



ANNUAL REPORT

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 2019 North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department's Annual Report highlights many of our accomplishments during the past year. These programs, events and projects are the result of remarkable support from the residents of North Ridgeville along with strong partnerships with other government agencies, non-profits and local businesses.

This year we saw continued upgrades to our park system that will have a lasting impact on the health and vibrancy of the City of North Ridgeville.

In the fall Snider Recreation installed a state-of-the-art playground at our Soccer Complex. A partnership with NR Public Branch Library & NR Heart & Sole Challenge provided us an opportunity to install a StoryWalk in South Central Park.

These accomplishments along with many more detailed in our Annual Report show the true commitment of our staff, administration, parks and recreation commission and city council to offer quality programs and amenities to our residents.

Our goal is to provide you with the best possible parks and recreational sites, facilities and services. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement in meeting community needs.

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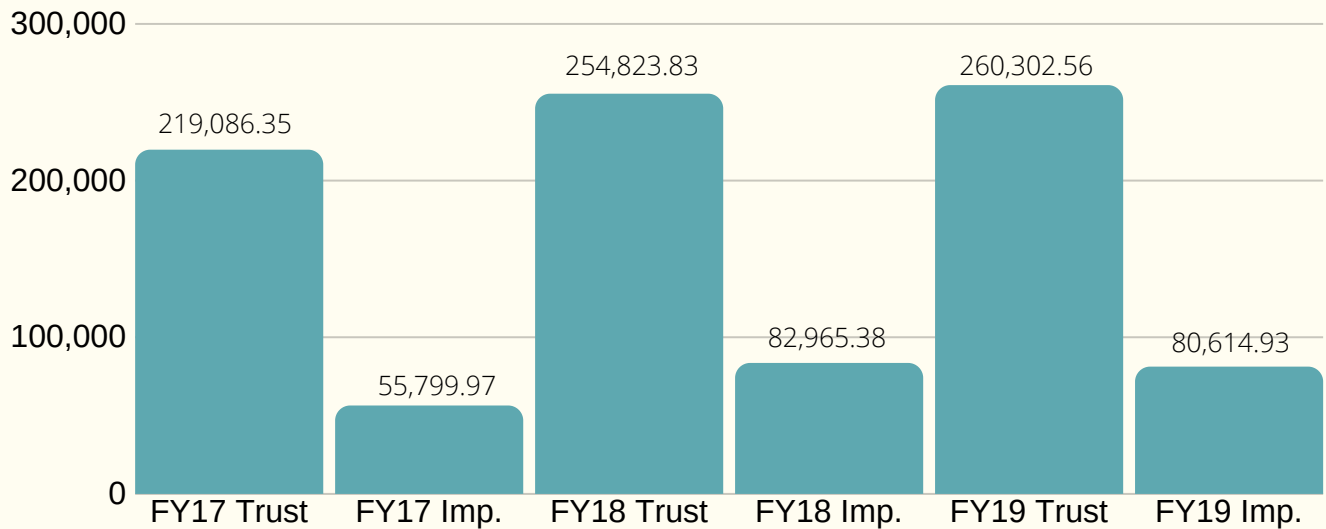
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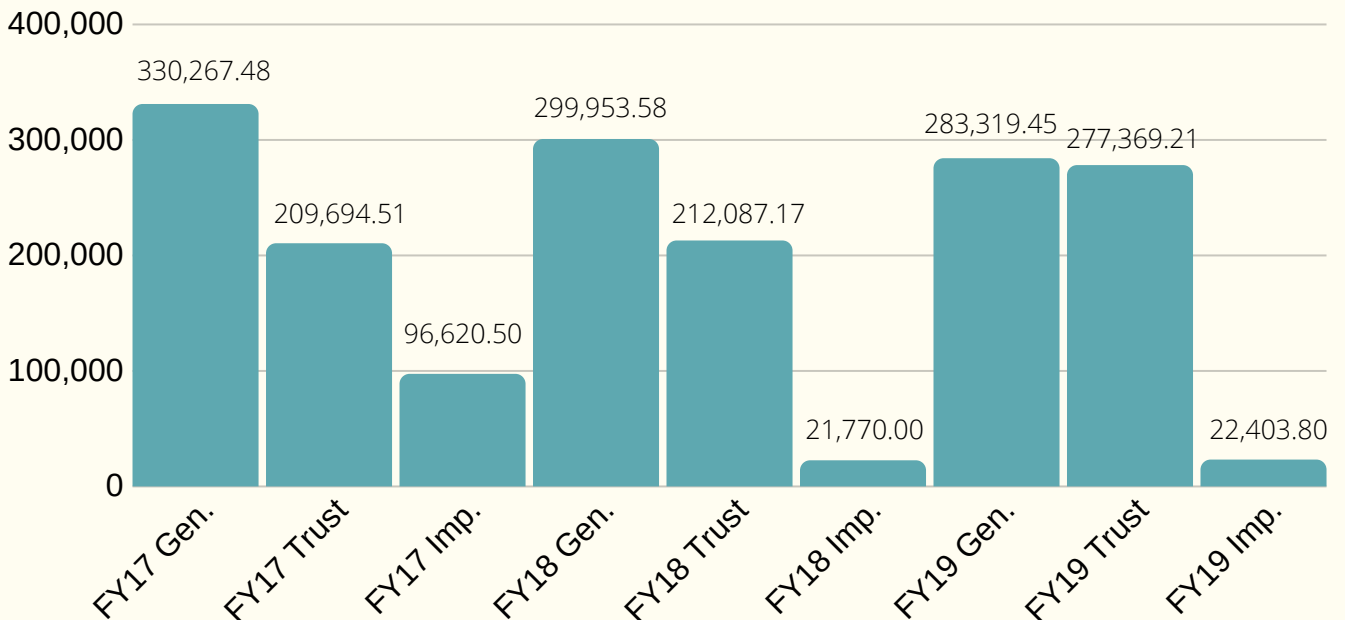
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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

TRUST & IMPROVEMENT FUND REVENUE



GENERAL, TRUST & IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENSES





Recreation

The Recreation Division is responsible for managing a variety of recreation facilities and coordinating a variety of recreation programs. The 2 full-time staff 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 1,306 youth participants. That was a 14 percent increase of participation over 2018.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-8th graders saw a 5 percent increase in participation over 2018, with 28 teams and 281 kids.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 2 percent increase in participation over 2018. We had a total of 42 teams and 568 kids.
- Jr. Ranger Tackle Football Program saw a 4 percent increase over 2018, with 5 teams and 120 kids.
- Jr Browns Flag Football was a new program offered in 2019. We had 4 teams and 35 kids participate.
- Re-introduced Youth Tennis into the North Ridgeville Community in 2019. We ran two separate sessions for ages 6-9 and 10-14. We had 34 kids participate in the summer of 2019.



Athletics Cont.

- Our 1st and 2nd Grade Instructional Basketball Program saw a 5 percent increase over 2018, we had 8 teams and 86 kids participate.
- We partnered with MAC Basketball and ran a basketball skills clinic for boys & girls in grades K-2 and 3-6. The program had 52 kids participate.
- Shady Drive concession operations took in \$17,679.50 worth of sales. Expenditures (supplies + staff) were \$20,414.88. Concession operations lost \$2,735.38 in 2019.

Tot Programs

- Tot programs had 409 participants in 2019
- We started working with Dance to Evolve to run dance classes for ages 2-6.
- Tots T-Ball saw a 21 percent decrease in participation over 2018, with 6 teams and 56 kids.
- Tot Karate for ages 3-5 year old saw a 15 percent decrease over 2018. We had 39 participants in 2019.

Youth Programs

- Youth Programs had 546 participants in 2019.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 12 percent increase in participation over 2018. We had a total of 231 kids attend camp in 2019.
- Advanced Fencing saw a 35 percent increase in participation over 2018. We had a total of 230 kids participate in 2019.
- We added 5 new youth programs in 2019.



Adult Education

- We had 63 participants take part in our Adult Education programs. This is a 69 percent decrease in participation over 2018.

Adult Sports

- We offered our first ever Men's Basketball League in the summer of 2019. We had 6 teams.

Fitness

- We had 2,262 individuals participate in our fitness programs. This is a 12 percent increase over 2018.
- Indoor Walking with NR Heart Sole was held at Liberty Elementary School. Program ran for 12 weeks. There was a total 359 walkers, an average of 30 walkers a week.
- We rolled out 3 new fitness programs in 2019.

Special Events

- The 6th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 2. Race participation totaled 470 runners / walkers. We had 355 compete in the 5K and 115 participate in the 1M.
- Our Daddy-Daughter Dance welcomed 200 fathers-daughters for a fun evening of dancing.
- Ran our first ever e-sports Fortnite Tournament. This one day tournament took place on October 19. We had 19 7-12 graders take part.



Special Events Cont.

- Tots Trick-or-Treat had 310 little ones pass through City Hall on October 25.
- Our 2nd Annual Cornfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament was a success as we once again partnered with MAC Basketball. We had 34 teams participate in 2019.

Special Events Program Totals

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 470
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 310
- Fishing Derby: 91
- Daddy-Daughter Dance: 200
- *Star Spangled Celebration: 4,000
- *FallFest: 1,200
- Cornfest 3 on 3 Basketball: 34 teams
- Santa's Calling: 19
- Touch-A-Truck: 1,000
- Lorain County Pride Day: 108 volunteers
- *Christmas Tree Lighting: 120
- *Movies In The Park: 125
- *Summer Concert Series: 200
- Fortnite Tournament: 19
- **Spookville: 2,500

Totals: 10,396

*denoate estimates

**does not inclue children under 3



- Our pavilion rentals continue to be a success in South Central Park. From April-October we had a total of 245 renters. This was a 30 percent increase over 2019.
- In the fall of 2019, 14 StoryWalk stations were installed in South Central Park. This unique park amenity was done in partnership with NR Public Branch Library and NR Heart & Sole Challenge. The StoryWalk opened to the public on September 23, 2019.
- The department was awarded funding in the amount of \$67,482 through the 26th round of the NatureWorks Grant. The grant will be used to construct a 3/4 mi., 6 ft. wide asphalt fitness trail. Total estimate project cost is \$169,000.
- In August a brand new state-of-the-art playground was installed at the Soccer Complex. The playground was installed by Snider Recreation and opened to the public at the end of August.
- Shady Drive Complex continues to be a host for national softball tournaments. In 2019 field rentals generated \$12,230 in revenue.
- The back parking lot at Shady Drive Complex was paved in the fall of 2019. The work was completed by our Streets Department. The parking lot will offer 355 spots for spectators.
- Dain Bartlebaugh completed his Eagle Scout Project this past spring. Dain worked with our department to construct & install a GaGa Ball Pit (pictured above) in South Central Park.



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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