

CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE
PARKS & RECREATION



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REPORT

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WELCOME

I am excited to present this annual report, which reflects an incredibly eventful year for North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation. We are so fortunate to live, work and play in such a wonderful place as our City of North Ridgeville, where leisure comes alive with a myriad of fun activities for the whole family. North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation is committed to providing a balanced, sustainable and value-focused system of parks, recreation and open spaces that create a sense of community and meet the needs of our vibrant and growing community. Whether you choose to explore the beautiful outdoors or remain indoors where it's warm and inviting, rest assured that the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department is ready to assist you and meet your needs.

Among the highlights, the department completed the Initial phase of adding a fitness trail to Shady Drive Complex. Phase 2 of the trail was completed in November and was financed through CDBG money. In June we applied for a NatureWorks Grant to rehabilitate the tennis courts in South Central Park. We received notice in October that we were awarded the full County allocation of \$52,244. We are a department on the move! We are currently exploring options to build an outdoor family aquatic center through a Feasibility Study. Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. will be administering the study and we are looking forward to the results that will be presented to the community.

As our City continues to grow, the Parks & Recreation Department is leading the way in health, wellness and recreational opportunities. Many new and exciting prospects are on the horizon. We are thankful to our residents and partners who understand the value and importance of parks and recreation. You are invited to come and experience what the City of North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department has to offer.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Fougrousse

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Director of Parks & Recreation



We are committed to service, community, advancement, teamwork and fun.

Mission Statement

It is the objective of the City of North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department to provide affordable programs and services for all persons of all ages. We strive to enrich the quality of life for all residents by offering a variety of leisure activities, special events, cultural enrichment and education as well as providing opportunities for community involvement and wholesome recreational experiences.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Shady Drive Accessible Walkway – Phase 2

Funded through Community Development and Block Grant (CDBG) Phase 2 of the accessible walkway project at Shady Drive Complex was completed this past November by Infinity Paving. This 2 phase project that started in 2015 is aimed to provide park users a safe, accessible walkway. Our future goal is to secure additional funding that will allow us to connect the trail throughout the park so users have another trail system within their city.

Contractor: Infinity Paving

Project Cost: \$29,375.00

Funding Source: CDBG Grant

Splash Pad Fencing

Constructed in 2007 our splash pad is starting to show some wear and tear. The fencing that was initially installed was in desperate need of replacement. In the spring of 2016 All-Mark Fence installed a 6 ft. commercial grade fence to replace the residential fence that was installed in 2007.

Contractor: All-Mark Fence

Project Cost: \$13,950.00

Funding Source: Park & Recreation Improvement Fund



RECREATION



As the City of North Ridgeville continues to grow, so does the demand for recreational programming and activities. We continue to challenge ourselves to think outside the box of conventional programming that will have an impact on our community. We had a total of 10,006 individuals participate in a program or attend a special event.

Recreation Division Includes

- Tots
- Youth
- Adult
- Fitness
- Athletics
- Special Events

Athletics

- The Athletics Division reported 870 youth participants
- Our Junior Ranger Youth Basketball Program saw a 107 percent increase in participation over 2015, with 22 teams and 210 players.
- Our Junior Ranger Football Program saw a 72 percent increase in participation over 2015, with 4 teams and 83 players.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 5 percent decrease in participation over 2015. We had a total of 36 teams and 477 kids.
- Concessions operations took in \$20,042.00 worth of sales. It was a 52 percent increase from 2015.
- We continue our strong relationship with Jump Start Sports. They offer a wide variety of tot & youth athletic programs for ages 3-6. In 2016 we had 267 participants. This was a 17 percent increase in participation over 2015.

Fitness

- We reported 2,032 participants who registered for our fitness programs.
- Our group fitness participation decreased by 28 percent over 2015.
- Barre Bootcamp, Core Conditioning, and Mixed Level Yoga were added in 2016 to our extensive group fitness schedule.

Tot & Youth Programming

- In 2016 we added 6 new tot & youth programs
- Summer Adventure Camp registration numbers were 119 over 7 weeks.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 15 percent decrease from 2015.
- Summer Adventure Camp will experience some changes in 2017 to help grow camp and cater to the working family.
- Tots T-Ball for children ages 3-4 had total participation of 100. This was a 20 percent decrease over 2015.



Special Events

- 3rd Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 5 in South Central Park. Race participation totaled 373 runners and walkers. The 5K is one of our biggest fundraisers and in 2016 it raised \$7,580.00.
- The annual Daddy Daughter Dance welcomed 160 daddies and daughters for a fun evening of dancing. this represents a 15 percent increase from 2015.
- Our Zumbathon is a charity event where all proceeds went directly to Andrew Ody, son of North Ridgeville Police Officer Chris Ody. We raised \$516 and over The 3 years we have hosted the event for Andrew we Have donated over \$2,000 to help in his recovery.
- Tots Trick-or-Treat is for children ages 0-5. In 2016 we had 192 youngsters sign-up.



Adult

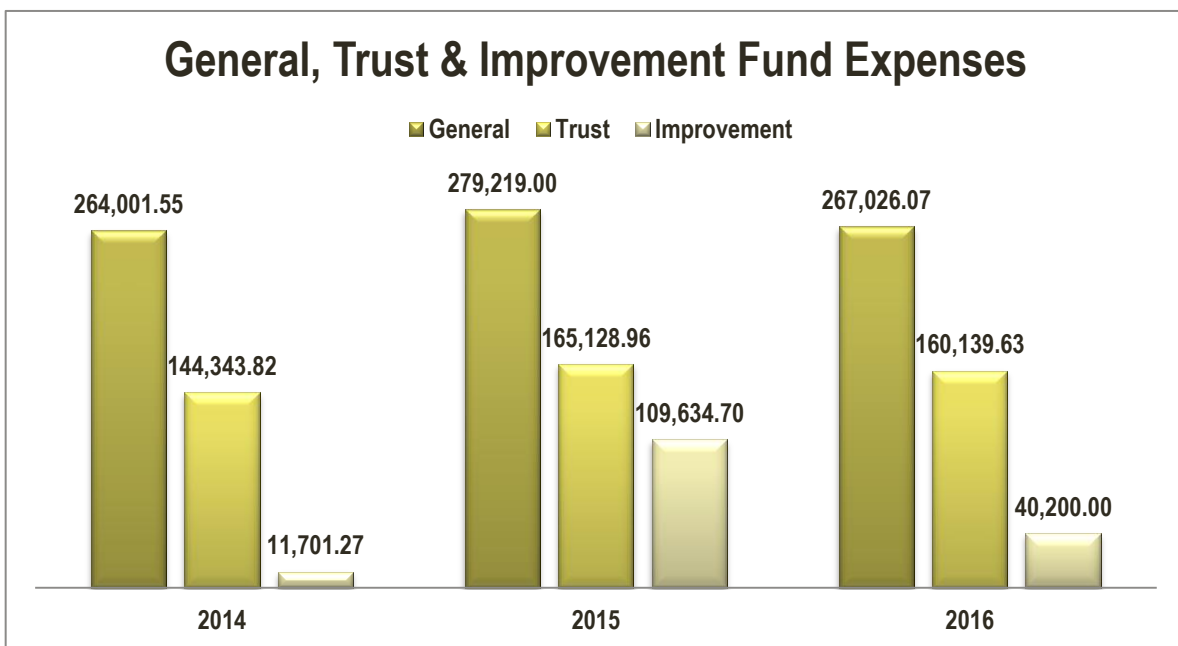
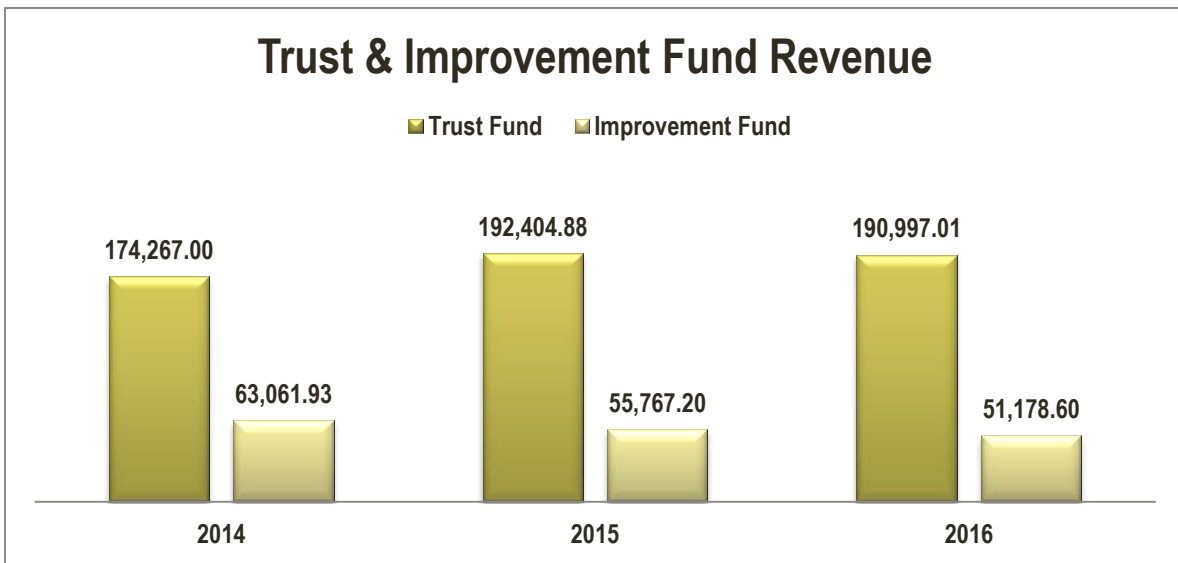
- 163 individuals participated in a wide variety of adult education classes in 2016. It was a decrease of 20 percent over 2015.
- Taught by Marie Josee-Gatian our Dog Training Program continues to be one of our stronger adult programs. Dog training saw an increase of 8 percent in participation over 2015.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



The Parks and Recreation Department operates on three funds: the general, the parks and recreation trust and the improvement fund. The parks and recreation trust fund is used for programming, seasonal & part-time staff, and capital projects. This interest bearing account has seen its revenue increase from \$94K at the start of 2011 to \$199K at the start of 2016. An increase of 111% in capital over the past 6 years. The improvement fund is used for capital projects and land acquisition. It receives revenues from an impact fee charged to individuals requesting a new dwelling permit.



Unaudited 2016 financial information

PARKS



In 2016 with the assistance of the Parks & Recreation Commission we implemented a Memorial Tree Program for our residents. The program was rolled out in the summer with planting taking place in the fall. Our first year we had 3 individuals purchase trees that have been planted at Shady Drive Complex.

Nate Corrigan with a financial donation of \$550 from Chuck Stella with Elite K911 built and installed 8 park benches in South Central Park around the trail. Nate completed the benches as part of his Eagle Scout Project.

Shady Drive Complex continues to be a destination for field, tournament and batting cage rentals. We had 5 teams rent the fields a total of 44 times for practices. Hosted 59 games by various organizations. Held 1 state softball tournament that had 66 teams at our location. Lastly we had 23 teams rent the batting cages a total of 133 times.

The Gazebo in South Central Park received a much needed face lift with the help of HandsOn NEO and their volunteers. Over the course of the summer and fall their group of volunteers painted the Gazebo to give it a fresh, updated look.

Pavilion rentals continue to grow and offer residents & non-residents a place to host an event. We had 223 individuals rent those spaces in 2016. Pavilion rentals increased by 47% over 2015.

South Central Park added over \$20K worth of amenities which included picnic tables, trash receptacles, rubberized mulch to the playground, rubber mats for the swings & slides, and a new tire swing. All these additions were made possible by the Lorain County Solid Waste Grant which is administered by our Utilities Department.

Seeing a need to spruce up existing signage in South Central Park and signage at City Hall, the Parks & Recreation Department formed a partnership with the NR Garden Club to maintain and transform these existing spaces. Dubbed the Beautification Team, this group of individuals kept the park signage and City Hall weed free and gorgeous all spring, summer and fall.

The Grounds Maintenance Staff updated lighting in South Central Park by installing cost-efficient LED lighting. A total of 12 new lights were installed on the facilities in the Park.

LOOKING AHEAD

South Central Park Tennis Court Rehab

- Estimated Project Cost: \$122,000

In October we received notice from ODNR that our NatureWorks Grant Application was approved. Through the NatureWorks Grant Program we received \$52K to rehab the existing 4 tennis courts and add 8 pickleball courts. With the courts serving a dual function our hope is to expand programming and visibility in our community.

Outdoor Family Aquatic Center Study

- Project Cost: \$15,000.00

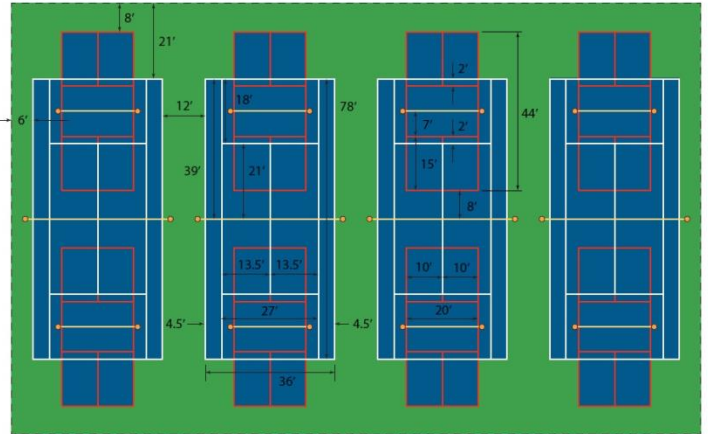
The Department of Parks & Recreation entered into a Service Agreement with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. to provide the city with a detailed study to examine the cost and feasibility of building an outdoor family aquatic center for our residents. The study, will take 3 months to complete. Once completed, this document will be a guiding force to build and run a facility of this magnitude that will serve our community for many years.

Movies In The Park

In 2017 the Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Movies In The Park. The Movies In The Park series will be FREE to the general public and held in South Central Park during the summer months.

City of North Ridgeville
South Central Park: Tennis Court Rehabilitation
Option 2: 4 Tennis Courts & 8 Pickleball Courts

ENVISION
11-29-2016



NOTES: All dimensions shown are typical.
Sleeves for removable net posts placed 3' offset from tennis doubles edge line and 1' offset from pickleball edge line.

