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NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2022



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



As the Parks and Recreation Director of North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation, I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report, providing a glimpse of our accomplishments as well as our upcoming projects and goals for 2023.

In 2022, North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department added two new Recreation Supervisors. Tyler Newkirk joined the staff in September and Michael Hrusch joined in October. Tyler is a graduate of Walsh University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. She is currently at Cleveland State University working on her Master of Sport Management. Tyler was a member of the Walsh Women's Basketball Team from 2016-2020. Mike is a graduate of Kent State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was with the Rocky River School District since 2015 serving as an educational aide. He also coached a variety of middle & high school athletics within the district.

The goal of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide the community with quality leisure activities in a safe and well-maintained park system that currently offers approximately 117 acres of land, 2 + miles of walking trails, 4 parks, 3 indoor recreational facilities offering a variety of tot, youth, adult and fitness programs, 13 baseball fields, 4 tennis courts, 8 pickleball courts, 2 basketball courts, indoor batting cage, football and soccer fields. This goal is achievable only through the collective efforts of the entire department that consists of 8 full-time, and 27 seasonal employees, as well as approximately 26 instructors and over 160 athletic volunteers annually.

In 2023 we are excited to announce that a brand new playground will be installed by Snider Recreation in South Central Park. The new playground will replace the existing structure that has served our community since 1997. We also are addressing the parking lot at our Soccer Complex. In a task to enhance the area the parking lot will provide over 200 paved spots, 10 foot wide path and some additional green space.

On behalf of the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to thank Mayor Kevin Corcoran, SSD Jeffrey Armbruster, City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the community for their support that makes our programs and events a success.

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Parks & Recreation Director

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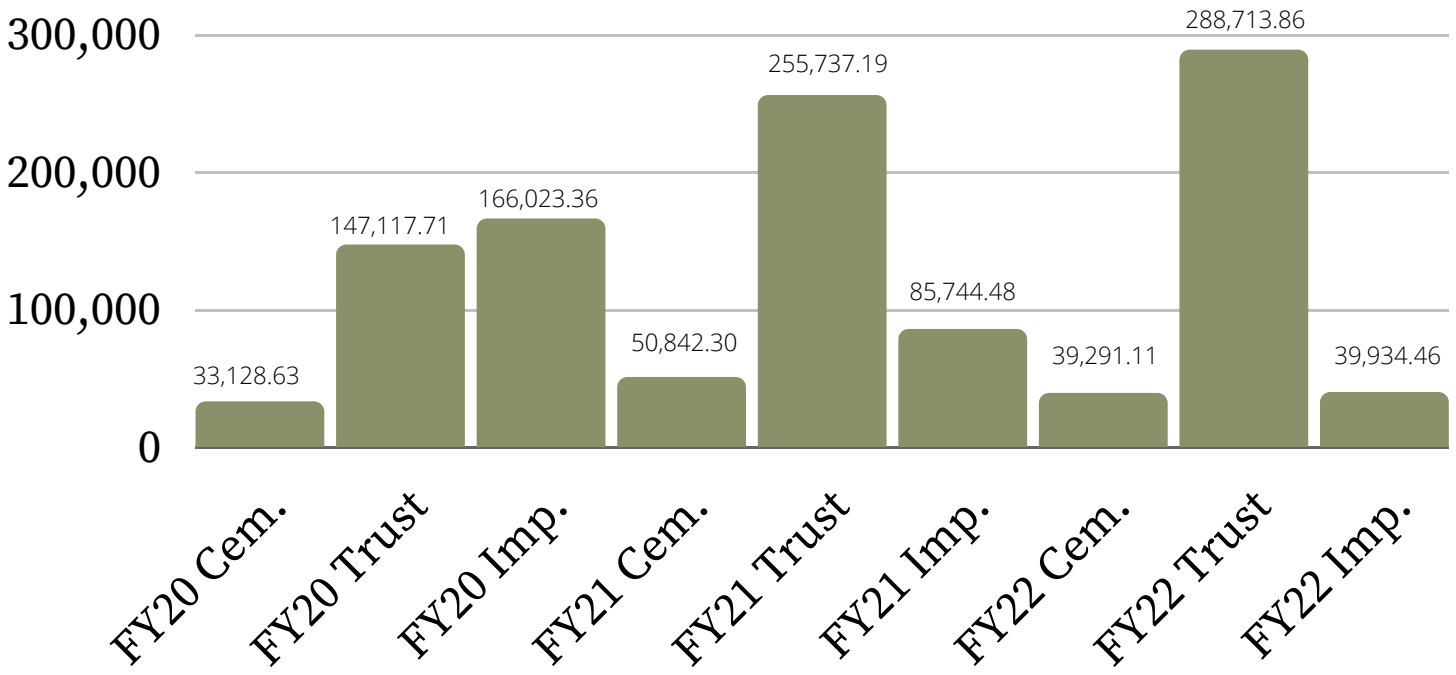
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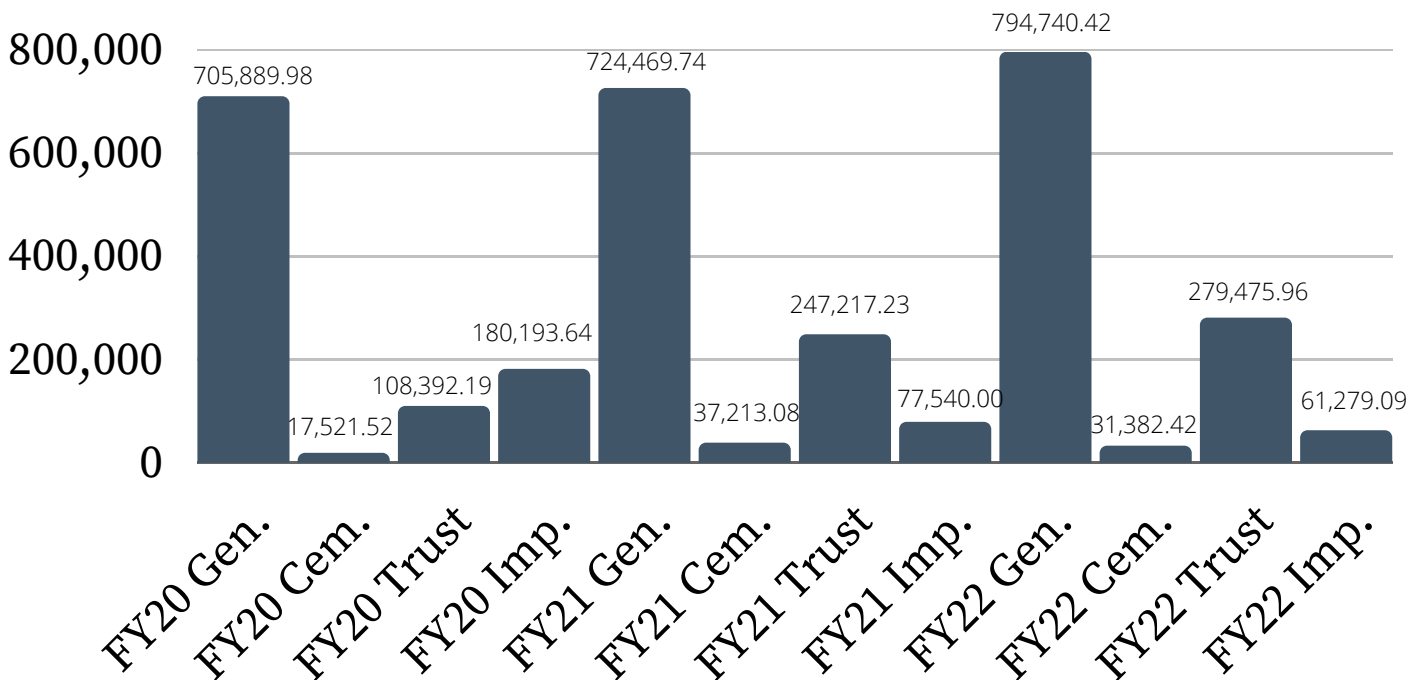
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Parks & Recreation Department operates from four funds: General, Cemetery, Trust and Improvement Fund. In 2022 our operating budget was \$1,416,365.47 and our expenses in 2022 were 1,166,877.89. In 2022 we saw our revenue and expenses increase. The State of Ohio COVID restrictions were no longer in place and we started to see our program and park usage increase. Our revenue in department 275 (Trust Fund) increased over 2021. The Trust Fund continues to be a resource to address equipment and capital purchases for the Parks & Recreation Department. The Improvement Fund (department 280) saw a significant decrease over the last 12-14 months. In 2022 revenue in the Improvement Fund decreased in the amount 45,810.02 over 2021. This was an overall percentage decrease of 53% over 2021. This was due to large part an increase in interest rates and inflation. Below is a 3 year financial breakdown of all funds the department oversees.

Revenue Breakdown



Expenses Breakdown



RECREATION

The Recreation Division is responsible for managing a variety of recreation facilities and coordinating a variety of recreation programs. Our 3 full-time staff and 27 part-time and 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 North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department. In this section we will highlight some of the accomplishments through all categories of our department.

ATHLETICS

- The athletics division reported 1,476 youth participants. This was a 1.5% decrease of participation over 2021.
- The 1st & 2nd Grade Jr. Ranger Basketball Program continues to grow in popularity. We had a total of 120 kids; 79 boys and 41 girls for a total of 12 teams with 8 in the boys division and 4 in the girls division. This is a 20% increase of participation over 2021.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 3.9% increase of participation over 2021, with 29 teams and 290 kids.
- Our 9th-12th Grade Intramural Basketball Program saw our numbers stay the same. In 2022 we had 89 high schoolers and 9 teams.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 11.8% increase of participation over 2021, with 50 teams and 594 kids.
- Jr. Browns K-2 Flag Football saw a 77% increase of participation over 2021, with 10 teams and 80 kids. We run a fall and spring season.
- We offered in 2022 a 3rd & 4th Grad Flag Football Program. For the first year we had 20 kids and 2 teams. Our teams participated in the Little Southwest Football Conference.
- Our Jr. Ranger Tackle Football Program offers a 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade league. We are in the Little Southwest Conference (LSWC). We had 1 team in the 3rd & 4th grade league and 1 team in the 5th & 6th grade league. A total 37 kids.
- Our Youth Tennis Program continues to be popular. In 2022 we had 63 kids take part. It was offered to boys/girls from age 4-14.



TOT PROGRAMS

- The tots division reported 235 participants. This was a 111% increase of participation over 2021.
- Tots T-Ball saw a 52% increase in participation over 2021, with 8 teams of 96 kids.
- Our Little Dribblers Program is offered to kids in PreK/K along with 1st and 2nd Grade. We had a total of 55 kids. This was the first year we ran the program and we partnered with Swish 365.
- Preschool Interactive Irish Dance Class was new this past year. Offered by Peggy Cannon in the spring of 2022 we had 21 kids participate.
- In partnership with NR Public Library and our instructor Michelle Carey we offered Gym & Story Time this past fall. We had a total of 24 kids over 6 sessions.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Youth Programs had 833 participants in 2022. This was a 38% increase over 2021.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 2% decrease in participation over 2021. We had a total of 292 kids attend Summer Adventure Camp in 2022. Summer Adventure Camp runs for 10 weeks starting in June and concluding in August.
- Nerf Battle was offered as a new program in 2022. Offered over the winter of 2022 and running through the summer we had a total of 134 kids participate.
- Last spring we offered Kids Irish Dance with Instructor Peggy Cannon. We had a total of 16 kids participate over the 6 sessions.
- Beginning Art with Amanda Hamilton had 45 participants in 2022.
- Advanced Fencing continues to grow in our community. In 2022 we had 114 participants.

ADULT EDUCATION

- We had 38 participants take part in our Adult Education Programs. This was a 17% decrease in participation over 2021.
- In the Fall of 2022 we partnered with Lindsey Norton and Hype Dog Training to offer dog training. We had 23 pet owners take part this past fall.

ADULT SPORTS

- Our Men's Basketball League continues to grow. We had 10 teams over the summer of 2022. That is an increase of 2 teams over 2021.



FITNESS

- We had 918 individuals participate in our fitness programs.
- Walking with Sole (formerly Healthy Strides) was free to the community and ran for 12 consecutive Thursdays starting on June 9 and running through August 25.
- Our Zumba Fitness Program continues to thrive. Under the direction of Maria Ilsa Serra and Michelle Carey the program runs every Tuesday/Thursday from 6:30-7:30PM.
- We offered 10 new fitness programs in 2022.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 9th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 5. Race participation totaled 457 runners/walkers. We had 308 participate in the 5K and 149 participate in the 1M.
- Touch-A-Truck was held on Saturday, June 4 from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. at Shady Drive Complex. The first hour (10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.) was sensory friendly. Our estimated attendance was 1,500.
- Our Daddy Daughter Dance returned in 2022. We had 95 couples dancing the night away at North Ridgeville Academic Center.
- Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day was held on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00a.m.-Noon. We had 109 volunteers who helped beautify our parks and city.
- Tots Trick-or-Treat had 219 little ones pass through City Hall on Friday, October 30.

SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM TOTALS

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 457
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 219
- Fishing Derby: 120
- Daddy Daughter Dance: 95 Couples (190 participants)
- *FallFest: 1,000
- Santa's Calling: 37
- *Touch-A-Truck: 1,500
- Lorain County Pride Day: 109 volunteers
- *Christmas Tree Lighting: 200
- *Summer Concert Series: 800

TOTALS: 4,632





- South Central Park continues to be a popular spot for birthdays, reunions, baby showers, etc. In 2022 we had 218 rentals which brought in 7,502.20 for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Our indoor batting cages are utilized year round and provide rec & travel teams an opportunity to train year round In 2022 batting cage rentals brought in 4,172.50.
- Samuel Janning completed his Eagle Scout Project this past summer. Samuel and his team of volunteers worked to build and install a brand new storage shed at South Central Park. This shed holds our tennis/pickleball nets & standards.
- Shady Drive Complex continues to be a host site for national baseball and softball tournaments over the spring/summer. In 2022 our field rentals generated 7,175.00 in revenue.
- Over late Summer/early Fall brand new restrooms were added to the exterior of the batting cage located at Shady Drive Complex. These new restrooms complete a long process of renovation to a facility we now have the ability to utilize year round for programming.
- Outdoor fitness equipment was installed by Snider Recreation at Shady Drive Complex in June of 2022. There are 5 pieces around the NR Heart & Sole Fitness Trail. This is free to anyone who uses the park and provides another amenity to park-users.



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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Dollar Bank

Dough Daddy

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Van's Tire Pros

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