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On the cover: Scott and Nancy Howard continue the family tradition of managing a plot in one of Hilliard's community gardens. See story on Page 4.

## ENGAGE WITH US!

We believe our community should be informed about the work of its local government and engaged in the process. Our open public meetings include opportunities for public participation. You can watch livestreams of our meetings at [hilliardoh.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx](http://hilliardoh.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx).

We seek public input 24/7 at [Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov](http://Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov).

Residents may submit service requests online at [hilliard.mobile311.com](http://hilliard.mobile311.com) or by calling (614) 876-7361 ext. 311.



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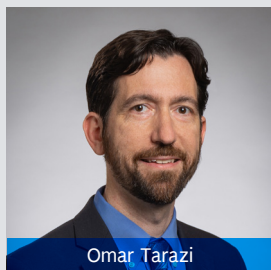
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## COULD A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER BE IN HILLIARD'S FUTURE?

Many Hilliard residents have long said it would be wonderful to have a modern community center similar to those offered in neighboring cities.

In the past few months, the City has been performing a feasibility study to determine if it would be practical to construct and operate such a center, perhaps along the lines as those offered in Westerville, Dublin, and Worthington.

This study also is exploring what kinds of amenities residents think would be most desirable in such a center. Would you like to see swimming pools? Indoor tracks? Workout facilities? Attached or adjacent medical health and wellness services?

This research included a community survey and regional market assessment that examine the types of recreational facilities, programs, and services needed in Hilliard and nearby communities. The results of the survey and market study will be presented to City Council and the public in April.

City Council members will then have information that will help us answer two important, related questions:

- Do we believe our community wants and would benefit from a community center?
- Would voters support a new community center by approving a 0.5-percent income tax increase that would be mainly paid by people who live in other communities (such as Columbus) but work in Hilliard? The resulting revenue would be earmarked for construction and operation of the center, increased senior center programs and facilities, acquiring and developing future parks and trails, maintenance of existing parks and facilities, new athletic fields, and other recreation and parks priorities.

City Council expects to consider this topic in June. We will be sure that you, our community, have opportunities to weigh in on the subject.

In the coming months, the City also will present plenty of information you may not have previously known. For example:

- Income tax withholdings that support City services and infrastructure are only collected from those who work in the City of Hilliard.
- More than three-fourths of Hilliard residents pay no income tax to the City of Hilliard. City services are largely funded by non-residents.
- Senior adults living on retirement incomes do not pay income taxes to the City.
- So, if you work in another city (such as Columbus, Worthington, or Upper Arlington) where the income tax is equal to or higher than 2 percent, you pay Hilliard nothing. If you work in a city where the income tax is lower than 2 percent, you only pay Hilliard the difference.

For now, we need to hear your thoughts and questions on these topics!

Visit [Talk2Us@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:Talk2Us@hilliardohio.gov) and share your thoughts by clicking on the "Community Center" section. We will consider all your questions and comments as we weigh our decisions in the coming months!



# Community Gardens

Grow More  
Than

## Flowers & Vegetables

To some it may look like just a 15-foot by 20-foot piece of land tucked behind the Senior Center.

But, to a pair of Hilliard siblings, the garden space adorned with zucchini sprouts, bright marigolds, and budding tomatoes represents so much more: a place to remember their late father.

Scott and Nancy Howard are among nearly two dozen Hilliard residents using community garden space offered by the City of Hilliard. The Howards embarked on their first community garden in 2020 — the first summer after their father passed away.

“We grew up in a home with our dad always gardening,” Nancy said. “When he announced that he wasn’t going to do a garden plot in 2015 due to his health, we decided to plant one at his house.”

From 2015 to 2019, Scott and Nancy planted the garden at their parents’ house.

“It gave Dad something to look forward to and got him moving,” Nancy said. “We were visiting often, and the garden became a shared activity for us to talk about instead of all of the medical things that were happening.”



When Scott and Nancy's mother passed away, they were able to cut their own fresh flowers to take to the cemetery with their father. "It was rewarding," Scott said.

Their father passed away in 2019. When the siblings sold his home, they worried where to continue the garden, which had become a family tradition.

"We wanted a big garden and didn't have the room in our yards," Scott said. "We also wanted to tend to the garden together and enjoy each other's company."

That is when the duo decided to register for a community garden plot in Hilliard.

When it was time to plant, things started falling into place. Scott's daughter, Cassie, offered to make a sign for their garden, calling it "The Heavenly Howard Garden."

"She came up with the idea and name as a surprise to us," Scott said.

"The sign really captured the essence of the last six years," Nancy added.

Scott and Nancy spread donated mulch from Scott's business, Vanner and Co., and began planting.

"The garden gave us the ability to carry on a tradition while gaining new friends," Nancy said. "We've met some truly nice and interesting people who have woven into our lives."

The pair learned many new planting tips from their plot neighbor, a master gardener who they give credit to for their excellent crop of Roma tomatoes. They also met a research scientist from The James Cancer Hospital who is from Cameroon.

At the end of the season, Scott and Nancy processed their whole garden, citing fresh tomato sauce and zucchini bread as some of their favorite creations. They also have grown zinnias, eggplant, cantaloupe, sunflowers, and cucumbers.

"We bought a dehydrator at the end of the year that we're excited to use this season to make some salts, rubs, and other things from our peppers," Nancy said.

The Howards plan to return in 2021 to celebrate their first harvest "since COVID-19 got in the way" in 2020.

"The entire process feels like a connection to our dad," Nancy said. "We're very grateful for the opportunity."

Register for a community garden plot by emailing [hbush@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:hbush@hilliardohio.gov).

Various plot sizes are available at two locations: one near Leap Road and the other near the Senior Center in Municipal Park. Plot sizes vary and range in price from \$30 to \$70. Each plot includes access to water and a prepared planting bed. Go to [hilliardohio.gov/community-garden](http://hilliardohio.gov/community-garden) for more information.







# HiFio

Connecting Community  
to the Future



They don't look like much at first glance – just 432 pieces of hair-thin glass fiber encased in a rainbow of colored casings – but they represent the future of business, government, education, and residential internet connectivity in Hilliard.

The City of Hilliard is finishing the first phase of installation of the Hilliard Fiber Optic (HiFiO) network. The HiFiO is approximately 30 miles of fiber optic cables running underground and via overhead lines.

This massive undertaking represents a \$3.9 million infrastructure investment so far. For a community to compete in the 21st century, HiFiO is the kind of crucial infrastructure a City needs, said Duane Powell, Hilliard's Director of Information Technology.

The City will not be selling internet access to customers.



Instead, it will partner with internet service providers that will use HiFiO to provide high-speed internet access to business, government, and residential customers in Hilliard. Typically, these providers will be smaller companies that would otherwise have a difficult time competing against major businesses because of the initial cost of building their own network.

“What we’re doing is building a fiber optic network for the City of Hilliard,” Powell said. “The initial benefit for us is that it allows the City to bring in competition for internet access.”

The network will connect all City buildings, reducing the monthly cost of access by 85 percent while increasing speed tenfold. The City will leverage the access to better serve its residents. For example, the City can employ smart city initiatives, such as using real-time information about asphalt temperatures to determine when salt truck crews should be deployed and live data from intersections to help manage traffic signals.

HiFiO will be a significant tool for attracting and retaining businesses, Powell said. More competition means lower costs and more options. Access to the network can be used as an economic development incentive to attract business to the community and allow existing businesses to grow, creating additional jobs.

One of the most immediate beneficiaries of this network will be students attending Hilliard City Schools, particularly in households that may not otherwise be able to afford internet access.

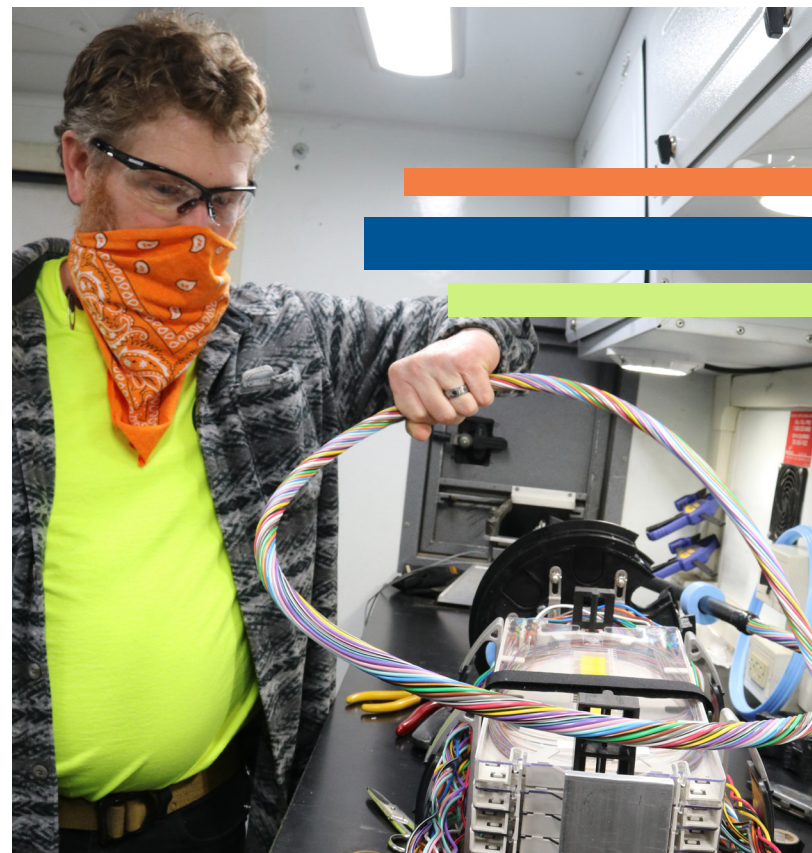
“COVID has shown us how important it is for people to be able to attend school and work remotely,” Powell said. “For lower-income families, the digital divide between those who can afford internet access and those who cannot becomes a significant social equity issue.”

The school district identified neighborhoods where this divide was greatest. By running HiFiO to the schools and working with business partner Bresco Broadband to install special radio transmitters on the buildings, families with free receivers (also provided by the City) have in-home WiFi hotspots. City Council members voted in late 2020 to use federal government COVID relief money to fund the project.

And if HiFiO already runs to school buildings, it becomes much less costly for Hilliard City Schools to provide high-speed internet to its buildings, Powell said.

So, what’s next for HiFiO? Powell said there are nearly unlimited possibilities, including using technology and low-cost internet to make aging in place a safer, more practical option for older adults.

“We’re opening the door to allow smaller providers to compete in this market, which not only lowers costs but opens the door for greater innovation,” Powell said. “That’s good for our residents, good for business, and good for our community.”



A worker splices fiber optic cables together while installing part of the 30-mile HiFiO network.

# HILLIARD'S TOP 10

The Most Frequent Questions  
Residents Ask Us

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## MY TRASH OR RECYCLING BIN IS BROKEN OR NOT LARGE ENOUGH. CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE?

Not all broken trash bins are trash! Fixing recycling and trash bins is something we do in-house. You may also request an additional trash and recycling bin through [hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311](https://hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311). Residents will be charged for trash bins. Recycling bins are free.

## WILL LOCAL WASTE PICK UP LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS COUCHES, TOILETS, ETC.?

Yes! No matter how old the mattress or dirty the carpet roll, they'll take it. Please notify Local Waste before you place your item(s) at the curb [localwasteservices.com/residential](https://localwasteservices.com/residential).

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### CAN I HAVE CHICKENS IN HILLIARD?

Don't have a cow if your neighbor has chickens! Chickens are permitted in Hilliard on properties larger than three acres. Check the City's code on our website under the 'Government' tab for more information.

### HOW DO I FILE MY INCOME TAXES?

Through Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). With the exception of retirees, all adults must file, regardless of whether you work in Hilliard or owe any Hilliard income taxes.



### HOW DO I REPORT A POTHOLE, MALFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC LIGHT, OR BURNT-OUT STREET LIGHT?

Our Operations Department has you covered! Submit a Hilliard 311 request online or by calling (614) 876-7361 ext. 311. The City will address the concern as soon as possible.

### WHEN WILL MY BRUSH PILE BE COLLECTED?

Prune those trees and let us take the limbs and brush off your hands! Starting in mid-April, the City of Hilliard provides a weekly chipper service. The city is divided into four color-coded quadrants: orange, green, blue, and purple. Crews will go through each quadrant one day per week (Monday through Thursday) to collect limbs and brush at the curb. Read more at [hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311](http://hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311).



### I RECEIVED A TICKET THROUGH HILLIARD MAYOR'S COURT. CAN I PAY IT ONLINE?

Yes, you can pay your ticket online at [municipalonlinepayments.com/hilliardoh/court/search](http://municipalonlinepayments.com/hilliardoh/court/search). You can also mail payment to Hilliard Mayor's Court, 5171 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026, or use the 24-hour drop box in the lobby of the Joint Safety Services Building.

### HOW CAN I REQUEST A POLICE REPORT?

You can request an incident or crash report by submitting a records request to the Division of Police. The public records request form is under Forms and Applications on the City's website under the Police tab. Requests can also be made in person at the Joint Safety Services Building, 5171 Northwest Parkway, or via phone at (614) 876-2429.



### HOW CAN I PREVENT SOLICITORS FROM KNOCKING ON MY DOOR?

Do unannounced guests make you want to hide and pretend no one is home? Hilliard has an ordinance to protect home and business owners from unwanted solicitation. Stop by City Hall to pick up your sticker!

### ARE THERE VOLUNTEER OR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS?

Yes. The Recreation and Parks Department accepts corporate sponsors and volunteers for various events. It also manages the "Adopt-A-Park" program that allows groups to take an active role in the beautification and maintenance of City parks. Visit [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov) for more information.







# OFFICER DEATON

## The New HPD Community Relations Officer

A familiar face to many at the Hilliard Division of Police has a new title: Community Relations Officer.

Officer Mike Deaton, who has served the agency in numerous capacities for the past 23 years, stepped into the position in January.

Officer Deaton will dedicate his time to creating and deepening relationships with members of the Hilliard community. Specific duties will include fostering communication with area businesses and overseeing the Division's nationally recognized Citizen's Police Academy program.

"I love people. I love talking to people," said Officer Deaton, who has been a full-time Hilliard officer since 1998 and also served as a part-time Norwich Township firefighter. "You become a directory for those in need, and that's how you build up a good rapport."

Officer Deaton has served in a wide variety of positions during his tenure at HPD, including as a school resource officer for 13 years at Hilliard Darby High School. In that role, he established enduring relationships that have resulted in his students approaching him even to this day, according to Chief of Police Robert Fisher.

He has also led the agency's Police Explorer program, influencing countless high-school-aged explorers with his easy-going charisma and keen sense of humor. The explorers in his care have gone on to a wide variety of police-related careers, Chief Fisher said.

Recently, Officer Deaton was selected as a recipient of the Franklin County STAR of Law Enforcement Award. He is also certified as an instructor of the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event (CRASE) course.

Additionally, Officer Deaton is certified as a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) specialist and is available to provide security assessments to Hilliard businesses and churches, by appointment.

"We come out and take a look at how their operations are running — look at the building and make comments and suggestions about what they can work toward to make their properties more crime-proof," Officer Deaton explained.

Officer Deaton can be reached at (614) 334-2487 or [mdeaton@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:mdeaton@hilliardohio.gov).



Support Services Clerks such as Noy Gore are unsung heroes for the Hilliard Division of Police.



# SUPPORT SERVICES: *HPD's 'Jack of All Trades' Team*

Twisting her chair between four computer monitors, a ringing phone, and the police officer standing next to her desk, Kristen Buelow-Lambdin is the epitome of effortless multi-tasking.

She's one of six Support Services Clerks serving the Hilliard Division of Police. The unit's members serve as the welcoming faces behind the glass window to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"It's a really unique position," said Buelow-Lambdin, who describes her job as a mixture of overall secretary, dispatcher, and records clerk.

Buelow-Lambdin first served as an intern for the department in 2013 while completing a criminology and criminal justice degree at The Ohio State University before being hired as a clerk in 2014.

"We're a 'jack of all trades', but we're trusted with these tasks because we can handle them," she said.

The clerks provide clerical and administrative support to members of the Division and the general public. Specific duties include processing public record requests and background checks, auditing police reports, entering sensitive information into multiple law enforcement databases, monitoring screens that display city roadways, and assisting every person who walks in the police station's lobby.

"Sometimes it's surprising to people who come into the building over the weekend or late at night and find someone," Buelow-Lambdin said. "I think we're approachable and our goal is to help people."

Hilliard Deputy Chief of Police Eric Grile said the support services clerks play a pivotal role in the operation of the Division. Their knowledge, dedication, and expertise are valued by every officer, he said.

"They are the true experts when it comes to running the business of a law enforcement agency," Deputy Chief Grile said. "And they're a tight-knit group that looks out for themselves and for every single officer they work alongside."

Clerk Noy Gore, who came to the job in 2017, recently celebrated her 50th birthday on a workday. A colorful banner and tray of cupcakes decorated her desk — a fitting tribute to the "keeper of the candy bowl" who brings in sweet treats as a way to relieve officers experiencing stress with the job.

"I love to be involved with what's happening with the officers every day," said Gore, who previously worked in the warrants division of a sheriff's office in Florida after spending several years as a homemaker raising her daughter.

"So many things can happen all at once, and there are some moments it gets crazy," she said, "but we're all here to help each other."





# Hey, Mildred!

*The Story of Hilliard's Mystery Park*

It is likely you have visited many of Hilliard's 25 parks. There's Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park, Tinapple Park, Hilliard's Station Park, Darby Glen Park, and Cross Creek Park. But, when you hear the name "Mildred Park," does it ring a bell?

Located on Britton Parkway, just south of Davidson Road and across from Mount Carmel Hilliard, is a small, wooded piece of land next to a field. Those who have driven or walked by may have noticed three mysterious statues and a shed in the woods. You probably wondered what the statues were and if the land belonged to a nearby business or resident. Many are surprised to hear that this very piece of land is a public park full of rich history.

In 2018, the City designated this 4.2-acre parcel to be used as a public park. The park was officially dedicated in 2019 and named "Mildred Park."

Ted and Charles Smith donated Mildred Park to the City to preserve a portion of what was once their family farm. The most distinct features of the park are the statues of a young girl, dog, and pony. The young girl depicts the park's namesake, Mildred Smith, according to her grandson, Daniel Smith. The dog and pony were among some of her favorite animals while growing up on the farm in Brown Township.

It was there where Mildred's love for agriculture began. She loved spending time outside with her pony and dogs. In the



1930s, Mildred married Anson Smith and moved to another farm on Leap Road. Anson and Mildred owned many acres in Hilliard, including the land that is now home to the Columbus Metropolitan Library Hilliard Branch, Rock City Church, and Mount Carmel Hilliard. The piece of land that was most special to the Smiths was the wooded area that is now Mildred Park.

“The wooded area was once a working farm filled with livestock and vegetable gardens,” said Daniel Smith. “My grandmother was a huge gardener. Although she studied business at (The Ohio State University,) she was most interested in home economics. She made her own juice and jelly with grapes grown on the land. My grandfather would plant 100 tomato plants, and she would preserve every single tomato.”

Smith and his family members have fond memories of riding ponies from the farmhouse that was on Leap Road to the woods on what is now Britton Parkway. The family raised cattle on the farm and showed them at state fairs all over the Midwest.

“Our family had many bonfires in those woods. In fact, the small building that is still on the park property is an old outhouse that we would use during the bonfires,” Smith said.

Four generations of Smiths worked and played on the land that is now Mildred Park, creating memories that have been passed down generations.

Because nearby Anson Drive is named after his grandfather, Smith said his family wanted to dedicate the park to his grandmother, Mildred.

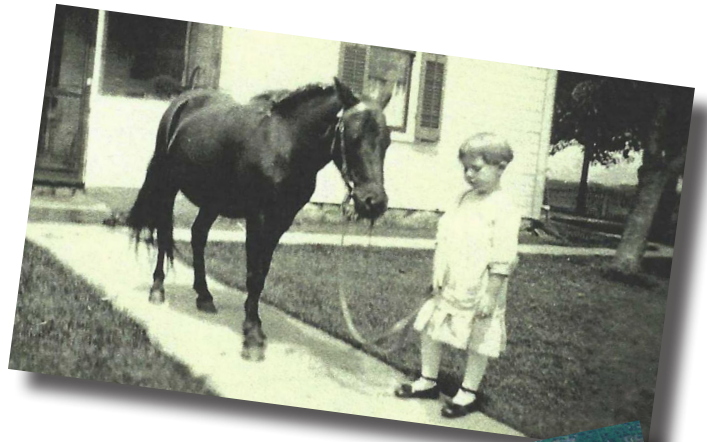
While Mildred and Anson Smith have passed away, other members of the Smith family have moved out of Hilliard, and most of what was once their farm is now developed. The family is glad that a small portion has been preserved.

“Hilliard has always had a special place in my family’s heart, especially my father’s (Ted). He really loved the trees on the farm and wanted to retain them for the people of Hilliard to enjoy. I’m glad we were able to keep our strong roots in such a progressive community,” said Smith.

The City has not begun developing the park yet, but is committed to preserving the legacy that it carries.

“The possibilities for this land are exciting, and we plan to seek community input for ideas,” said Ed Merritt, Director of Recreation and Parks. “My vision for the park includes meandering natural-material paths that weave in and out of the trees in a circular pattern around the park, several reflection benches, and green space. The park could be used for many things, including natural reflection, hammocks, and slack lining between the trees,” he said.

Thanks to the Smith family, Mildred Park will create opportunities for future generations to enjoy nature in Hilliard.



**Top to Bottom:** Mildred with her pony; An aerial view of Mildred's and Anson's farm from 1998; Mildred's and Anson's farm house; Anson and Mildred.

# LOCAL INCOME TAX VS. PROPERTY TAX

Questions about local income taxes and property taxes are commonplace for residents, business owners, property owners, and those employed within the city limits of Hilliard. These two types of taxes are different in many ways, including how they are collected, who collects them, and what they pay for. Do you know what your taxes pay for?

It is important to know that municipal governments and school districts are separate governmental agencies with different governing bodies of elected officials.

## Income Tax

Those who work within Hilliard corporate limits pay a 2-percent local income tax to the City of Hilliard. Many suburbs in Franklin County have a 2.5 percent income tax.

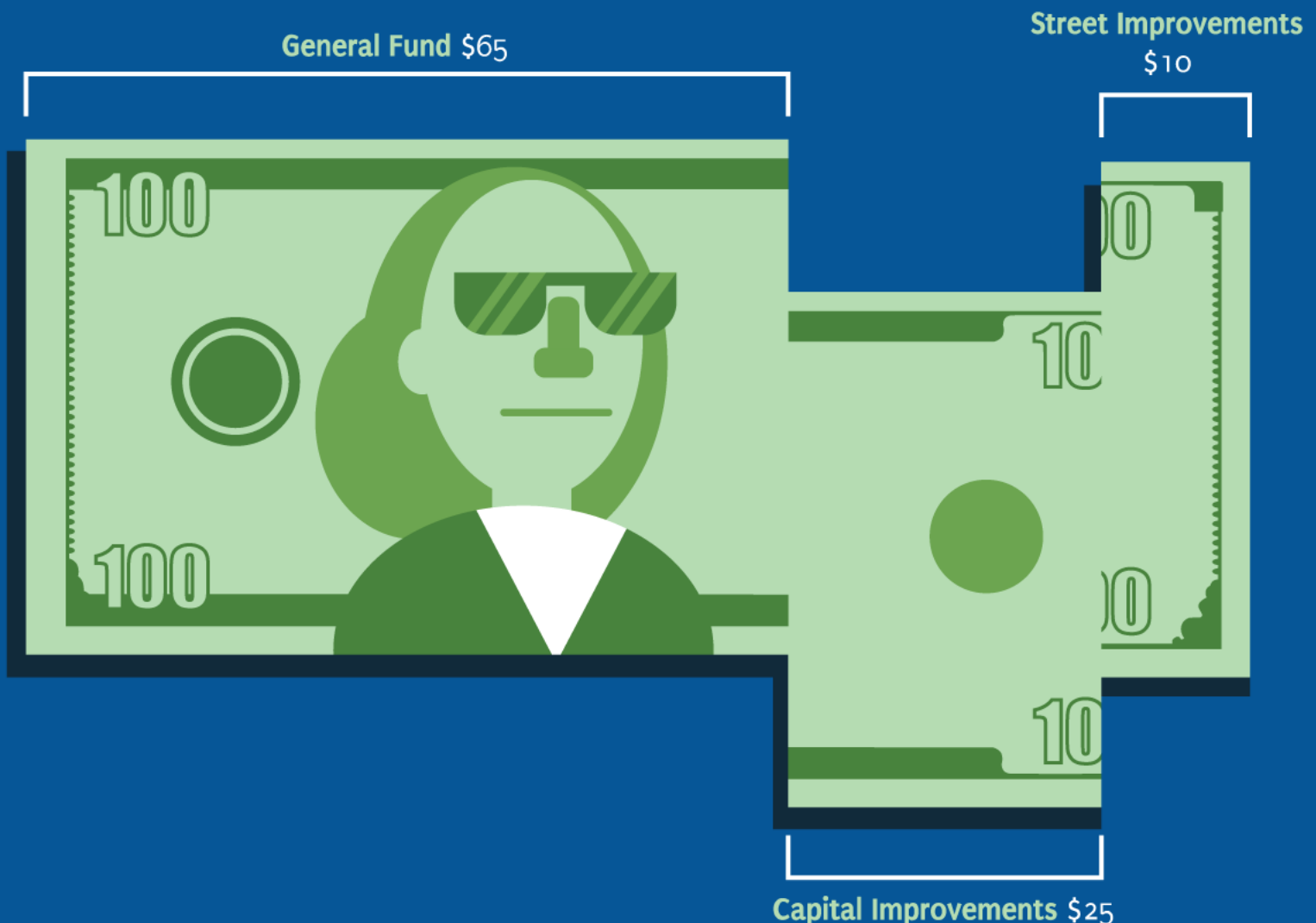
If Hilliard residents work in Columbus, they are paying more in local income taxes than if they work in Hilliard, because Columbus has a 2.5 percent income tax rate. Most local income taxes are collected by businesses in Hilliard withholding taxes and paying on behalf of their employees.

Local income tax is the City of Hilliard's primary funding source, accounting for nearly 70 percent of the City's general fund revenue. They are used to provide great City services and amenities. If you don't work in Hilliard, you probably don't pay Hilliard income taxes. More than three-fourths of Hilliard's local income taxes are paid by people who work within Hilliard's corporate boundaries, but do not live here.

Our community enjoys great services and quality of life amenities – such as snow removal, swimming pools, police, parks, bike trails, and the Senior Center – that are largely paid for by people who are not City of Hilliard residents.

## Income Taxes

How every \$100 paid to Hilliard in local income tax is invested





## Property Tax

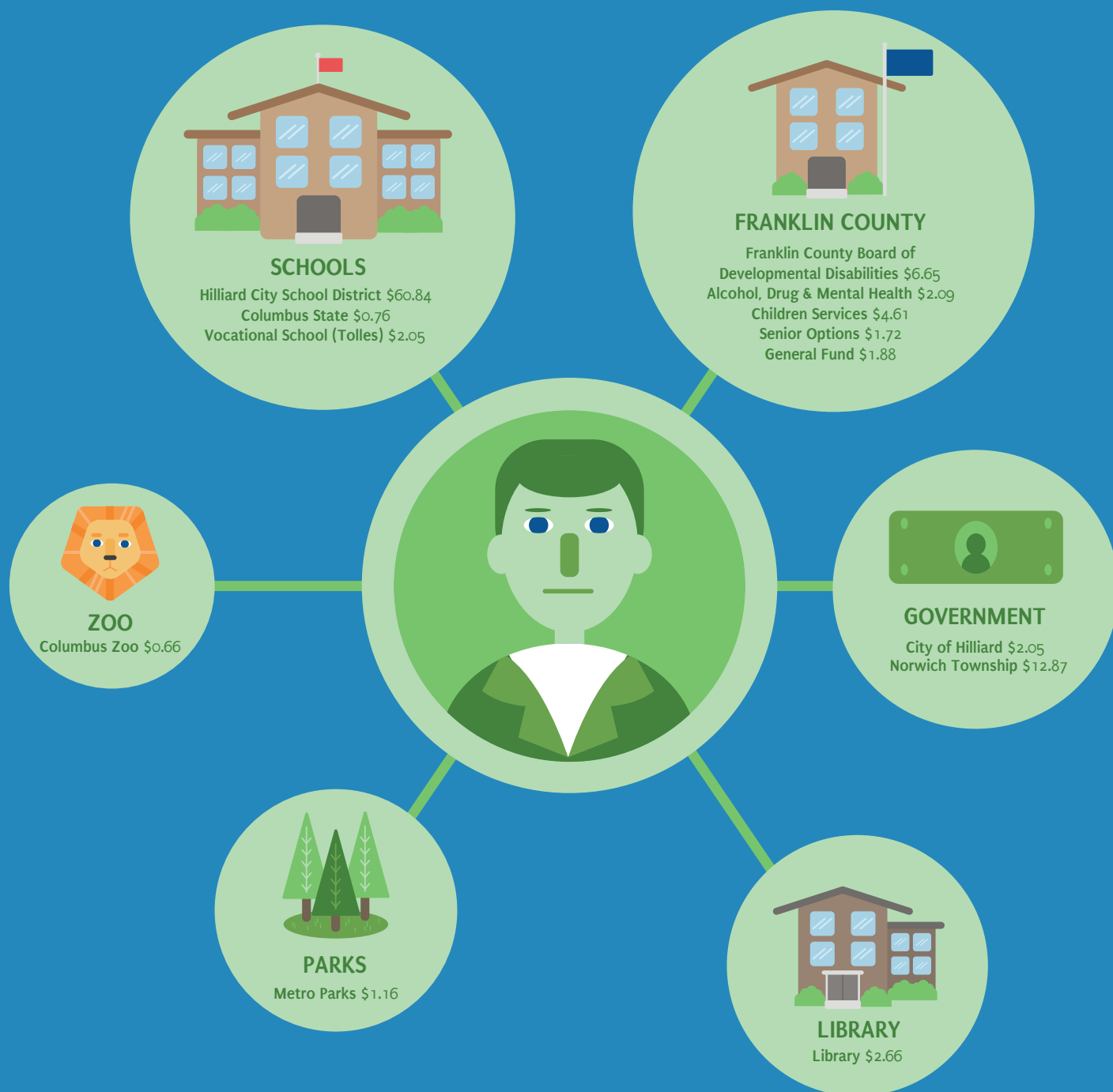
Property taxes are paid to the Franklin County Treasurer and stem from the value of your house, business, or land. Property taxes can be rolled into escrow by your lender when you buy a house or land. If you own your house or choose not to escrow those payments, you can pay property taxes out of pocket when you receive a bill from Franklin County each year.

Franklin County distributes your property taxes to a variety of government-funded agencies. Nearly 61 percent of your property taxes are sent to Hilliard City School District, followed by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 6.7 percent, and Children Services at 4.6 percent.

To view the tax distribution for your house, visit [franklincountyauditor.com](http://franklincountyauditor.com).

# Property Taxes

How every \$100 you pay in property taxes to Franklin County is divided and distributed



# SO, YA WANNA BUILD A DECK?

When do you need a permit? How do you get one?

Making updates to your home or business just got easier.

The City of Hilliard recently launched a new building software named “OpenGov” that centralizes all City permits into one online system. It also makes submitting a building permit application in person a thing of the past in Hilliard.

The process is now entirely digitized through OpenGov, which is more efficient and customer friendly.

“In the past, people had to use the City’s website to download forms and either bring them to the Municipal Building or mail them,” said Michael Hulse, the City’s Chief Building Official. “This new software will eliminate the back-and-forth. Everything will be easily accessible online.”

Dan Ralley, Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director, said the change is significant, especially during the pandemic when homeowners are doing renovations and spending more time at home.

“We’ve seen an increase in volume of permits recently. OpenGov will streamline things for homeowners, developers and the City,” Ralley said.

What exactly requires a building permit? Some common projects include upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; building a shed or detached garage; adding a pool or hot tub; basement waterproofing; building a deck; new or changed water lines; sprinkler systems; and new electrical services.

“If you think an activity may need a permit, you can now search on OpenGov for an answer. Just fill out an application and submit the required documents to start the permitting process. After we receive the information, users can pay fees and review documents, plans, and inspection information online,” Hulse said. “Customers can even see where their permit is in the approval process.”

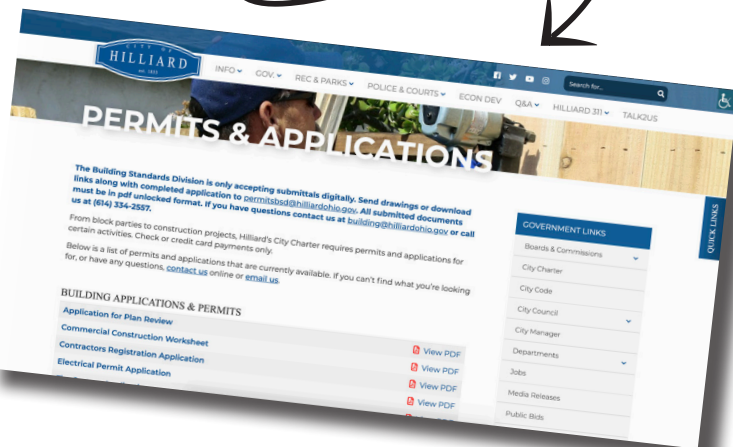
Inspection fees have also been updated during the OpenGov transition, Ralley said. “Now they are simplified and more transparent for contractors to understand in advance.”

Fees are used to cover the cost of a professional inspection. “Our inspectors ensure things are done correctly in people’s homes. Lives can be saved through this service,” Ralley said.

Hilliard is joining several other municipalities in central Ohio that use the program, Hulse said. This makes it even easier for those who are already registered. Customer service remains vital to the City, so users are still welcome to contact the City by phone.

Next time you want to do a home renovation, or if you are just curious about a previous renovation inspection that occurred in your home, just head over to our website for the correct permits.

GET YOUR PERMITS AT [HILLIARDOHIO.GOV/PERMITS-APPLICATIONS](https://hilliardohio.gov/permits-applications)







# 2020 Highlights & Annual Report

Service with a Smile | From the City of Hilliard



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM A MEMORABLE YEAR



## OUR COUNCIL & CITY MANAGER

**Front** Andy Teater, City Manager Michelle Crandall, Pete Marsh

**Rear** Kelly McGivern, Tom Baker, Omar Tarazi, Les Carrier, Cynthia Vermillion

Services of the City of Hilliard are primarily funded through a 2-percent municipal income tax, paid by people who work here (even if they don't live here.) Income taxes paid by Hilliard residents who work in other communities go to those municipalities. In many cases, the income tax rates in those communities is higher than 2 percent.

<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>
<b>COLUMBUS</b>	2.50%
<b>DUBLIN</b>	2.00%
<b>GAHANNA</b>	2.50%
<b>GRANDVIEW HTS</b>	2.50%
<b>GROVEPORT</b>	2.00%
<b>HILLIARD</b>	2.00%
<b>NEW ALBANY</b>	2.00%
<b>UPPER ARLINGTON</b>	2.50%
<b>WESTERVILLE</b>	2.00%
<b>WORTHINGTON</b>	2.50%

## 2020 In Review

On the surface, compiling highlights that encompass 2020 would seem daunting, at best. This was a year filled with challenges and losses for too many residents and businesses.

So, as we began compiling the facts and figures in this year-at-a-glance in the City of Hilliard, we were pleased by what we discovered: silver linings.

We found local non-profit agencies increasing their responses to health and social service needs – with Hilliard's City government finding ways to support their efforts.

The pandemic created financial challenges for some individuals and businesses, but overall financial figures indicate Hilliard is weathering the storm. Several new businesses opened. Other companies discovered innovative approaches to adversity.

Hilliard's City government also showed its innovative, altruistic, and determined side. We offered virtual recreation programming, socially distant celebrations, and support of our business community. We continued to lay the groundwork for the future through HiFiO, leveraging technology to benefit Hilliard's workers, learners, and residents. We improved roads, added recreational facilities, and maintained necessary infrastructure.

In a year when normal daily activities such as shopping, dining, and attending events were curtailed, the City of Hilliard's dedicated public servants continued to support this community by providing essential services. And though our residents may not have always seen them because of our masks, we provided those services with smiles, because we are committed to keeping this community moving forward.

## Looking Ahead To 2021

Big things will happen in 2021, too. City staff is working on both a new comprehensive community plan and a recreation and parks master plan. These plans will help guide Hilliard's development and investment in the community in the coming years, and we will ensure our residents have opportunities for input into the process.

One important aspect of these plans will be whether our community wants the City to move forward with plans to build a new community center comparable to the ones in neighboring communities. In the summer of 2021, City Council will decide – based in part on resident input – whether to place an issue on the November 2021 ballot asking voters to increase Hilliard's income tax rates from 2 percent to 2.5 percent, with those additional funds used (in part) to build and operate a community center.

We'll be providing you with much more information on that this year, but – SPOILER ALERT – if voters approve such a ballot issue, it will not raise income taxes for most residents because the majority of City revenue comes from people who don't live in Hilliard!

We welcome any questions you may have about these 2020 highlights. Visit [hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311](https://hilliardohio.gov/hilliard311) to send us your thoughts, and we'll keep offering service with a smile!



# CITY COUNCIL IDENTIFIES FIVE OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

Hilliard City Council approved five broad areas of strategic focus in 2020, each with a distinct goal for the next two years.

## EXCELLENT, INNOVATIVE CITY SERVICES

**GOAL:** The City will ensure continued delivery of excellent and innovative services in the years ahead by developing a long-term financial plan focusing on fiscal resilience and sustainability.



## FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ENGAGED COMMUNITY

**GOAL:** The City will focus on transparency, public trust, and resident involvement by developing and implementing a community engagement and communications plan.

## DISTINCT, WELL-PLANNED COMMUNITY

**GOAL:** The City is committed to implementing a strategy that includes public infrastructure maintenance and delivery of City services that support residents as they maintain properties in our older neighborhoods.



## QUALITY COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**GOAL:** The City will create and implement an economic development plan focused on the attraction, retention, growth and creation of businesses and jobs that provide a strong tax base and quality development.

## VALUED CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES & PROGRAMS

**GOAL:** The City will meet the community's needs for indoor recreational, health and wellness amenities and programming by engaging strategic partners to plan and build a new community center.



# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

As part of our COVID-19 support of our community, City Council committed \$150,000 in CARES Act funds to eight local health and social service agencies that were negatively affected by the pandemic.

The funds were distributed through the Hilliard Community Foundation.

**DOT'S TOTS FOUNDATION (\$22,292):** Replaced revenue lost from three events cancelled due to COVID-19

**HILLIARD FOOD PANTRY (\$20,119):** Supported increased needs for services compared to 2019

**PATCHES OF LIGHT (\$30,000):** Replaced lost revenue from 154 registrations

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL (\$7,589):** Paid for additional sinks to allow preschool to comply with state social distancing requirements

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HILLIARD (\$25,000):** Reimbursed cost of materials such as masks, cleaning supplies, extra facility cleaning, updated thermostats, gloves, sanitizers, and other items

**SON MINISTRIES (\$25,000):** Paid for increased costs associated with cleaning and program supplies, and supplies needed to support families in paying rent and utilities during the pandemic

**KIWANIS CLUB (\$10,000):** Offset lost revenue from canceled events

**ST. BRENDAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL (\$10,000):** Reimbursed expenses for cleaning and sanitizing expenses

## OTHER CITY SUPPORT

- Residents helped us keep children warm with more than 1,000 coats and other winter clothing through the annual "Cram the Cruiser" drive.
- During the summer, members of the Division of Police stood alongside Hilliard residents gathering for peaceful antiracism demonstrations in Old Hilliard, showing support and ensuring our entire community's voices and pain were expressed freely.
- City Council voted to officially recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an official City holiday, closing City offices to recognize the legacy of the civil rights leader.
- The City partners with Hilliard City Schools to honor local veterans and active-duty service personnel with "Hometown Heroes" banners displayed in Old Hilliard.





# MORE THAN FUN AND GAMES

Many 2020 Recreation and Parks Department special events and activities were derailed due to the pandemic, but the department rallied to provide much-needed services and support in Hilliard.

## INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

- Promoted **healthy minds, bodies, and spirits** through dozens of free “Healthy Hilliard” virtual fitness classes and activities
- Produced **patriotic neighborhood parades** in July, entertaining an estimated 4,200 residents
- Offered **safe outdoor fitness and yoga** classes to more than 850 participants
- Launched an eSport tournament for 188 players in partnership with Game Arena
- Hosted 43 area children in **Clubhouse Rec summer camp** programs
- Created at-home activity bags, mystery boxes, and other **COVID-safe family programs**



## SERVING SENIORS

- Provided **700 “drive-through” meals** per month to Hilliard senior adults
- Engaged our senior community with **COVID-safe activities**, including drive-in bingo, drive-in lunch-and-learns, a parking lot tailgate, and a Veterans Day celebration with outdoor band
- Launched Hilliard Express, **offering older adults free transportation** throughout Hilliard to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping, dining and other destinations



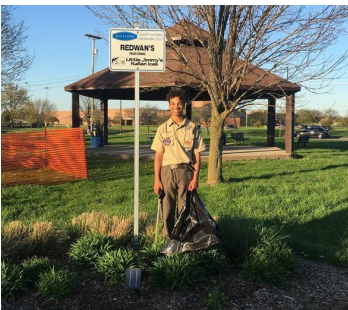
## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- In partnership with the **Environmental Sustainability Commission**, kept 2,750 pounds of paper, 6,189 pounds of electronics, and 47 cubic yards of Styrofoam out of landfills
- City **launched its first drop-off composting initiative**, thanks to a SWACO grant and support from GoZero Services



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Partnered with **BMW Financial Services** volunteers for Municipal Park clean-up events
- Hilliard Darby Key Club and Hilliard Kiwanis beautified Municipal Park by **planting 400 tulip bulbs**
- Community groups and businesses **adopted 17 parks** for clean-up and other projects



# POLICE AND COURTS



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

78 public community relations appearances by HPD officers

37 birthday parades

**K9 Ari** began sniffing out crime in the fall, the eighth furry face to join the agency since HPD began using dogs as part of the force in 2005

HPD raised more than **\$2,500 for Special Olympics Ohio** in a virtual torch run, helping provide year-round sports training and competition for nearly 22,000 Special Olympics Ohio athletes



## INNOVATION

HPD and Norwich Township Fire Department **welcomed their first chaplains**, Chaplain Corby LaCroix and Chaplain Brodie Taphorn, as part of a new public safety program



## POLICE NUMBERS



Police had **37,479** calls for service



**591** traffic crashes investigated



**1,403** reported crimes

## COURTS

Received a **\$497,000 federal grant** to fund Recovery Court for three years and hire full-time Recovery Court coordinator

**8 people** successfully participated in the Recovery Court program, gaining and retaining employment, securing stable housing, and remaining sober



# BUSINESS SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

## MOVE HILLIARD FORWARD



### BUSINESS SUPPORT

In addition to providing 57 area businesses more than \$220,000 in CARES Act-funded grants to offset COVID-related expenses, the City of Hilliard found other ways to support local employers:

- **Promoted dining** in Old Hilliard by closing Center Street, installing outdoor tables and chairs, and expanding the summer designated outdoor refreshment area (DORA)
- **Eased sign code requirements** and Old Hilliard parking restrictions to support area restaurants
- Joined forces with the Hilliard area Chamber of Commerce in promoting the “**Move Hilliard Forward**” campaign
- Provided **online information and resources** to local businesses
- Distributed **500 personal protective equipment kits** to Hilliard area business in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, JobsOhio and One Columbus



### BUSINESS SUCCESSES

- Installed **30 miles** of HiFiO project fiber optic cable, enhancing business attraction and retention capabilities and increasing internet options for residents and businesses
- City sold property on Cosgray Road to Amazon Data Services for a \$200 million data center development that will **create 100 new jobs with an \$8 million annual payroll** (with 75 percent of those funds to be dedicated to acquire, develop, and improve parks in Hilliard)
- Purchased 125 acres west of Municipal Park for development that will include **new athletic fields and a roadway to improve traffic flow**
- **Crooked Can Brewing** opened, along with the restaurants and businesses in the Center Street Market
- **Mariott TownPlace** opened, adding 94 hotel rooms and additional lodging revenues to Hilliard with this \$15 million investment

# BY THE NUMBERS

# MOODY'S

## AAA RATING

City of Hilliard maintained the **highest-possible bond rating** (Aaa) from Moody's for the second year in a row

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Received Government Finance Officers Association **"Achievement in Financial Reporting"** for 29th consecutive year

## AWARDED

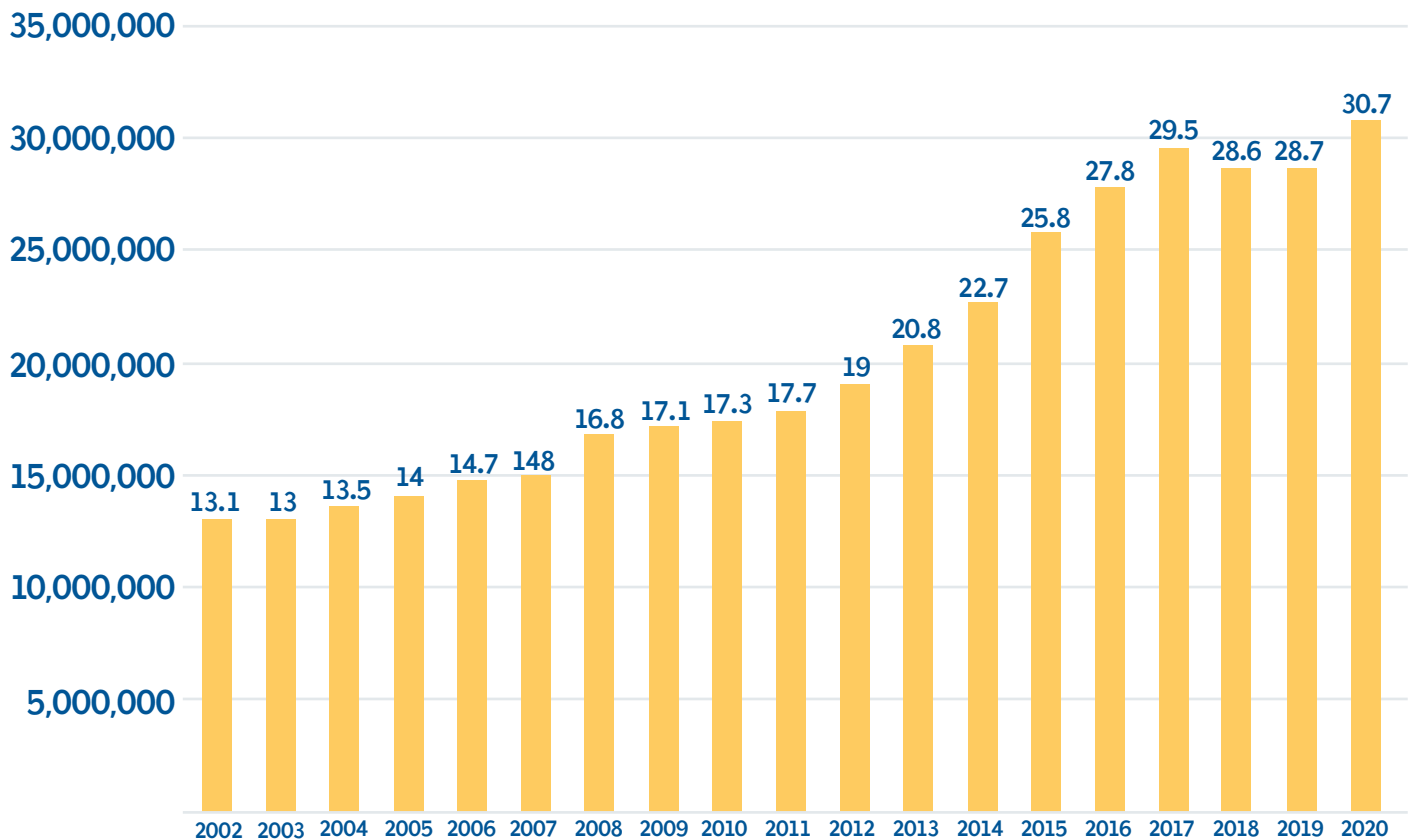
Received Ohio Auditor of State **Award with Distinction**

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

City will save \$400,000 by **refunding of existing bonds**



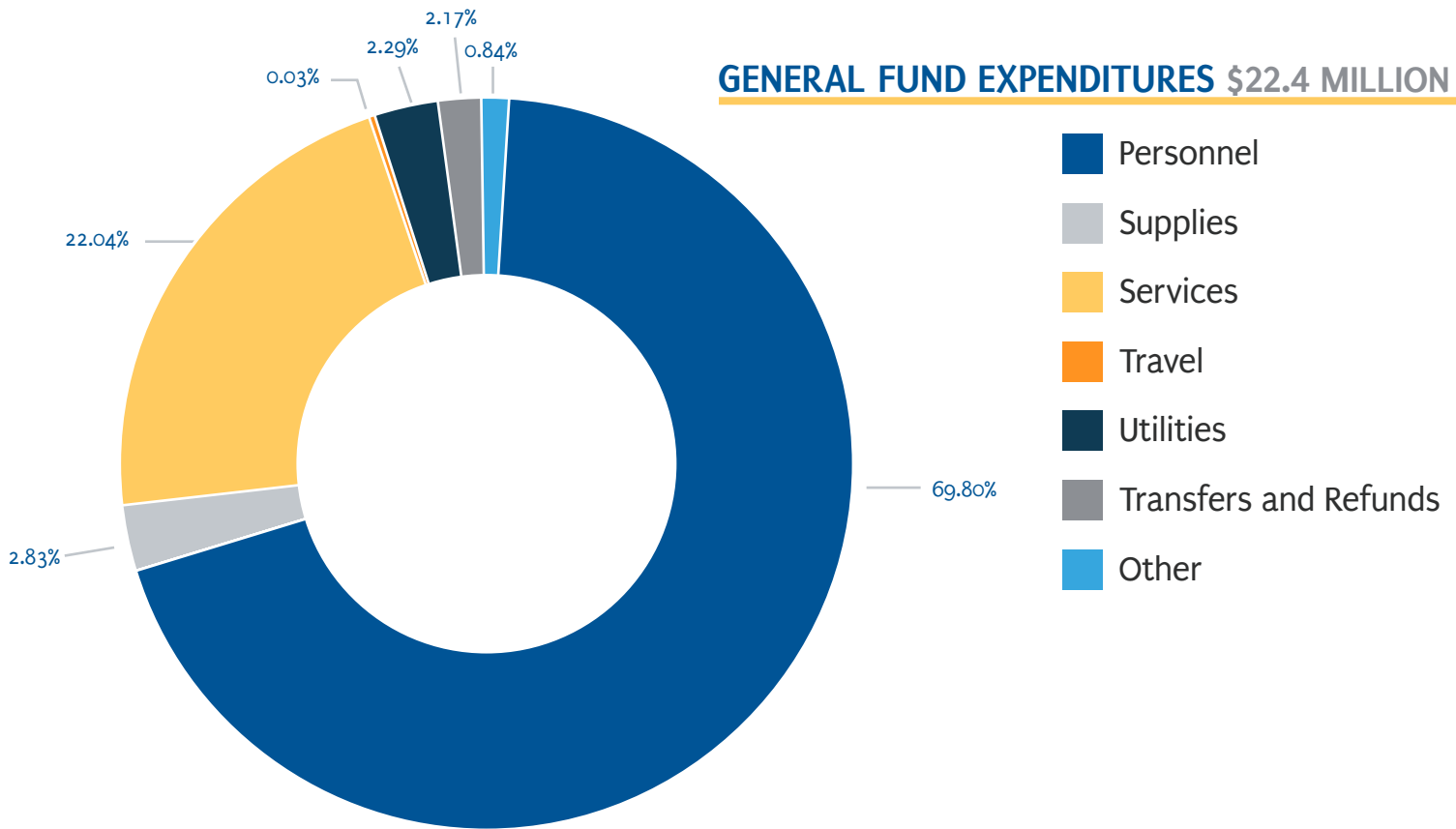
## INCOME TAX REVENUE





# BY THE NUMBERS

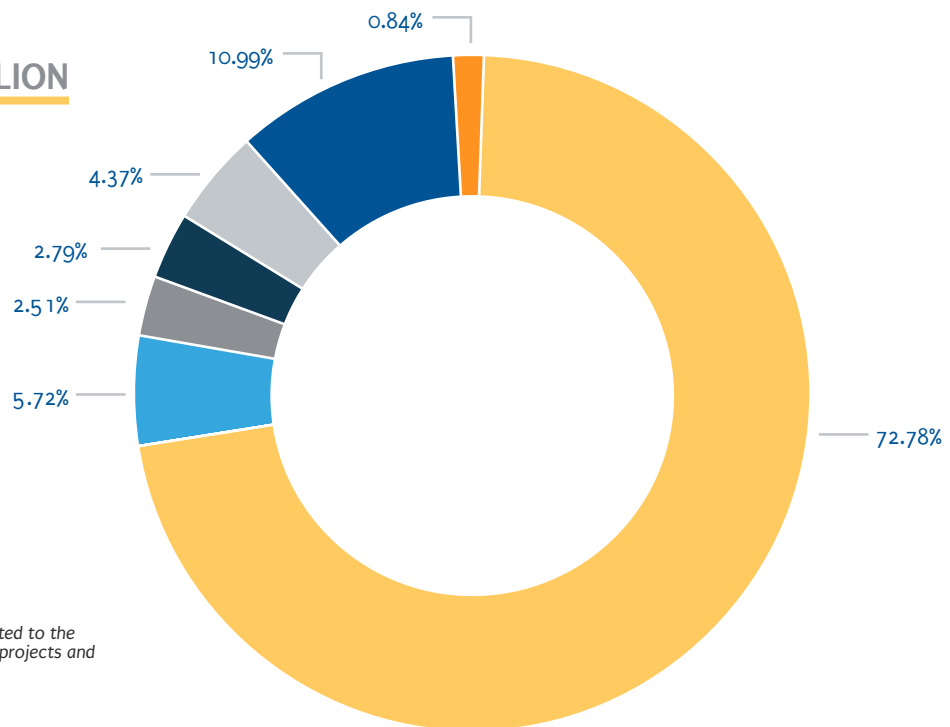
## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES \$22.4 MILLION



## GENERAL FUND REVENUE \$27.7 MILLION

- Municipal Income Tax\*
- Real Property Tax
- Shared Taxes
- Interest Earnings
- Fines and Permits
- Fees for Services
- Other

\*65 percent of local income taxes paid to the City are dedicated to the General Fund. Of the rest, 25% pays for capital improvement projects and 10 percent funds annual street repairs and improvements



# BUILDING THE FUTURE

Hilliard City Council approved a **\$15.4 million capital improvements budget** for 2020, funding major projects ranging from transportation and parks improvements to the continued expansion of a citywide fiber optic network.

Capital improvement projects represent significant investments into our community, creating opportunities for economic development and improved quality-of-life.

## PARKS



## INFRASTRUCTURE



## TRANSPORTATION



## FIBER NETWORK



# CAPITAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY

- Improvements to roundabouts in 2019 resulted in a **reduction in monthly crash averages** at the Main Street roundabouts at Cemetery and Scioto Darby roads, down from ten a month to four per month from September 2019 to September 2020
- Completed a \$2.3 million **Franklin Street improvement project**, adding sidewalks, streetlights, on-street parking, water-pervious pavers, and new water lines and storm sewers
- Awarded \$1.5 million construction contract to **improve operations and safety** at Scioto Darby Road and Walcutt Road intersection
- **Secured \$1.25 million from federal and state governments** for planned improvements at the Main Street and Scioto Darby Road roundabout, to connect Heritage Trail to the intersection of Davidson and Leppert roads, and to increase pedestrian safety at two Main Street locations (one near the COTA Park and Ride at Hilliard United Methodist Church and a second one between Wakefield Drive and Ten Pin Alley)

## STREET MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

- Resurfaced **13 street sections, 5 alleys, and 10 parking lots**
- Replaced **11,000 square feet of sidewalk** and **5,300 feet of curb and gutter residential subdivisions**
- Replaced **436 street trees** in city rights-of-way

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- Added **90 lighted parking spaces** at Center Street lot in Old Hilliard
- Cleaned and inspected **49,300 feet** of sanitary sewers
- Completed **sanitary sewer master plan** for west side of Hilliard
- Reviewed or approved **58 private and public civil/site infrastructure plans**

## RECREATION AND PARKS

- Opened new **18-hole disc golf course** in Municipal Park
- Constructed **pickleball courts** in Municipal Park
- Replaced **Darby Glen Park playground equipment**

## CONSTRUCTION

- Issued **286 permits** for new residential and commercial structures with an estimated \$305.6 million value
- Approved **1.1 million square feet** of commercial construction valued at \$211 million
- Issued **791 permits** for residential and commercial alterations and additions with an estimated \$105.4 million value
- Performed **4,027 residential and building inspections**
- Ensured the safety of homes and workplaces through completion of **880 inspections**



**Average new home  
value: \$350,000**

# THE REST OF THE STORY

- City Council approved a resolution in October that officially condemned racism and other forms of discrimination and identified steps the City will take to promote respect and fair treatment for every person in the community
- The City of Hilliard launched a new online community engagement platform, [Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov](https://talk2us.hilliardohio.gov), making it easier to give input and feedback to City Council and staff



## OUR OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT AT WORK



**3,481** service requests fulfilled

**\$3.7** million in service work



**300** lanes miles of streets maintained



**415** miles of underground sewers maintained



**2,145** tons of yard waste collected





# OFF THE HOOK

## Fishing Derby

June 18 - 21 • Dawn to Dusk

Get the biggest catch at the second annual fishing derby! Enjoy a relaxing outside activity with your family. Participants may fish at any of the ponds listed below from June 18-21 from dawn to dusk. Take a picture of you measuring your fish at the fishing derby sign and send it to [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov) by the end of the day on June 21. The largest catch in each age group will win a prize! Age divisions: 6 and under, 7-12 years old, and 13 and older.

### Eligible fishing pond locations

1. Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park (3 ponds)  
3800 Veterans Memorial Drive
2. Latham Park (1 pond)  
6400 Cosgray Road
3. Hayden Run Village Park (1 pond)  
5226 Davidson Road
4. Britton Farms Park (1 pond)  
4500 Davidson Road

### How it works

1. Fish in any of the City of Hillard ponds, ensuring you are following all the rules.
2. Catch your fish between June 18-21, dawn to dusk.
3. Submit a photo via email showing the measurement of the fish and the sign by the pond that has the rules of the derby.
4. Winners will be determined by the length of fish in each category and age group. Trophies will be awarded to each winner.
5. No fishing license required.
6. Must catch and release.





# RECREATION & PARKS PROGRAM GUIDE

## Hilliard's COVID Safety Protocols

The City of Hilliard's top priority is the safety of our participants. Therefore, at the time of registration or arrival, all participants must sign a COVID User Agreement and register in advance to participate in Recreation and Parks Department programming. The circumstances with COVID-19 are changing daily; therefore, guidelines are regularly modified and updated.

Our number one priority is to keep participants and staff safe. Participants should practice the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask.
- Stay home if you are ill.
- Take your temperature before arriving.
- Wash your hands often.

There may be some programming that will have more specific requirements indicated by the Ohio Department of Health, Center for Disease Control, or Franklin County Public Health Department. Specific instructions will be emailed to participants prior to the program start date. All programming is subject to change.

## Register Online 24/7

Go to [hilliardohio.gov/registration](https://hilliardohio.gov/registration) and click the "Register" button.

If you are new to Hilliard Recreation and Parks, you must establish a RecTrac account. Within 72 business hours, our

staff will verify your residency and activate your account. During this process, patrons will create their own username and password if setting up their account online. RecTrac will automatically create a username and password for patrons setting up accounts in person at the Community Center.

With your existing or newly verified account, go to [hilliardohio.gov/registration](https://hilliardohio.gov/registration) and sign in with your username and password. Find classes by clicking "search" and then select criteria that fit your interests.

## Class Sizes

If a program does not have enough registrants one week before the program start date, it may be canceled. Registration in advance is preferred.

## REGISTRATION DATES

**Rec Camp (Residents)** Monday, April 5

**Rec Camp (Non-Residents)** Monday, April 12

**General Registration** Monday, April 12



# POLICIES

## Fair Share

The Recreation and Parks Department is largely financed through taxes paid by individuals living or working within Hilliard city boundaries. For that reason, we verify residency annually. Those who are unable to verify that they live or work within Hilliard city boundaries must pay a higher fee. We also delay activating pool memberships until verification of residency or employment is provided. We accept proof of residency or employment in person at our Community Center during normal business hours; via mail at Hilliard Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026; or by email at [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov).

**City Residents (R)** receive the lowest rates. Having a Hilliard mailing address or attending Hilliard City Schools does not necessarily mean you live within city boundaries. We verify residency each year on the Franklin County Auditor's website. Renters must provide (in person or via email) a utility bill, government-issued ID, or other proof of residency.

**Non-Residents Paying Hilliard Income Taxes (INC)** also receive the resident rate. To prove employment, you must provide a valid government-issued ID and one of the following each year:

- A pay stub from the previous 30 days that includes the employee's full name and current address.
- Proof of employment on company letterhead with the signature of the patron's supervisor or company president.

**School District/Non-Residents (NR)** are those who neither live nor work within Hilliard city boundaries. These individuals pay a higher fee.

## Military Discount

We offer a 10-percent discount for active duty and veteran military personnel and their immediate families for pool memberships, rentals, and activities. This excludes third-party organizations and daily pool admission. Military ID must be provided in person to receive the discount.

## Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department may close facilities or cancel/delay any program, special event, or drop-in activity. This decision is made for the safety of our patrons based upon the severity of roads and weather.

To get the most up-to-date cancellation information, follow our Facebook and Twitter pages, visit [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov), or call (614) 334-2598.

### Programs Scheduled Before 5 p.m.

Programs/activities are canceled when Hilliard City School District closes or is on a delay due to inclement weather.

### Programs Scheduled After 5 p.m.

Program cancellation after 5 p.m. is determined by 4 p.m. the day of the activity on weekdays.

### Weekends

Cancellation is determined by 9 a.m. for Saturday and Sunday programs.

## Full Refunds

### Recreation and Parks Services

A full refund will be issued in the event of insufficient program enrollment for Recreation and Parks programs. Additionally, park/facility visitors or participants of activities planned and implemented by the City will be granted a full refund if the patron is not satisfied with the service rendered. Refund requests must be submitted in writing and indicate the reason or cause of dissatisfaction. No refunds are issued for pool memberships.

### Services by Independent Contractors

Refunds will be made according to the individual contractor's agreement.

## Partial Refunds

A 10-percent service charge will be applied to refund requests for programs and/or services not yet rendered. For example, if patrons register for a program and later determine they are no longer interested, have a schedule conflict, or cannot participate for some other reason, they must submit a written request for a refund at least ten (10) days before the service date, activity, or first class of an instructional session.

Refunds will generally not be granted for requests with less than ten (10) days before the first session.

In unusual situations (patron is relocating, has an illness, becomes physically unable to continue program, etc.) where a refund is requested for services that have been paid in advance, the balance of the remaining value will be refunded after receipt of a written request.

# PRESCHOOL

## Amazing Athletes

Amazing Athletes is a sports and physical fitness program designed to empower preschoolers through positive experiences that focus on building confidence and achieving motor-development milestones. This program is held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

**Activity No.** 2521402

**Instructor** Amazing Athletes Staff

**Duration** 6 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter

**Cost** \$78 RES | \$93 NR

**Age** 4 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/11 - 6/15	6:30 - 7 p.m.	T
5/15 - 6/26*	3 - 3:30 p.m.	Sa

\*No Class 5/29

**Activity No.** 3521492

Date	Time	Day(s)
7/7 - 8/11	6:30 - 7 p.m.	W
7/11 - 8/15	3 - 3:30 p.m.	Su

## Amazing Athletes Tots

This weekly class focuses on providing the youngest athletes plenty of interactive movement experiences to help them gain confidence in their growing bodies. Coaches use a child-centered approach to guide tots through sport-based activities that highlight motor-development and skill building. This program is held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

**Activity No.** 2521401

**Instructor** Amazing Athletes Staff

**Duration** 6 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter

**Cost** \$78 RES | \$93 NR

**Age** 2 - 3 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/11 - 6/15	6 - 6:30 p.m.	T
5/15 - 6/26*	3:30 - 4 p.m.	Sa

\*No Class 5/29

**Activity No.** 3521401

Date	Time	Day(s)
7/7 - 8/11	6 - 6:30 p.m.	W
7/11 - 8/15	3:30 - 4 p.m.	Su

## Kids in the Kitchen

Get your kids out of the house and into our kitchen. Kids love to cook, and this fun class gives them hands-on experience in the kitchen. Each class focuses on a different theme. Join us for a deliciously good time! One parent must remain on site to help the child.

**Activity No.** 2520505

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Location** Community Center, Meeting Room

**Cost** \$30 RES | \$35 NR

**Age** 3 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/7 - 5/28	10 - 10:45 a.m.	F

**Activity No.** 3520505

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/5 - 6/26	10 - 10:45 a.m.	Sa
7/10 - 7/31	10 - 10:45 a.m.	Sa
8/7 - 8/28	10 - 10:45 a.m.	Sa

## Little Sluggers' T-Ball

Little Sluggers is a great introduction to the game of baseball for young children. Using age-appropriate activities, players will be introduced to the fundamentals of the game, including batting, base running, fielding, throwing, and catching!

**Activity No.** 252142

**Instructor** Bally Sports Staff

**Duration** 6 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Ball Field 7

**Cost** \$80 RES | \$96 NR

**Age** 3 - 4 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
4/26 - 6/7*	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	M
4/26 - 6/7*	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	M

\*No Class 5/31



# PRESCHOOL

## Stories at the Station

Children enjoy a story each day incorporating additional activities such as nature, creative dramatics, music and movement, and mathematics. Children must be potty trained. Advance registration is required. Parents are not required to stay on site.

**Activity No.** 2520202

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** \$5 RES | \$8 NR

**Age** 3 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/3	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
5/5	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
5/10	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
5/12	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
5/17	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
5/19	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
5/24	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
5/26	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W

**Activity No.** 3520202

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/2	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
6/7	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
6/9	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
6/14	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
6/16	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
6/21	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
6/23	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
6/28	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
6/30	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
7/5	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
7/7	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
7/12	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
7/14	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
7/19	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
7/21	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
7/26	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
7/28	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
8/2	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
8/4	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
8/9	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
8/11	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
8/16	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
8/18	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
8/23	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M
8/25	10 - 11:15 a.m.	W
8/30	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M



## SAFETY TOWN

This one-week course teaches children safe practices at school and home. The curriculum includes bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, school bus safety, fire safety, seat belt safety, gun safety, and how to use 9-1-1.

Safety Town uses a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide a complete hands-on safety education for children. Miniature buildings, crosswalks, and traffic created by the children on tricycles help to give children the experience they need before they take their final walk on a real street escorted by police officers.

Safety Town is open to children entering kindergarten in the fall. Check [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov) for more information in late spring.

# YOUTH

## Amazing Athletes P.E.

Amazing Athletes P.E. is a game-based sports program designed to engage older children in active wellness through advanced physical fitness challenges and interactive sports lessons. This program is held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

**Activity No.** 2531401

**Instructor** Amazing Athletes Staff

**Duration** 6 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter

**Cost** \$85 RES | \$100 NR

**Age** 6 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/11 - 6/15	7 - 8 p.m.	T
5/15 - 6/26*	2 - 3 p.m.	Sa

\*No Class 5/29

**Activity No.** 3531401

Date	Time	Day(s)
7/7 - 8/11	7 - 8 p.m.	W
7/11 - 8/15	2 - 3 p.m.	Su

## Birding for Beginners

Our birding enthusiasts are passionate about their feathered friends. Each week, learn about a new bird and take a hike in a different Hilliard park.

Week 1: Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

Week 2: Darby Glen Park

Week 3: Weaver Park

Week 4: Latham Park

**Activity No.** 3530455

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Location** Varies

**Cost** \$20 RES | \$25 NR

**Age** 8 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/6 - 5/27	6 - 6:45 p.m.	Th
6/3 - 6/24	6 - 6:45 p.m.	Th
7/1 - 7/22	6 - 6:45 p.m.	Th
7/29 - 8/19	6 - 6:45 p.m.	Th

## CrafTea Together

Make a craft and a memory together. Enjoy the morning at Hilliard's Station Park with your favorite adult. Food samples, tea, and art are paired with countries from around the world.

June 19 – India

July 17 – China

August 21 – England

**Activity No.** 3571205

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** \$15 RES | \$20 NR

**Age** 4 - 7 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/19	10 a.m. - noon	Sa
7/17	10 a.m. - noon	Sa
8/21	10 a.m. - noon	Sa

## Creation at the Station

Get back to the basics in this fun art class at Hilliard's Station Park. Participants will explore different art forms during this four-week program. Each lesson will focus on an artist and include walking trips in Old Hilliard to observe art in life.

**Activity No.** 3237550

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** \$50 RES | \$60 NR

**Age** 5 - 7 yrs

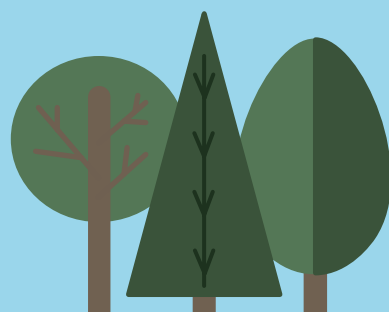
Date	Time	Day(s)
5/4 - 5/25	5 - 6 p.m.	T
6/1 - 6/22	5 - 6 p.m.	T
6/29 - 7/20	5 - 6 p.m.	T
7/27 - 8/17	5 - 6 p.m.	T

**Age** 8 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/4 - 5/25	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	T
6/1 - 6/22	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	T
6/29 - 7/20	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	T
7/27 - 8/17	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	T

# EARTH DAY TREE BINGO

Trees are the longest-living organisms on the planet and one of Earth's greatest natural resources. Play a game of Tree Bingo with the Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department. Between April 17 and 24, stop by the Hilliard Community Center front desk to pick up a Tree Bingo card and instructions. Head out to your favorite Hilliard park and identify the trees!





# YOUTH

## Gaming at the Station

Learn strategy, sportsmanship, problem solving, and planning, and have fun with a new board game each month! A tournament will be held on the last day.

June – Classics: Clue and Monopoly

July – Diplomacy: Catan

August – Strategy: Set and Mastermind

**Activity No.** 3530222

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** \$28 RES | \$32 NR

**Age** 10 - 12 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/9 - 6/30	6 - 7 p.m.	W
7/7 - 7/28	6 - 7 p.m.	W
8/4 - 8/25	6 - 7 p.m.	W

## Have a Ball! Multi-Sport Class

Come have a ball with Bally Sports this summer! Each week focuses on a different sport, including soccer, lacrosse, flag football, and baseball! Sessions are broken into an instructional portion and a non-competitive game play portion. Instruction may include drills, activities, and fun-based competitions.

**Activity No.** 352140

**Instructor** Bally Sports Staff

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Ball Field 7

**Cost** \$55 RES | \$66 NR

**Age** 4 - 6 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/28 - 7/26*	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	M

**Age** 7 - 9 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/28 - 7/26*	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	M

\*No Class 7/5

## Minor League Baseball

This program is an introduction to coach-pitch baseball for beginning baseball players. Participants will learn batting, fielding, throwing, and catching, and will play a modified, non-competitive game each week.

**Activity No.** 252143

**Instructor** Bally Sports Staff

**Duration** 6 Sessions

**Location** Municipal Park, Ball Field 7

**Cost** \$80 RES | \$96 NR

**Age** 5 - 7 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
4/26 - 6/7*	6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	M

\*No Class 5/31

## Playtime at the Playground

This is a free program to encourage kids to visit Hilliard's incredible playgrounds and parks! Activities include goofy games to break the ice, feats of strength, gym games, silly scavenger hunts for a challenge, and a special treat. Registration is required.

June 8 - Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

June 15 - Darby Glen Park

June 22 - Hilliard East Park

June 29 - Beacon Fields

July 6 - Tinapple Park

July 13 - Heather Ridge Park

July 20 - Hayden Run Village Park

July 27 - Darby Glen Park

August 3 - Conklin Park

August 10 - Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

**Activity No.** 3530253

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Varies

**Cost** Free

**Age** 5 - 10 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/8	10 - 11 a.m.	T
6/15	10 - 11 a.m.	T
6/22	10 - 11 a.m.	T
6/29	10 - 11 a.m.	T
7/6	10 - 11 a.m.	T
7/13	10 - 11 a.m.	T
7/20	10 - 11 a.m.	T
7/27	10 - 11 a.m.	T
8/3	10 - 11 a.m.	T
8/10	10 - 11 a.m.	T

# YOUTH

## Sharknado REC-tivity Bag

Whip yourself into a frenzy with the Sharknado Rec-tivity bag. Take a bite out of spring and gear up for the impending shark storm. Delivery on Friday, May 21.

**Activity No.** 2530151

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Delivered

**Cost** \$12 RES

**Age** 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/21	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

## Rec Camp 2021

Summer Rec Camp is back and now offered for 11 weeks! This enrichment-style day camp is offered 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays from June 1 through August 13 (except July 2 and 5). Camp activities include outdoor group games, sports, arts and crafts, nature, and science experiments. All main camp activities occur from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., with “before camp” starting at 7:30 a.m. and “after camp” until 5:30 p.m. This popular program continues to offer the same fun and unique experience that campers love, in a safe environment. Mask wearing is a mandated policy for the entire summer and campers are restricted to small groups. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required at the time of registration. A three-month payment plan (April, May, and June) is available at checkout.

**Activity No.** 3530100

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 5 Sessions

**Location** Community Center

**Cost** \$160 RES | \$175 NR

**Age** 5.5 - 11 yrs\*

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/7 - 6/11	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
6/14 - 6/18	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
6/21 - 6/25	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
7/12 - 7/16	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
7/19 - 7/23	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
7/26 - 7/30	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
8/2 - 8/6	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F
8/9 - 8/13	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M - F

**Duration** 4 Session

**Cost** \$128 RES | \$140 NR

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/1 - 6/4	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tu-F
6/28 - 7/1	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	M-Th
7/6 - 7/9	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tu-F

\*Children must have completed Kindergarten

# I ♥ Hilliard!

## Recreation and Parks Scavenger Hunt

Each Friday in July, a blue heart labeled “I heart Hilliard Rec and Parks!” will be hidden in a city park. In the afternoon, a clue will be posted on our Facebook page.

When you spot the heart, take a photo. Send your photos to [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov) to be entered into a drawing to win a prize pack. Every heart will be hidden in plain sight. Stay on trails, sidewalks, and out of sensitive habitats, water, and planted areas.

No climbing or off-roading will be required to win the game.

I HEART  
HILLIARD REC  
AND PARKS!



# FAMILY

## Basic Bike Maintenance Clinic

Learn basic bike maintenance and repair with cycling experts WubCo, LLC. Bring your bike to class and leave ready to ride!

**Activity No.** 2550201

**Instructor** WubCo Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Community Center

**Cost** \$15 R | \$18 NR

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/12	6 - 7 p.m.	W

## Free Friday Flick

Celebrate Father's Day a little early with a free drive-in movie at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. Bring the family, order dinner from a food truck, sit back, and enjoy! Watch for a movie poll on our social media.

**Activity No.** 3571201

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Community Center Parking Lot

**Cost** Free

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/18	9 - 11:30 p.m.	F

## Get the Scoop

Beat the summer heat with free ice cream from Graeter's! This event also includes family activities, a craft, and more. All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3571206

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
7/21	Noon - 12:15 p.m.	W
7/21	12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	W
7/21	12:30 - 12:45 p.m.	W
7/21	12:45 - 1 p.m.	W
7/21	1 - 1:15 p.m.	W
7/21	1:15 - 1:30 p.m.	W
7/21	1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	W
7/21	1:45 - 2 p.m.	W

## Karate

Participants learn practical skills for self-defense at their own pace. The class begins with stretching and warm-ups and may include kata, sparring, and general self-defense. All trainings and techniques will be conducted while social distancing and eliminating any physical contact between participants. Pre-registration is required. Participants will be asked to wear masks when class is in session.

**Activity No.** 2571400

**Instructor** Karate Staff

**Duration** 7 Sessions

**Location** Community Center, Gym

**Cost** \$70 RES | \$84 NR

**Age** 10 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
4/14 - 5/26	6 - 8 p.m.	W

**Activity No.** 3571400

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/2 - 7/14	6 - 8 p.m.	W

**Activity No.** 3571401

Date	Time	Day(s)
7/21 - 9/1	6 - 8 p.m.	W

**Activity No.** 2571400

**Duration** 4 Sessions

**Cost** \$45 RES | \$54 NR

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/5 - 5/26	6 - 8 p.m.	W

**Activity No.** 3571400

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/23 - 7/14	6 - 8 p.m.	W

**Activity No.** 3571401

Date	Time	Day(s)
8/11 - 9/1	6 - 8 p.m.	W

# FAMILY

## Motivation at the Station w/ Mat Happy Yoga

Let Mat Happy Yoga lead you through a challenging yet relaxing vinyasa flow. Each class is intuitively sequenced and creatively delivered to emphasize fluidity and steady breathing. Flow through a foundation of standing and seated postures, back bends, twists, and inversions in this dynamic movement class. All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3350402

**Instructor** Mat Happy Yoga Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** 13 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/5	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
6/12	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
6/19	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
6/26	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
7/10	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
7/17	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
7/24	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
7/31	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
8/7*	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
8/14*	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa

\*Classes hosted by SHED Fitness

## Motivation at the Station w/ SHED Fitness

Get fit with local studio SHED Fitness! Classes are designed for people of all fitness levels to come together and empower each other to reach peak total body performance. Participants will be led through a 50-minute circuit-style full-body workout of strength and interval exercises. All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3350401

**Instructor** SHED Fitness Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** 13 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/5	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
6/12	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
6/19	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
6/26	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
7/10	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
7/17	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
7/24	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
7/31	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
8/7	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
8/14	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa

## PizZingo

What could be better than pizza? Papa John's Pizza AND Bingo! Bring your family for a fun and safe evening of playing drive-in Bingo. Families remain in their car and sound is transmitted through a specified FM radio station. Winners will receive prizes. Each registration includes one cheese pizza per car.

**Activity No.** 2571210

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Community Center Parking Lot

**Cost** \$12 RES | \$14 NR

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/14	6 - 7 p.m.	F
5/14*	6 - 7 p.m.	F
6/11	6 - 7 p.m.	F
6/11*	6 - 7 p.m.	F
7/9	6 - 7 p.m.	F
7/9*	6 - 7 p.m.	F
8/13	6 - 7 p.m.	F
8/13*	6 - 7 p.m.	F

\*Additional Pizza

## Sprout's Night Out - June

Bring the family for live kid-friendly music, free kid activities, and more. Enjoy an evening at Hilliard's Station Park, and grab dinner from one of the local businesses. All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3571203

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
6/13	4 - 4:15 p.m.	Su
6/13	4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Su
6/13	4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Su
6/13	4:45 - 5 p.m.	Su
6/13	5 - 5:15 p.m.	Su
6/13	5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Su
6/13	5:30 - 5:45 p.m.	Su
6/13	5:45 - 6 p.m.	Su



# FAMILY

## Sprout's Night Out - August

Bring the family for live kid-friendly music, free kid activities, and more. Enjoy an evening at Hilliard's Station Park and grab dinner from one of the local businesses. All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3571203

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
8/8	4 - 4:15 p.m.	Su
8/8	4:15 - 4:30 p.m.	Su
8/8	4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Su
8/8	4:45 - 5 p.m.	Su
8/8	5 - 5:15 p.m.	Su
8/8	5:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Su
8/8	5:30 - 5:45 p.m.	Su
8/8	5:45 - 6 p.m.	Su

## Wheels & Waffles

Celebrate National Bike month with Wheels and Waffles! Hop on the Heritage Rail Trail, take a detour, and roll over to Hilliard's Station Park. Pick up a waffle to-go from Coffee Connections, enjoy live music, spend time with some of Hilliard's first responders, grab a candy treat, and take a craft home. WubCo will be conducting free bike safety inspections. Do not forget to wear your helmet! All participants must register.

**Activity No.** 3571202

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** \$6 RES | \$8 NR

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/8	9 - 9:15 a.m.	Sa
5/8	9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Sa
5/8	9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Sa
5/8	9:45 - 10 a.m.	Sa
5/8	10 - 10:15 a.m.	Sa
5/8	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Sa
5/8	10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Sa
5/8	10:45 - 11 a.m.	Sa

## 1,000 Hours Outdoors Challenge

Join in this nationwide challenge! Can you spend 1,000 hours outside in one year? Mark your start date at the top of your form and give yourself 365 days to tally up 1,000 hours of outdoor bliss. Stop by the Community Center after every 250 hours to receive a small prize. On your mark, get set, get outside!

**Activity No.** 5571800

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Virtual

**Cost** \$5 RES | \$5 NR

**Age** All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
4/1	11:45 p.m.	Th



## RIDE AND SEEK

Pedal your way to prizes in recognition of National Bike Month! Bike the Heritage Rail Trail on Saturday, May 15.

Take a selfie with the Golden Tire and email it to [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov) with your name and phone number to be entered into a drawing for a prize.

The more Golden Tires you find, the more chances you have to win a prize package from a local business. Good luck and enjoy the ride!

# ADULT

## Pickleball

Play the latest sports craze that is sweeping the nation! Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. We supply the courts, nets, and balls. You bring your own paddle and water bottle. Registration is limited to eight players per court, per time slot. Registration is offered month by month and remains open until slots are full.

**Activity No.** 3551402

**Location** Community Center, Gym

**Cost** \$3R | \$5NR

**Age** 16 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)	Court
5/3 - 5/24	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	M	A
5/3 - 5/24	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	M	A
5/3 - 5/24	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	M	B
5/3 - 5/24	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	M	B
5/5 - 5/26	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	W	A
5/5 - 5/26	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	W	A
5/5 - 5/26	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	W	B
5/5 - 5/26	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	W	B
5/7 - 5/28	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	F	A
5/7 - 5/28	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	F	A
5/7 - 5/28	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	F	B
5/7 - 5/28	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	F	B

## Trail Ride and Dinner

Join this evening group ride on the Heritage Rail Trail and try some Old Hilliard restaurants! Each ride will be 13 miles long, starting at Hilliard's Station Park and riding the Heritage Rail Trail out and back. Beginners are welcome; no riders are left behind. The ride is free, but registration is required. Participants must buy their own dinner and provide their own bike locks. Helmets are required. Meet at 5:45 p.m. at Hilliard's Station Park.

**Activity No.** 5350402

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Hilliard's Station Park

**Cost** Free

**Age** 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/14	5:45 - 8 p.m.	F
6/11	5:45 - 8 p.m.	F
7/9	5:45 - 8 p.m.	F
8/13	5:45 - 8 p.m.	F
9/10	5:45 - 8 p.m.	F

## Trail Ride and Lunch

Explore local paved trails and try some new lunch spots on this weekly ride! Each ride is approximately 10 to 16 miles long with a scheduled lunch stop. Beginners are welcome; no riders are left behind. The ride is free, but registration is required. Participants must buy their own lunch and provide their own bike locks. Helmets are required. Some on-road riding may be required to reach the restaurant. Meet at 10:15 a.m. The ride starts at 10:30 a.m.

**Activity No.** 5350401

**Instructor** Rec Staff

**Duration** 1 Session

**Location** Varies

**Cost** Free

**Age** 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
5/5	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
5/12	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
5/19	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
5/26	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
6/2	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
6/9	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
6/16	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
6/23	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
6/30	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
7/7	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
7/14	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
7/21	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
7/28	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
8/4	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
8/11	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
8/18	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
8/25	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W

# LEAGUES

## Volleyball Leagues

Adult volleyball leagues are back in Hilliard with COVID-friendly facilities. Coed, women's, and men's leagues are available with power leagues that consist of one match with three sets to 21 points. More league information can be found at [hilliardohio.gov/sports](http://hilliardohio.gov/sports).

## Softball Leagues

Hilliard offers coed, men's, and senior softball leagues. More league information can be found at [hilliardohio.gov/sports](http://hilliardohio.gov/sports).



# Summer in the City

The City of Hilliard has many events planned for summer 2021! The community can look forward to Freedom Fest, Celebration at the Station, the re-opening of pools, and the splash pad at Hilliard's Station Park.

As information becomes available, it will be communicated through the electronic newsletter, social media, and at [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov).

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we work to ensure the safety of our residents and staff.

## Save These Dates

### Freedom Fest

- Celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, **July 3, 2021**.
- Fireworks at dusk with other activities announced soon.

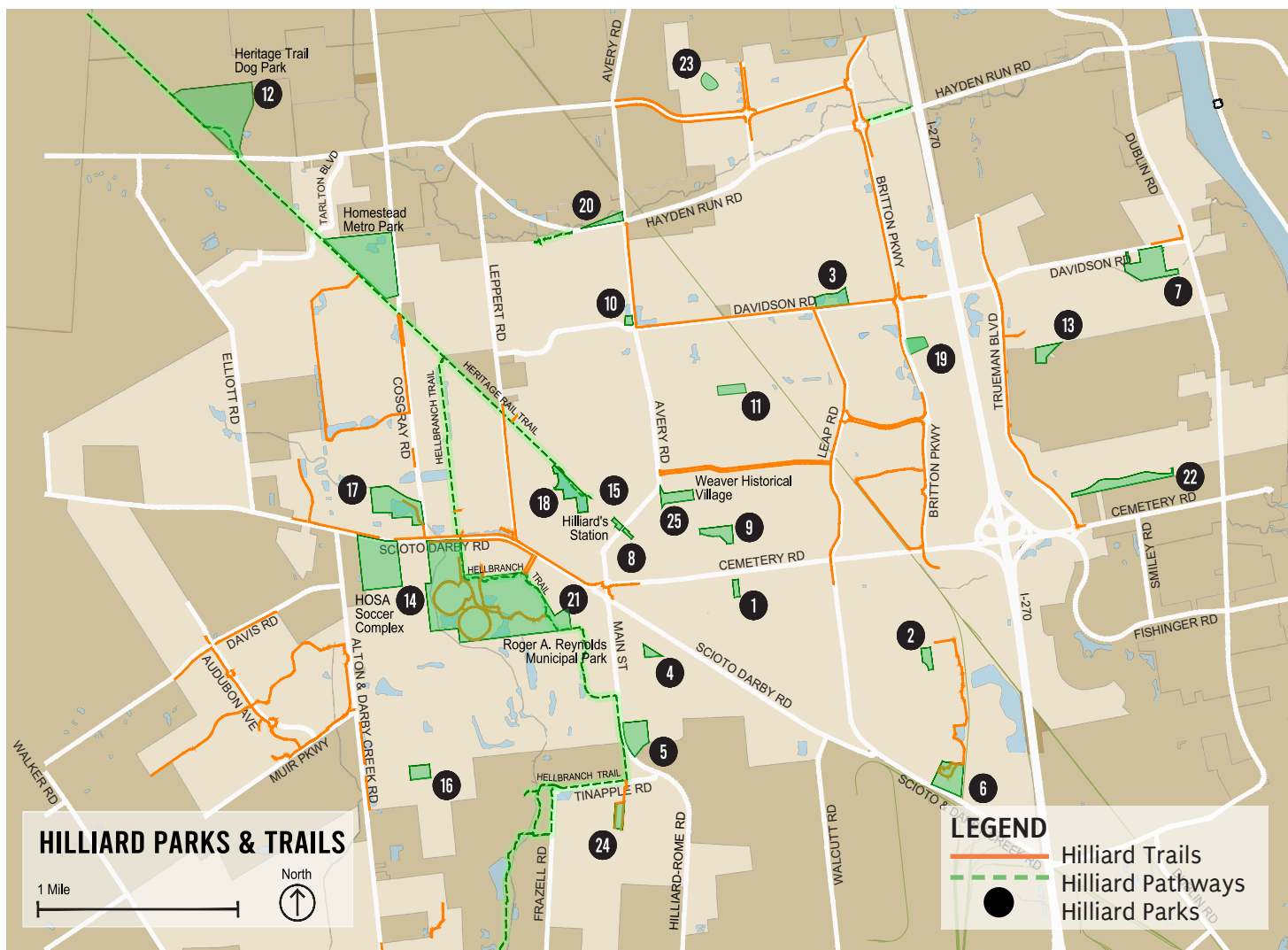
### Celebration at the Station

- One of Hilliard's favorite summer traditions!
- Enjoy adult beverages at the DORA
- Every Thursday, June 3 - August 12, 6:30 - 9 p.m. No band on July 1.

Check [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov) for a list of this year's bands.



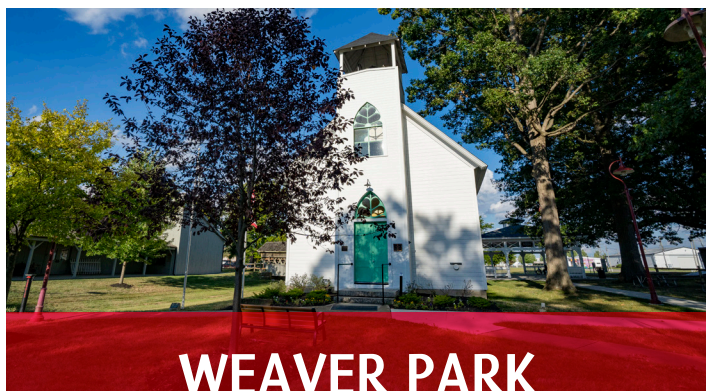




# Hilliard's Parks

From wooded areas to athletic facilities, Hilliard's Recreation and Parks Department maintains 25 developed parks that provide diverse recreational and leisure activities for the community. The department also organizes special events, maintains municipal pools, and sponsors educational, fitness, and volunteer activities for community members of all ages.

By providing a clean, safe and well-maintained environment with a friendly, professional, and wholesome atmosphere, the Recreation and Parks Department takes pride in providing endless economic, social, and health benefits to the Hilliard community.





	Adaptive Swing	Amphitheater	Ball Field	Basketball Court	Cricket Pitch	Disc Golf	Fishing Pond	Lacrosse	Fountains	Gardens	Green Space	Grills	Historical Village	Memorial	Natural Path	Paved Path	Pickleball Courts	Picnic Area	Playground	Public Pool	Restrooms	Sand Volleyball	Shelter House	Sledding Hill	Soccer Facility	Splash Pad	Tennis Court	Walking Path
1 Alt Field 3740 Municipal Way			●																●								●	
2 Beacon Fields 4375 Edgewyn Avenue			●								●					●												
3 Britton Farms Park 4500 Davidson Road							●					●				●		●					●					
4 Conklin Park 1000 Boucher Drive											●								●									
5 Cross Creek Park 3342 Hilliard Rome Road					●			●			●														●			
6 Darby Glen Park 4340 Swenson Street											●	●			●	●			●				●				●	
7 Father Roderic J. Di Pietro Park 3481 Davidson Road			●								●	●			●								●		●			
8 First Responders Park 4020 Main Street									●				●					●										
9 Hamilton Park 4950 Hamilton Road			●								●								●									
10 Hayden Run Village Park 5226 Davidson Road							●				●							●	●				●					
11 Heather Ridge Park 4833 Hawkstone Road											●								●									
12 Heritage Trail Dog Park 7262 Hayden Run Road											●					●		●					●			●*		
13 Hilliard East Park 4450 Schirtzinger Road	●										●							●	●	●			●			●		
14 HOSA Soccer Complex 6371 Scioto Darby Road											●														●			
15 Hilliard's Station Park 4021 Main St		●																●			●					●		
16 Lakewood Park 3180 Walkerview Dr											●																●	
17 Latham Park 6400 Cosgray Road							●				●																●	
18 Merchant Park 5467 Center St							●				●					●		●										
19 Mildred Park 4592 Britton Parkway											●																	
20 Reibel Woods 6000 Hayden Run Road											●			●	●													
21 Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
22 Scioto Run Nature Trail 3757 Scioto Run Blvd											●				●												●	
23 Silverton Park 5075 Silverton Way											●																●	
24 Tinapple Park 5503 Hyde Park Drive				●							●	●				●		●	●				●					
25 Weaver Park 4100 Columbia Street											●	●	●					●			●		●					

\*Splash pad for dogs only

Active ● Aquatic ● Community ● Sports ●



HEATHER RIDGE PARK



CONKLIN PARK

# PARK HIGHLIGHTS

## Fishing Ponds

A fishing license is not required to fish at any of the ponds in Hilliard City parks. Enjoy a day of fishing at Britton Farms Park, Hayden Run Village Park, Latham Park, or Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. All fishing is catch-and-release.

## Disc Golf

Enjoy 18 holes of challenging disc golf throughout Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park on our free course.

## Horseshoe Courts

Eight blue clay courts in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal park are maintained and used by the Hilliard Horseshoe Club on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. See [hilliardhorseshoeclub.org](http://hilliardhorseshoeclub.org) for more information.

## Pickleball Courts

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park is home to two pickleball courts. Pickleball is the latest sports trend for adults and seniors to stay active, healthy, and have fun!

## First Responders Park

Vowing that “we will never forget,” the City of Hilliard created a place for reflection to pay tribute to first responders nationwide and to ensure the events of 9/11 are remembered.

## Hilliard’s Station Park

Hilliard’s Station Park is near the Old Hilliard trailhead for the seven-mile Heritage Rail Trail. This community event space contains an amphitheater, spray pad, multi-functional building, outdoor café tables, public restroom, and storage/maintenance facility. Architectural features of the two buildings reflect the site’s past use as a train depot.

## Heritage Trail Dog Park

Bring your pup to this safe place for off-leash play! The park has one acre dedicated to small dogs and three acres for larger dogs. The park includes fun water play features and a doggie drinking fountain. Pathways through the park lead to benches and shaded area.

## Green Space and Fields

The City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department Field Policy was established to benefit a variety of youth sport programs in our community with a focus on recreational sports and resident-based organizations. These programs and organizations promote healthy childhood development through positive physical, psychological, and social development across a variety of sporting activities.

This policy establishes the guiding principles, requirements, procedures, and fees that govern the use of City of Hilliard fields.

For more information regarding field rentals, contact Darcy Baxter at [dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov).

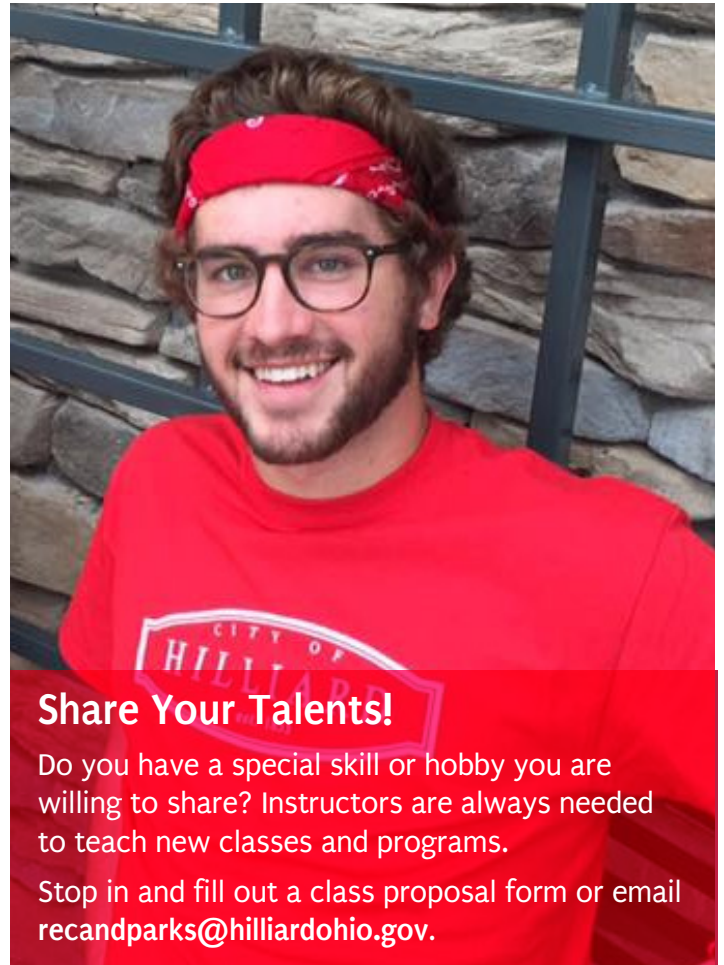
## Volunteers/Adopt-a-Park

Whether adopting a park or helping at community events, dependable volunteers make a huge difference in the community! If you’re interested in giving back to the community, contact Hayley Bush at [hbush@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:hbush@hilliardohio.gov).

## Sponsorships

Supporting Hilliard means supporting the community. The City hosts great special events that bring our community together, including City of Hilliard Freedom Fest on Independence Day, Celebration at the Station concert series, the holiday tree lighting, and more!

We’re always looking to partner with local businesses to create unique sponsorship opportunities. For information contact Angela Zody at [azody@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:azody@hilliardohio.gov).



**Share Your Talents!**

Do you have a special skill or hobby you are willing to share? Instructors are always needed to teach new classes and programs.

Stop in and fill out a class proposal form or email [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov).



# RECREATION & PARKS

## Aquatics

The City of Hilliard is making plans to safely open its aquatic facilities this summer.

Information on the sale of pool memberships and announcements about opening dates, facility procedures, swim lessons, and Hilliard's Station Park splash pad will be available at [hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes](http://hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes) soon. Direct questions to Anastasia Bradley, Aquatics Recreation Supervisor, at [abradley@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:abradley@hilliardohio.gov).

## REC CAMP REGISTRATION

The 2021 Hilliard Rec Camp will transition to a traditional 11-week enrichment-style day camp. The camp will be 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. weekdays from June 1 through August 13 (except July 2 and 5). Camp activities will include outdoor group games, sports, arts and crafts, nature, science experiments, off-site swimming trips, and field trips. All main camp activities occur from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with "after camp" until 5:30 p.m. Contact Geoff Dew, Youth Recreation Supervisor, at [gdew@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:gdew@hilliardohio.gov) for more information.

Campers must be ages 5 ½ to 11 and have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.

Registration for residents opens at 9 a.m. April 5 and for school district residents/non-residents at 9 a.m. April 12.

## SPORTS

Hilliard Recreation and Parks offers sport leagues and activities this upcoming season for all ages. Activities include volleyball, basketball, disc golf, and eSports. Contact Darcy Baxter, Sports Recreation Supervisor, at [dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov) or visit [hilliardohio.gov/sports](http://hilliardohio.gov/sports) for details.

## FACILITY & PARK SHELTER HOUSE RENTALS

The Recreation and Parks Department rents select facilities and park shelters to community organizations, groups, and citizens. Learn more about renting a shelter, room, or other facility by contacting Hayley Bush, Recreation Supervisor, at [hbush@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:hbush@hilliardohio.gov). You can also get more information at [hilliardohio.gov/facility-rentals](http://hilliardohio.gov/facility-rentals).

Weaver Park rental facilities are managed by Hilliard Historical Society. For more information go to [hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com](http://hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com).

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

Registration for community garden plots at Municipal Park and Leap Road will open Monday, March 1, for returning gardeners. Registration begins on Monday, March 22, for new gardeners. Go to [hilliardohio.gov/community-garden](http://hilliardohio.gov/community-garden).

For additional questions about the community gardens, contact Hayley Bush, Recreation Supervisor, at [hbush@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:hbush@hilliardohio.gov).

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donate the gift of life on April 23, May 14, June 18, July 16, and Aug. 13. from 1-7 p.m. at the Hilliard Senior Center. Make an appointment by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-RedCross or by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Walk-ins will be accepted. The Red Cross is taking precautions for COVID-19 to ensure your safety while donating.

Use code HilliardSenior for registration. Per the Red Cross, donors must be at least 17 years old.

## EARTH DAY RECYCLING EVENT

The City will collect Styrofoam, electronics, paper to be shredded, and Habitat for Humanity recycling on Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. – noon at the Hilliard Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive. Acceptable items and applicable fees for certain electronics are listed on [gogreenhilliard.com](http://gogreenhilliard.com).



# SENIORS

## Drive-Through Senior Lunch Program

Drive under the portico at the Hilliard Senior Center and pick up a hot lunch. Make a reservation by 4 p.m. the preceding day by calling (614) 876-0747.

Meals cost \$5 each. Meal tickets are available at the Senior Center office or may be purchased upon arrival. Meal tickets are three meals for \$15, six meals for \$29, or 12 meals for \$58 with check, VISA, Discover, AMEX, or MasterCard.

Lunches are available at noon from April 6-May 31 and at 11:30 a.m. from June through August, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Find the lunch menus for each month at [hilliardohio.gov/senior-center](http://hilliardohio.gov/senior-center).

## Drive in Bingo

Enjoy free Bingo from the safety of your car. Numbers will be announced over your radio. Winners will receive prizes. Participants must remain in their car. Sponsored by Mayfair Village. Park in the parking spaces outside the Senior Center Portico. Use the handicap spaces and parking lot to the left of those. Participants may bring a non-perishable food item as a donation for the Hilliard Food Pantry. To learn more, visit [hilliardohio.gov/senior-center](http://hilliardohio.gov/senior-center).

## Kind Care Call

Do you know a local senior who lives alone and might need someone to “check in” on them during the coronavirus emergency? Sign them up for the City of Hilliard Kind Care Call program! City staff will call these seniors on scheduled days to ensure seniors are safe, or to just chat with them during a time they might feel alone and isolated. If the senior cannot be contacted, Hilliard Police will check on them in person. Call (614) 876-0747 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays to schedule a Kind Care Call or email Amy Van Huffel at [avanhuffel@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:avanhuffel@hilliardohio.gov).

## Kind Care Cards

Do you know a local senior who would enjoy receiving a card on the holidays? Sign them up for the City of Hilliard Kind Care Card program! Call (614) 876-0747 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or email Amy Van Huffel at [avanhuffel@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:avanhuffel@hilliardohio.gov) to add them to the Kind Care Card list, and staff will send them cards on the holidays.

## Reflections

Seniors, we want to hear your stories! Register for a time slot and share stories about your life! Tell us about where you’re from, where you’ve lived, where you’ve worked, your family history, your kids and grandkids, your hobbies and projects, and anything else you want to tell us about! We want to learn about the rich histories of our seniors! We will record the stories and compile them to share with your family and the community. Currently, all interviews are being conducted over the phone. Interviews can be scheduled on Fridays at 10 a.m. or noon.

Visit [hilliardohio.gov/classes-camps](http://hilliardohio.gov/classes-camps) to learn more and signup for this free program.



## Re-Opening Community Center and Senior Center

The Recreation and Parks Department will communicate the re-opening of facilities and any additional programming.

Check [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov) for the most up-to-date information on all events, programs and facilities. Residents may email [recandparks@hilliardohio.gov](mailto:recandparks@hilliardohio.gov) with any questions.



# CONTACT US

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## Municipal Building

3800 Municipal Way  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-7361  
[hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov)

## Hilliard Division of Police

5171 Northwest Parkway  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-7321 (Non-emergency)  
[hilliardohio.gov/police](http://hilliardohio.gov/police)

## Hilliard Community Center

3800 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
(614) 876-5200  
[hilliardohio.gov/recreation-parks](http://hilliardohio.gov/recreation-parks)

## Senior Center

3810 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-0747  
[hilliardohio.gov/senior-center](http://hilliardohio.gov/senior-center)

## Hilliard Family Aquatic Center

3850 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
(614) 876-4296  
[hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes](http://hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes)

## Clyde “Butch” Seidle Community Pool

4450 Schirtzinger Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
(614) 334-4024  
[hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes](http://hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes)

## Hilliard Recreation and Parks Weather Hotline

(614) 334-2598

## Accuracy of Information

Information regarding City policies and practices included in this program guide is as accurate as possible as of the publication date. More comprehensive information is available at [hilliardohio.gov](http://hilliardohio.gov) and from City staff. The City reserves the right to modify its policies and practices at any time deemed necessary to ensure a safe and high-quality customer experience. Such updates will be reflected on the website.

## Photos and Video

By participating in a program or by visiting a park, facility or event associated with the City of Hilliard, you agree to appear in published photos or video taken by the City for marketing purposes. Thank you for helping us highlight our programs and services.



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## FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

Residents 55 and older can ride the Hilliard Express to popular destinations within the community. Just schedule a ride for free door-to-door service.

A professional driver will pick seniors up from any address in Hilliard and take them to shopping, dining, medical appointments, entertainment, places of worship, or parks.

CALL 1-833-SHARE-33

OR, VISIT [SHAREMOBILITY.COM/HILLIARD](http://SHAREMOBILITY.COM/HILLIARD)

