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We seek public input 24/7 at Talk2Us.hilliardohio.gov.

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



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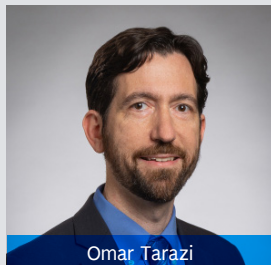
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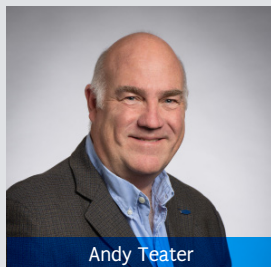
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HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TOO?

When each of us decided to run for Hilliard City Council, there was one thing we all had in common: We wanted to make a difference in our community.

As individuals, we may have defined “making a difference” in various ways, but it always came down to improving community.

Making a difference in the community is what many of the stories in this edition of *Your Hilliard* are all about. In various ways, the people featured here are working to improve Hilliard through their service.

- Read about a few of the dozens of men and women who volunteer their time and expertise to serve on City Council’s boards and commissions, sharing their passion for environmental issues and public arts or ensuring Hilliard’s development standards are maintained.
- Meet some of the dedicated volunteers whose passion for preserving Hilliard’s past ensures bygone days are remembered at the Hilliard Historical Society.
- Meet the Grile family, who have handed down their passion for public service from generation to generation.
- While many people know her as the woman who designs Hilliard’s roundabouts, City Director of Transportation and Mobility Letty Schamp is a passionate proponent of regional trails and other modes of alternative transportation.

All of these stories are about people making a positive difference in their community, but none of these stories are about superheroes. They are about your neighbors and your friends, who have decided to make Hilliard a little bit better.

In reality, every one of us makes a difference in the lives of other people every day through our actions. Whether that change makes the world a better place or not – well, that’s the question.

As you read these stories about everyday people making their community better by doing everyday things, ask yourself: How can you commit to make Hilliard a better place for yourself, your family, your neighbors, and for others?

Stuck for ideas?

Volunteer at the food bank, through your church, at a local school, or through a service organization.

Visit with an older adult. Mow their grass, paint their fence, or ask them to go for a walk around the neighborhood.

Organize a local clean-up event at a park or on your own street. You can even adopt and help maintain a Hilliard park through the City’s “Adopt-A-Park” program!

Donate blood.

Organize a charitable event.

Get involved in your local government. Participate in public meetings, like the ones that will happen later this year during our community planning process.

Just be nice to others. Ultimately, if you’re looking to make a difference in your community, that’s a great place to start!

Enjoy this issue of *Your Hilliard*!



Volunteers Keep Local History **Alive**

Tim Woodruff and Randy Smith are some of the longest-serving volunteers at the Hilliard Historical Society. For decades, the two have held multiple positions within the organization and completed every job possible, including building a museum and maintaining the historic village at Weaver Park.

The Hilliard Historical Society is a non-profit organization that connects people to the history of Hilliard through a historical village, library, and museum. Since the society was incorporated in 1966, volunteers have done everything from re-constructing and repairing historical buildings to creating museum displays, hosting and planning events, serving as docents, managing a library, and performing research on local history.

According to President Woodruff, the historical society would not exist without its dedicated volunteers. "They are the lifeline. There would be no Hilliard Historical Society, and a lot of lost history, without them."

Smith, a volunteer, currently focuses on digital research and library work but has worked on everything from grounds keeping and museum set-up to event marketing and website updates since he became a member in 1975.

When asked what he is most proud of, Smith said it's the authentic buildings from the Hilliard area that he's had a part in making accessible to the community.

"When you touch something here, it's real. We don't have any reproductions," Smith said. The historic village includes an original granary, barn, train station, log cabin, one-room schoolhouse, and church, all originally built in the 1800s and later moved to Weaver Park.

"What we have here in Hilliard is really in a league of its own. We run a village, library, genealogy society, museum. We do it all ourselves, and we enjoy it," Smith said.

Marilyn Evans has only been volunteering with the society for seven years, but what she lacks in time she makes up for in knowledge. The retired Baldwin Wallace University librarian of nearly 50 years now spends her time organizing the historical library and researching genealogy, plat maps, and land records to uncover Hilliard history.

"It's certainly different than being in college libraries," Evans said. "I get to do a lot more digging and looking at original documents here. It's like a game. I just have to go and find it."

Evans' passion for history was made apparent by a display of books for sale on the table before her. The society has published six books over the years, some of which Evans has contributed to.

"Whether someone is looking for some written family history or real-life artifacts, we can help them learn about their history," said Evans.

The Hilliard Historical Society was founded and built by passionate community members, and current members hope to see that level of passion continue for generations to come.

According to Woodruff, their biggest challenge is no longer building the history, but rather preserving it by finding new volunteers to tell their story.

"We've had extremely dedicated volunteers over the years doing whatever it takes to maintain Hilliard's history," said Woodruff. "Now, we need some new volunteers and society members who can dedicate their time and talents to preserve what we've built."

The Historical Village at Weaver Park (4100 Columbia Street) is open to the public Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. Hilliard Historical Library (5274 Norwich Street) is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Visit hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com to become a volunteer and for a list of upcoming events, tours and building rentals.

Page 4, Bottom to Top: Volunteers Randy Smith and Marilyn Evans pose with two of the books published by Hilliard's Historical Society; Volunteers Paul Thacker, Tim Woodruff, Elvera Michael, Robert Poling, Kole Hyer stand outside the Village Chapel, originally the "Colwell Methodist Church" built in 1876 at the corner of Alton Darby Road and Roberts Road; A family visits the train caboose at Weaver Park; Hilliard Historical Society President Tim Woodruff gives a tour of the Historical Museum.

Page 5, Top to Bottom: Park-goers learn about Hilliard's history while taking a tour of Weaver Park; Built in 1850 near Elliot Road, this log cabin is now preserved at Weaver Park.



Historical Society Events

Heritage Day

| August 28 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Haunted Village

| October 8 | 6 - 9 p.m.

| October 9 | 7 - 10 p.m.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS BUILD COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE

When you find yourself enjoying Hilliard's parks, restaurants, public art, and other amenities, thank the efforts of members of the City's boards and commissions.

Year in and year out, these passionate volunteers serve their communities by donating their time and expertise. For them, it's all about making a difference.

Kurt Schooley was named chair of the recently formed Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC) in May.

"The diversity of life experiences, careers, and interests of the committee helps to ensure that we will view the issues and projects in front of us with a very wide lens," said Schooley, who works full-time at The Ohio State University as a Facilities Director. "RPAC's projects are exciting because of the tangible, long-lasting impact they can have for years and even decades to come."

The first items on RPAC's agenda were reviews of the findings from this spring's resident recreation and parks survey and community center feasibility study.

"This process will help determine a course of action for any future development, whether that be a new community center, improved or new outdoor parks or trails, and how the City and Recreation and Parks can best develop the recently acquired Jerman property adjacent to Municipal Park," Schooley said.

During his coming three-year term, Schooley will be part of a committee that will give City Council recommendations on a variety of topics, including development of existing parkland, recreational facilities, and wellness programming.

"I'm so glad the City is committed to both improving the recreational opportunities already in place while also adding to their inventory with new facilities and programs," he said.

Jay Muether is one of seven Hilliard residents serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, a group that rules and advises on land use, planning issues, and proposed zoning code amendments. It also reviews zoning requests and development plans, among its other responsibilities.



Muether has served on the P&Z Commission since 2015. It's a natural extension of his day job as vice president of Arcadis, a civil engineering company for natural and built assets. He says giving back to the community in this capacity is the right thing to do.

"I've always felt I inherited a fair amount of common sense from my father," Muether said. "Every board or commission that I'm familiar with can use as much of that as they can get."

Since its inception in 2017, the Hilliard Public Arts Commission has been another group that has made a difference in the City. Chair Kelley Daniel and her team are working to help revive the downtown area.

"I feel public art gives us identity and makes people aware of our history," Daniel said. "It improves the quality of life and builds community."

Daniel was instrumental in forming the Hilliard Public Arts Commission four years ago. Its most recent projects include a mural for the Hilliard Civic & Cultural Arts Center facing Wayne Street and "sunflower" traffic light boxes along Cemetery Road.

"I enjoy the fact that we're seeing art in Hilliard now," Daniel said. "It's so rewarding that I get to be a part of beautifying the City."

That same passion is held by City Council President Pete Marsh, who also serves as the Council Representative to the Environmental Sustainability Commission. Marsh had previously been a member of the Hilliard Evergreen Team, which ultimately formed the basis for the ESC, founded in 2011.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to be a part of so many initiatives that have helped us to become a more sustainable community," Marsh said. "From the creation of the Hilliard Green Spot program and the annual Earth Day event to making Hilliard the first community in central Ohio to have a Styrofoam recycling program, we have really made a difference."

For Marsh and every board and commission member, volunteering to serve their community is about using their skills to make an impact each and every day.

"When you take the time to engage and give back to your community, you can make a difference that is visible and enduring."

— Pete Marsh

"So many people get wrapped up in national level affairs, or perhaps feel like the things they want to improve in the world are just too daunting," Marsh said. "When you take the time to engage and give

back to your community, you can make a difference that is visible and enduring."

Page 6, Left to Right: Kurt Schooley, president of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, enjoys the baseball diamonds at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. Jay Muether, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, looks over building sketches with City Planner John Talentino.

Page 7, Left to Right: Chair of the Hilliard Public Arts Commission Kelley Daniel poses in front of the Center Street Mural in Old Hilliard. Pete Marsh, Council Representative to the Environmental Sustainability Commission, works alongside City Manager Michelle Crandall at the first annual "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" community clean-up event this April.



Let's talk
TRASH!

We Address Hilliard's Top 11 Trashy Topics!

Sorry

1 My trash can is broken – how do I get a replacement container?

Oh no! We'll get right on that. Please call (614) 876-7361, ext 311. The City replaces these on Wednesdays and Thursdays once scheduled.

What can I recycle? 2

Plastic bottles, jugs, tubs (lids and labels on them are fine), broken down cardboard boxes, paper, all colors of glass bottles/jars, metal cans (remove aerosol tips) and rinsed cartons can all be recycled. Please be sure to leave all recycled items LOOSE in your recycling container. Do not bag your recycling.

3 I'd like to recycle more but need a larger recycling container.

Hilliard provides 65-gallon recycling containers to each household (35-gallon for condos). To encourage residents to recycle, the City will swap your 65-gallon recycling container with a 95-gallon container for FREE! Just call (614) 876-7361, ext. 311, to get on the schedule!

What about plastic grocery bags? 4

Most grocery stores have receptacles for recycling plastic grocery bags. Please do not recycle these with your weekly residential recycling.

5 What trash items require a bulk pickup to be scheduled with Local Waste Services?

Residents need to schedule and prepay for any freon-based appliance, such as refrigerators and air conditioners, that need to be discarded. Call Local Waste Services at (614) 409-9375 to make these arrangements.

What about furniture or excess trash that doesn't fit in my trash container? 6

Anything that cannot fit in your trash can and is a normal household item, such as furniture or appliances, does not require a bulk pickup request. Please seal all mattresses and box springs in plastic for removal. Local Waste Services recommends buying a "bed in a bag" from any grocery store. If you have excess trash bags that do not fit into your trash container, these items will be serviced with normal trash collection (within reason).

7 I'm moving and have A LOT of excess trash. What should I do?

Local Waste Services will remove large amounts of trash but will charge an additional fee. If you are unsure if your excess trash requires prepayment for pickup, email a photo of the prepared pile to info@localwasteservices.com along with the pickup address for a price quote.

How do I dispose of batteries? 8

Alkaline batteries can be discarded with your household trash. All other batteries could cause a fire if included in normal trash. Please dispose of these batteries at SWACO's Household Hazardous Waste facility at 645 E. 8th Avenue in Columbus.

9 What do I do when I keep having too much trash to fit into my container?

Sounds like you need an upsized trash container! Any resident can upsize their 65-gallon trash container to a 95-gallon container for a one-time \$50 fee. To get this scheduled, please call (614) 876-7361, ext. 311.

Where do I pay for my normal trash services? 10

The City of Hilliard Finance Department handles trash billing. Hilliard mails paper bills twice a year, every January and July for six-month periods. Call (614) 334-1209 if you have questions about your bill or payment history. Payments can be made online at hilliardohio.gov/trash, by mail, or in person at 3800 Municipal Way.

11 How do I start composting?

Composted materials can be dropped off any time at the composting station at 3740 Municipal Way. Fruit and vegetable pieces, coffee grounds, tea bags, grains, pasta, baked goods, beans, eggs, eggshells, nuts, dairy and any cooked meat can be composted. To learn more about composting and register for a composting bucket, visit us online at hilliardohio.gov/gozero-community-composting-program.



Chief of Police Eric Grile

'CHIEF GRILE' BOTH A NAME AND A FAMILY TRADITION

For Hilliard's new police chief, "Grile" is just as much a family name as "Chief."

Chief of Police Eric Grile, who has served as deputy chief since 2016, was sworn in May 24 to lead the Hilliard Division of Police. He comes from a long line of chiefs. His father, grandfather, and uncles on both sides of the family have all served as fire chiefs — the family's lifestyle guided by the 24-hour-a-day business of public safety.

That family tradition continues with his younger brother, Chris Grile, who currently serves as a battalion chief with the Norwich Township Fire Department.

As a child in the 1970s, Eric recalls walking through fire bays in the village where his father, Tom, served as chief. Tom was first named Chief Grile at just age 23 with the all-volunteer Basil Joint Fire District in Baltimore. In 1972 he started the first fire-based, all volunteer, 24-hour paramedic service in Ohio before taking the helm of the Huber Heights Fire Department from 1976 to 1998.

The boys' mother, Rosemary, rang the bell at the fire house, alerting volunteers to calls for help and dispatching runs from the kitchen table, warning her young boys to turn down the television so she could hear the phone.

Holidays often weren't celebrated on holidays, and it was common for the entire family to run out the door halfway through a gathering or skip an hour of baseball practice when an emergency call came.

During the blizzard of 1978, Tom left the house to respond to calls for help. Rosemary put on an oversized pot of chili for her husband to take to the station when he returned, but they didn't see him for five days.

"We ate chili for a week," Eric recalled with a groan.

Despite being immersed in the fire service culture, the brothers said their parents never encouraged them to work in public safety themselves. Tom, however, did insist that each of his boys earn college educations. Eric enrolled at Wright State University without a plan and majored in business management.

"I was in my last year and still had no idea what I was going to do," he admitted. "And this sounds cheesy, but that's when the show 'COPS' came out, and I loved watching that show."

As a boy, Chris begged for a police and fire radio in his bedroom. His parents allowed it, but Tom warned his son they couldn't listen to his older brother working when Rosemary was home.

"Mom didn't want to hear him get hurt," Chris recalled. "She never saw the danger in being a fireman, but I can remember her not wanting to talk about him being a police officer."

Chris was a junior in high school when he had the epiphany that he wanted to be a firefighter/EMT. He was leaving baseball practice when a call came, so he and Tom detoured

to a fire scene — a familiar routine.

“Dad gets out of the car, and he starts barking orders,” Chris said. “I made eye contact with one of the guys in the backseat of the truck. I heard the sirens and watched him get ready and I thought, ‘That’s it. This is what I want to do.’ And I never thought about anything else after that.”

Chris made a deal with his father. He would become trained to work at a fire department but also had to enroll into college full-time. At age 20, he was fully certified and moved to the Columbus area to work alongside his uncle at the Franklin Township Fire Department.

The brothers’ professional paths didn’t cross until 2016. By that time, Chris had made the move to Norwich Township and shared with Eric news of an opening for deputy chief at Hilliard police.

“I read the job description and thought, ‘That’s me.’ I saw a place where my actions would help,” said Eric. “I thought it would be cool to work with my brother, not knowing how often it would be.”

Except for a few scenes —including one where both brothers made the same photo in the newspaper — their paths don’t cross often.

“I think he’s come to my office once,” Eric laughed. “When we pass in the hallway it’s just, ‘Hey, what’s up?’ and that’s it. I think it’s because when we’re working, we’re working.”

Although the two don’t agree on everything, Eric said their management style is similar: “Let’s do it and stop talking about it.”

They also share some characteristics from their mother and father, the latter of whom died in 2019.

“Dad used to always say, ‘If you want to fix something, put yourself in the situation to fix it,’” Chris said. “Both of our parents were always willing to take on the role no one else wanted so they could have influence. I know that rubbed off on us.”

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— Chief Chris Grile

“Some people shy away from having responsibility, and that’s not us,” he added. “I hope Eric and I are also willing to recognize when we screw something up and to admit those things. Dad was the same way.”

Rosemary said she’s extremely proud of her boys and knows her late husband is “ecstatic” to see Eric take the helm at HPD next door to his brother.

“I always thought they would be leaders because that’s what they had seen,” she said. “I’m just so honored and proud to be in a public safety family. They’re good kids — good people.”



Chief Tom Grile



Chief Eric Grile



Chief Chris Grile



LETTY

SCHAMP

Making a Difference Through Transportation Options

Letty Schamp starts her day off with a cup of coffee, then often hops on her bicycle for the commute to work at City Hall. As she pedals down Scioto Darby then Cemetery Road, she's thinking – always thinking – about potential improvements to transportation in Hilliard and throughout the region.

“When you view life only through a car, you don't realize certain things,” Schamp said. “But when you slow down by walking or biking, you get a different perspective, and I think that's made me a better engineer over the years.”

Schamp started working for the City in 1997 as a staff engineer, then worked her way up to Director of Transportation and Mobility in 2020. Her primary duties focus on street safety and transportation capital improvement projects, starting with planning and design all the way through construction.

“Early on, my role was more than 80 percent auto-centric, but now I would say it's half-and-half with pedestrians and bikes,” said Schamp. “Hilliard has come a long way in regard to providing transportation options to our residents, and the conversation that trails, shared-used paths, and sidewalks are just as vital as our roadways for our future.”

Some residents know Schamp's alter-ego, “Professor Roundabout,” through campaigns produced by the City to educate residents on roundabout rules. Through this initiative, changes were made to the state's Driver's Education Guide, as the City worked alongside the Ohio Department of Transportation to better educate young drivers.

“We were able to make a real difference through that fun, yet informative, campaign,” Schamp said. “Now, we're really trying to work on vehicle speeds on arterial streets, because speed directly impacts safety. We are working to change the character of roadways so we can get drivers to slow down.”

Schamp's current goal is developing a long-range plan for trail connectivity throughout Hilliard with added safety improvements. She also serves as chair of the Central Ohio Greenways Board and says a better regional trails system means a better quality of life.

“There's a huge push for getting more trails in Central Ohio and connecting them all together,” Schamp said. “We're hoping to extend the Heritage Trail through the retired railroad corridor going across Cemetery Road all the way down to the City's southeast border.”

Other projects include a possible connection to the new Quarry Trails Metro Park and development of the Jerman property on Scioto Darby Road with better trail access to Municipal Park. Schamp said there's also an emphasis on connecting Hilliard's older neighborhoods to these new amenities.

“Development and growth have been significant over the past 20 years, but we can't stop here,” Schamp said.

“When I look over the past 20 years, I think our team has really made a difference. Initially, our difference was in building roads, then changing the way people think about transportation and trying to create a community where people feel more comfortable and safer walking and biking.”

HALLOWEEN IN HILLIARD!

Hilliard homeowners showed their spirit and then some in the Hilliard Public Arts Commission's 2020 house decorating contest. Sharon Zeis won last year's competition. Will you be the next winner? Look for more information to come for the 2021 decorating contest!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Beggar's Night Set for October 28, 6 - 8 p.m.

Each year, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission sets the Trick or Treat date for cities in central Ohio. When Halloween, Oct. 31, falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, Trick or Treat is held the Thursday before Oct. 31.

It's common for residents to ask, "Why not keep Beggar's Night on Oct. 31?"

MORPC developed the "Halloween algorithm" in 1993 to provide a unified Trick or Treat date for central Ohio communities. When considering what to recommend, MORPC decided that hosting Beggar's Night on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening could interfere with weekend football and worship services, as well as increase the likelihood of impaired drivers being on the road.

Because Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, the recommended Trick or Treat date for 2021 is Thursday, Oct. 28.

Trick or Treat in Hilliard will take place rain or shine. Parents are encouraged to exercise good judgment in allowing children to participate.

Make sure to say "Hello" if you see a Hilliard police officer on Beggar's Night. They carry lots of candy!



MANY LOOKS, ONE MISSION:

Hilliard police officers wear a variety of uniforms representing specific job assignments. The uniforms also serve an equally important purpose: to identify the wearer as a source of assistance in an emergency, crisis, or other time of need. No matter what uniform officers wear, they share the same badge, patch, and mission: to serve and protect the residents of Hilliard.



Class A

This traditional navy blue uniform is issued to every officer and is typically reserved for administration, ceremonies, court appearances, funerals, and other special events. It's available in long and short sleeve and worn with an 8-point cloth hat. The hat badge includes an eagle and the "Victory Beam" in remembrance of 9/11.



Class B (Duty Belt)

Most patrol officers opt for the Class B uniform for everyday wear. This black utility uniform is issued to every police officer. It is more durable, functional, and comfortable than the Class A. It's available in both long and short sleeve and worn with a baseball-style hat.



Class B (Vest)

Officers have the option to wear an external vest as opposed to a full-duty belt at their hips. The vest distributes weight through the shoulders and back, significantly reducing stress on the officer's hips and lower back. Vests can also be removed more quickly in an emergency.



Bicycle

This reflective variation of the Class B uniform is worn by officers assigned to the bicycle unit. The long-sleeve shirt is royal blue on the top half and black on the lower half. The short-sleeve shirt is entirely royal blue. Either shorts or trousers can be worn. Riders wear helmets when in motion and Class B hats when not riding.

A GUIDE TO HPD UNIFORMS



Motorcycle

High visibility is key in the motorcycle uniform, which is another variation of the Class B. Officers wear a neon yellow and black block shirt, breeches (trousers), leather riding boots, and gloves. A helmet and eye protection must be worn when riding. Various winter and rain gear items are also issued to each officer.



K9

Geared toward mobility, this uniform is a variation of the Class B and includes button fastenings and additional pockets (and maybe some dog hair, too!) Special agency patches with subdued colors are worn on the sleeves. Handlers are issued a badge, leash, vest, and collar, among other items for their K9 partners.



Command Dress

Command Staff Officers (Lieutenants and Chiefs) have a dress uniform for formal occasions and special events, such as promotions, swearing-in ceremonies, and funerals. The uniform consists of navy blue jacket and trousers with a white, collared shirt. The Class A hat is worn. The rank designation for the Chief of Police is a gold eagle, the Deputy Chief is an gold embossed leaf, and Lieutenants wear a single gold bar.



Honor Guard

This military-style uniform is full of symbolism and worn by the unit during parades, casket watches, funerals, retirements, and civic events. The black high-collared wool dress jacket is worn with matching trousers. The collar includes “HPD” on the wearer’s right and “637” recognizing fallen Officer Sean Johnson on the left. Accessories include parade gloss belt and a campaign-style hat with the Class A hat badge. White gloves, buttons printed with Ohio’s State Seal, and a black-and-blue mourning cord complete the uniform.



MERCHANT PARK DEDICATION

“Our History is Lost, Unless You Go to Investigate for It”

Community members and local leaders will come together from 10 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Oct. 16, to dedicate Merchant Park, the land at the trailhead of the Heritage Rail Trail, near where the original train depot once stood in Old Hilliard.

In August 2020, Hilliard City Council voted to name the formerly unnamed park Merchant Park in honor of the first Black family believed to have settled in the Hilliard area.

The dedication event will include an official unveiling of the park’s sign, artwork and music by Hilliard City School District (HCS D) students, and a new “peace pole” donated by Hilliard Rotary.

“The dedication event will serve as a way to publicly honor the Merchant family’s legacy while bringing the community together at one of our parks,” said Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks, Erin Duffee.

Duffee said significant updates and park upgrades will be done at the park between now and the October event, including new signage.

“As African Americans, our history is lost, unless you seek it out,” said Evonne Merchant Grant, family historian. “It is important for the next generation to know the history of the Merchant family – the legacy of the Merchant family. Where they came from, where they migrated from, their occupations.”

Grant said the October event is something she and her family are looking forward to.

“It’s a joy that this is happening,” she said.

The Hilliard community is invited to attend the event in-person or streamed online on the City’s Facebook page.

Image: *Descendants of the Merchant Family meet at the newly named Merchant Park.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Friday, Oct. 22
9 a.m. - noon

Partner with us as we host our second Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Cleanup day on Friday, Oct. 22. Residents who are interested in volunteering should contact Hayley Bush at hbush@hilliardohio.gov.





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 class registration or arrival, all participants must sign a COVID user agreement. 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:

- Stay home if you are ill.
- Wash your hands often.

Register Online 24/7

Go to 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 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 required.

REGISTRATION DATES

General Registration Monday, August 23, 9 a.m.

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.

POLICIES

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, or call (614) 334-2598. This line is updated daily with changes, closures and cancellations of special events, aquatics, sports, and programs.

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.





SPECIAL VOTERS GUIDE

THE PATH TO POSSIBILITIES

DEFINING THE FUTURE OF HILLIARD RECREATION AND PARKS

On Nov. 2, Hilliard residents will be asked to approve an additional 0.5% municipal income tax, which will be entirely dedicated for recreation and parks, including design, construction, and operation of a new community center comparable to those in neighboring communities.

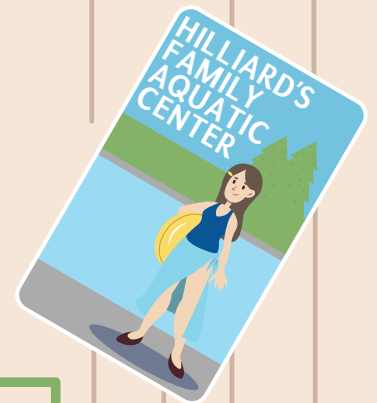
The current income tax is 2.0%, which is paid by individuals who work in the City of Hilliard (regardless of whether they live here.) If approved, the tax will become 2.5% and will go into effect Jan. 1, 2022. Social security and pension income are not taxed as earned income, so will not be affected by the proposed change.

CHECK OUT THE POSSIBILITIES!

The City of Hilliard estimates the additional revenue would be about \$7.2 million per year. This money will be dedicated solely for recreation and parks capital, programming, and operational expenses, including, but not limited to:

- New Community Center design, construction, maintenance and operations
- Trail acquisition, development and maintenance
- Athletic field and facility design, construction, maintenance and operations
- Parkland acquisition, development and maintenance
- Older adult programming, services, and facilities
- Capital projects (new, replacement, and improvements, including roads and utilities associated with Recreation and Parks infrastructure development and maintenance)
- Art, culture and history facility and site acquisition, development, maintenance and operations
- Recreation, parks, health and wellness programming and services
- Special events programming and services
- Recreation and parks facility upgrade and maintenance
- Payment of principal and interest on debt issued by the City for the expenses listed above

Would The Ballot Initiative Change Your Local Income Taxes?



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Many Hilliard residents have long said it would be wonderful to have a modern community center, perhaps along the lines as those offered in Westerville, Dublin, and Worthington.

In preparing to place this question on the November ballot, the City also has performed resident surveys and focus groups to identify what kinds of recreation and parks amenities our community desires most. This research included a regional market assessment that examine the types of recreational facilities, programs, and services needed in Hilliard and nearby communities.

The results of the survey, market study, feasibility report, and cost estimates for a possible community center were presented to City Council this spring. In June, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee recommended that Hilliard City Council place an initiative on the Nov. 2 ballot.

You can learn more at hilliardohio.gov/pathtopossibilities.

Curious exactly how the income tax initiative would affect you? Use our income tax calculator to project the expected change in your municipal taxes. You can find the calculator at on our website at hilliardohio.gov/pathtopossibilities.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD NOVEMBER 2



- Residents can register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot by completing the forms on the Secretary of State's website ohiosos.gov.
- Find your polling location and/or drop-box location at vote.franklincountyohio.gov.
- Military and overseas absentee voting begins Sept. 17.
- Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 4 (9 p.m.).
- Early in-person voting begins Oct. 5.
- Vote-by-mail/mail-in absentee voting begins Oct. 5.
- Absentee ballots must be received at board of elections by noon Oct. 30.
- Request your absentee ballot and complete the application at vote.franklincountyohio.gov.
- Election day voting: Nov. 2, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LOCAL INCOME AND PROPERTY TAXES I ALREADY PAY?

Questions about local income tax and property tax are common for residents, business owners, property owners, and those employed within Hilliard city limits.

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.

PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes are paid to the Franklin County Treasurer and stem from the value of your house, business, or land. Only 1.74% of your property taxes are distributed to the City of Hilliard.

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.

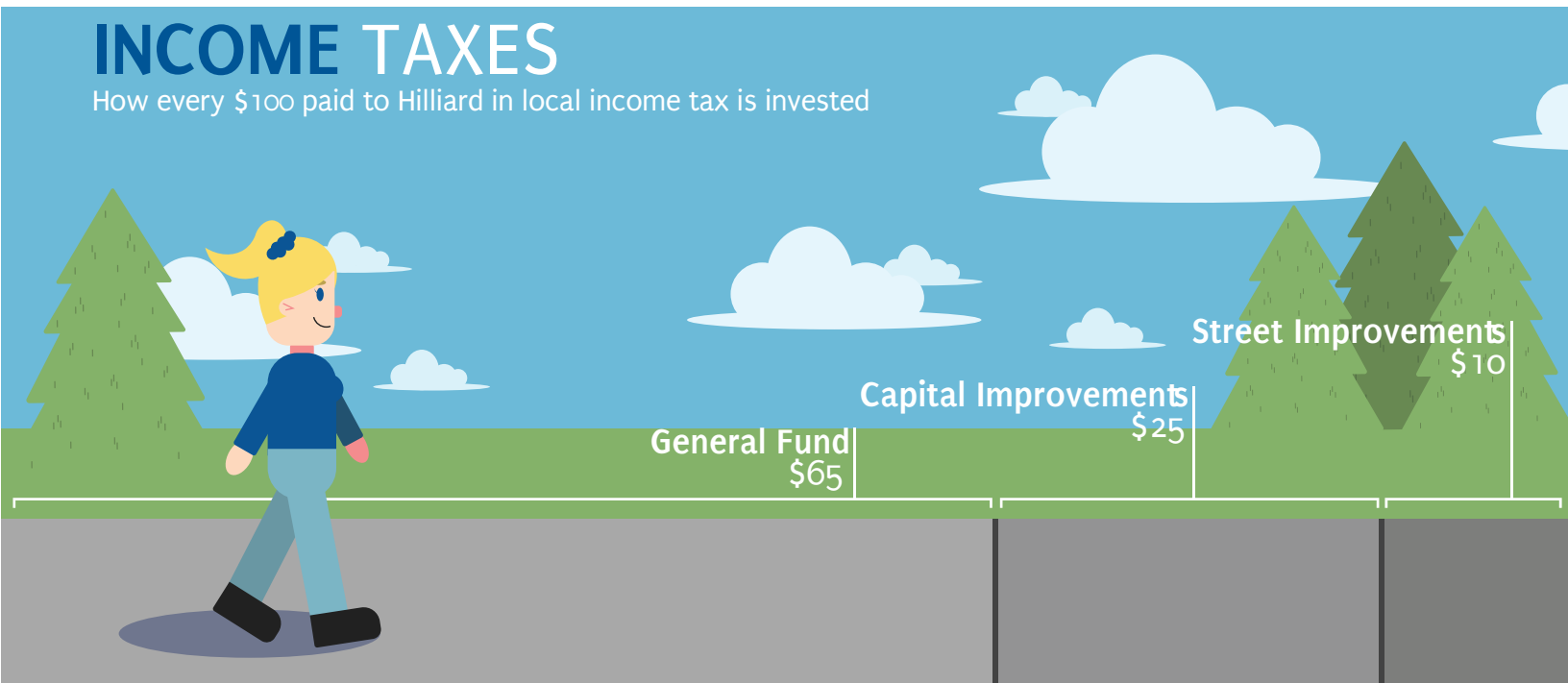
HOW ARE YOUR INCOME TAXES REINVESTED INTO THE CITY?

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.

Currently, 65 percent of City of Hilliard expenses paid for with local income taxes go toward the general fund, 25 percent pays for capital improvement projects, and 10 percent pays for annual street repairs and improvements.

INCOME TAXES

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



Hilliard

Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 5 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Kick off the holidays with the annual Tree Lighting, an evening full of fun, free festivities in Old Hilliard.

Walk between Hilliard's Station Park, Main Street, and the Historical Village.

Ride the trolley between the Chase Bank parking lot and the Historical Village!

Convenient, free parking is available at the Franklin County Fairgrounds, the lot at Madison and Wayne.

Hilliard's Station Park

- Balloon twisters
- Face painters
- Santa and elves
- Scioto Darby Elementary 1st grade
- Choir
- Tree lighting at 6:15 p.m.

Main Street

- Cookie decorating
- Petting zoo
- Food trucks
- Holiday train rides
- Horse and carriage rides
- Hot chocolate
- Ice carving
- Live reindeer
- Cram the Cruiser by donating coats, scarves, gloves, and sweatpants for Hilliard City Schools students
- Stilt walkers

Historical Village

- Balloon twister
- Face painting
- Holiday music
- Mrs. Claus and elves in the schoolhouse
- Visit the historical buildings with docents



hilliardohio.gov/treelighting

PRESCHOOL

Amazing Athletes

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

Activity No. 4521407

Instructor Amazing Athletes

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Aspen Shelter

Cost \$78R | \$93NR

Age 4 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/14-10/19	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Tu
9/18-10/23	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Sa
10/28-12/16	10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Th*+

*No class 11/25

+Class held inside Community Center

Amazing Athletes Tots

Amazing Athletes Tots is a year-round program offering weekly classes focused on providing our youngest athletes plenty of interactive movement to help them gain confidence in their growing bodies. Coaches use a child-centered approach to guide our tots through sport-based activities that highlight motor-development skill building. This program will be held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

Activity No. 4511407

Instructor Amazing Athletes

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Aspen Shelter

Cost \$78R | \$93NR

Age 2 - 3 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/14-10/19	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Tu
9/18-10/23	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Sa
10/28-12/16	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Th*+

*No class 11/25

+Class held inside Community Center

Download a digital copy
of *Your Hilliard* at
hilliardohio.gov/your-hilliard

Cookie Creations

Make, bake and take home sugar cookies in holiday shapes. Drop off your child and let them experience creating delicious holiday cookies.

Activity No. 4520808

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Senior Center, Meeting Room

Cost \$10R | \$12NR

Age 3 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/17	10 - 11:30 a.m.	F

Kids in the Kitchen

Get your kids out of the house and into our kitchen this fall. Kids love to cook, and this fun class is designed to give kids 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.

Activity No. 4520505

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 4 Sessions

Location Community Center, Meeting Room

Cost \$30R | \$35NR

Age 3 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/8 - 10/29	10 - 11 a.m.	F
11/5 - 12/3*	10 - 11 a.m.	F

*No class 11/26

Kinderdance

Kinderdance is a developmental dance, motor skill, music, and fitness program that's blended with academics and specifically designed for boys and girls ages 3-5. Parents who want to give their child the opportunity to dance will love how Kinderdance teaches the basics of ballet, tap, acrobatics, and creative movement while blending educational concepts.

Activity No. 4521010

Instructor Lisa Coleman

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Senior Center, Classroom

Cost \$98R | \$110NR

Age 3 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/1 - 10/13*	6 - 7 p.m.	W
10/13 - 11/17	6 - 7 p.m.	W

*No class 10/6

PRESCHOOL

Little Ballers Basketball

Bally Sports Group provides children with a fun and educational first basketball experience! Players are taught the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, and game play. A positive and encouraging atmosphere is created in which kids learn proper sportsmanship. Each week, players participate in developmentally appropriate instruction and modified recreational game play.

Activity No. 452144

Instructor Bally Sports Group

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$80R | \$94NR

Age 4 - 6 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/6 - 12/18*	9 - 11:10 a.m.	Sa

*No class 11/27

Little Sluggers T-Ball

Sports Group's 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 baseball in an atmosphere that is supportive, fun and prevents children from feeling pressured. Each week, the program will include an instructional portion that will introduce players to batting, base running, fielding, throwing, and catching. A modified game will also be played each week. Although Bally Sports will lead the program, parent participation is welcomed. The Little Sluggers T-Ball Program will provide your child with a fun and positive T-ball experience that will encourage future participation!

Activity No. 452146

Instructor Bally Sports Group

Duration 5 Sessions

Location Municipal Park, Ball Field 7

Cost \$70R | \$84NR

Age 3 - 4 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/13 - 10/11	5 - 6 p.m.	M

Mini Soccer Stars

Bally Sports leads an age-appropriate program that uses fun games and activities to teach fundamentals to beginning soccer players. Coaches focus on teaching the basics of dribbling, passing, scoring, and game play. Proper sportsmanship is emphasized in a positive and encouraging atmosphere that enables children to enjoy learning soccer while also having fun being physically active. Each week will include both developmentally appropriate instruction and recreational, non-competitive game play.

Activity No. 452143

Instructor Bally Sports Group

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Aspen Shelter

Cost \$80R | \$94NR

Age 3 - 4 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/14 - 10/19	5 - 6 p.m.	Tu

Age 3 - 4 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/14 - 10/19	6 - 7 p.m.	Tu

Ornament Party

Join your preschool friends at the Hilliard Community Center for a holiday ornament decorating party. You and your child will work together to create five different ornaments that will make great gifts for family members.

Activity No. 4520707

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center

Cost \$15R | \$20NR

Age 3 - 6 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/10	10 - 11:30 a.m.	F

PRESCHOOL

Stories at the Center

Drop your child off while they enjoy a story each week incorporating additional activities, which may include art, science and nature, creative dramatics, and music and movement. Children must be potty trained. Registration in advance is required. Parents are not required to stay on site.

Activity No. 4520202

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center, Meeting Room

Cost \$5R | \$8NR

Age 3 - 6 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/8	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
9/15	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
9/22	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
9/29	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
10/6	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
10/13	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
10/20	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W
10/27	10 - 11:30 a.m.	W

Tyke Time

This drop-in program in the Community Center gym is a wonderful opportunity to network with other parents as your child makes new friends. Parents provide supervision for this program. Equipment includes mats and play equipment such as balls, ride-on toys, blocks, coloring, and more. No registration is required, but participants must buy a pass in advance for all eight fall drop-in times.

Instructor Rec Staff

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$15R | \$20NR

Age 1 - 5 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/7	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
10/14	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
10/21	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
10/28	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
11/4	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
11/18	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
12/2	9 - 11 a.m.	Th
12/9	9 - 11 a.m.	Th

Santa Letters

Drop off Letters to Santa at Hilliard's Station Park in the Santa Mailbox, located at the corner of Main and Center Streets. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The mailbox will be in service from Nov. 29-Dec. 16.



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 will be held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

Activity No. 4531408

Instructor Amazing Athletes

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Aspen Shelter

Cost \$85R | \$100NR

Age 6 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/14-10/19	7 - 8 p.m.	Tu
9/18-10/23	10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Sa

Excel Girls Volleyball League

This league for girls grades two through four focuses on the fundamental skills of volleyball as well as team concepts and communication. There is a one-hour weekday practice followed by a game each Saturday. All participants receive a team shirt. Wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle. Knee pads are suggested, although optional.

Activity No. 453141

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$90R | \$108NR

Age 7 - 9 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/9 - 10/25	6 - 7 p.m.	Th (Practice)
9/11 - 10/27	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sat (Game)

Age 10 - 12 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/9 - 10/25	6 - 7 p.m.	Th (Practice)
9/11 - 10/27	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Sat (Game)

Learn more about
our Classes & Camps at
hilliardohio.gov/classes-camps

Fall into Fun Rec-tivity Bag

Have your child put on their coziest sweater, breathe in the crisp air, and get ready to have an absolute ball this fall with this fantastic fall crafts and activities bag. Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 24.

Activity No. 4530152

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR/Both Bags - \$25R | \$30NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/24	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

Gobble Gobble Rec-tivity Bag

Let's celebrate the month of giving thanks. This bag includes crafts and activities that will encourage gratitude and spending time with those we love. What are you thankful for? Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 19.

Activity No. 4530156

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR/Both Bags - \$25R | \$30NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/19	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

Ice, Ice Cookies

Tis' the season for holiday cookies and cheer. Join us for festive cookie baking and decorating.

Activity No. 4530808

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Senior Center, Multipurpose

Cost \$10R | \$12NR

Age 6 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/15	6 - 7:15 p.m.	W

YOUTH

Learn to Volley

Have a great time learning the sport of volleyball in the Bally Sports Group Volleyball Program! Participants will learn a wide variety of skills, including passing, setting, blocking, and serving. Older players will also work on spiking. Each week will include modified games that help players learn spacing on the volleyball court, communication with teammates, and moving to the ball. The positive atmosphere makes for a fun learning experience catered to all skill levels! No class Nov. 11.

Activity No. 452147

Instructor Bally Sports

Duration 6 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$80R | \$94NR

Age 8 - 12 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/4 - 12/16	7 - 8 p.m.	Th

*No class 11/25

Minor League Baseball

Bally Sports Group Minor League Baseball is a great introduction to coach-pitch baseball for beginning baseball players. Using developmentally appropriate drills with modifications and progressions, Bally Sports helps every child improve their baseball skills. Kids will learn batting, fielding, throwing, and catching. The program will also include a non-competitive game each week. Children will be able to use a tee during the game if they are having difficulty hitting a pitched ball.

Activity No. 452145

Instructor Bally Sports

Duration 5 Sessions

Location Municipal Park, Ball Field 8

Cost \$70R | \$84NR

Age 5 - 7 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/13 - 10/11	6 - 7:15 p.m.	M

Ornament Party

Drop your child off for a fun time decorating and making ornaments for the holiday season. These ornaments will make great gifts for family members.

Activity No. 4530707

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center, Multipurpose

Cost \$15R | \$20NR

Age 6 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/8	6 - 7:30 p.m.	W

Parents Night Out

Enjoy a well-deserved night out while your children get a fun-filled evening with their peers. While you go out to dinner or just enjoy a quiet house, your children will eat pizza for dinner, make crafts, meet new friends, and enjoy activities and gym games.

Activity No. 4530909

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Senior Center, Multipurpose

Cost \$15R | \$20NR

Age 5 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/7	6 - 8 p.m.	Th
11/4	6 - 8 p.m.	Th

TURKEY TREK

Thursday, Nov. 25- Sunday, Nov. 28

Enjoy a trek through Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park as you look for the "Turkeys" on the trail. You will learn all about turkeys and burn some calories!

Take a selfie with one of the turkeys and email it to recandparks@hilliardohio.gov with your name to be entered into a drawing for a prize.

The more turkeys you find, the more chances you have to win a prize! Good luck and enjoy the trek!



YOUTH

School's Out, Camp's In

Have fun while mom and dad are at work. Play games, make crafts, enjoy movies and popcorn, and participate in other great activities. Bring a packed lunch, snack, and water bottle.

Activity No. 4530100

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$40R | \$45NR

Age 5 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/15	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	F
11/24	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	W

Shooting Stars Basketball

Bally Sports Group teaches children the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, and game play. A positive and encouraging atmosphere is created in which kids learn proper sportsmanship. Each week players participate in developmentally appropriate instruction and modified recreational game play.

Activity No. 452142

Instructor Bally Sports

Duration 7 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$80R | \$94NR

Age 6 - 8 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/6 - 12/18	11:20 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Sa

*No class 11/27

S'mores & Stories Rec-tivity Bag

Get out your sleeping bag and tent and head to the back yard. Your little camper will have arts, crafts, and activities for a fun night under the stars. Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 24.

Activity No. 4530151

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR/Both Bags - \$25R | \$30NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/24	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

Spooktacular Cook-tivity Bag

Throw on an apron and brew up Halloween goodies! This bag includes ingredients and recipes for tasty Halloween treats that children ages 4 to 11 will enjoy. All treats, no tricks! Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 22.

Activity No. 4530154

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR/Both Bags - \$25R | \$30NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/22	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

Thank a Veteran Rec-tivity Bag

Help remember those who have served and are currently serving in the military. This bag includes crafts and activities to create a great teachable moment to explain the sacrifices so many men and women of many generations made so we all can live free and happy lives. Make sure you thank a Veteran. Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 5.

Activity No. 4530155

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/5	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

The Great Pumpkin Rec-tivity Bag

Your little ghosts and goblins will enjoy this Halloween-themed bag. It will include supplies and directions for crafts, activities, and a pumpkin to decorate. Bags will be delivered between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 22.

Activity No. 4530153

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Delivered

Cost \$15R | \$18NR/Both Bags - \$25R | \$30NR

Age 4 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/22	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	F

YOUTH

Youth in the Kitchen

Get your kids out of the house and into our kitchen this fall. Kids love to cook, and this fun class is designed to give kids hands-on experience in the kitchen. Each class focuses on a different theme. Join us for a deliciously good time!

Activity No. 4530505

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 5 Sessions / *4 Sessions

Location Community Center, Meeting Room

Cost \$30R | \$35NR

Age 6 - 12 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/1 - 9/22*	6 - 7 p.m.	W
9/29 - 10/27	6 - 7 p.m.	W
11/3 - 12/1	6 - 7 p.m.	W

Winter Break Camp

Spend your winter break at the Community Center playing games, making crafts, drinking hot chocolate, and avoiding cabin fever. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Activity No. 4530110

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$40R | \$45NR

Age 6 - 11 yrs

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/20	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	M
12/21	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Tu
12/22	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	W
12/23	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Th

2021 Fall Festival

Sunday, Sept. 26 / 1 - 4 p.m. / Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park



- ✓ Apple Cidering
- ✓ Axe Throwing
- ✓ Bring the Farm to You
- ✓ Chalk Art
- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Hay Wagon Ride
- ✓ Homestead Games
- ✓ Large Animals
- ✓ Pumpkin Carver
- ✓ SuperGames Inflatables
- ✓ Turtle Lady

and more!

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ADULT

Beginner Bike Maintenance Clinic

Beginners, this is the class for you! Learn basic bike maintenance and repair from local experts, WubCo, LLC! Bring your own bike to class.

Activity No. 4550201

Instructor WubCo LLC

Duration 1 Session

Location Hilliard's Station Park

Cost \$15R | \$18NR

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
10/20	6 - 7 p.m.	W

Fall Motivation at the Station - SHED Fitness

SHED Fitness will lead a 50-minute circuit-style full-body workout of strength and interval exercises. Bring an exercise mat and water bottle. Class will be canceled if the temperature is below 45 degrees.

Activity No. 4350401

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Hilliard's Station Park

Cost Free

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/11	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
9/18	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
9/25	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
10/2	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
10/9	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
10/16	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
10/23	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
10/30	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa

Fall Motivation at the Station - SPENGA Fitness

SPENGA Fitness will lead yoga classes to emphasize fluidity and steady breathing. Flow through a foundation of standing and seated postures, back bends, twists, and inversions in this dynamic class. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Class will be canceled if the temperature is below 45 degrees.

Activity No. 4350403

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Hilliard's Station Park

Cost Free

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/11	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
9/18	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
9/25	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
10/2	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
10/9	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
10/16	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
10/23	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa
10/30	8 - 8:50 a.m.	Sa

Fix a Flat Bike Clinic

Learn how to fix a flat bicycle tire from local experts, WubCo LLC. Leave this class ready to ride with confidence. Bring your own bike to class.

Activity No. 4550201

Instructor WubCo LLC

Duration 1 Session

Location Hilliard's Station Park

Cost \$15R | \$18NR

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/15	6 - 7 p.m.	W



SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Our adult coed, men's, and senior softball leagues are the outlet to your outdoor adventure.

Find more information at hilliardohio.gov/sports.

ADULT

Hilliard Hikes

Join this weekly hike and stay active this winter! Meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. and walk from 10-11 a.m. Dress for the weather.

Activity No. 1550400

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center

Cost Free

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/1	9:45 - 11 a.m.	W
12/8	9:45 - 11 a.m.	W
12/15	9:45 - 11 a.m.	W
12/22	9:45 - 11 a.m.	W

Nutrition 101

This four-week wellness course will provide detailed education regarding general nutrition and cooking topics, including: increasing fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; choosing healthy fats and lean proteins; and understanding the nutrition facts label and sugar overload. Each class will focus on a specific nutrition topic and include a cooking demonstration that exemplifies that topic. Participants will be provided educational handouts and recipe cards that pertain to each class by a licensed and registered dietitian.

Activity No. 350601

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 4 Sessions

Location Senior Center

Cost \$120R | \$130NR

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/22 - 10/13	6 - 7 p.m.	W

Pickleball

The latest sports craze that is sweeping the nation. Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. This low-impact paddle-based sport is perfect for those who have previously played tennis. We will supply the courts, nets, and balls. You just need to bring your own paddle and water bottle. Registration is open to all skill levels. Registration is offered month by month until slots are full. For more information, contact Darcy Baxter dbaxter@hilliardohio.gov.

Activity No. 4551401

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 5 Sessions / *4 Sessions / **3 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym - Division 1

Cost \$3R | \$5NR

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/1 - 11/29	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	M
11/1 - 11/29	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	M
11/3 - 11/24*	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	W
11/3 - 11/24*	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	W
11/5 - 11/19**	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	F
11/5 - 11/19**	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	F

Activity No. 4551402

Duration 5 Sessions / **3 Sessions

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/6 - 12/20**	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	M
12/6 - 12/20**	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	M
12/8 - 12/29	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	W
12/8 - 12/29	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	W
12/10 - 12/17	8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	F
12/10 - 12/17	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	F

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

Women's, coed, and men's volleyball leagues are now open for registration. It's hard to find a power league in Central Ohio with five-game sets to 21 points, but look no further than here in Hilliard!

Learn more at hilliardohio.gov/sports.



ADULT

Trail Ride and Dinner

Join this evening group bike 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. The ride starts at 6 p.m. A parking lot is available at 5365 Center St., and on-street parking is available. Dinner at the DORA.

Activity No. 5350402

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Community Center, Front Desk

Cost Free

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
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 bike 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 Community Center, Front Desk

Cost Free

Age 18 and Up

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/1	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
9/8	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
9/15	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
9/22	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
9/29	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
10/6	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
10/13	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
10/20	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
10/27	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
11/3	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
11/10	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W
11/17	10:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	W

FRIDAY FLICK DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Friday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween with a FREE showing of *The Goonies* in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. Bring the family, order dinner from the food truck, sit back, and enjoy!

FAMILY

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! Ends April 2022.

Activity No. 5571800

Instructor Rec Staff

Duration 1 Session

Location Virtual

Cost \$5 RES | \$5 NR

Age All Ages

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

Grandparents Day Breakfast & Bingo

Celebrate Grandparents Day with breakfast and bingo at Hilliard's Station Park! Katie's Pancakes will be at the park serving up fresh pancakes and sausage, along with orange juice and coffee. Enjoy playing bingo, too! Registration is required per person.

Activity No. 4561201

Duration 1 Session

Location Hilliard's Station Park

Cost \$6R | \$8NR

Age All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/11	9:30 - 11 a.m.	Sa

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. Pre-registration is now required!

Activity No. 4541401

Duration 4 Sessions / *5 Sessions/ **8 Sessions

Location Community Center, Gym

Cost \$70R | \$84NR

Age All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
9/8 - 10/20	6 - 8 p.m.	W
9/29 - 10/20	6 - 8 p.m.	W
10/27 - 12/15**	6 - 8 p.m.	W
11/17 - 12/15*	6 - 8 p.m.	W

Santa Calls (Personalized)

A popular choice for children who want to hear Santa's voice with a personal touch! When registering, please be sure to select a day and time, and Santa will call your child within that time frame. Calls will be personalized, as parents will be required to answer a few questions at the time of registration. Questions include the child's name, age, siblings' names and ages, mother's and father's name, gifts the child is requesting, gifts the child will be receiving, as well as any other details you can share to help personalize the message. Calls will be made the nights of Thursday, Dec. 9, and Tuesday, Dec. 14!

Activity No. 4571232

Duration 1 Session

Location At Home

Cost \$3R | \$5NR

Age All Ages

Date	Time	Day(s)
12/9	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Th
12/9	6:30 - 7 p.m.	Th
12/9	7 - 7:30 p.m.	Th
12/9	7:30 - 8 p.m.	Th
12/14	6 - 6:30 p.m.	Tu
12/14	6:30 - 7 p.m.	Tu
12/14	7 - 7:30 p.m.	Tu
12/14	7:30 - 8 p.m.	Tu

PUMPKIN DECORATING



Bring your families and friends to vote for your favorite decorated pumpkins at the Hilliard Station Park from October 22-24.

SENIOR

Halloween Lunch

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy this holiday lunch with special treats and a costume contest!

Date 10/28

Time Noon

Fee \$6 Members / \$8 Non-Members

Veterans Day Lunch

We salute all the men and women who have served our country. This lunch is open to all and free to veterans and their spouses. After lunch, enjoy a concert in your honor.

Date 11/9

Time Noon

Fee \$6 Members / \$8 Non-Members (Free to veterans and their spouses)

Thanksgiving Lunch

Featuring all the traditional favorites, including turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, cranberries, and pumpkin pie!

Date 11/18

Time Noon

Fee \$8 Members / \$10 Non-Members

Christmas Lunch

Join the Hilliard Senior Center for a delicious Christmas feast!

Date 12/16

Time Noon

Fee \$6 Members / \$8 Non-Members

Noon Year's Eve Lunch

Join your friends at the Hilliard Senior Center and ring in the New Year at noon! Of course there will be sauerkraut to bring good luck in 2022.

Date 12/30

Time 11:30 a.m.

Fee \$6 Members / \$8 Non-Members

Happiness Club

The Happiness Club is a fundraising arm of the Senior Center. Register by 4 p.m. the prior Wednesday to join this group for lunch, a business meeting, and entertainment.

Date 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10

Time Noon

Fee \$6 Members / \$8 Non-Members

Aspiring Writers Support Group

Weekly informal networking sessions for aspiring writers. Each person works on their own project on their own time and shares these with the group. They meet every Monday at 9 a.m.

Bible Study

Bring your own Bible and join this discussion! It meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

Billiards

Two billiard tables are available daily during normal business hours.

Bingo

Enjoy free bingo on Thursdays right after lunch (12:30 p.m. Memorial Day – Labor Day; 1:00 p.m. Labor Day – Memorial Day) with ProMedica, Norwich Springs Health Campus, The Forum at Knightsbridge, and Ohio Living Westminster-Thurber. Participants may bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Hilliard Food Pantry.

Bridge

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Cards

Hand & Foot: Monday – Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge: Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Pinochle: Monday & Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

Beginner Bridge: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Euchre: Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

Cornhole

Wednesdays 10:45-11:45 a.m. Sept. 8 – May 25. Check the monthly Senior Center schedule, as cornhole may not be available during Hilliard City Schools holiday breaks.

Craft Club

This group works on various projects for fundraisers and donations. Supplies are provided. It meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

SENIOR

Indoor Walking

Walk the perimeter of the indoor gym on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m., Sept. 7–May 27. Check the monthly Senior Center schedule as Indoor Walking may not be available during Hilliard City School holiday breaks.

Open Studio

Artists can bring drawings or paintings to work on and meet other artists. Bring your own supplies. They meet every Friday at 9 a.m.

Po-Ke-No

Enjoy free Po-Ke-No with Bluebird Retirement Community on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.

Armchair Travel Program

The Ashford at Sturbridge invites you to embark on a journey across the globe on Ashford Air! This free monthly program takes place on the third Wednesday of the month at the Hilliard Senior Center and includes lunch. Enjoy learning about a new destination each month, and eat food themed to the destination. A reservation is required by 4 p.m. the preceding day. Call (614) 876-0747 to register.

World of Travel: A Magical Christmas – Orlando and St. Augustine

Escape to Florida to celebrate the magic of Christmas at the Gaylord Palms Resort. Marvel at more than two million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations sure to get you in the spirit of the season! Trip includes round trip airfare; transfers to/from the airport to the hotel; four nights hotel accommodations; day trip to St. Augustine; breakfast daily and two dinners; luggage handling; all gratuities, taxes, and service charges.

World of Travel Phone: (614) 451-4882

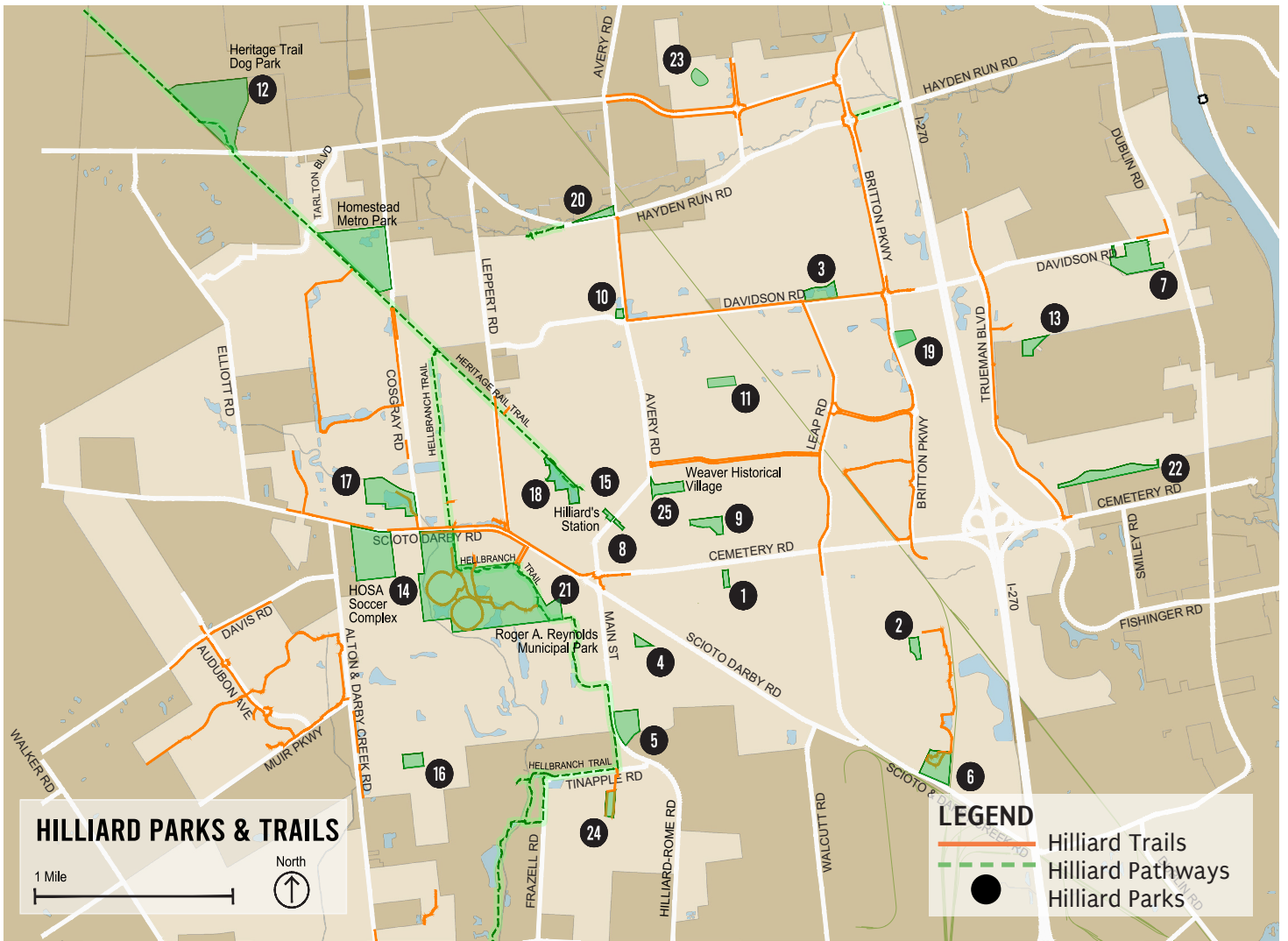
Book Online: worldoftravel.com

SENIOR HALL OF FAME

Honored for a lifetime of service, personal achievement and a positive image of aging, one or two senior citizens are inducted to the Hilliard Senior Citizen Hall of Fame biennially. Nominees may be living or deceased and should exemplify how senior citizens contribute to their communities and respond creatively to retirement.

Nomination forms are available online at hilliardohio.gov/senior-citizen-hall-of-fame, at the Hilliard Senior Center, the Community Center, and the Municipal Building. This year's induction ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

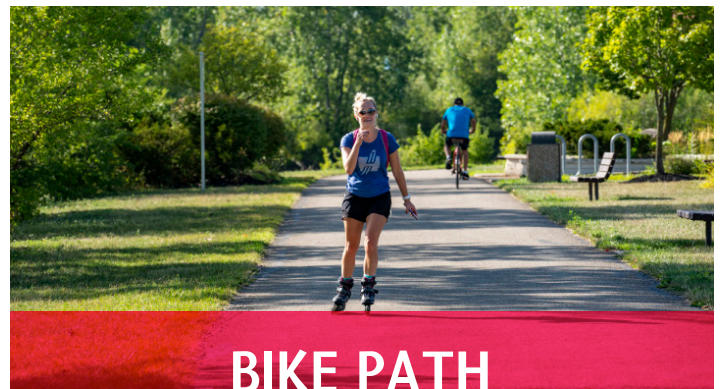




Hilliard's Parks

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.



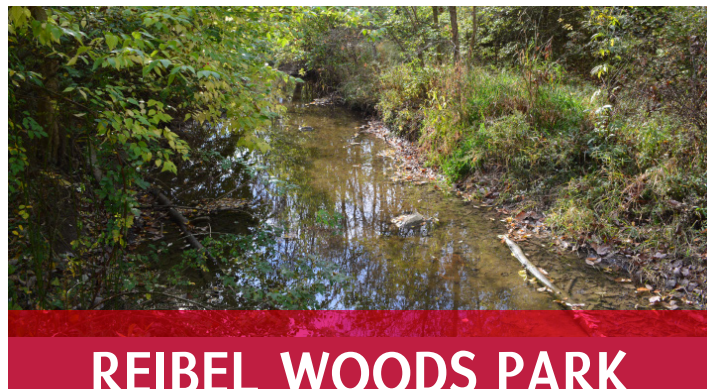
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*Splash pad for dogs only

Active ● Aquatic ● Community ● Sports ●



BRITTON FARMS PARK



REIBEL WOODS 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 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!

Sledding Hill

Bring your own plastic or foam sled or snow tube to Hilliard's sledding hill in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. No runner metal sleds are allowed.

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 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.

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.

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.

Aquatics

Fall Splash Pads Information

The Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool Splash Pad is open* free to the public outside of the regular pool season from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 8-30. The Hilliard's Station Park Splash Pad is open through the month of September from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both Splash Pads are closed for the season starting Friday, October 1, 2021.

Information regarding the upcoming pool season (2022) including opening dates and programming will be released in the next edition of *Your Hilliard*.

**Subject to change due to weather.*

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.

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. You can also get more information at hilliardohio.gov/facility-rentals.

Weaver Park rental facilities are managed by Hilliard Historical Society. For more information go to hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donate the gift of life on Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10 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. 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.

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 or visit hilliardohio.gov/sports for details.

DOGGIE DIPPIN'

Bring your furry friend to our annual end-of-year dog swim. Dogs may play during their allocated time, based on weight.

For the health and safety of the dogs, the pool is not chlorinated. Owners are not permitted in the water at any time during the event. A signed safety waiver is required.

Location Clyde “Butch” Seidle Community Pool

Date 9/7

Time 5-5:45 p.m. | Dogs 40 pounds and under
6-6:45 p.m. | Dogs more than 40 pounds

Cost \$5/dog





SENIOR CENTER

Membership

An annual fee of just \$15 gives members access to special events, educational speakers, exciting trips, and weekly activities like billiards, bingo, arts and crafts, cards, and homestyle lunch. Membership is available to seniors 55 and older. Complimentary memberships are available to those 90 and older.

OSHIIP

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program provides free information and other health insurance services to Ohioans covered by Medicare. Schedule a one-on-one appointment at the Senior Center office, or by calling 614-876-0747.

Additional Information

For additional information on daily activities and programs, lunch menus, trips, and more, visit our website at hilliardohio.gov, then click on the Senior Center page. You may also pick-up hard copies at the Hilliard Senior Center.

Library

The Senior Center library has a wide selection of books, movies, audio books, and puzzles. A computer and printer are also available for your use. Thank you to everyone who has donated items!

The Hilliard Park Café

Enjoy weekly lunches at the Hilliard Senior Center or order to go. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. the preceding day by calling (614) 876-0747. Check the monthly menu for dates and times. Meals cost \$5 for Senior Center members and \$7 for non-members. Meal tickets are three meals for \$15, six meals for \$29, or 12 meals for \$58 with check, VISA, Discover, AMEX, or MasterCard.

Lunch & Learns

Check hilliardohio.gov for current Lunch & Learn schedules!

Day Trips

Check hilliardohio.gov for current bus trip schedules!

Important Links and Numbers

AARP

1-(800)-687-2277

aarp.org

Alzheimer's Association

1-(800)-272-3900

alz.org/centralohio

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA)

1-(800)-589-7277

coaaa.org

Franklin County Office on Aging

(614) 525-5230

officeonaging.org

Ohio Department of Aging

1-(800)-266-4346

aging.ohio.gov

CONTACT US

Municipal Building

3800 Municipal Way
Hilliard, Ohio 43026
(614) 876-7361
hilliardohio.gov

Hilliard Division of Police

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

Hilliard Community Center

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

Senior Center

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

Hilliard Family Aquatic Center

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

Clyde “Butch” Seidle Community Pool

4450 Schirtzinger Road
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 334-4024
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Hilliard Recreation and Parks Weather Hotline

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Photos and Videos

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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