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ANNUAL REPORT



COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF

North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation



Message From The Director

The most vibrant cities around the world have a flourishing park and recreation systems, and North Ridgeville, Ohio is no exception. Offering quality recreation programming to the community was once again a top priority, and as a result numerous individuals were able to improve their quality of life by taking advantage of the many recreation activities offered to them.

The North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department is dedicated to serving the citizens through high quality recreational experiences. Our department continuously focuses on promoting and encouraging a healthy lifestyle by providing safe open spaces along with quality programs and special events. We are cognizant of the ever changing recreation landscape and make every effort to adapt to the latest needs of our community.

At the forefront of our department lies the incredible work of our dynamic staff. The department has achieved numerous accomplishments and it is with much appreciation that I would like to recognize the amazing employees and their selfless efforts. I am also very grateful for our many supporters, volunteers, non-profit agencies, and corporate sponsors who have tirelessly worked to promote healthy living in North Ridgeville. We look forward to sharing another year of memories, opportunities, and achievements with you.

Sincerely,
Kevin Fougousse
Parks & Recreation Director



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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.

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 3,620 individuals participate in recreation & leisure programs and 8,438 take part in our special events. Between our recreation, leisure programs and special events we totaled 12,058 participants.

ATHLETICS

- The Athletics Division reported 947 youth participants
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 9 percent increase in participation over 2016, with 23 teams and 229 kids.
- Our Jr. Ranger Football Program saw a 6 percent increase in participation over 2016, with 4 teams and 88 kids.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 10 percent increase in participation over 2016. We had a total of 38 teams and 525 kids.
- Concession operations took in \$17,527.15 worth of sales. Expenditures (supplies + staff) were \$17,829.47. We lost \$302.32 in 2017.
- We partnered with NRHS Wrestling to provide a youth wrestling program. We had a total of 50 kids participate between the beginners (36 kids) and advanced (14 kids) program.
- Our tot t-ball program saw a 40 percent decrease from 2016. We had a total of 60 kids participate. The decrease can be traced back to changes in our youth baseball-softball programs league breakdown.





TOT & YOUTH

- Tot & Youth Programming had 573 participants in 2017.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 31 percent increase from 2016. We had a total of 156 kids take part.
- Tumble Bugs & Rumble, Tumble & Roll had 82 little ones participate. This program only ran for 4 months. Every session was at maximum enrollment with a wait-list.
- In 2017 we added 07 new tot & youth programs.

ADULT

- We Had 299 participants take part in our Adult Education programs. This was an 83 percent increase from 2016.
- We partnered with Dr. Ankur Gupta of North Ridgeville Family Dentistry to host a series of seminars. In 2017 he held 09 seminars with 208 participants. That is an average of 23 per seminar.

GROUP FITNESS

- We had 1,758 individuals participate in our group fitness programs.
- Our group fitness participation decreased by 13 percent over 2016.
- We added the following programs in 2017: Circuit Training, Gentle Yoga, Phenomenal Abs, Tai Chi Balance, Ballroom Basics, and Senior Fit.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 4 in South Central Park. Race participation totaled 395 runners & walkers.
- This was a 5 percent increase over 2016.
- We started a Movies in the Park program in 2017. Schedule of 6 movies on Friday evenings.
- There was an estimated 300 individuals who attended this free event.
- Tots Trick-or-Treat is for youngsters ages 0-5. In 2017 we had 243 participants. This was a 26 percent increase over 2016.
- The annual Daddy Daughter Dance welcomed 168 daddies and daughters for a fun evening of dancing. This represents a 5 percent increase over 2016.

SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAM TOTALS:

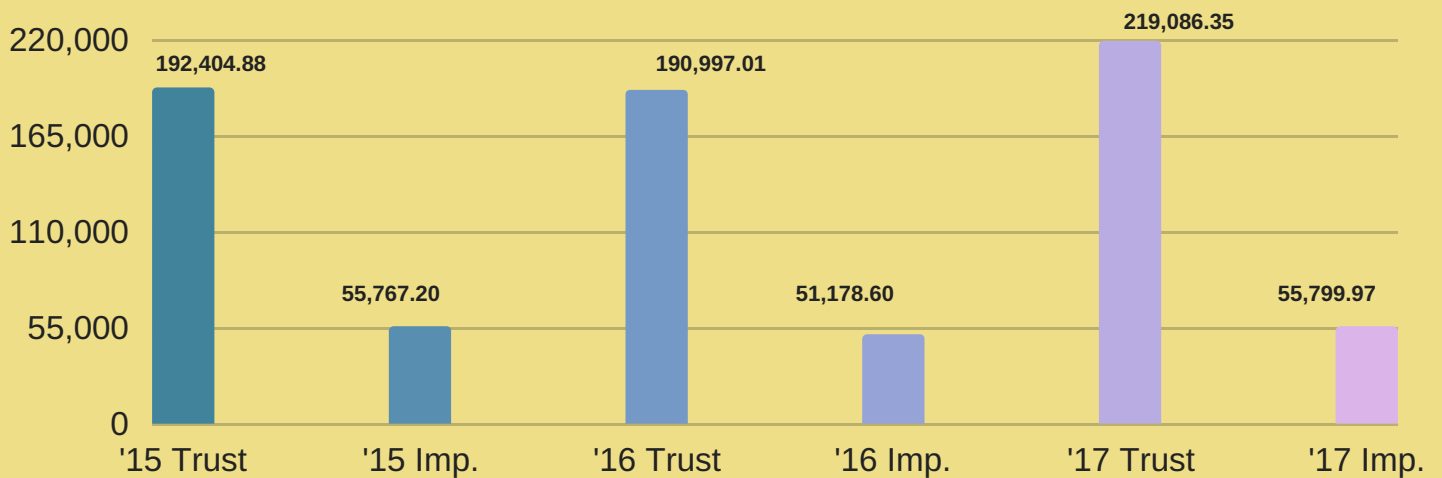
- Cleveland Stache Dash: 395
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 243
- Fishing Derby: 69
- Daddy-Daughter Dance: 166
- Zumbathon: 27
- Start Spangled Celebration: 5,000
- FallFest: 1,200
- Santa's Calling: 38
- Touch-A-Truck: 750
- Lorain County Pride Day: 100
- Christmas Tree Lighting: 150
- Movies In The Park: 300

GRAND TOTAL: 8,438

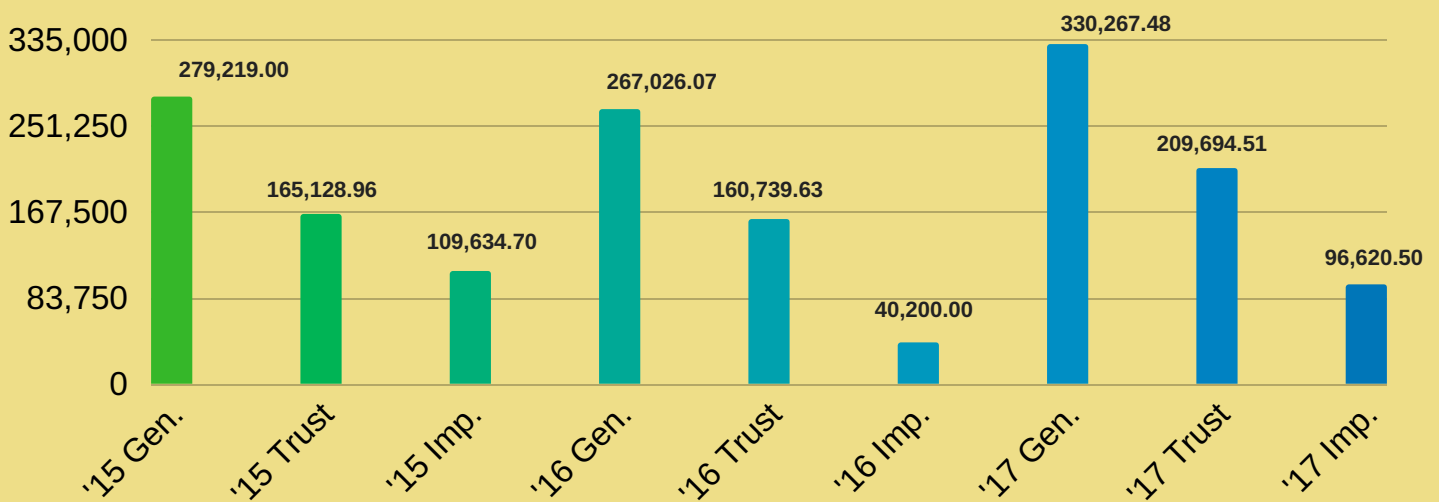
Financial Overview

The Parks and Recreation Department operates on three funds: general, trust and the improvement fund. The park and recreation trust fund is used for programming, seasonal & part-time staff along with capital projects. Our 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. Below is a 3 year breakdown of revenue and expenses.

Trust & Improvement Fund Revenue



General, Trust & Improvement Fund Expenses





Parks

- Pavilion rentals continue to grow and offer residents & non-residents a place to host an event. We had 166 individuals rent those spaces in 2017.
- Jaraka Rogers completed her Gold Award through Girl Scouts of America by painting the safetyville sign and shutters along with power washing the entire facility.
- Our Memorial Tree Program that was implemented in 2016 continues to provide a lasting impact in our parks. In 2017, 02 individuals purchased trees that were planted at Shady Drive. Over the last 2 years we have added 5 trees to Shady Drive to beautify the park.
- Bradley Fueglein completed his Eagle Scout Project by providing 03 first aid cabinets with supplies for Community Cabin, Safetyville & Shady Drive.
- Mason MacDonald completed his Eagle Scout Project by painting the restroom facilities located at the Soccer Complex.
- Shady Drive Complex continues to be a destination for field, tournament and batting cage rentals. We had a total of 28 practice, game, and tournament rentals. The batting cage was rented 28 times. Total revenue between games, practice, tournament, and batting cage rentals was \$12,455.00.

Capital Project

SOUTH CENTRAL PARK-TENNIS COURT REHAB

In 2016 the Department of Parks & Recreation received \$52,244 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program. The grant money was used to refurbish the existing tennis courts at South Central Park. In August the project was awarded to Chagrin Valley Paving with work beginning in the fall. Residents & Non-Residents will now have access to 04 tennis courts that can be switched over to 08 pickleball courts.

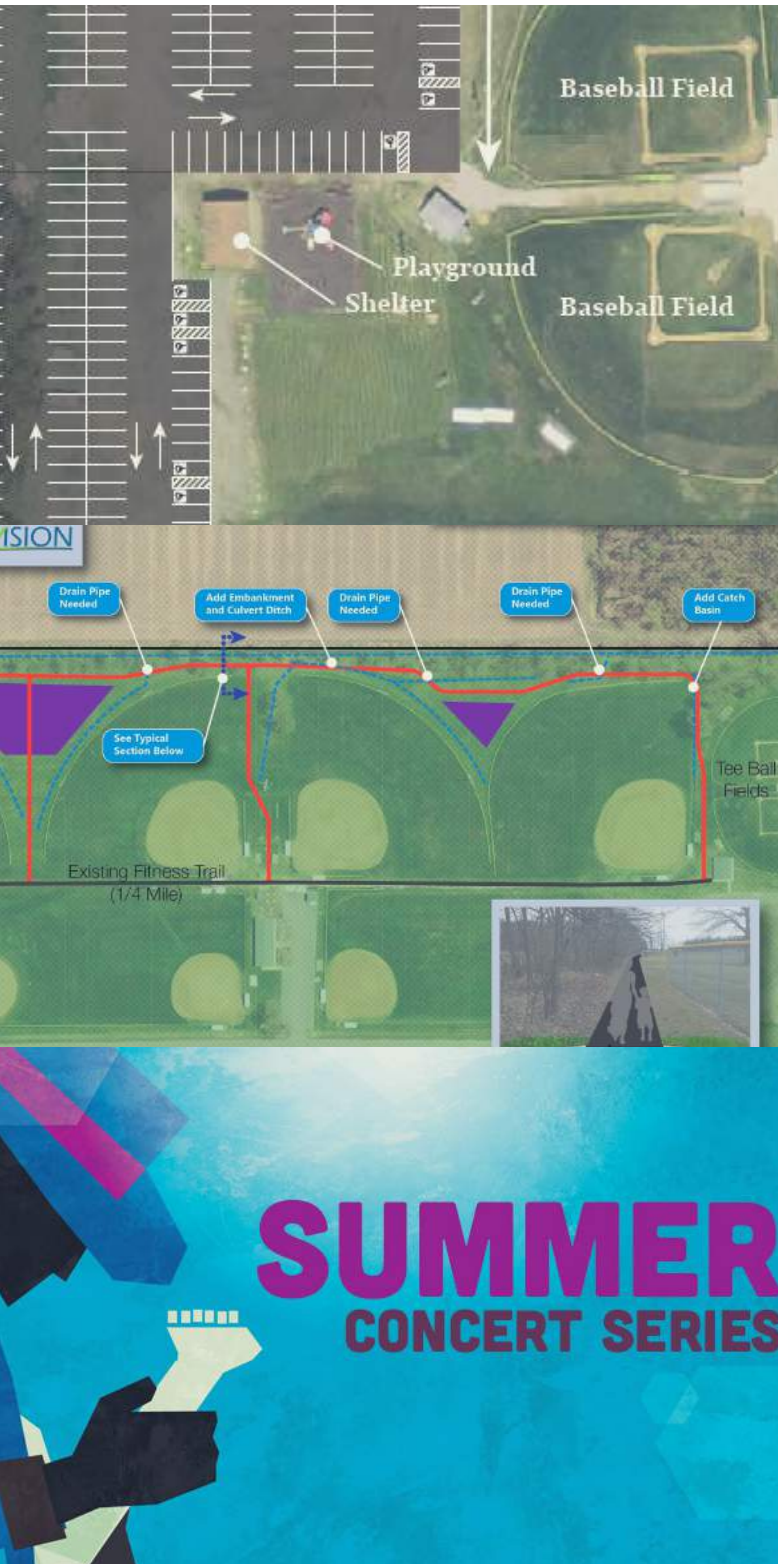
Contractor: Chagrin Valley Paving

Project Cost: \$121,038.50

Funding Source: NatureWorks Grant & Improvement Fund



Looking Ahead



SHADY DRIVE COMPLEX PARKING LOT PROJECT

In 2018 the back parking lot will be paved by the North Ridgeville Service Department. By paving the parking lot it will add an estimated 345 parking spaces. The estimated project cost is \$182K and will be funded through the Capital Improvement Fund.

SHADY DRIVE FITNESS TRAIL

In 2015 & 2016 with the assistance of a CDBG Grant we were able to start adding a 6ft. wide asphalt fitness trail to Shady Drive Complex. In 2018 with the hope of securing funding through the NatureWorks Grant Program we will finish the fitness trail. This 3/4 mile trail will loop in between the baseball-softball fields and provide residents another trail system in the City. The estimated project cost is \$160K.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

In 2017 we added Movies in the Park and in 2018 we will be adding a Summer Concert Series. We will have 05 concerts that are going to be held on Fridays starting in June. Our Summer Concert Series is free to the general public and will be held in South Central Park at the Gazebo.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The grounds maintenance / cemetery division is under the direction of the parks & recreation department. We look forward to working with every department and having our staff work more efficiently to provide better serve to our residents.