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NORTH RIDGEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2021



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



As the Parks and Recreation Director of North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation, I am pleased to present our 2021 Annual Report, providing a glimpse of our accomplishments as well as our upcoming projects and goals for 2022.

In 2021, North Ridgeville Parks and Recreation Department added a new Recreation Supervisor. Richard Brown joined the staff in June. Richie comes to the City of North Ridgeville with previous experience at City of Brecksville & Broadview Heights. Richie hit the ground running and we are happy to have him on staff and working with our residents.

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 athletic 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 7 full-time, 2 part-time, and 25 seasonal employees, as well as approximately 26 instructors and over 160 athletic volunteers annually.

In 2022 we will upgrade the control panel & activator at our Splash Pad in South Central Park. This will replace the original panel that was installed in 2007. Greenfield Outdoor Fitness Equipment will be added around the NR Heart & Sole Fitness Trail located at Shady Drive Complex. The Town Center Trail will be extended and connect to the Center Ridge Road Multi-Purpose Path. This connection will provide over 3 miles of paved trail throughout the City. Shady Drive Restroom Addition will be sent out to bid this year with plans to open in 2022. Plus many more enhancements surrounding programming and equipment.

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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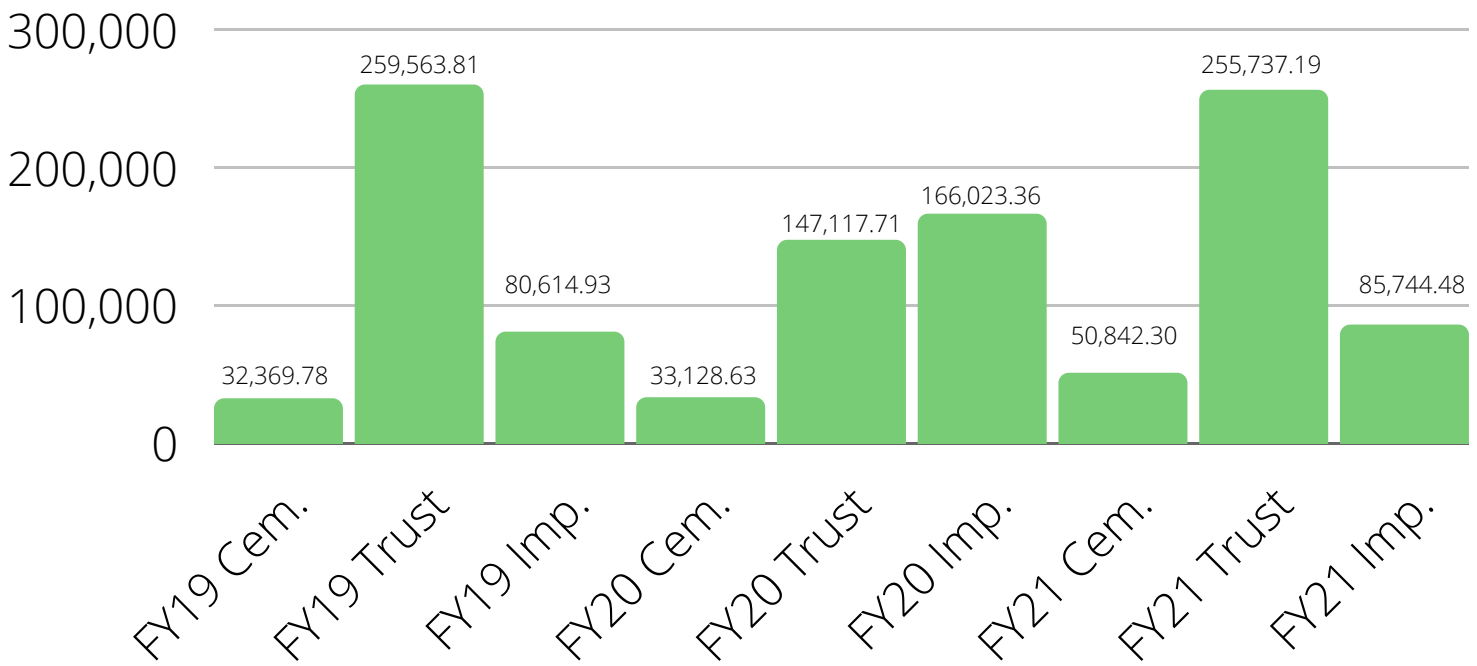
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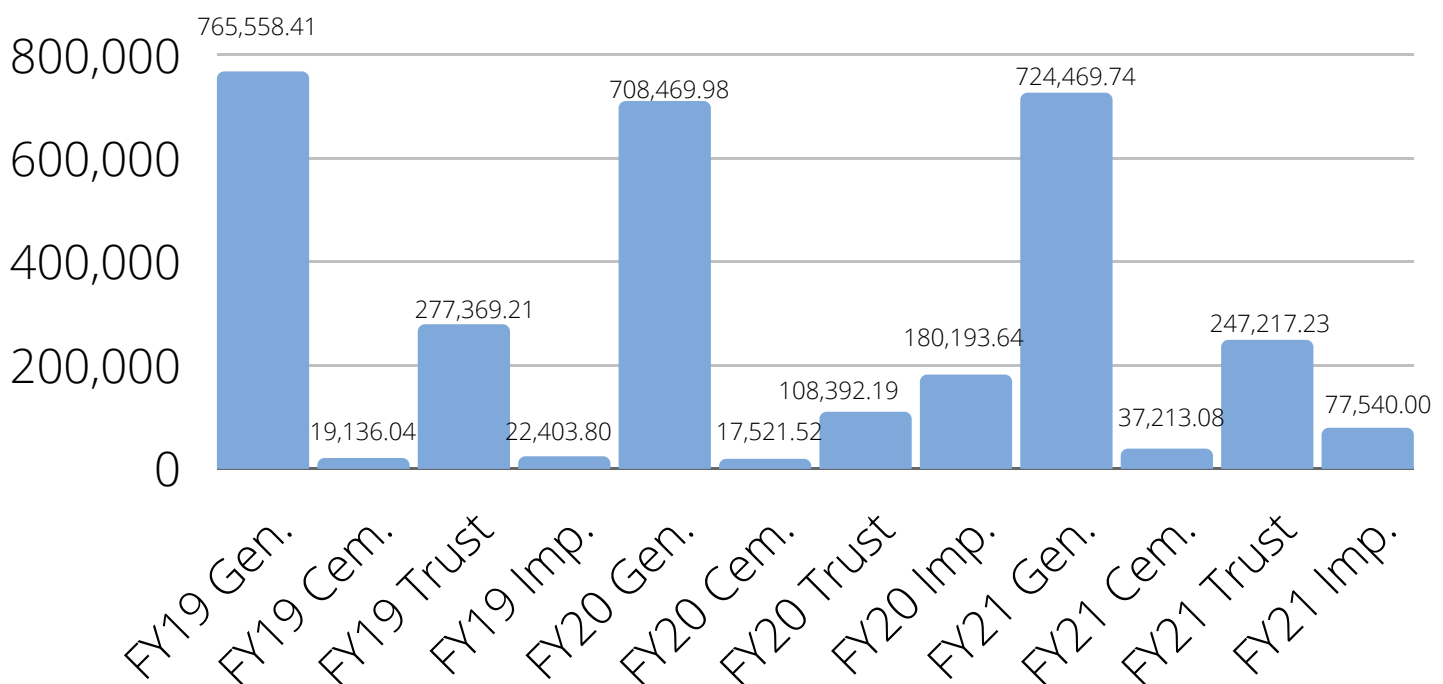
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Parks & Recreation Department operates on four funds: General, Cemetery, Trust and Improvement Fund. In 2021 our operating budget was \$1,511,086.34. Our operating expenses were consistent with our 2019 expenses. This budgetary process was done in large part due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The start of 2021 financial year impacted the department in the first quarter. The State of Ohio was still operating under ODH health orders that presented us with limitations on program maximums. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of the year our department was fortunate enough to operate under normal practices. The State of Ohio lifted all mandates and health orders in June. Below is a 3 year financial outlook.

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 2 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. Participation will be compared against 2019, not 2020. This is due in large part of the COVID-19 Pandemic and many programs not running in 2020.

ATHLETICS

- The athletics division reported 1,499 youth participants. This was a 14.7% increase of participation over 2019.
- The 1st & 2nd Grade Jr. Ranger Basketball Program became a league format in '21. We have a total of 100 kids; 60 boys and 40 girls for a total of 10 teams with 6 in the boys division and 4 in the girls division.
- Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program, 3rd-9th graders saw a 7% decrease of participation over 2019, with 27 teams and 259 kids.
- Our 9th-12th Grade Intramural Basketball Program saw a 157% increase of participation over 2019, with 9 teams and 90 kids.
- Youth Baseball-Softball Program saw a 6% decrease of participation over 2019, with 42 teams and 531 kids.
- Jr. Browns Flag Football saw a 28.57% increase of participation over 2019, with 5 teams and 45 kids.
- Youth Tennis continues to grow and prosper within North Ridgeville. We ran two sessions in June for ages 4-14. We saw an 85% increase of participation over 2019, with 63 kids.
- Our Jr. Ranger Tackle Football Program re-established itself after a 2020 hideous. We entered a new league, the Little Southwest Conference (LSWC). We ran our 3rd & 4th grade modified tackle program which had 1 team of 14 kids.
- We partnered with Mike Byrne to offer baseball hitting clinics. His first year running the hitting clinics we had 15 kids pre-registered.



TOT PROGRAMS

- The tots division reported 111 participants. This was a 53.9% decrease of participation over 2019.
- Tots T-Ball saw a 12.5% increase in participation over 2019, with 6 teams of 63 kids.
- Pre-School Yoga, new a program in 2021, was instructed by Brandy Reichman and had 24 participants.
- Jr. Pony Camp ran by Pony Tale Farms saw a 177.7% increase in participation over 2019. We had 50 kids participate in 2021.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Youth Programs had 602 participants in 2021. This was a 10.2% increase over 2019.
- Summer Adventure Camp saw a 29% increase in participation over 2019. We had a total of 298 kids attend Summer Camp in 2021. Summer Adventure Camp runs for 10 weeks starting in June and concluding in August.
- We began working with NR Fire Department to offer year round Family & Friends CPR and AHA CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification. We had 59 participate in AHA CPR/Basic Life Support and 21 take part in Family & Friends CPR.
- Advanced Fencing saw a 47.8% decrease in participation over 2019. We had a total of 120 kids/adults participate in 2021.
- Beginning Art with Amanda Hamilton had 44 participants in 2021. The class continues to grow and participation remains strong.
- Pony Camp saw an 800% increase in participation over 2019. We had 27 kids take participate in 2021.

ADULT EDUCATION

- We had 46 participants take part in our Adult Education Programs. This was a 26.9% decrease in participation over 2019.

ADULT SPORTS

- Our Men's Basketball League continues to grow. We had 8 teams over the summer of 2021. That is an increase of 2 teams over 2019.



FITNESS

- We had 916 individuals participate in our fitness programs.
- Healthy Strides a Cleveland Clinic Program was back in 2021 after not running in 2020.
- In the fall we rolled out Spinning to our residents. We offer classes on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8:30a.m.-9:30a.m. Ran only in the fall we had 30 participant.
- We offered 6 new fitness programs in 2021.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 8th Annual Cleveland Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 6. Race participation totaled 385 runners/walkers. We had 276 participate in the 5K and 109 participate in the 1M.
- Touch-A-Truck was held on Saturday, June 5 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.
- We ran a Spring Fling Parent/Child Dance in leau of the Daddy-Daughter Dance.
- Lorain County Pride Day was held on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00a.m.-Noon. We had 97 volunteers who helped beautify our parks and city.
- Tots Trick-or-Treat had 278 little ones pass through City Hall on Friday, October 30.

SPECIAL EVENTS PROGRAM TOTALS

- Cleveland Stache Dash: 385
- Tots Trick-or-Treat: 278
- Fishing Derby: 124
- Spring Fling Parent/Child Dance: 21
- *FallFest: 2,000
- Santa's Calling: 73
- *Touch-A-Truck: 1,500
- Lorain County Pride Day: 97 volunteers
- *Christmas Tree Lighting: 200
- *Movies in the Park: 125
- *Summer Concert Series: 500

TOTALS: 5,303



PARKS



- Rental of our pavilions & gazebo in South Central Park resumed in 2021. From April-October we had a total of 199 renters which brought in \$6,850.00 to the department.
- Our indoor batting cages are utilized year round and provide rec & travel teams an opportunity to train indoors over year round. In 2021 batting cage rentals brought in \$4,305.00.
- Caden Hill completed his Eagle Scout Project this past summer. Caden and his team of volunteers worked to install safety buoy's around the South Central Park Lake.
- Shady Drive Complex continues to be a host site for national baseball and softball tournaments over the summer. In 2021 our field rentals generated \$13,225.00 in revenue.
- Over the summer and into the fall we worked with Frank Nehls to secure sponsorship and install a 9-hole disc golf course in South Central Park. The 9-hole disc golf course opened to the public in the Fall. We raised over \$4,000.00 in sponsorships and donations toward the project.
- Our Park System experienced a rash of vandalism during the summer/fall. Vandalism consisted of destruction of soap & toilet paper dispensers and restroom doors. This was the result of a Tik-Tok trend labeled devious licks.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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.

Alex Sismour Memorial Fund

American Family Insurance - Serina Lopez Agency

Angelina's Pizza

Arby's of North Ridgeville

Aut-O-Rama Drive-In

Center Cleaning Services

Conrad's Tire Express & Total Car Care

Costin & Kendall CPAs

CSL Plasma

Dunkin

Dollar Bank

Domino's

Dough Daddy Doughnuts

Elite K911 Dog Training

First Federal Lakewood

General Services Co., Inc.

Giant Eagle

Kitchen Works

Lorain County Community College

Legacy Roofing

Legacy Waste and Recycling Inc.

Lorain Public Library System

Method Sports and Fitness

Nino's Italian Restaurant

North Coast Eye Care

North Ridgeville Convenient Sunoco

North Ridgeville Eye Care

North Ridgeville Family Dentistry

North Ridgeville Fire L 2129

North Ridgeville Police Association

North Ridgeville Police Association

Northview Animal Clinic

Philip J. Wetzel

Spacewalk of North Ridgeville

The Gutter Cleaners

The Kalt Manufacturing Co.

Van's Tire Pro of North Ridgeville

VFW Post 9871

Victory Sports Park

Westside Community Church

Wink Electric