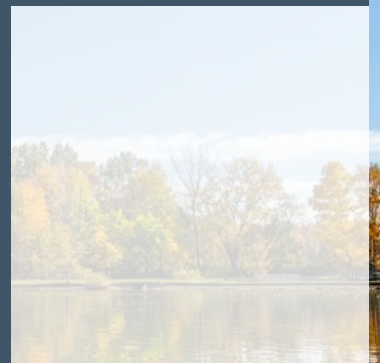


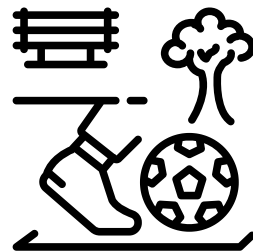
## North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation

# Annual Report

A comprehensive review of the economic impact the Parks and Recreation Department provided to the residents of North Ridgeville.



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# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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As we reflect on another successful year, the North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department is proud to celebrate the growth, vibrancy, and community spirit that define our parks and recreational programs. 2024 has been a year of innovation, engagement, and positive change, with our department continuing to offer a wide range of activities and events that bring residents of all ages together. From new park developments to expanded programs, we've remained focused on our mission to enhance the quality of life in North Ridgeville through accessible and enjoyable recreational opportunities.

Throughout the year, our community's enthusiasm and participation have been at the heart of our success. Whether it's children exploring nature, families gathering at community events, or seniors staying active through various programs, we've seen the power of recreation to foster connections and build lasting memories. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our residents, volunteers, and local partners, whose commitment has helped us grow and improve year after year.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to continue making strides in creating more spaces for leisure, fitness, and community connection. Our team remains dedicated to offering the highest standard of service and programming, ensuring that North Ridgeville remains a place where everyone can enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle.

On behalf of the North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to thank Mayor Kevin Corcoran, 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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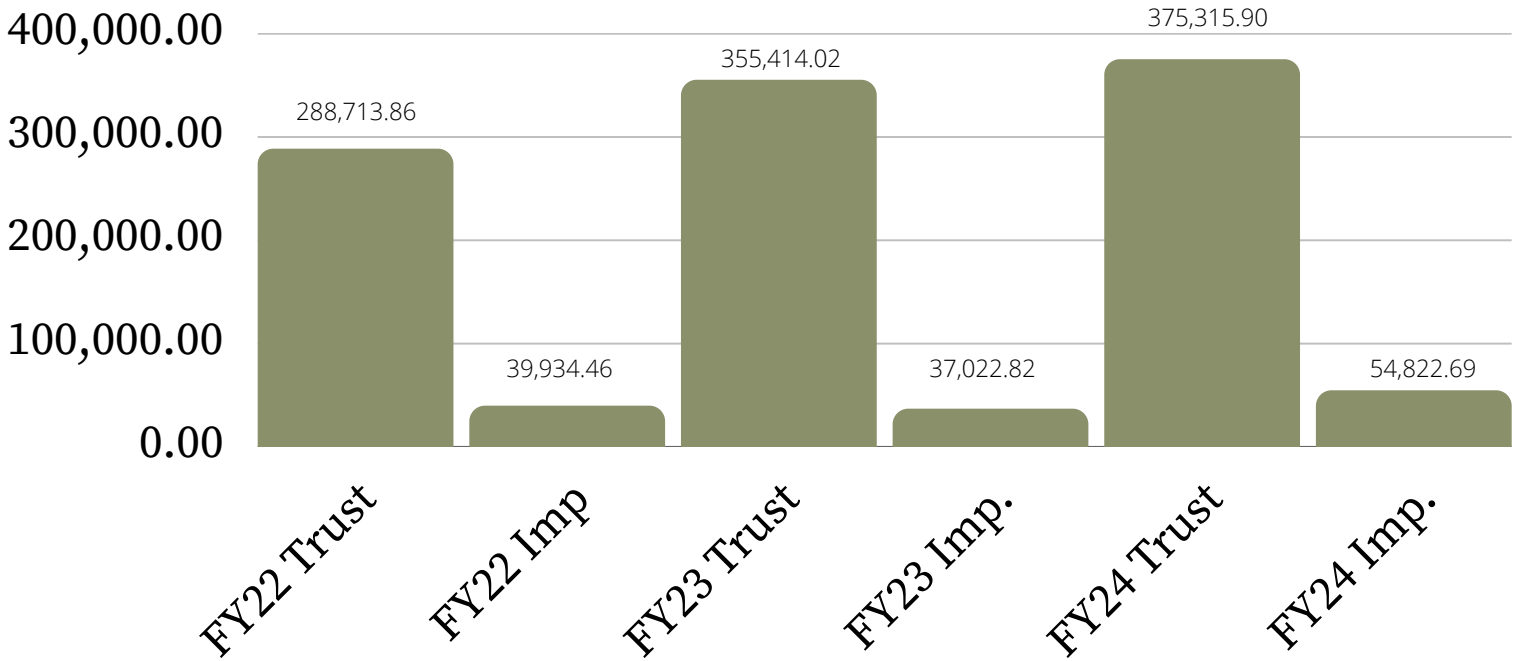
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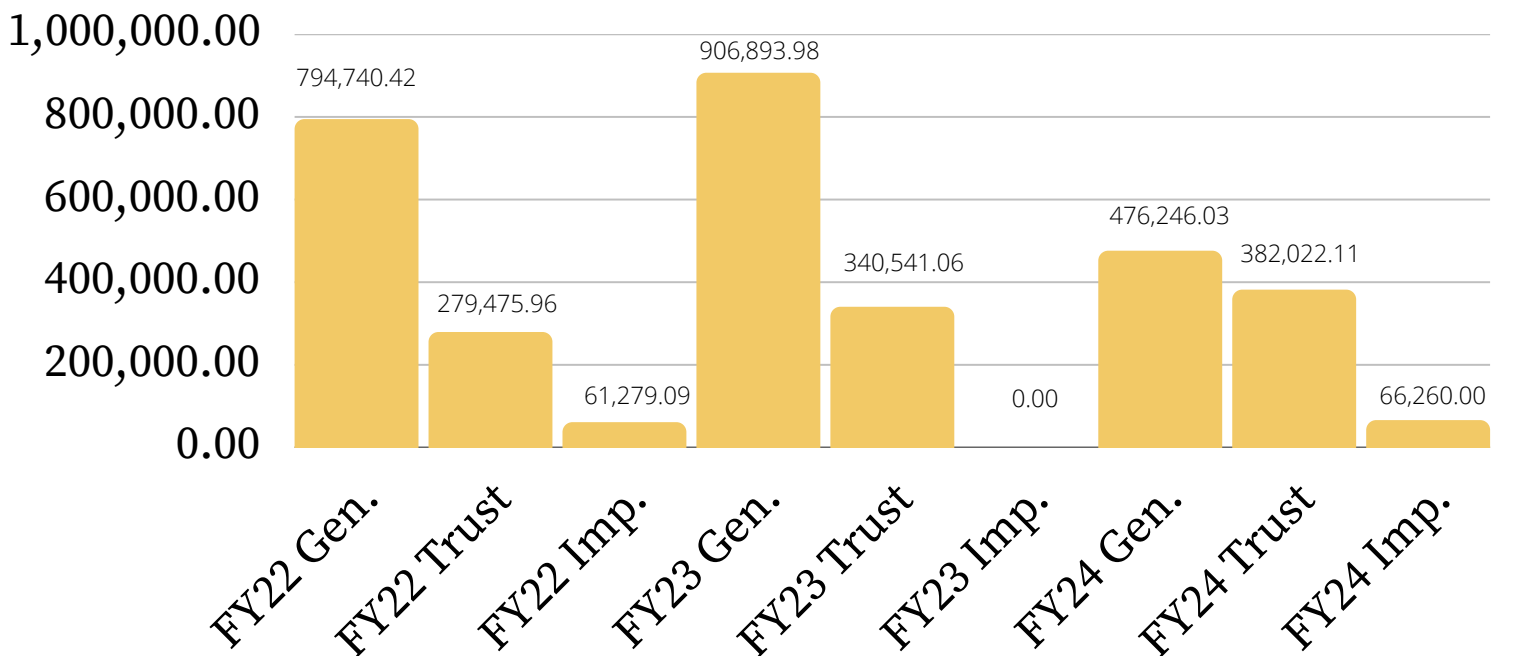
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Parks & Recreation Department operates from three funds: General, Trust and Improvement Fund. In 2024 our operating budget was 1,078,419.37 and our expenses in 2024 were 993,433.21. Our revenue in department 275 (Trust Fund) increased over 2023. The Trust Fund continues to be a resource to address equipment and capital purchases for the Parks & Recreation Department. The Improvement Fund (department 280) no longer averages 75K-80K a year. Since 2022 the fund averages 35K-50K a year. This will continue into the foreseeable future. In 2024 revenue in the Improvement Fund increased in the amount 17,799.87 over 2023. This was an increase of 32% over 2023. 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 22 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.

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## ATHLETICS

- The athletics division reported 1,533 youth participants. This was a 0.8% decrease of participation over 2023.
- Our 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball Program continues to stay strong. We saw a 0.8% increase of participation over 2023, with 12 teams and 119 kids.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 3.5% increase of participation over 2023, with 30 teams and 300 kids.
- Our 9th-12th Grade Intramural Basketball Program stayed the same. In 2024 we had 98 high schoolers and 10 teams.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 1.7% increase of participation over 2023, with 50 teams and 594 kids.
- Our flag football programs continue to see growth. We saw a 81% increase of participation over 2023, with 26 teams and 270 kids. We run a fall and spring season.
- In the spring of 2024 we rolled out the first ever girls flag football program. Open to girls in grades 1-6 we had a total of 13 teams throughout the league. Our partners were Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls and Avon Lake. North Ridgeville had 3 teams and 26 girls participate.
- The Department brought on board Lacrosse this past year. We had a team in Bantam (3rd & 4th Grade), Youth (5th & 6th Grade), MS (7th & 8th Grade), and HS (9th-12th Grade). Our program is in the NOLL. Our first year we had 70 kids participate.
- Our Youth Tennis Program is open to boys/girls ages 4-14. In 2024 we had 46 kids take part. It was a 36% decrease over 2023.



# TOT PROGRAMS

- The tots division reported 308 participants. This was a 8% decrease of participation over 2023.
- Tots T-Ball saw a 12% decrease in participation over 2023, with 6 teams of 66 kids.
- Our Little Rangers Instructional Basketball Program is offered to kids in PreK/K along with 1st and 2nd Grade. We had a total of 56 kids. The program saw a 16% decrease over 2023. In 2024 we formed a partnership with Amy Esser, North Ridgeville Girls Varsity Basketball Coach to facilitate the program.
- We have partnered with Dance To Evolve to offer tot dance classes and camps. In 2024 we had 63 tots take part.
- In partnership with NR Public Library and our instructor Michelle Carey we offered Gym & Story Time this past fall. We had a total of 47 kids over 6 sessions. This was a 33% decrease over 2023.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Youth Programs had 722 participants in 2024. This was a 14% decrease over 2023.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 6% decrease in participation over 2023. We had a total of 347 kids attend Summer Adventure Camp in 2024. Summer Adventure Camp runs for 10 weeks starting in June and concluding in August.
- Under the direction of the NRPD AHA/BLS Certification and Family & Friends CPR was offered in 2024. We had 158 individuals register for AHS/BLS Certification. Family & Friends CPR had 40 registered.
- Fencing with Tom Nagy continues to be a successful year round program. In 2024 we had 92 individuals take part in our Fencing Program.
- Beginning Art with Amanda Hamilton had 35 participants in 2024.

# ADULT EDUCATION

- We had 58 participants take part in our Adult Education Programs. This was a 27% decrease in participation over 2024

# ADULT SPORTS

- Our Men's Basketball League continues to grow. We had 8 teams over the summer of 2024. The department did not run Adult Men's Basketball in 2023 due to lack of court availability.



# FITNESS

- We had 1,293 individuals participate in our fitness programs. This was a decrease of 5% over 2023.
- Our Spinning Program continues to be a success. In 2024 we expanded and offered a Monday evening class. We had 117 participants in 2024 which was a 28% increase over 2023.
- All Levels Yoga which has been a bedrock fitness program which saw an increase in participation of 20% over 2023.
- Sound Bath a relaxing, meditation program offered by Becky Hopp had 83 participants in 2024 which was a 59% increase over 2023.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 11th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 2. Race participation totaled 430 runners/walkers. We had 276 participate in the 5K and 154 participate in the 1M.
- Touch-A-Truck was held on Saturday, June 8 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. It was a beautiful day and the event went great.
- Our Daddy Daughter Dance which started in 2012 continues to be a success in the community. In 2024 we had 163 dads and their daughters dance the night away.
- Lorain County Beautiful Day a county wide program was held on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00a.m.-Noon. We had 84 volunteers who helped beautify our parks and city. This is a great event and an awesome outreach program in Lorain County.
- The NRPRD Fishing Derby was a huge success. In partnership with NRPD & NR Fishing Club we had 93 kids participate. The day was perfect and a lot of fish and fun was had.

# SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM TOTALS

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 430
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 199
- Fishing Derby: 93
- Daddy Daughter Dance: 163 Couples (326 participants)
- FallFest: 1,200
- Santa's Calling: 38
- Touch-A-Truck: 1,500
- Lorain County Pride Day: 84 volunteers
- Christmas Tree Lighting: 220
- Summer Concert Series: 1,100

# TOTALS: 4,864



# PARKS



- South Central Park continues to be a popular spot for birthdays, reunions, baby showers, etc. In 2024 we had 263 rentals which brought in 8,835.00 for the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Shady Drive Indoor MP Facility is home to a wide range of programming and batting cage rentals. Between travel and club teams rental of the space we generated 7,877.50 in fees.
- The Parks & Recreation Department received a 10,000 Recycle Ohio Grant through the Ohio EPA. This money was utilized to purchase new bottle filling stations for all of our public parks.
- Shady Drive Complex hosts tournaments and teams all spring, summer & fall. In 2024 we brought in 10,111.00.
- In the spring Snider Recreation installed a brand new playground at Shady Drive. This state-of-the-art structure offers kids a new & fun experience while visiting the park.
- Automation Sound over the winter & spring installed a new audio system in the Safetyville Building, Community Cabin & Shady Drive Indoor MP Facility. The audio system brings first class quality sound to our programs and simplicity to our instructors.
- Sealtek in August completed an extensive parking lot project at Shady. All lots were crack repaired, re-sealed and re-striped for park users.
- In 2024 the Veteran's Memorial opened to the community. This community lead project is a true reflection that the impact residents can have on their parks.





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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