

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation had an exciting and productive year in 2025, highlighted by several major improvements and initiatives that continue to enhance recreational opportunities for our community. One of the most visible additions was the construction of a brand-new playground at South Central Park, which officially opened to the public in May. The playground has quickly become a popular destination for families and children, providing a modern, safe, and engaging play space that encourages outdoor activity and community connection.

Significant progress was also made on park infrastructure and facility improvements. The department successfully bid and entered into a contract with Grassbaugh for the Root Road Park Improvement Project at Root Road Park. Construction is underway with completion anticipated by June 12, 2026, and the upgrades will further expand recreational amenities available to residents. Additionally, major field improvements were completed at Frontier Park, where Ag Design successfully completed a field drainage and turf upgrade. These improvements ensure higher quality, more durable playing surfaces for athletes and community programming.

Planning for the future was also a key focus in 2025. The department issued a Request for Proposals for a new Parks & Recreation Master Plan, receiving ten submissions from firms across the region. Following interviews conducted by the Master Plan Selection Committee, the City entered into a contract with McKenna to lead the development of the new comprehensive plan. This effort will guide the growth, improvement, and long-term vision of parks and recreation services for the North Ridgeville community.

Another milestone achievement in 2025 was the unification of youth football programming. For the first time in more than 50 years, North Ridgeville now has one comprehensive youth football program operating under the Parks & Recreation Department. This accomplishment was made possible through the dedication and collaboration of many individuals, including Bryan Morgan, Sean Kaminski, and Chrissy Bowden. Their leadership and commitment helped bring this long-standing vision to life, creating a stronger and more unified pathway for youth football in the community.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mayor Kevin Corcoran, City Council, the Parks & Recreation Commission, and the residents for their continued support of our parks, programs, and initiatives. Their commitment to enhancing quality of life in our community makes these accomplishments possible. As you review the highlights and achievements outlined in this Annual Report, we hope you share in the pride of what was accomplished in 2025. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to grow and improve our parks and recreation system in 2026 and beyond.

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

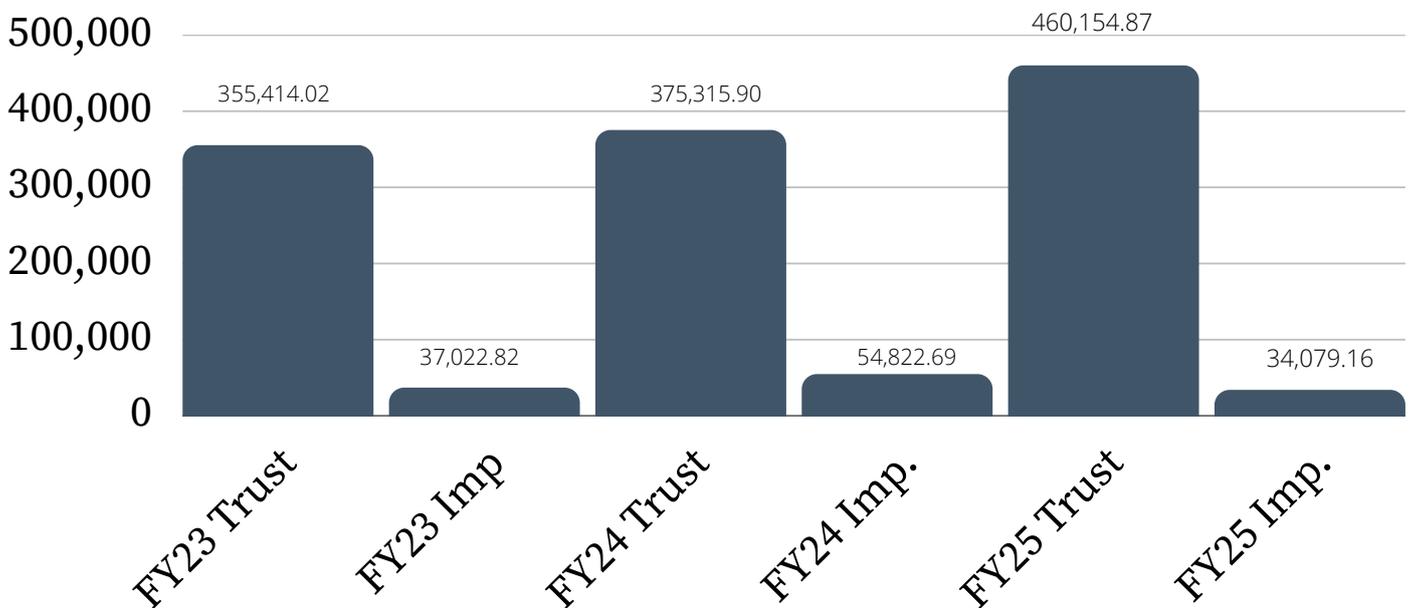
North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation operates through three primary funds: General Fund, Trust Fund, and Improvement Fund, each of which supports different aspects of the department's operations and long-term investments. In 2025, the department operated with a total budget of 1,224,970.86, with total expenditures of 1,078,955.89, reflecting the continued effort to responsibly manage resources while providing quality programs, services, and facilities to the community.

Revenue within Department 275 (Trust Fund) increased compared to 2024. The Trust Fund continues to play an important role in supporting the department by providing a dedicated funding source for equipment replacements, capital purchases, and other investments that enhance operations and park amenities.

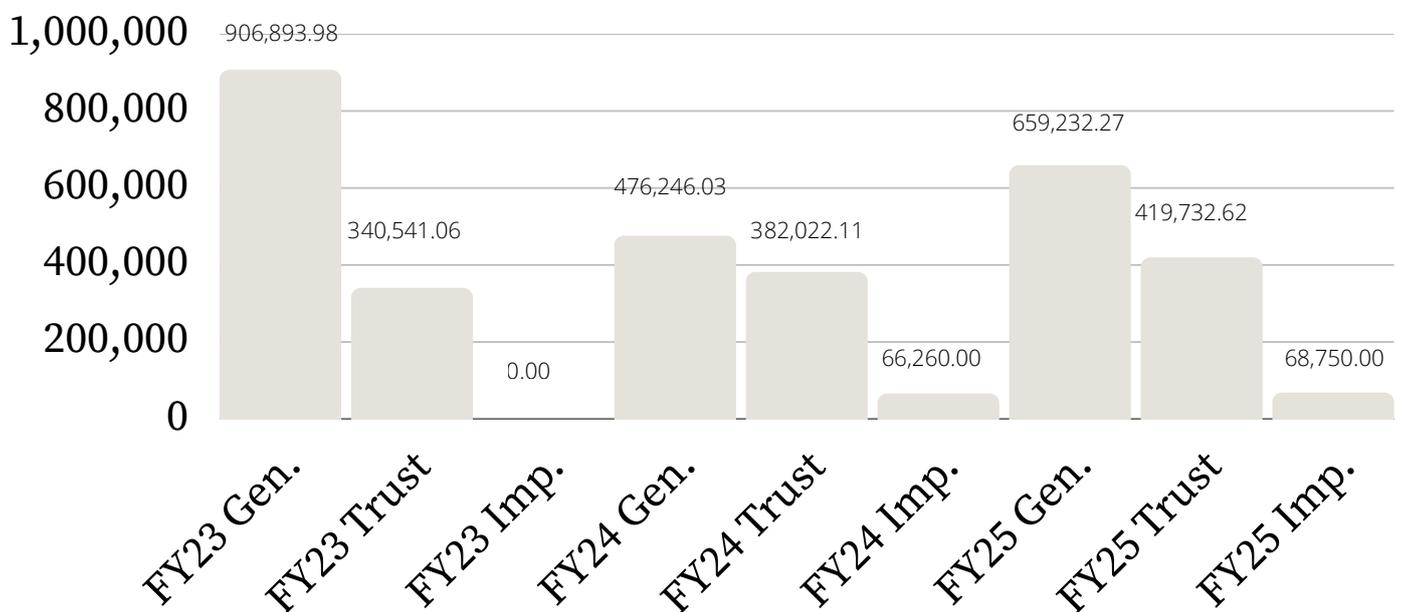
Revenue in the Improvement Fund decreased by 20,743.53, representing a 38% decrease compared to 2024. While this fund can fluctuate from year to year based on project activity and revenue sources, it remains a valuable tool for supporting park and facility improvements throughout the city.

The following section provides a three-year financial breakdown of the funds managed by the Parks & Recreation Department.

## Revenue Breakdown



## Expenses Breakdown



# RECREATION

The Recreation Division oversees the management of recreation facilities and the coordination of programs that serve residents of all ages throughout the community. A team of three full-time staff members, supported by approximately 20 part-time and seasonal employees, manages facility rentals at South Central Park, schedules athletic fields, and coordinates a wide variety of recreation programs and special events. The division also recruits and mobilizes volunteers, develops partnerships with community organizations and recreation providers, and promotes programs and services to the public. In addition, the Recreation Division provides essential administrative support for the entire North Ridgeville Parks & Recreation Department. The following section highlights key accomplishments and initiatives from across the department during the past year.

## ATHLETICS

- The athletics division reported 2,157 youth participants. This was a 37.8% increase of participation over 2024.
- New this season was Padded Flag Football for 3rd & 4th Graders. We had 79 kids and 8 teams this season.
- Our NFL flag football programs continue to thrive. We saw a 8% increase of participation over 2024, with 30 teams and 294 kids. We run a fall and spring season. Open to kids in Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- Rookie Tackle had 36 kids (5<sup>th</sup> Graders) and our Varsity Tackle (6<sup>th</sup> graders) had 35 kids. Total of 4 teams and they participate in the LEYFL.
- Jr. Browns Cheer Program (50 girls) and Jr. Ranger Cheer (98 girls) were new in 2025. Program was open to girls in K-2nd (Jr. Browns) and 3rd-6<sup>th</sup> gr. (Jr. Ranger).
- Gridiron Girls Flag Football Program in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year grew by 65% over 2024. In the spring we had 43 girls and 5 teams. We also ran a fall season in 2025 through LEYFL. We had 24 girls and 3 teams.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 3.2% increase of participation over 2024, with 52 teams and 613 kids. With our biggest increase in our girls softball program.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 2.0% decrease of participation over 2024, with 30 teams and 293 kids.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Basketball Program in 2025 season had 119 kids and 12 teams (8 boys/4 girls). Program continues to perform well.



# TOT PROGRAMS

- Tots division had 433 participants. This was a 40% increase of participation over 2024.
- Dance To Evolve offers a variety of tot dance classes for our residents. We had 74 participants which was 17% increase over 2024.
- Working with Annette Kramer we started rolling out Nature Connection Programming in the Fall. We had 07 participate in our 2 sessions.
- Our partnership with Jump Start Sports allows us to run a tot soccer program in the fall/spring called Hummingbirds. This year we had 70 kids between both seasons.
- Gym & Story Time in partnership with NR Public Library and Instructor Michelle Carey expanded to a year-round program in 2025. We had 95 little ones participate which was a 103% increase over 2024.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Youth Programs had 674 participants in 2025. This was a 6% decrease over 2024.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 19% increase in participation over 2024. We had a total of 414 kids attend Summer Adventure Camp in 2025. Summer Adventure Camp runs for 10 weeks starting in June and concluding in August.
- Beginning Art & Beginning Figure Drawing held by Amanda Hamilton continues being successful. We had 36 kids participate.
- Fencing with Tom Nagy continues to be a successful year round program. In 2025 we had 93 individuals take part in our Fencing Program.
- Nerf Battle & Pizza Party had 25 kids participate.

# ADULT EDUCATION

- We had 161 participants take part in our Adult Education Programs. This was a 177% increase in participation over 2024. The increase can be equated to AHA/CPR being reclassified as an Adult Education Program.

# ADULT SPORTS

- Our positive relationship with NRCS has provided us the opportunity to expand our men's basketball leagues. We ran a spring & summer program. We had 8 teams in the spring and 8 in the summer.



# FITNESS

- We had 1,417 individuals participate in our fitness programs. This was a increase of 59% over 2024.
- UPLIFT ran by Jennifer Wiedt was a new fitness program this year. Starting in the Spring-Summer we had 36 participants in 2025.
- Spinning continues to be a strong group fitness program for the department. Ran on Mondays (Holly Haputa) and Wednesdays (Ralph Mlady) we had 156 cyclists which was a 33% increase over 2024.
- All Levels Yoga with Danielle Smith had 131 participants in 2024.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 12th Annual CLE Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 1. Race participation totaled 416 runners/walkers. We had 311 participate in the 5K and 105 participate in the 1M.
- Touch-A-Truck was held on Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. at Shady Drive Complex. The first hour (10:00-11:00 AM) was sensory friendly. Our estimated attendance was 1,300. It was a beautiful day and the event went great.
- Our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance was held on Friday, February 28. We had a total of 149 couples (298 total) attend and dance the night away.
- FallFest was held on Saturday, October 11 in South Central Park from 4:00-6:00 PM. It was a beautiful day and the turnout was fantastic with an estimated 1,100 attendees.

# SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM TOTALS

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 416
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 164
- Fishing Derby: 110
- Daddy Daughter Dance: 149 Couples (298 participants)
- FallFest: 1,100
- Santa's Calling: 69
- Touch-A-Truck: 1,300
- Lorain County Beautiful Day: 91 volunteers
- Christmas Tree Lighting: 300
- Summer Concert Series: 1,000

# TOTALS: 4,699



# PARKS



- South Central Park continues to be a popular spot for birthdays, reunions, baby showers, etc. In 2025 we had 334 rentals which brought in 10,847.50 for the department.
- Shady Drive Indoor MP Facility is home to a wide range of programming and batting cage rentals. Between travel and club teams the indoor space generated 10,522.50.
- New security cameras are being installed throughout the park system. Our Public Works Department has performed the work to help enhance safety measures and deter vandalism.
- Shady Drive Complex hosts tournaments and teams during the spring & summer. In 2025 we brought in 6,330.00.
- A new state of the art playground opened in South Central Park in May 2025 to our community. Snider Recreation received the contract and did a fantastic job. The playground is beautiful and well received.
- Ag Design out of Seville was contracted to upgrade our main athletic field at Frontier Park. Linear drainage was added then topped with sand, topsoil and re-seeded.
- Riddell Corporation in the spring held a 2-day volunteer program with the department. They updated the exterior of Frontier Park with new paint.
- Water line replacement was performed by KMU in South Central Park. Outdated water lines were replaced at 3 major sections of the 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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Grateful Dog Bakery  
Harvest Ridge Church  
Jump Start Sports  
KLT Insurance  
Lawn Doctor  
Lorain County Community College  
Legacy Roofing Services  
Lions Club of North Ridgeville

Lorain Public Library System  
Mayor Kevin Corcoran  
Mrs. Scott's Sweets  
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North Ridgeville Corn Festival  
North Ridgeville Family Dentistry  
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