

# 2018 Annual Report

NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION



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## **Message From The Director**

*"The future belongs  
to those who believe  
in the beauty of their  
dreams".*

*- Franklin D.  
Roosevelt*

All the accomplishments highlighted in this annual report is made possible by the work and dedication by a full-time staff, that are experienced and passionate about providing high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities that enhance the quality of life for those that live, work and play in North Ridgeville. In addition, there are approximately 30 part-time and seasonal employees ranging from those in their first job to returning associates, that work concessions, mow grass, staff programs, etc.

Delivering quality parks and recreation services is no small task and takes people that are committed to serving the community and the City is fortunate to be able to attract and retain such a quality staff of full-time, part-time, seasonal and volunteer workers. Parks and Recreation brings people together, provides opportunities to be active and helps make a community a great place to live. The citizens of North Ridgeville have been supportive through the taxes they pay, the feedback they provide and the activities they do. The City Council, through their leadership and the Mayor through his management, provides the resources to deliver quality parks and recreation services to the City.

This annual report serves to document the many activities and highlight the many benefits the Parks and Recreation Department provided to the community in 2018. Thank you for reviewing the report and please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions about what we do.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Fougousse  
Parks & Recreation Director

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*All Our Dreams Can Come True, If We Have The Courage To Pursue Them - Walt Disney*



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# Recreation

The Recreation Division is responsible for managing a variety of recreation facilities and coordinating a variety of recreation programs. The 2 full-time and 30 part time & seasonal staff are responsible for renting South Central Park facilities, scheduling athletic fields, coordinating recreation programs for all ages, planning special events, mobilizing volunteers, developing partnerships with other community recreation providers and publicizing services. The division also provides all of the administrative support for the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Athletics

- The Athletics Division reported 1,148 youth participants. That was a 22% increase of participation over 2018.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 17 percent increase in participation over 2017, with 27 teams and 268 kids.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Football Program saw a 31 percent increase in participation over 2017, with 5 teams and 115 kids.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 6 percent increase in participation over 2017. We had a total of 42 teams and 556 kids.
- Shady Drive concession operations took in \$16,628.75 worth of sales. Expenditures (supplies + staff) were \$20,026.90. Concession operations lost \$3,398.15 in 2018.
- NRHS Youth Wrestling Program saw a 20 percent decrease from 2017. We had a total of 40 kids participate between the beginners (29 kids) and advanced (11 kids) program.
- Our Tots T-Ball Program saw a 18 percent increase in participation over 2017, with 8 teams and 71 kids.

## Tot & Youth Programs

- Tot & Youth Programming had 588 participants in 2018
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 32 percent increase over 2017. We had a total of 206 kids attend camp.
- Tumble Bugs & Rumble, Tumble & Roll had 100 little ones participate. We saw a 22 percent increase in participant over 2017.
- Advanced Fencing had 170 individuals take part ranging from ages 8 and Up.
- Tot Kartate for ages 3-5 year olds had 46 enrolled. There was a total of 8 sessions held in 2018 with an average enrollment of 6 per session.
- Wiggle & Giggle for ages 1-5 year olds had 39 enrolled. There was a total of 9 sessions held in 2018 with an average enrollment of 4 per session.
- In 2018 we added 06 new tot & youth programs

*"Believe in yourself.  
You are braver than  
you think, more  
talented than you  
know, and capable of  
more than you  
imagine".  
- Roy T. Bennett*



## Adult Education

- We had 206 participants take part in our Adult Education programs. This is a 32 percent decrease over 2017.

## Fitness

- We had 2,013 individuals participate in our fitness programs.
- Our fitness participation increased by 14 percent over 2017.
- In 2018 we added The Biggest Loser. It was a 12 week program where prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. We partnered with Maximize Fitness and in the first year we had 21 participants.
- Healthy Strides a Cleveland Clinic Program ran on 13 consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00p.m. in South Central Park. Healthy Strides combines a 30-minute walk, preceded by a brief informative talk by local health professionals and city officials.
- Indoor Walking with NR Heart & Sole was held in the NR Academic Center on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30p.m. Walks were free to the general public and gave our residents an opportunity to get out during the winter and walk in a safe & friendly atmosphere.

## Special Events

- Our 5th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 3. Race participation totaled 490 runners / walkers. We had 363 compete in the 5K and 127 compete in the 1M Fun Run-Walk. This was a 24 percent increase over 2017.
- The Daddy-Daughter Dance welcomed 212 daddies and daughters for a fun evening of dancing. This represents a 26 percent increase over 2017.
- Tots Trick-or-Treat keeps growing each year and is open to youngsters ages 0-5. In 2018 we had 278 little ghosts & goblins register, that is a 14 percent increase over 2017.
- We rolled out our first ever Summer Concert Series. On 6 Fridays bands of different genres played in the gazebo at South Central Park.
- We brought back the Cornfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Open to boys/girls entering 3-12 grade. We had 46 teams participate. We partnered with MAC Basketball.





## Special Event Program Totals

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 490
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 278
- Fishing Derby: 77
- Daddy-Daughter Dance: 212
- Star Spangled Celebration: 4,000
- FallFest: 1,200
- Cornfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament: 46 teams
- Santa's Calling: 35
- Touch-A-Truck: 750
- Lorain County Pride Day: 80
- Christmas Tree Lighting: 60
- Movies In The Park: 125
- Summer Concert Series: 150

**Total: 7,503**

*"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do".*

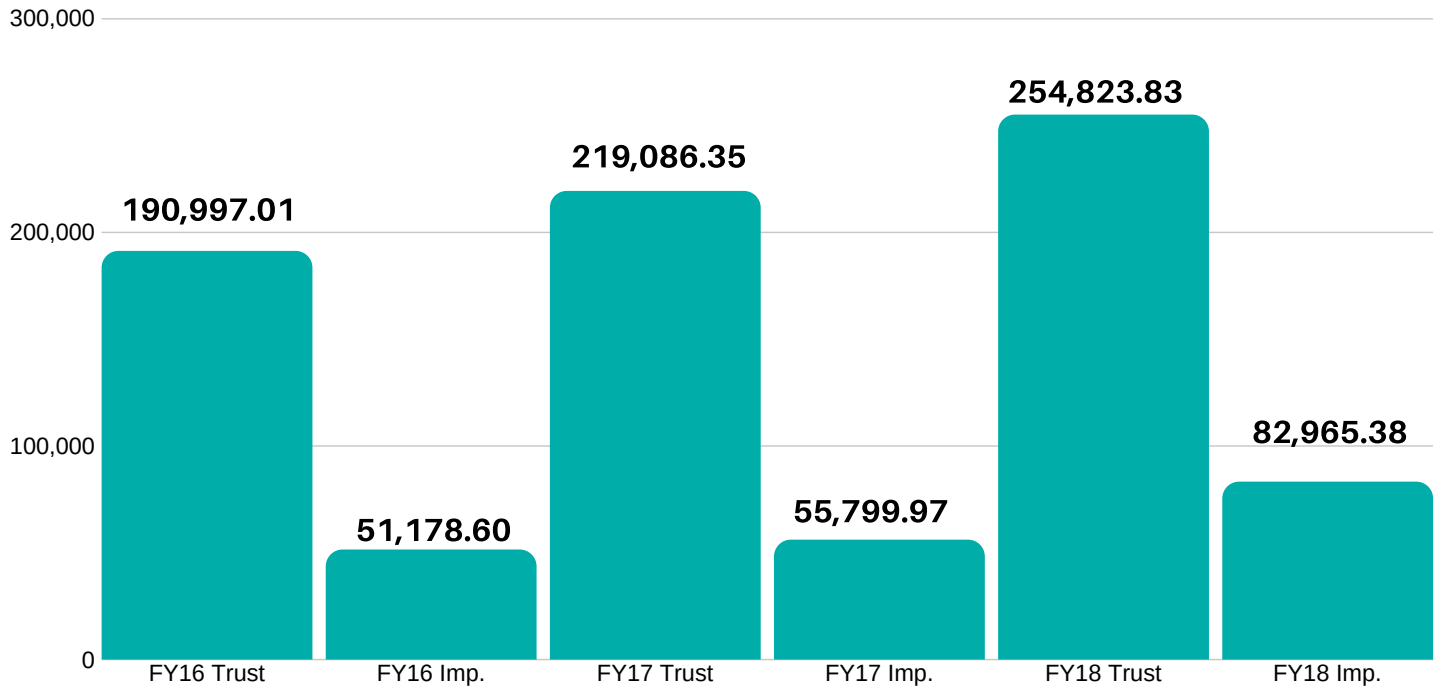
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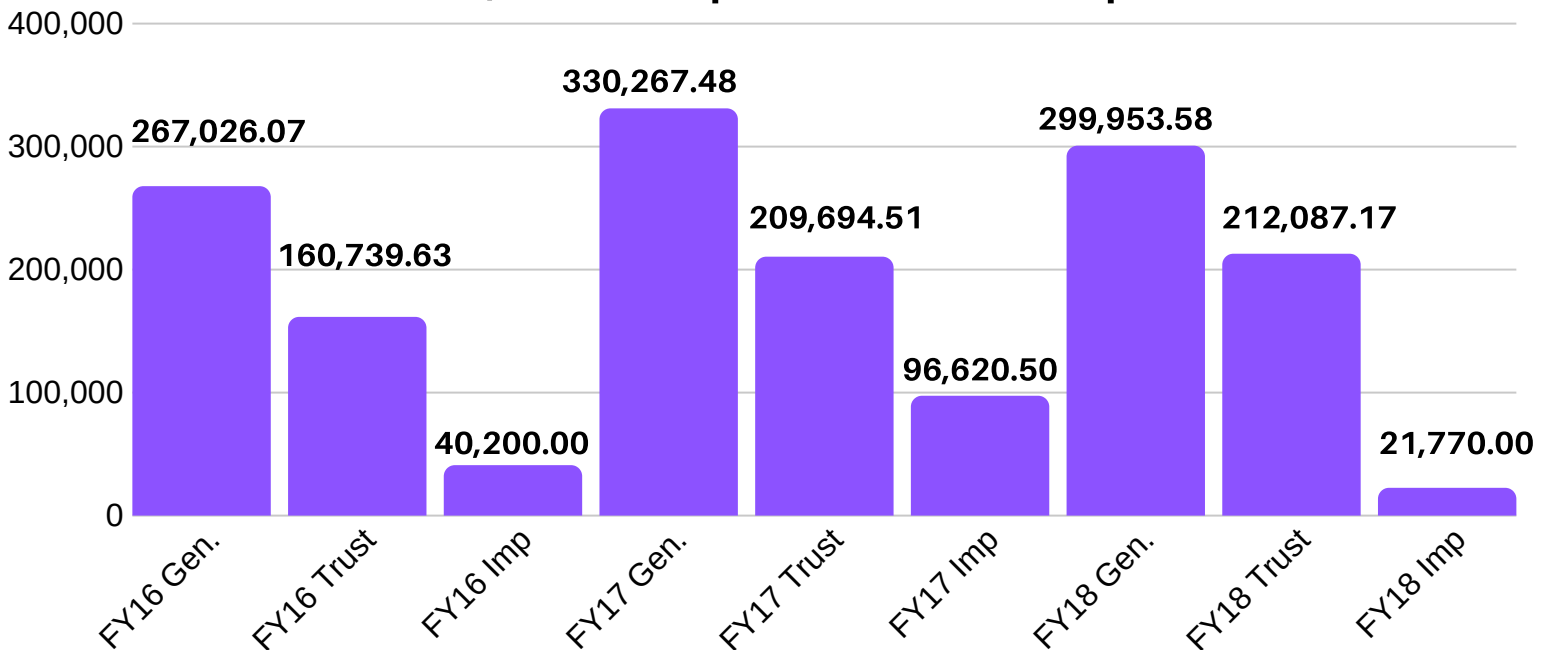
# Financial Overview

The Parks & Recreation Department operates on three funds: general, trust and the improvement fund. The park & recreation trust fund is used for programming, seasonal & part-time staff along with capital projects and equipment. Our improvement fund is used for capital projects and equipment along with 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 expenditures.

## Trust & Improvement Fund Revenue



## General, Trust & Improvement Fund Expenses







**Newly renovated tennis courts at South Central Park. Courts serve pickleball & tennis enthusiasts.**

- In 2018 we saw a 13 percent increase in Pavilion rentals. From April - October we had a total of 188 renters which brought in \$6,260.00.
- Alec Lewis completed his Eagle Scout Project by constructing & installing 6 benches located outside the tennis/pickleball courts in South Central Park.
- In 2018 we planted 03 trees at Shady Drive Complex. The trees were planted as part of our Memorial Tree Program that was implemented in 2016. To date we have planted 07 trees.
- Shady Drive Complex our 30 + acre park is home to 13 baseball softball diamonds. During the summer the fields are rented out for tournaments. In 2018 field rental brought in \$13,755.00 in revenue.
- All our park facilities were retrofitted and upgraded with LED lighting. This project was funded through a NOPEC Grant.
- The batting cage at Shady Drive Complex is now has heat & air. This project was made possible because of the NOPEC Grant. Total project cost was \$69,417.00.

# Community Sponsors



**Josh Counts taking individuals around on hayrides during FallFest.**

Thank you to the businesses—large and small—in North Ridgeville that help keep the NRPRD recreation and community programs active and growing. Sponsorship dollars are used to help fund equipment and uniforms and help keep our registration fees low. Sponsors have also been a large part of helping with supplies, food and materials for our community events.

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