objectives for 2025 have been adopted in line with several of these priorities.

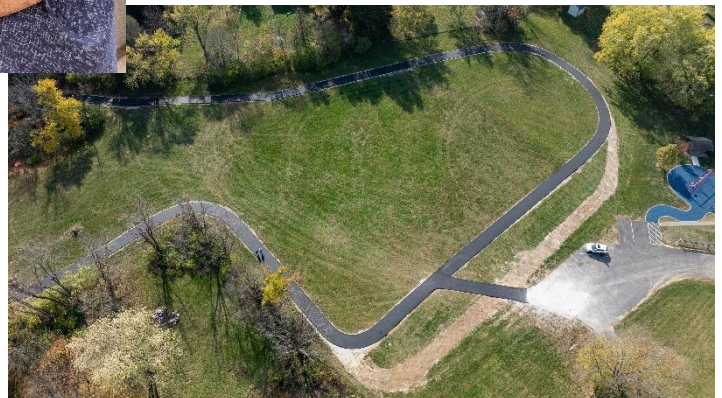
Family Friendly Parks

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. Install internet access and facility access control at CI Beaver Hall. (Q1)
 - b. Replace playground at Dominick Lofino Park with accessible playground features and surfacing. (Q3)
 - c. Implement Phase 1 development at Spring House Park. (Q4)
 - d. Modernize security and access control at C. I. Beaver Hall and Rotary Park. (Q2)
 - e. Install AED at Dominick Lofino Park. (Q3)
 - f. Renovate Senior Center front reception area to create ADA compliant space for guests, volunteers, and staff. (Q2)
2. Improved Connectivity: Increase connectivity between parks, nature and the community.
 - a. Increase transportation trips by 10% with addition of new vehicle and route. (Q4)
 - b. Install trail directional signage at Spring House Park. (Q1)
 - c. Manage and measure engagement at community outreach events to raise awareness of parks and programs, determine needs, and identify barriers to park experiences. (Q4)
3. Attractive Programs and Quality Experiences: Offer a variety of recreational programs and events for users of all ages and abilities.
 - a. Explore opportunities for additional week of summer camp in 2025 to help address camp demand and waitlists. Create plan for expanding summer camp in 2026. (Q4)
 - b. Partner with local businesses and organizations for three new engaging programs. (Q4)
 - c. Add additional concert night specifically targeting young adults and families. (Q3)
 - d. Implement two ADA improvements at community events (i.e. 4th of July layout, inclusive language) (Q3)
 - e. Host a 20th Anniversary party at the Lofino Center. (Q4)

2025 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. Implement one new strategy to increase volunteer projects through more responsive and efficient volunteer management. (Q3)
 - b. Create career development and training plan for all administrative parks staff. (Q1)
 - c. Utilize two new strategies for sponsorships:
 - i. Create and implement coordinated sponsorship plan for National Night Out with Police. (Q3)
 - ii. Create policy for corporate sponsorship and facility naming rights in parks. (Q4)
 - d. Facility rentals – implement two new strategies for efficiency of managing rentals including procedures for tours, payment, and key pick up. (Q4)
 - e. Update cost recovery policy. (Q1)
 - f. Update CAPRA re-accreditation standards ahead of first re-accreditation in 2026. (Q4).
 - g. Recruit 10 new volunteers in transportation. (Q4)



Sponsorship 2024

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

- The Joshi Family
- Tree Care, Inc.
- Duncan Oil
- Woolpert, Inc.
- Reichley Insurance
- Brian Jarvis
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- Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce
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- Trims Property Maintenance Services LLC
- Dean's Plumbing
- The Greene Optimists
- Metronet
- Beavercreek Women's League
- The Lofino Family
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ashford of Beavercreek
- Beavercreek Health and Rehab
- Assisted Living Navigators
- Beavercreek Post Acute
- Heartland Hospice
- Harmony Hearing Care
- Dayspring of the Miami Valley
- Kingston of Miamisburg
- Traditions
- Trinity Community at Beavercreek
- The Patterson
- Village at the Greene
- Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care
- Golden Years Advisory
- Wright Nursing
- Family Hearing Center
- Homestead
- Firstlight Homecare
- Vienna Springs
- TCA Graphics
- App Architecture
- Texas Roadhouse
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Old Scratch Pizza
- Dayton Dragons
- Cooper's Hawk Restaurant
- Beavercreek Pizza Dive
- City BBQ
- Mike's Car Wash
- Reza's Coffee
- Knollwood Garden Center
- Rooster's
- Giordano's Pizza
- Home Depot
- Casey's
- Cold Beer & Cheeseburgers

- Cassano's Pizza
- Cheescake Factory
- SGN Indoor Golf
- Off Par
- Chipotle
- Cincinnati Zoo
- COSI
- Puzzles Plus
- Chuy's
- University of Dayton Athletics
- Great Escape Game
- Beavercreek Lions Club
- Beavercreek Rotary Club
- Beavercreek Historical Society
- Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek
- TJ Awards
- Beavercreek Township
- Beavercreek Township Park District
- Mosaic Church
- Greene County Public Library

- Trio Healthcare
- Brookdale Senior Living
- Greene County Council on Aging
- Keller Williams Community Partners
- Washington-Centerville Public Library
- Home Experts Realty
- Bedrock at Home
- Trillnovo
- Arcadia Care at Dayton
- Wright Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
- We Care Arts
- Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers
- Alzheimers Association
- Southern Ohio Brewing
- Contempo Roast



