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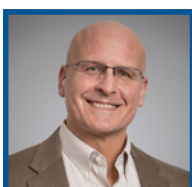
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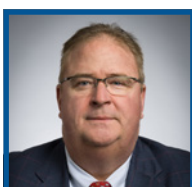
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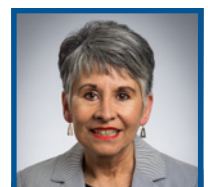
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The Heart of Hilliard

Continues to Evolve

It's a Thursday evening in Downtown Hilliard, and as the summer sun dips, the crowd gathered at Hilliard's Station Park heats up for another set from the live band.

Earlier in the day, children skipped through the fountains as their parents unpacked lunch and specialty treats picked up from one of Downtown's unique restaurants. Across the street, a group of bicyclists break from the bike trail to duck into a quaint shop and can't resist taking home a new treasure.

Downtown Hilliard has always been the heart of our community, but it hasn't always looked this way. The area has been revitalized over the past decade, transforming from a seemingly forgotten corner into a vibrant community gathering place.

"We've lived here 26 years and there was nothing in Downtown – you just drove through it," said Angela Zody, the City of Hilliard's Downtown Manager. "Now, everything has come together with the park, the businesses, and the trail. As more people come to visit, they fall in love."

During the 1800s, "Hilliard's Station" – as the community was called – was along the railroad route of the Piqua and Indiana Railroad. The tracks came through what are now Main and Center streets and remained in use until 1962, when railroad services ceased.

In the 2000s, City staff was inspired to invest in the neighborhood and create Hilliard's Station Park. The park marks the location of the old railroad station and serves as the trailhead of the 7-mile Heritage Rail Trail – making it an ideal destination for pedestrians and bicyclists.

"The idea was to have a venue for a variety of things people could come take advantage of," said City Planner John Talentino, one of the spearheaders of the project. The park was designed to host events with interactive splash fountains, built-in seating, outdoor café tables, and public restrooms.

The space opened to the public in 2015, and the Celebration at the Station concert series was born shortly thereafter. The greater area is now the growing home to 130 businesses, retail restaurants, service industries, and more, attracting people from all walks of life.

One of the anchor developments is Center Street Market, which became the neighborhood's centerpiece when it opened across from the park in 2020. The 17,000-square-foot market includes Crooked Can Brewery and taproom, several tasty food vendors, and a 7,000-square-foot patio.

"Once this space became available it was an instant yes – we want to be there," said Rob Fry, co-owner of Crooked Can. "It's exactly as we envisioned it, and that's pretty cool."

Soon after, more business owners wanted to invest in the area. Westwood Collective transformed a Franklin Street warehouse into The Junction, a co-working space, and Sexton's Pizza. On Main Street, Hilliard Station Baking Co. serves gourmet cupcakes from a historic building, and HillGarten offers German-inspired beers and bites from its outdoor biergarten.

In 2024, a winery will join the area. Firefly Winery will offer a variety of wines and small plates in an elegant setting at the corner of Grant and Franklin streets. In addition to the winery, Westwood Collective will develop an outdoor area

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on the property known as The Yard, described as a park-like setting with a pond, plenty of seating, and yard games.

The latest additions join the community's existing landmarks. Just down the road, the Franklin County Fairgrounds welcomes thousands of visitors year-round with exciting events. Weaver Park is home to Hilliard's Historical Village and pays homage to Hilliard's past. Throughout, guests can enjoy dinner, shopping, and adult beverages within the area's Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), which runs daily from noon to 9 p.m.

City leaders recognize the area as a community gem and prioritized its strategic development within the recent update to the Comprehensive Plan. Downtown Hilliard is a walkable and vibrant area with a distinct sense of place that allows people to live, work, and play in one "neighborhood." That will continue to be the goal as new development occurs.

"Downtown Hilliard is a perfect example of thoughtful, planned growth, and it has put itself on the map," Zody said. "We're excited for what the next decade will bring." ■





THE well

HILLIARD RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER

Expanding Recreational Programs Ahead!

With the new Hilliard Recreation and Wellness Campus and The Well on the horizon, the City of Hilliard is buzzing with excitement about new opportunities, especially when it comes to recreation!

The Recreation and Parks Department already provides a wide variety of classes, camps, and programs for the Hilliard community. You might be familiar with some of the most popular offerings, such as Safety Town, various sports leagues, Summer Rec Camp, and senior luncheons.

With the 2025 arrival of The Well, Hilliard's recreation and wellness center, the department's staff is already working to expand its programs and classes.

This expansion will give Hilliard the space necessary to provide more programming options, and the Recreation and Parks Department is working hard to produce new partnerships and opportunities that will lead to quality new programs for the community.

"Our programming team has been tasked with producing two or three new programs and one out-of-the-box idea each season as we approach the opening of The Well," said Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks Erin Duffee. "Some of our newest and grandest opportunities

will come from the partnership with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, as well as the opportunity to provide memberships to The Well that will allow the use of the fitness floor, group exercise classes, and indoor aquatic spaces."

Curious to know what some of these new recreational classes and opportunities will look like? Here are a few in the works:

Young Innovators Entrepreneurship Camp

Embark on an exciting journey of innovation, creativity, and business acumen at Entrepreneurship Camp, designed exclusively for teenagers this summer! The immersive and dynamic camp is tailor-made for young minds eager to explore the world of entrepreneurship, develop essential skills, and turn their innovative ideas into reality.

Entrepreneurship Camp will partner with local businesses to give teenagers the chance to brainstorm, refine, and develop their entrepreneurial ideas with the guidance of experienced mentors. From ideation to validation, this camp provides a supportive environment for turning concepts into viable business proposals.

CoolTech Girls

The City of Hilliard followed the growing trend of women in STEM and added the CoolTech Girls programs in 2023, and it was a huge success! This collaborative program for school-age girls ignites their passion in science and technology through workshops and role models.

Participants learned from female volunteers and mentors with engineering and technical backgrounds in the Hilliard community. In fall of 2023, 25 girls learned about “technofashion” from seven volunteers by sewing light-up headbands and jewelry with programmable LEDs.

Recreation and Parks plans to bring back the CoolTech Girls program in 2024 and 2025 in a larger capacity to reach more girls interested in exploring a future in STEM.

Fashion Design Camp

Be on the lookout for a new program this summer that focuses on fashion! The Recreation and Parks Department has lined up fashion industry expert Krista Allison (who got her start in New York City) to teach fashion tips to Hilliard kids ages 8 to 13. Participants will leave camp with designs to wear and treasure for years to come. At the end of camp, students will create a “lookbook” to share with friends and family.



More to Come

These are just a few of the new and diverse programs residents will see in 2024. Other exciting offerings to look forward to include adult educational workshops, technology, healthy cooking classes, wellness and mindfulness programming, cultural programming, and other activities that will help to build connections within the community!

“We want to hear from residents on the types of programs they want to see and experience at The Well. Look for future opportunities to provide feedback on program options by means of surveys, focus groups, and community meetings,” Duffee said. ■

Progress on Recreation and Wellness Campus Continues into 2024



Cosgray Road Extension

The first layer of asphalt has been smoothly applied to the Cosgray Road extension and its three roundabouts, paving the way for connectivity to The Well. The extension is expected to be complete in October 2024.



Final Steel Beam

Structural work on The Well has been completed. This milestone was celebrated by City Officials, staff and construction crews in February during a "Topping Off" ceremony where the final steel beam was lifted into place.



Green Stormwater Solutions

Hilliard-based Advanced Drainage Solutions (ADS) installed rows of StormTech green infrastructure chambers underneath The Well and the park's athletic complex. This alternative system to conventional stormwater solutions mimics natural hydrology (water movement and distribution) by trapping pollutants the moment rain enters the drain until it's safely returned to its natural environment. ADS donated \$500,000 of stormwater management products to the campus.



Turf on Two Athletic Fields

The new recreation and wellness campus includes 20 natural grass fields plus two large synthetic turf fields. The turf on the synthetic fields was installed over the winter. The grass on the natural turf fields will be fully planted this spring.



Clover Groff Protection A Priority In Construction at Recreation and Wellness Campus

The City of Hilliard is prioritizing protection of water quality and important wildlife habitats along an important tributary to the Big Darby as it moves forward with construction at its new recreation and wellness campus.

Going green is one of the major themes of the future recreation and wellness campus, which is one of the largest capital projects in the City's history. This priority is especially evident in the City's efforts to preserve Clover Groff Run. This protected stream is part of the Big Darby Creek watershed and runs between Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park and the City's new recreation and wellness campus.

"Clover Groff Run was originally a farm ditch created to assist in draining water from abutting farm fields," said City Engineer Clark Rausch. "The problem was the original ditch wasn't providing adequate habitat to the stream's native species. So, every time a large storm event happened, the natural habitat would get washed away."

Rausch says the preservation of this area, southeast of Scioto Darby and Alton Darby roads, has been more than 15 years in the making. In 2008, voters around the state approved the Clean Ohio Conservation Funds (COCF) program to acquire green space and restore stream corridors. After years of planning and approval, the City leveraged these resources in 2016 to restore nearly 1,200 feet of Clover Groff Run just south of Scioto Darby Road.

Improvements included widening the stream's floodplain area, adding more natural plants, and meandering the channel to slow the erosion process. The remaining portion of the project was put on hold until necessary easements could be acquired. In 2022, the City received an additional \$600,000 from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission as part of the COCF program. This allowed the City to restore the remaining 2,800-foot portion

of the stream at the southern portion of the property. Most of this work was completed in 2023, with plans to add a pedestrian bridge over the stream in 2024.

"This project greatly improves the water quality that feeds into the Big Darby Creek, plus provides native species and wildlife in the area with much needed habitat," Rausch said. "There's also an added benefit of improving the water quality of the drainage and stormwater runoff from the new wellness campus site."

Clover Groff Run will accept the stormwater from the campus, which also is equipped with state-of-the-art stormwater management systems for The Well and the future athletic fields. In October, Hilliard-based company Advanced Drainage Systems donated \$500,000 worth of its products, which included their signature yellow StormTech underground detention system. These underground systems collect, filter, and store stormwater runoff, replacing or supplementing above-ground retention ponds. This kind of storage and filtering benefits the environment, protecting the water quality of Clover Groff and the Big Darby.

"The City has maintained a focus on environmental sustainability during this entire process," said Ed Merritt, Director of Hilliard Recreation and Parks. "We're also using organic infill on the synthetic turf fields and specialized plant material throughout the campus to leave this community resource better than we found it."

The Well remains on track for a mid-2025 grand opening. The goal is to use the campus to enhance active recreation offerings and educate Hilliard residents and visitors alike on the sustainability efforts used to make the region a better place for the future.

For more information on the City's sustainability efforts, visit hilliardohio.gov/sustainability/. ■

Let's Go 2024!



***NEW* Eggsperiment Community Drop**

Friday, May 3 – 6-8 p.m.

Municipal Park near Hilliard Family Aquatic Center

Hatch a plan to “egg”ineer a contraption to drop from the Norwich Township Fire Department ladder truck with COSI. See if your egg will survive. All materials and other egg-themed activities are provided.

Register at Activity Number: 2571200-01

Touch-a-Truck

Friday, May 10, 10 a.m.-noon

Wayne and Center streets parking lot

Climb, touch, and take a photo with the trucks you see daily in the community. Decorate your own helmet and enjoy inflatables, Paw Patrol strolling character, Norwich Township fire truck, Hilliard police cruiser, tow trucks, semi, and more!

***NEW* Bring the Zoo to You**

Sunday, May 19 – 4-6 p.m.

Britton Farms Park

Columbus Zoo animal and character ambassadors will provide up-close interactions and education. A craft, airbrush tattoos, and balloon twisters will be provided.

Summer Spray Down

Tuesday, June 4 (Alton Darby) – 1-1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9 (Hoffman Trails) – 1-1:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 (J.W. Reason) – 1-1:45 p.m.

Cool off on a hot summer day with Norwich Township firefighters spraying the fire hose. Check out the fire truck before you leave.

Celebration at the Station

Thursdays, June 6-Aug. 15* – 6:30-9 p.m.

Enjoy live music in Downtown Hilliard with family and friends every Thursday evening.

June 6 – Devin Henry
June 13 – 4th Day Echo
June 20 – RockHouse
June 27 – Long Play
July 11 – Alan Carl
July 18 – Audio Graffiti
July 25 – Dave Matthews Tribute Band
Aug. 1 – CowTown Inc
Aug. 8 – Trailer Park Ninjas
Aug. 15 – Conspiracy

*No concert July 4

Lunch Time Live!

Fridays, June 7, 28, and Aug. 2

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Weaver Park

Kick off the weekend early with acoustic lunchtime concerts. Bring your lunch, sit back, and relax.

Sprout's Night Out

Sundays, June 9 and July 28 – 4-6 p.m.

Hilliard's Station Park

Enjoy this free kids' event with live music and activities.

Chalk The Park

Tuesday, June 18 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Darby Glen Park

Get artistic and help us create a pathway of color with a local chalk artist. Chalk, yard games, and music will be provided.

Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19 – 9-11 a.m.

Municipal Park Amphitheater

Celebrate freedom in the City of Hilliard during this important holiday. Enjoy live music, a community art project, and "walk and read" *The Juneteenth Story*, written by Alliah Agostini Livingstone, illustrated by Sawyer Cloud, and published by Quarto Books US.

Freedom Fest

Thursday, July 4 – 5-11 p.m.

Municipal Park

Celebrate Independence Day with live country music from Big & Rich, food trucks, Kids Zone inflatables and games, chalk art, stilt walkers, and one of Central Ohio's biggest fireworks shows.

Independence Day Parade

(Hosted by Franklin County Fair Board)

Thursday, July 4 – 9 a.m.

The parade kicks off at 9 a.m. from the Franklin County Fairgrounds and travels through Downtown Hilliard.

Get the Scoop

Wednesday, July 24 – Noon-2 p.m.

Hilliard's Station Park

Beat the summer heat with free ice cream, fun family games, the splash pad, and more!

Magic in the Park

Tuesday, July 30 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Weaver Park

Bring the magic to you with Sedgie the Hedgeie and Magic Nate. Grab your blanket and enjoy an evening full of magic in the park with Erica Carlson Entertainment and more. Strolling magic and balloon twisting will be provided.

***NEW* Parent Recharge: Back to School Edition**

Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Noon-2 p.m.

Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: \$10 for plant project

A big hoorah for parents after the kids go back to school. Splash in the park and enjoy the DORA while not wrangling kids or listening to crying, fighting, and begging for snacks! Make a succulent planter and enjoy specials from Downtown Hilliard businesses.

Register at Activity Number: 3551200-01

Doggy Do's & Don'ts at the Dog Park!

Socialization is important to having a well-rounded dog that is friendly to others, and a local park, such as the amazing Heritage Rail Trail dog park, is the perfect place to make puppy pals. Following a few doggy do's and don'ts will make your time at the dog park more rewarding.



Follow the dog park rules. Your dog can't read, so it's up to owners to familiarize themselves with posted park rules.



Consider leaving young children at home. An overly enthusiastic child can heighten a dog's anxiety, causing it to react in a way that's inconsistent with its usual behavior.



Don't bring new-born puppies and aggressive dogs to the park. Puppies are at a higher risk of contracting diseases and being injured by larger dogs. Aggressive dogs should also avoid the park. If your dog lunges, barks excessively, growls, or fights, it may be a danger to other people and pets.



Take it slowly. Keep your first few visits to the park to just 10 to 15 minutes until you and your pet become comfortable with the atmosphere. Avoid peak use hours, such as weekday evenings and weekends.



Use the proper area at the dog park. Most dog parks have separate areas for large and small dogs. Small dogs – even those with “big dog energy” – can be overwhelmed by the larger dogs' aggressive sniffing or playing.



Supervise your dog. Always keep an eye on your dog. Watch for changes in body language so you can de-escalate trouble before it starts. And always clean up after your pooch!



Don't enter the main area of the dog park with a lead or harness on. Entering the main enclosure with your dog on a lead can cause them stress when other dogs approach.



Leave toys and treats at home. Offering your pet treats in front of others can create jealousy and aggression from other dogs. Instead, reward your dog with praise and pets when they play well and listen to instructions. A ball is an acceptable dog park toy, but leave chew toys like bones and stuffed animals at home.



Bring water. Not all parks have a water source. Bring bottled water and a collapsible water bowl, as your dog definitely will work up a thirst.



Learn to read body language in your dog. Learning your dog's body language helps you understand how it is handling its experience at the park. Knowing the difference between play, fear, and aggression can make your time at the park safer and more rewarding. Heavy panting and over excitement are also indicators that it's time to head home.



Be mindful of dogs that play too rough. Certain dogs, particularly those with arthritic joints, do not enjoy being rolled, pinned, or knocked over. If your dog plays rough, match them with other dogs that can tolerate rough play.



Don't physically intervene in a dog fight. Never reach in to break up fighting dogs. You could be seriously injured or killed! Using distraction techniques such as splashing them with water, throwing a towel over both dogs, or dropping something near them can usually break up the encounter. ■



C.R.A.S.E.

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS



Hilliard First Responders Offer Active Shooter Event Trainings, Advice

Active shooter events have happened across the world. They can happen quickly, often before you realize what is occurring. Would you know what to do if you were caught in one of these horrible tragedies?

The City of Hilliard Division of Police has partnered with the Norwich Township Fire Department to provide a course that provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event.

The course is called C.R.A.S.E., which stands for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events.

"It's an uncomfortable topic I wish we didn't have to teach," said Officer Tony Agosta, who has been a C.R.A.S.E. instructor for more than seven years. "But it's a proactive and realistic approach."

Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, medical care, and interactive drills.

The course was developed on the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" strategy as an easy-to-remember method for individuals to follow. Hiding and hoping a threatening person will not cause harm isn't a very effective survival strategy, Officer Agosta said.

"We're giving people permission to fight back – you have it in you to defend yourself, your family, and your coworkers," Officer

Agosta said. "People are a lot tougher than they think, and you can see people realizing they can do it."

Many businesses, churches, and organizations have hosted the free class. Recently, instructors taught at the Noor Islamic Cultural Center (NICC), a Hilliard mosque.

"We are a very busy center, and we thought we should be prepared for any unforeseeable situation," said NICC's Executive Director, Azhar Masood. "This was one of the most important trainings our staff and security team should do."

Students learned to watch for unusual activities, stay calm, and to know their surroundings well, Masood said.

"The relationship with Hilliard police is very helpful," he added.

The course is offered, by appointment, to larger organizations. Individuals can enroll in Saturday classes offered throughout the year at the Safety Services Building.

If you have questions or need additional information, email policeinfo@hilliardohio.gov.

"If the call comes, we want to be the first ones in the door," said Officer Agosta. "But, until then, we want you to have the tools to defend yourself." ■

The next open enrollment C.R.A.S.E. class is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19. Scan the QR code above for more info.

Part-time Staffers Bring Full-time Passion to Work

Whether it's a first job or retirement gig, working part-time for the City of Hilliard is a passion for many dedicated public servants.

In 2023, the Recreation and Parks Department employed 217 part-timers, and while most of those are seasonal lifeguards and camp counselors, many others are serving the City at later stages in life.

"All of our part-time employees are a great fit because they bring so much life experience from other positions they've

held throughout their careers," said Amy Van Huffel, Senior Center Supervisor. "They have different perspectives that help in a variety of situations on the job."

Explore employment opportunities with Hilliard Recreation and Parks at hilliardohio.gov/hiring/.



Aileen Burnside
Recreation and Parks Maintenance Aide

Burnside is one of the City's most tenured part-time employees, having worked more than 27 years. She started as a swim instructor in 1996 and has worked in numerous other roles, including lifeguard training. Now, Burnside works as a maintenance aide in the Downtown Hilliard corridor, keeping Hilliard's Station Park and the surrounding areas clean and litter free.

"The people here are what make this job so great, and I love being out and about interacting with this community," Burnside said. "Many of us part-timers are kind of a 'jack-of-all trades,' having worked in a variety of roles over the years, but I wouldn't trade it for anything."



Sue Lantz
Senior Center Trip and Kitchen Aide

Lantz is a favorite of many members of the Hilliard Senior Center. She started part-time with the City in 2012, working as a Trip Aide for the Senior Center day trips and helping in the kitchen for the twice-a-week senior lunches. Lantz still works two to three days a week, primarily as a Senior Trip Aide, where she travels with groups, keeping track of all the check-ins and often serving as a tour guide.

"With this job, I've traveled to so many different locations in Ohio that sometimes I feel like I work for a travel agency," Lantz joked. "All the staff and seniors here at the center are wonderful. During COVID, I wrote a lot of handwritten notes of encouragement and inspiration to cheer them up, so they've really become like family."



Jeff Metzger Senior Center Bus Driver

Working for the City of Hilliard is Metzger's part-time retirement gig. He started as the Senior Center Bus Driver in April 2023 after retiring from COTA, where he worked for 13 years. Metzger works two to three days a week, depending on the Senior Center trip schedules. He makes sure all participants get to and from their destination in a safe and timely manner.

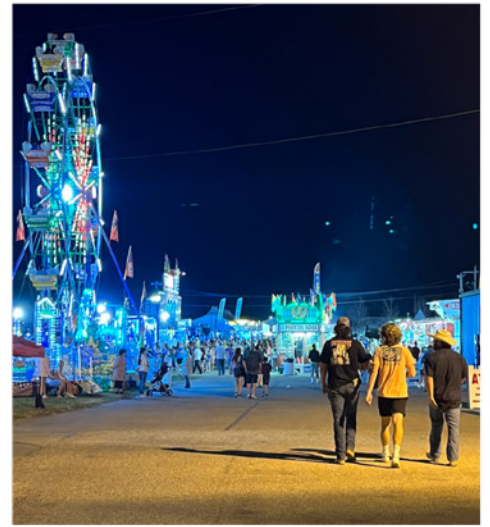
"Working in this part-time role is really the perfect gig for me," Metzger said. "It allows me to get out and interact with people, and everyone at the HSC has been great. Plus, in retirement, the extra money helps, and there's plenty of flexibility when it comes to family and personal matters."



Carleen Hildebrand Senior Center Front Desk

Hildebrand has served the City in a part-time capacity more than 20 years. Earlier in her career, she worked full-time as a technical writer before transitioning to a part-time role with the City to allow more time to raise her four children. During her time in Hilliard, she's held a variety of positions with the Recreation and Parks Department and currently performs front desk duties for the Hilliard Senior Center.

"I love this job because every day is different, and it gives me the opportunity to welcome new members of our community to our programming and facilities," Hildebrand said. "Working for the City of Hilliard has allowed me to put my family first, make lifelong friends, and enjoy a sense of community, not to mention have lots of fun!"



JULY 15-21, 2024

Find something for every member of the family at the Franklin County Fair in Hilliard, Ohio! From farm animals, mind-blowing magic, tasty fair food, and much more!



Ferris Wheels and Deep-Fried Meals

Fairgrounds Remain A Hilliard Tradition

From elephant ears and Ferris wheels to carnival games and livestock shows, there is nothing else quite like a county fair.

And in Central Ohio, each July brings all the excitement and tradition of the Franklin County Fair to Hilliard.

"The county fair is a part of Americana," said Kevin Wiley, president of the Franklin County Agricultural Society Board of Directors. "Fairs have been around for a long time, and there's a reason for that. This is part of the fabric of America."

While the first Franklin County Fair was held in October 1851, the event did not move to its official home in Hilliard until 1918. Even then, the fair was held on leased property until the Ag Society was able to buy that land in 1946. From that time forward, the fairgrounds have been in the heart of the Hilliard community.

"Years ago, when the fairgrounds first found its home here, Hilliard was very rural and it was a natural place for it to sit," said Amy Fleshman, fairgrounds manager. Now, there is significantly less farmland in Hilliard. The importance of agriculture is still the heart and primary focus of the fair, though.

"Agriculture is what sustains life," Fleshman said. "Even when people come to the fair and they may not be ag-minded, many of them come for the food." All that tasty fair food – from the corn dogs to the funnel cakes – is part of the ag industry. It's the 4-H youth exhibits, competitions, harness racing, and other elements that fall under the umbrella of agriculture that remain at the core of the fairgrounds' mission.

Nearly 45,000 people come to the fair each July, but Fleshman and Wiley explain that is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the benefits the fairgrounds brings to the community. A conservative estimate of 200,000 people attended more than 110 events on the grounds in 2023.

Bringing in a diverse slate of events – ranging from craft shows and lobster sales to the annual Food Truck Festival and monthly reptile shows – makes the fairgrounds a source of economic benefit for the community.

Wiley said that approach also makes good business sense for the Ag Board.

"Fairs make money sometimes. Sometimes they don't. You can't rely on that," he said. "You have to have a more reliable source of income, and we have to invest back into maintaining and updating the grounds. We certainly would not be able to do it without the cooperation of the Franklin County Commissioners."

The fairgrounds also is an asset and partner to the community. It has served as a training ground for the City of Hilliard Division of Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and Norwich Township. It is home to 4-H and other youth activities. And the Ag Society plans the community's annual July 4 parade on behalf of the City of Hilliard.

Sam Brill, director of Destination Hilliard, said the fairgrounds are a valuable part of the local tourism economy.

"The Franklin County Fairgrounds is unique in its ability to accommodate larger events and festivals right in the heart of Old Hilliard," she said. "This past year, the venue hosted events such as the Columbus Food Truck Festival, Soberfest, Jack O'Lantern World, and their flagship event – the Franklin County Fair – drawing tens of thousands of visitors to Hilliard for those events alone. Additionally, the venue acts as a springboard for emerging events with room for growth, creating a full events calendar most weekends."

Fleshman said she is hopeful that the best is yet to come. In 2024, the fairgrounds will add a coffee festival to its calendar, which has already boasted events as diverse as dinosaur shows, Jack O' Lantern World, and the non-profit group FESTA's 2023 inaugural event FESTAval.

"Our primary goal is to bring in as many ag-related events as possible," Fleshman said. "Beyond that, we just try to keep our buildings as full as possible, and our calendar of events has grown substantially over the past few years." ■

Growth and Recreation

The Lasting Legacy of Roger A. Reynolds, Hilliard's First Full-Time Mayor

The growth and development of modern-day Hilliard would not be possible without the leadership and vision of Roger A. Reynolds.

To the younger generation, the name likely sounds familiar as the namesake to Municipal Park. Fittingly, the growth of Hilliard recreation and parks remains one of his proudest achievements.

At 90, Reynolds remains active in the community and is one of Hilliard's biggest supporters. In many ways, he served as one of the founding fathers of Hilliard's City government.

Reynolds said his path to being elected as Hilliard's first full-time mayor in 1975 was an unusual one.

For the first half of his professional life, Reynolds worked as an accountant for Jeffrey Mining Machinery company in Columbus. In 1958, he and his wife, Phyllis, moved to Hilliard when it was still a village of less than 5,000 people.

His first appointed position came thanks to his desire to have sidewalks installed for children to walk safely to school. Reynolds showed up to a parent-teacher organization meeting one evening and was named president of the J.W. Reason Elementary PTO.

"Believe it or not, that one opportunity started my career in public service," Reynolds said. "Hilliard's superintendent later asked me to run for Hilliard City Council, and after I got elected in 1971 things really took off."

Reynolds quickly earned a reputation as a smart and trustworthy advocate for the Hilliard community. In 1972, he was granted a leave of absence from his employer to serve as Hilliard's Director of Service, Director of Safety, and Director of Recreation and Parks.

A few years later, the City created a paid position for a full-time mayor, and the rest was history. In total, Reynolds was elected to six terms as Hilliard mayor from 1975 until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1998.

"I'm so proud of everything we were able to accomplish, especially when it comes to recreation, the roads, and our relationship with the Hilliard City School District," Reynolds

said. "My legacy is probably 'growth,' because I was very active in annexations to keep Hilliard as our own unique city. Over 24 years, we were able to secure land and form a master plan that's now benefiting the next generation."

In the early 2000s, the City officially dedicated Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park, which serves as the home of the Recreation and Parks Department. The park's 130 acres of amenities includes the Hilliard Family Aquatic Center, baseball fields, a disc golf course, sledding hill, pickleball courts, and more. It also serves as home to Hilliard's signature event, Freedom Fest.

The future of Hilliard recreation sits just west of this location, with the addition of the 125-acre Hilliard Recreation and Wellness Campus opening in mid-2025.

"The Well is going to be a fantastic facility and something our community has been (desiring) for a long time," Reynolds said. "Our plan was to always expand Municipal Park, and it wouldn't be possible without the business growth and the income tax to support these amenities."

Reynolds' charisma and likeable personality made him a natural negotiator in landing business deals to further Hilliard's growth. During his tenure as mayor, the City's tax valuation increased more than 20-fold, with an operating budget that started at \$1.8 million in 1975 and grew to about \$12 million in 1998. In that time span, Hilliard's population growth also increased from 8,000 to 21,000.

"Although we're several decades apart, City Manager Michelle Crandall and I hold many of the same beliefs and philosophies, and I think she's doing a phenomenal job," Reynolds said. "She understands the importance of commercial and industrial growth and is really moving the city in the right direction."

Reynolds still lives in Hilliard with his wife. They both remain active in the community they love dearly.

"I've always said, there's a place for everybody here in Hilliard. In fact, that was one of our mottos," said Reynolds. "Hilliard is truly a unique, friendly community with such a bright future. I'm just glad I was able to play a small part in what it is today." ■



SCAN TO CONTINUE
THE STORY



POLICIES

RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAM GUIDE

COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS

Open: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon – 5 p.m.

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.

REGISTER SOON

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

REGISTRATION DATES

Spring/Summer	Date & Time
General Registration for Residents	Mar. 25 at 9 a.m.
General Registration for Non-Residents	Mar. 28 at 9 a.m.
Safety Town Registration for everyone	Mar. 25 at 9 a.m.

PAYMENT METHODS

The Recreation and Parks Department does not accept cash. Payments can be made using credit card or check.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

The City of Hilliard promotes inclusion for all our programming, camps, and service options. Contact a Recreation Supervisor to discuss accommodations before enrollment so we can provide the best overall experience for you and your child. If the need for an accommodation arises after a program starts, please contact the Community Center at 614-876-5200.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Upon entering a City of Hilliard recreation facility and/or participating in a Recreation and Parks Department program, you are agreeing to abide by the rules of the department and any specific rules for programs or facilities. Your cooperation and consideration of this Code of Conduct helps ensure all participants can enjoy our programs, facilities, and parks. The Recreation and Parks Department is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all our patrons and staff.

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; by email at recandparks@hilliardohio.gov; or uploaded to a RecTrac account.

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 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, unless the program is held at a Hilliard City School facility.

POLICIES

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REFUNDS

Low Enrollment If a program/class does not meet the minimum requirement of participants, the class will be canceled and a full refund will be issued to those enrolled.

General Recreation Program Any cancellation or request for a refund prior to 10 days of the start of the program/class will result in a full refund. If a cancellation or refund request is needed within the 10-day window of that program/class starting, a 10% processing fee will be charged. If the cancellation drops the program/class below the minimum student enrollment, a refund will not be issued.

55 Plus A full refund is issued if registration is canceled before the posted deadline. Refunds less than \$10 are automatically credited to your household account. Trip registrations canceled after the posted deadline are not eligible for refunds unless there is a waiting list and someone is able to take your place.

Pool Membership No refunds are issued for pool memberships.

Summer Rec Camps Cancellations before May 1 will result in a \$50 processing fee. After May 1, no refunds will be issued.

Swim Lessons Refund requests and/or transfers must be submitted in writing at least seven days in advance of the first class to parks6@hilliardohio.gov. Refunds may reflect a \$5 processing fee and are granted only for medical restriction, approved hardship, or relocation outside of a 25-mile radius of the Community Center. Documentation is required.

MILITARY DISCOUNT

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

DISCLAIMER

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 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.

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.

AQUATICS

AQUATICS 2024

Hilliard operates the Hilliard Family Aquatic Center (HFAC) and the Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool (CBS). In addition to providing safe spaces for families to play and spend time together, the municipal pools also organize swimming lessons and activities for community members of all ages.

Hilliard's Station Park and the CBS Pool splash pads operate mid-May through Sept 30.

Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older and must have their visitor pass or membership to visit the pools. Children ages 14-17 may enter without an adult if they have a valid visitor pass or membership and have a completed "Minor Use and Rules Agreement Form" on file. That form can be found online at hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes/. Completed forms can be uploaded on a RecTrac account, emailed to recandparks@hilliardohio.gov, or dropped off at the Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive.

SPLASH PADS

Hilliard's Station Park
4021 Main St.

Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool
4450 Schirtzinger Rd.

POOL FACILITIES

Hilliard Family Aquatic Center (HFAC)
3850 Veterans Memorial Dr., Hilliard | (614) 876-4296

Open May 25-Aug. 20*
Monday-Saturday: noon-8 p.m.
Sunday: noon-7 p.m.

HFAC is one of the largest outdoor municipal aquatic complexes in Ohio. It features two 30-foot water slides, a 25-yard competition pool, an interactive leisure pool, and more.

* Hours and amenities may be limited May 25-31 due to limited lifeguard staffing. Check the Aquatics web page in May for hours.

Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool (CBS)
4450 Schirtzinger Rd., Hilliard | (614) 334-4024

Open May 25-Labor Day**
Monday-Saturday: noon-8 p.m.
Sunday: noon-7 p.m.

CBS features a bath house, concession stand, and a shaded area. There is a main pool with a 14-foot water slide and an interactive splash pad.

** Hours and amenities may be limited May 25-31 and Aug. 21-Sept. 2 due to limited lifeguard staffing. Check the Aquatics web page in August for hours.

POOL AREAS AND AMENITIES

A pool membership or daily admission guarantees use of the main pool at either facility. We reserve the right to reduce hours or close one or more pools, specific amenities, or facilities if the need arises due to staffing, programming, or weather.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Pool passes are valid at both locations. Key fobs allowing admission are mailed to new members and to members who buy add-on passes for the first time. Membership key fobs/add-on passes are not re-issued each year. Keep key fobs from season to season to avoid paying a \$5 replacement fee. All members must present key fobs at the gate or use the City of Hilliard App to enter either facility. Otherwise, members must pay daily admission.

Membership forms are processed as soon as possible after they are received. Staff verifies residency for all applications within three business days with Franklin County Auditor's Office. Each membership is limited to two adults (age 21 and up) who live at the same address. Memberships are non-refundable and nontransferable.

BUY YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Online - Those with 2023 memberships may renew online at hilliardohio.gov/pools-passes. New memberships must register an account online before purchasing. Online account activation may take up to three business days.

In Person - Visit the Hilliard Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, during regular business hours. We accept major credit cards, debit cards, and checks. Cash is not accepted for membership purchases. Avoid lines with our online or mail options.

By Mail - Mail a completed membership form and a check showing current address payable to "City of Hilliard" to the Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026.



**SCAN HERE TO BUY
2024 POOL PASSES**

AQUATICS

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Membership Rates	Resident	Non-Resident
Primary Pool Member	\$110	\$220
Household of 2	\$155	\$265
Household of 3	\$195	\$305
Household of 4	\$210	\$325
Household of 5	\$225	\$340
6+ Household Members	\$15/Person	\$15/Person
Unnamed Add-On*	\$90	\$145
Senior citizen (65+)**	\$30	\$50

* Limit 2 per household.

** Hilliard Senior Center (55+) members can buy a discounted pool membership at the Senior Center before meeting the 65+ age requirement. Become a member of the Senior Center today for \$15 for this benefit.

DAILY ADMISSION

For increased patron safety, all patrons ages 3 years and older must have a current pool membership or daily admission visitor pass associated with a valid RecTrac account to enter any pool facility. Visitors or members under age 18 must be registered under an adult's (21+) account. That adult assumes responsibility for the visitor.

Account registration must be done before visiting the pool. It can be done online or at the Hilliard Community Center during normal business hours. Online account activation may take up to three business days. After an account has been registered, free day pass key fobs are provided to each household member. Replacement fobs are \$5 each.

Visitors must present their key fob to enter the facility. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by a responsible party (18+) in addition to presenting their visitor pass. Children ages 14-17 may gain admission without an adult if they have a valid visitor pass and have a completed "Minor Use and Rules Agreement Form" on file.

We accept cash and all major credit/debit cards for daily admission. Checks are not accepted.

Daily Admission Rates	Resident	Non-Resident
Infants (0-2)	Free	Free
General (3-64)	\$10	\$15
Seniors (65+)	\$5	\$5

SPLASH PADS

The Hilliard's Station Park and CBS splash pads open to the public mid-May. The CBS splash pad closes as a free amenity when the pool opens on Saturday, May 25. The HSP splash pad is a free amenity all summer. After the pool season, both splash pads remain open and free to the public through Sept. 30.

September splash pad hours will be posted online and at both facilities by early August.

AQUATICS

BEGINNER	SKILL OBJECTIVES
LEVEL 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 relaxed bobs • Front float (5 seconds) • Back float (5 seconds)
LEVEL 2 Requires completion of Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 body lengths front/back kick • 2 body lengths front crawl • 2 body lengths elementary backstroke • Roll from front to back and back to front
LEVEL 3 Requires completion of Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 body lengths front crawl • 4 body lengths elementary backstroke • 4 body lengths backstroke • 2 body lengths breaststroke kick • 2 body lengths butterfly kick
INTERMEDIATE	SKILL OBJECTIVES
LEVEL 4 Requires completion of Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freestyle with 6 side breaths • 12.5 yards elementary backstroke • 12.5 yards backstroke • 4 body lengths breaststroke kick • 4 body lengths butterfly kick • 30 second tread
LEVEL 5 Requires completion of Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 yards freestyle • 25 yards elementary backstroke • 25 yards backstroke • 4 body lengths breaststroke • 4 body lengths butterfly • 4 body lengths sidestroke • 60 second tread
ADVANCED	SKILL OBJECTIVES
LEVEL 6 Requires completion of Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 yards freestyle • 50 yards backstroke • 12.5 yards breaststroke • 12.5 yards sidestroke • 12.5 yards butterfly • 90 second tread
LEVEL 7 Requires completion of Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 yards freestyle • 100 yards backstroke • 50 yards breaststroke • 25 yards butterfly • 2 minute tread • Learn basic swim team turns and starts



AQUATICS

SWIM LESSONS (BEGINNER)

Participants will become comfortable in the water and learn basic swimming skills.

Instructor: Rec Staff

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: CBS Pool

Cost: R \$55 | NR \$60

Ages: 3-12 yrs

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
313150 01	June 3-7	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 02	June 3-7	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 03	June 3-7	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313151 04	June 10-14	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 01	June 17-21	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 02	June 17-21	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 03	June 17-21	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313153 04	June 24-28	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 01	July 8-12	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 02	July 8-12	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 03	July 8-12	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313155 04	July 15-19	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 01	July 22-26	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 02	July 22-26	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 03	July 22-26	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri

SWIM LESSONS (INTERMEDIATE)

Participants should already be confident in water and will learn proper stroke technique.

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
313150 04	June 3-7	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 05	June 3-7	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 06	June 3-7	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313151 05	June 10-14	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 04	June 17-21	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 05	June 17-21	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 06	June 17-21	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313153 05	June 24-28	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 04	July 8-12	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 05	July 8-12	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 06	July 8-12	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313155 05	July 15-19	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 04	July 22-26	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 05	July 22-26	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 06	July 22-26	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri

SWIM LESSONS (ADVANCED)

Participants should already know how to perform most strokes. These levels will focus on building endurance and preparing for the swim team if desired.

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
313150 07	June 3-7	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 08	June 3-7	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313150 09	June 3-7	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313151 06	June 10-14	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 07	June 17-21	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 08	June 17-21	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313152 09	June 17-21	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313153 06	June 24-28	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 07	July 8-12	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 08	July 8-12	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313154 09	July 8-12	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313155 06	July 15-19	8:15-8:45 p.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 07	July 22-26	9:30-10 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 08	July 22-26	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Mon-Fri
313156 09	July 22-26	11-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Fri

AQUATICS

ADAPTIVE AQUATICS CLASS

This learn-to-swim program is designed for children with special needs who require more individual attention than a group swim lesson can provide. Individuals may be asked to provide an in-water assistant.

Instructor: Rec Staff

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: CBS Pool

Cost: R \$55 | NR \$60

Ages: 3-12 yrs

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
313158 01	June 8-29	10-11 a.m.	Sat
313158 02	July 6-27	10-11 a.m.	Sat

SEA PUPS

This drop-in parent-child workshop is designed for parents to help their children (ages 6-36 months) become comfortable in the water. Objectives include water adjustment, basic movements, and swimming fundamentals. Children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper.

Instructor: Melissa Banyots, Rec Staff

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: CBS Pool

Cost: \$5/Child drop-in fee

Ages: 6-36 months

Date	Time	Day(s)
June 8-29	10-11 a.m.	Sat
July 6-27	10-11 a.m.	Sat

ARTISTIC/SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING CLINIC

Make a splash in the world of synchronized swimming. Artistic swimming is where teamwork, grace, and fun collide. Participants must be confident independent swimmers, comfortable swimming in deep water unassisted.

Instructor: Ohio Coralinas

Duration: 8 sessions

Location: HFAC Competition Pool

Cost: R \$64 | NR \$75

Ages: 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
313141 01	June 4-27	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Tue, Th
313141 02	July 9-Aug. 1	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Tue, Th

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

Participants learn what it takes to be a City of Hilliard lifeguard with lessons and activities in water safety, swimming skills, the importance of being a lifeguard, and a behind-the-scenes look at pool operations.

Instructor: Rec Staff

Duration: 3 sessions

Location: HFAC

Cost: R \$45 | NR \$54

Ages: 8-13 years

8-10 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3130600 03	June 9-23	10:15 a.m.-noon	Sun
3130600 04	July 7-21	10:15 a.m.-noon	Sun

11-13 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3130600 01	June 9-23	10:15 a.m.-noon	Sun
3130600 02	July 7-21	10:15 a.m.-noon	Sun

MORNING LAP SWIM

Get an early-morning workout at HFAC. Swim laps at your own pace any time during your scheduled block. Discounted rates offered for pool members. Individual lanes are not guaranteed.

Instructor: Self led

Duration: 12 sessions

Location: HFAC Competition Pool

Cost: R \$27 | NR \$36

Ages: 16 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3150400 01	June 3-28	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Mon, Wed, Fri
3150400 02	June 3-28	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Mon, Wed, Fri
3150400 03	July 8-Aug. 2	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Mon, Wed, Fri
3150400 04	July 8-Aug. 2	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Mon, Wed, Fri

AQUATICS

AQUA FITNESS

A low-impact but high-intensity water aerobics class where no swimming skills are needed. This class is designed to improve flexibility, range of motion, strength, muscle tone, and cardiovascular endurance while using the water resistance to cushion the feet, knees, and back.

Instructor: Melanie Ross

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: HFAC Slide Pool

Cost: R \$27 | NR \$32

Ages: 18 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3150401 01	June 3-July 15*	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Mon

*No Class July 1



Bring your furry friend to the annual end-of-summer dog swim and enjoy activities with the whole family. Dogs may play during their allocated time based on weight. Owners are not permitted in the water.

Location: CBS Pool

Cost: \$5 per dog (waiver required)

Dog Size	Date	Time	Day(s)
Up to 40 pounds	Sept. 3	5-5:45 p.m.	Tue
Over 40 pounds	Sept. 3	6-6:45 p.m.	Tue

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KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

This kids cooking class is designed to provide hands-on experience in the kitchen. It's a deliciously good time. A parent must stay onsite to help the child.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs
Duration: 3 sessions
Location: Community Center
Cost: R \$30 | NR \$35
Ages: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3520505 01	May 10-24	10-11 a.m.	Fri

KINDERDANCE

This class integrates dance, motor skills, music, and fitness with academic concepts. Learn the basics of ballet, tap, acrobatics, and creative movement while blending educational concepts.

Instructor: Lisa Coleman
Duration: 6 sessions
Location: Senior Center
Cost: R \$110 | NR \$120
Ages: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3521010 02	July 10-Aug. 14	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Wed

KINDERTOTS

This class teaches movement that encourages gross motor skills, creativity, physical development, and early education in a fun environment while learning numbers, colors, shapes, and songs.

Instructor: Lisa Coleman
Duration: 6 sessions
Location: Senior Center
Cost: R \$90 | NR \$108
Ages: 2 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3521030 02	July 10-Aug. 14	5-5:30 p.m.	Wed

PLAYCAMP

Activities include crafts, music, and games centered around an Olympic theme. Students must be potty trained to attend. Parents are not required to stay on site.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs
Duration: 4 sessions
Location: Community Center
Cost: R \$50 | NR \$58
Ages: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3533500 01	June 3-6	9-11:30 a.m.	Mon-Thu
3533500 02	June 3-6	12:30-3 p.m.	Mon-Thu

TYKE TIME

This class is a chance for parents to meet others while children play with age-appropriate equipment, including ride-on-toys, large blocks, mats, tunnels, trucks, dolls, and more. Parents must provide supervision for their own children.

Duration: 5 sessions
Location: Community Center
Cost: R \$10 | NR \$12
Ages: 12 months-6 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
2520022 01	May 2-30	9-11 a.m.	Thu

AMAZING ATHLETES TOTS

This class provides our youngest athletes with interactive movement to help them gain confidence in their growing bodies while using a child-centered approach. We guide tots through sport-based activities that highlight motor-development skill building.

Instructor: Amazing Athletes
Duration: 6 sessions
Location: Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter
Cost: R \$72 | NR \$86
Ages: 1.6-3 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
2521401 01	May 2-June 6	10-10:30 a.m.	Thu
3521401 01	June 20-Aug. 1*	10-10:30 a.m.	Thu

*No class July 4

PRESCHOOL

STORIES AT THE CENTER

Children enjoy a story and activities connecting art, science and nature, creative dramatics, and music and movement. Must be potty trained. Parents are not required to stay on site.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$20 | NR \$25

Ages: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1520203 05	May 8-29	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed

STORIES AT THE STATION

This literature-based class will highlight a children's story each day using a variety of activities, including nature, creative dramatics, music and movement, mathematics, and manipulatives. Must be potty trained. Advanced registration is required.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs

Duration: 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$5 | NR \$8

Ages: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3520203 01	June 12	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 02	June 19	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 03	June 26	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 04	July 10	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 05	July 17	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 06	July 24	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 07	July 31	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed
3520203 08	Aug. 14	10-11:30 a.m.	Wed

Back To School Volunteer Program



The City of Hilliard Senior Center has teamed up with the Hilliard City School District to connect older adults with elementary schools for this new volunteer program.

Assist with reading and academic support, play board games, help in the classroom, and more! Work will be assigned by the specific school principal.

All participants must complete the HCSD online background check process.

Stop by the Hilliard Senior Center, email parks5@hilliardohio.gov or call us at 614-876-0747 to sign up and for more information!

YOUTH

YOUNG REMBRANDTS CARTOONING

Kids love cartoons, and now they can learn how to create them. Cartoon drawing classes help children develop artistic abilities, foster creativity, improve hand-eye coordination, increase focus and motor skills, and enhance observation skills.

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Duration: 9 sessions

Location: Senior Center

Cost: R \$170 | NR \$200

Ages: 7-12 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3237501 01	June 8-Aug. 10*	10-11 a.m.	Sat
*No class July 6			

FASHION CAMP FOR SUSTAINABLE STYLE

Learn to create your own upcycled designs with guidance from fashion professionals and university experts. Sketch, shop, and design unique pieces to wear and cherish. All materials provided.

Instructor: Marji Wachowiak

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$345 | NR \$355

Ages: 8-13 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3730101 01	June 10-14	Noon-3 p.m.	Mon-Fri

WALK, LOOK, TALK AND CREATE

Begin with a short walk to study and talk about public art. Then, head back to the studio to create art using a variety of media in response to the works observed in the community.

Instructor: Sheila Fagan

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$50 | NR \$60

Ages: 8-16 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3237550 01	June 4-25	6-7:30 p.m.	Tue
3237550 02	July 9-30	6-7:30 p.m.	Tue
3237550 03	Aug. 6-27	6-7:30 p.m.	Tue

BEGINNER SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASS

Students learn everyday sentences and study the cultures of different Spanish-speaking countries. The class integrates play-based activities, fun action games, student-to-student conversation, and age-appropriate Spanish music.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$103 | NR \$112

Ages: 6-12 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3236520 01	June 8-July 20	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Sat
*No class July 6			

BEGINNER FRENCH LANGUAGE CLASS

Students will learn everyday sentences and study the cultures of different French-speaking countries. The class integrates play-based activities, fun action games, student-to-student conversation, and age-appropriate French music.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$120 | NR \$130

Ages: 6-12 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3236540 01	June 10-July 15	6-7:30 p.m.	Mon

EUREKA! STEM WITH COOL TECH GIRLS

Girls will explore STEM projects that encourage problem-solving and team-building skills. Students create projects that include circuitry, coding, and much more. STEM explorers will bring home a box filled with interesting discoveries.

Instructor: Roxanne Holonitch

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$150 | NR \$165

Ages: 9-14 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3540210 01	July 8-12	Noon-3 p.m.	Mon-Fri

YOUTH

KD COMBO

Learn fundamental dance skills and terms, progressing to more complex movements that include ballet, tap, acrobatics, and creative movement while blending age-appropriate education with enjoyable activities. Prerequisite: 5-year-old students require completion of one session of Kinderdance for ages 3-5.

Instructor: Lisa Coleman

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: Senior Center

Cost: R \$110 | NR \$120

Ages: 5-7 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3521031 02	July 10-Aug. 14	6:35-7:20 p.m.	Wed

HAVE A BALL! MULTI-SPORT CAMP

Each day focuses on a different sport, including soccer, basketball, football, floor hockey, track and field, and more. Participate in a well-supervised environment that creates positive social interactions and emphasizes the importance of sportsmanship.

Instructor: Bally Sports

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Dogwood Shelter

Cost: R \$105 | NR \$125

Ages: 4-7 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
352140 01	June 17-21	9 a.m.-noon	Mon-Fri
352140 02	July 8-12	9 a.m.-noon	Mon-Fri
352140 03	July 29-Aug. 2	9 a.m.-noon	Mon-Fri

AMAZING ATHLETE CAMP

Children are engaged in physical fitness challenges and interactive sport lessons while focusing on balance, running, jumping, throwing, catching, kicking, nutrition, and body discovery. Bring a water bottle.

Instructor: Amazing Athletes

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter

Cost: R \$115 | NR \$138

Ages: 3-8 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3521403 01	July 22-26	9 a.m.-noon	Mon-Fri

ARCHERY CAMP

Our emphasis is on safety while establishing basic techniques and proper form. All skill levels are welcome. Athletes develop at their own pace. All the coaches are trained through USA Archery.

Instructor: Sunbury Archery

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Soccer Field 1-2

Cost: R \$100 | NR \$120

Ages: 8-18 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3541403 01	June 17-20	10-11 a.m.	Mon-Thu
3541403 02	July 29-Aug. 1	1-2 p.m.	Mon-Thu

EXCEL VOLLEYBALL SKILLS CLINICS (COED)

A clinic designed to develop the basic skills for passing, setting, serving, blocking, and hitting, with a focus on fun and overall development. Lessons are adjusted and advanced based on individual skill levels.

Instructor: Excel Volleyball LLC

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$35 | NR \$42

Ages: 7-10 years

Ages 7-10

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
353141 01	June 6	6-7 p.m.	Thu
353141 03	July 11	6-7 p.m.	Thu
353141 05	Aug. 15	6-7 p.m.	Thu

Ages 11-14

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
353141 02	June 6	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Thu
353141 04	July 11	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Thu
353141 06	Aug. 15	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Thu

YOUTH

EXCEL VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT PREP CLINIC

Designed to prepare players for school tryouts by developing basic skills. Additional focus on communication and game play is also discussed. The focus is on development and readiness for tryouts.

Instructor: Excel Volleyball LLC

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$70 | NR \$80

Ages: 12-18 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
353142 01	July 25	6-8 p.m.	Thu

SCHOOL'S OUT, CAMP'S IN (ECLIPSE EDITION)

Eclipse Camp is packed with thrilling activities designed to engage and entertain campers of ages 5.5-11 years. Get ready to embark on a journey filled with games, creativity, and wonder. This day also marks an unforgettable celestial event – the eclipse! Join us as we marvel at the wonders of the universe and witness this rare phenomenon together.

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$45 | NR \$50

Ages: 5.5-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1530100 04	Apr 8	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Mon

TEEN

PAINT ON CANVAS

Express yourself through the vibrant world of art. Designed for teens who have a passion for painting or want to explore their artistic side. Develop your unique creative expression. Plan for a variety of mediums.

Duration: 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$7 | NR \$9

Ages: 14-17 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3544544 02	June 17	6-7:30 p.m.	Mon

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy a night of fun, laughter, and brain-teasing challenges. Designed for teens who love testing their knowledge and enjoy friendly competition. Gather your friends for trivia covering a wide range of topics. Refreshments, snacks, and prizes are provided.

Duration: 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$10 | NR \$10

Ages: 14-17 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3544545 01	July 15	6-8 p.m.	Mon

LAST CALL FOR DODGEBALL

Unleash your competitive spirit in our last dodgeball tournament at the Community Center gym. Get ready for an epic showdown of agility and strategy.

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: R \$20 | NR \$20

Ages: 14-17 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3544546 01	Aug. 10	1-3:30 p.m.	Sat

ENTREPRENEUR CAMP

This camp empowers young minds by fostering creativity, leadership, and business skills. The next generation of innovators and leaders will find inspiration and practical skills, learning to take their business concept from idea to pitch while networking with city and business leaders.

Duration: 5 sessions

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: R \$150 | NR \$165

Ages: 13-16 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3530106 01	Aug. 5-9	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Mon-Fri

FAMILY

KARATE

Participants learn practical skills for self-defense from an array of arts (Karate, Aikido, Judo, Jujitsu, and Laido.) Each class begins with stretching and warm-ups and then may include drills, kata, sparring, grappling, and general self-defense.

Instructor: Jason Smiley, Hilliard School of Martial Arts, LLC
Location: Community Center Gym
Ages: 10 and older

Cost: R \$75 | NR \$90
Duration: 7 sessions

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
2571400 01	June 5-July 24*	6-8 p.m.	Wed
3571400 01	July 31-Sept. 18**	6-8 p.m.	Wed

Cost: R \$50 | NR \$60
Duration: 4 sessions

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
2571400 02	June 26-July 24*	6-8 p.m.	Wed
3571400 02	Aug. 21-Sept. 18**	6-8 p.m.	Wed

*No class July 3

**No class Sept 4

SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNRISE

Celebrate the longest day of the year with family yoga at the labyrinth in Merchant Park during sunrise. After class, enjoy coffee, juice, and muffins. Bring a yoga mat and water.

Instructor: Rec Staff
Location: Labyrinth at Merchant Park
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3271205 01	June 20	7-7:45 a.m.	Th

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



FRIDAY, MAY 3 9 A.M. - NOON

Partner with us as we host Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Cleanup day for senior residents on Friday, May 3. The deadline to request cleanup work is Thursday, April 18. Residents interested in volunteering should contact parks2@hilliardohio.gov.

To request that a property be considered for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors event, call the Senior Center at **614-876-0747**.

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ADULT

HILLIARD HIKES

Join this weekly hike and stay active. Meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. and walk from 10-11 a.m. Dress for the weather. In case of inclement weather, check the weather line for cancellations. 614-334-2598, option#2.

Location: Various
Cost: Free
Ages: 18 and older

Location	Date	Time
Hilliard Senior Center	May 1	9:45-11 a.m.
Prairie Oaks Metro Park	May 8	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard's Station Park	May 15	9:45-11 a.m.
Quarry Trail Metro Park	May 22	9:45-11 a.m.
Homestead Metro Park	May 29	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard Senior Center	June 5	9:45-11 a.m.
Prairie Oaks Metro Park	June 12	9:45-11 a.m.
Quarry Trail Metro Park	June 26	9:45-11 a.m.
Prairie Oaks Metro Park	July 10	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard's Station Park	July 17	9:45-11 a.m.
Quarry Trail Metro Park	July 24	9:45-11 a.m.
Homestead Metro Park	July 31	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard Senior Center	Aug. 7	9:45-11 a.m.
Prairie Oaks Metro Park	Aug. 14	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard's Station Park	Aug. 21	9:45-11 a.m.
Quarry Trail Metro Park	Aug. 28	9:45-11 a.m.

MOTIVATION AT THE STATION YOGA

A challenging yet relaxing vinyasa flow outside at Hilliard's Station Park. In case of inclement weather, check the weather line for cancellations: 614-334-2598, option # 2.

Duration: 1 session
Location: Hilliard's Station Park
Cost: Free
Ages: 13 and older

Instructor: Mat Happy Yoga

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350402 01	June 1	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 02	June 8	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 03	June 15	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 04	June 22	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 05	June 29	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 06	July 13	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat

Instructor: Alive MVMT

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350402 07	July 20	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 08	July 27	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 09	Aug. 3	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 10	Aug. 10	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 11	Aug. 17	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 12	Aug. 24	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 13	Aug. 31	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 14	Sept. 14	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 15	Sept. 21	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat
3350402 16	Sept. 28	8-8:50 a.m.	Sat

TOTAL ECLIPSE

In The Park

STORIES AT THE CENTER OF THE MOON

Look to the sky and take a journey with us beyond the atmosphere in this special class. We channel your child's imagination as we explore books and crafts revolving around the sun and moon. Parents are not required to stay onsite for this class.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$10R | \$15NR

Age: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1520204 01	4/3	10-11:30 a.m.	W

ECLIPSE IN THE KITCHEN

Get your snacks ready for the eclipse. In this special cooking class, your child makes snacks and desserts that are perfect for the alignment of our main celestial bodies. An astronomical event of this magnitude will make anyone hungry! Parents are not required to stay onsite for this class.

Instructor: Christine Jacobs

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$10R | \$15NR

Age: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1520506 01	4/5	10-11 a.m.	F

Age: 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1520507 01	4/2	6-7:30 p.m.	Tu

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Total Eclipse In The Park will be from 1-3:30 p.m. with the eclipse being around 3:15 p.m. We will have a deejay on site along with free solar eclipse glasses for all to enjoy while supplies last.

NIGHT OF DARKNESS PARTY/ PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Parents have a night out while our camp counselors teach children about the upcoming solar eclipse, go on a night hike, play out-of-this-world games, eat moon-cheese pizza, enjoy a stellar scavenger hunt, and create celestial crafts.

Instructor: Rec Staff

Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center

Cost: \$10R | \$15NR

Age: Ages 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
1271205 01	4/4	6-9 p.m.	Th

PICKLEBALL PARTY IN THE DARK!

Courts will be lit by black lights, and there will be neon/ glowing court lines, nets, ball, and more. Participants are highly encouraged to wear neon! Watch for more information.

Duration: 1 session

Location: Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

Cost: Free

Age: 16 and older

Date & Time: Friday, April 9 8-11 p.m.

55+ SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

You won't want to miss this Solar Eclipse Party! Enjoy lunch, live entertainment, and watching this rare astronomical event with friends. Pre-paid registration required. No to-go meals.

Instructor: Rec Staff

Duration: 1 session

Location: HSC

Cost: \$8 HSC Member | \$10 Non-Member

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 22	4/8	Noon-4:30 p.m.	M

ADULT

MOTIVATION AT THE STATION STRENGTH TRAINING

A full-body functional strength training class outside at Hilliard's Station Park. In case of inclement weather, check the weather line for cancellations: 614-334-2598, option 2.

Duration: 1 session
Location: Hilliard's Station Park
Cost: Free
Ages: 13 and older

Instructor: Blueprint Health and Fitness

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350403 01	June 1	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 02	June 8	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 03	June 15	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 04	June 22	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 05	June 29	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 06	July 13	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 07	July 20	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 08	July 27	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat

Instructor: SPENGA

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350403 09	Aug. 3	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 10	Aug. 10	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 11	Aug. 17	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 12	Aug. 24	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 13	Aug. 31	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 14	Sep. 14	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 15	Sep. 21	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat
3350403 16	Sep. 28	7-7:50 a.m.	Sat

TRAIL RIDE AND LUNCH

Explore local paved trails and enjoy lunch afterward. Each ride is 13 miles. Beginners are welcome. Participants buy their own lunch and provide their own lock and helmet. In case of inclement weather, the weather hotline will be updated by 9 a.m. 614-334-2598, select option #2.

Location: Hilliard's Station Park
Cost: Free
Ages: 18 and older

Activity No.	Date	Restaurant	Time	Day(s)
5350401 02	May 14	Old Bag of Nails	10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tue
5350401 03	June 11	Starliner Diner	10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tue
5350401 04	July 9	Abner's	10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tue
5350401 05	Aug. 13	Local Cantina	10:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tue

VINYASA YOGA

A yoga style geared for any level, combining movement with breath. Bring a yoga mat and water. Drop-in is available for \$8 per class.

Duration: 6 sessions
Location: Senior Center
Cost: R \$32 | NR \$38
Ages: 18 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
2350404 01	April 8-May 13	6-6:45 p.m.	Mon
2350404 02	Aug. 12-Sept. 23*	6-6:45 p.m.	Mon

*No class Sept. 2

ADULT

PICKLEBALL (MAY)

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. We supply the courts, nets, and balls. Participants must bring their own paddle and water. Registration is open to all skill levels. Drop-in rate is \$2 unless the section is full.

Duration: Varies

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: R \$3 | NR \$5

Ages: 16 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3551402 01	May 6-20	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Mon
3551402 03	May 6-20	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Mon
3551402 05	May 1-29	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Wed
3551402 07	May 1-29	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Wed
3551402 09	May 3-31*	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Fri
3551402 11	May 3-31*	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Fri

*No class May 17

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES ADULT

Leagues consist of five sets to 21 points as power leagues. The first games start the week of April 7, with a projected 10-game schedule based on the number of teams. Register as a team or call in as a free agent to be placed on a team. Additional information can be found on the City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks Sports web page.

Sunday afternoons: Coed (recreational and competitive)

Monday nights: Men only

Tuesday nights: Women only



FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

HSC HOURS

3810 Veterans Memorial Dr

Open: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed: Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Independence Day, July 3, 4, and 5

MEMBERSHIP

A \$15 annual fee gives members ages 55 and older access to a variety of benefits, including activities and lunches. To learn more, ask a team member. Free 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.

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!

SENIOR HALL OF FAME

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

Nomination forms are always available online and at the Hilliard Senior Center, the Community Center, and the Municipal Building.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

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.

To schedule a pick up, call 1-833-SHARE-33 or visit sharemobility.com/hilliard.

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BLOOD DRIVES

Donate the gift of life at the HSC. 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. Donors must be age 17 or older.

Date	Time	Day
May 17	11:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Fri
June 21	11:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Fri
July 19	11:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Fri
Aug. 16	11:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.	Fri

THE HILLIARD CAFÉ

Enjoy weekly lunches at the HSC or order to go. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. the preceding day by calling (614) 876-0747. Check the monthly menu online at hilliardohio.gov/senior-center for dates and times. Payment is accepted via Check, VISA, Discover, AMEX, or MasterCard.

Lunch Hours

Memorial Day – Labor Day 11:30 a.m.

Labor Day – Memorial Day noon

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	Time	Day
May 10	Noon	Fri
June 14	11:30 a.m.	Fri
July 12	11:30 a.m.	Fri
Aug. 9	11:30 a.m.	Fri

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

PRAYER LUNCHEON

An area minister presents a short message after lunch. Register by 4 p.m. the preceding day.

Date	Time	Day
May 24	Noon	Fri
June 28	11:30 a.m.	Fri
July 26	11:30 a.m.	Fri
Aug. 23	11:30 a.m.	Fri

EUCHRE PARTY

Includes snacks, dinner, and prizes.

Location: HSC

Cost: \$8 HSC Members

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
715122 27	June 27	2:30-5:30 p.m.	Th

TECHNOLOGY HELP

The City of Hilliard's IT Department will be on hand to assist with your technology needs, including phones, laptops, and tablets. Register by the day before the event.

Location: HSC

Cost: Free

Age: 55 and older

Date	Time	Day(s)
May 8	9 a.m.-noon	Wed

PROM FASHION SHOW

Watch Hilliard high school students showcase their prom best.

Location: HSC

Cost: \$7 HSC Members | \$9 Non-Members

Age: 55 and older

Date	Time	Day(s)
May 2	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Th

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

This free event connects older adults with resources. Organizations will include rehabilitation, Medicare reps, transportation, senior living communities, assisted living, home healthcare, hospice, senior services, volunteer opportunities, travel, and more. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for prizes! Register by day prior.

Location: HSC

Cost: Free

Age: 55 and older

Date	Time	Day(s)
4/23	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tu

SPRING FORMAL DANCE AND DINNER

Break out your dresses, suits, and dancing shoes! Start the party with dinner at 6 p.m. and a band from 6:30-8 p.m. Take a picture at the photo booth, participate in a cake walk, and enjoy punch and hors d'oeuvres. Pre-paid registration is required. No to-go meals.

Location: HSC

Cost: \$8 Member | \$10 Non Member

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 23	4/18	6-8 p.m.	Th

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

The HSC is off to the races. Place a friendly wager on the horse of your choosing, sip on a virgin mint julep, eat lunch, and finish with a Kentucky blue grass pie. Don't forget to wear your favorite hat.

Location: HSC

Cost: HSC Member \$8 | Non-Member \$10

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 24	May 3	Noon-1 p.m.	Fri

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

SENIOR DAY AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

Seniors will enjoy breakfast, bingo, entertainment, prizes, and lunch at the fair. Norwich Township firefighters, City of Hilliard police, volunteers, and sponsors join in the fun. Shuttle service begins at 8 a.m. from the HSC and continues until 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and the bus is free.

Location: Franklin County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$10

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
5560701 16	July 16	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tu

GRANDPARENTS POOL PARTY

Bring your grandkids or come with friends to our pool party. Enjoy breakfast and mocktails at the sand bar, rubber flamingo races, swimming, and more.

Location: Hilliard Family Aquatic Center

Cost: HSC Member \$8 | Non-Member \$10

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 25	July 27	9-11 a.m.	Sat

BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPELLING BEE

Eat a nostalgic school lunch, then stick around to watch or compete in the 3rd Annual Spelling Bee.

Location: HSC

Cost: \$7 Members | \$9 Non-Members

Age: 55 and older

Date	Time	Day
Aug. 27	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Tu

SENIOR GAMES

Check the HSC's July calendar for details about the Senior Games. The closing ceremony will be on Friday Fun Day July 26, which is also the first day of the 2024 Summer Olympics.

FRIDAY FUN DAYS

On certain Fridays each month, the HSC stays open late for a pizza and pop dinner paired with a fun activity.

Location: HSC

Cost: HSC Member \$8 | Non-Member \$10

Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Activity	Time
5560201 01	May 24	Puzzle competition	4:30-6:30 p.m.
5560201 02	June 28	Game show night	4:30-6:30 p.m.
5560201 03	July 26	Senior Games closing ceremony	4:30-6:30 p.m.
5560201 04	Aug. 23	Trivia	4:30-6:30 p.m.

ASPIRING WRITERS GROUP

Weekly informal networking sessions for aspiring writers. Each person works on their own projects on their own time and shares them with the group. This group meets **every Monday at 9 a.m.**

BIBLE STUDY

Bring your own Bible and join the discussion. This group 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 **Thursday right after lunch (12:30 p.m. Memorial Day – Labor Day; 1 p.m. Labor Day – Memorial Day)**. Participants may bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Hilliard Food Pantry. Bingo is sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical Center, Vitas Healthcare, ClearCaptions, and Glenwood Memory Care.

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Norwich Township Fire Department provides free blood pressure checks the **first Thursday of the month from 11 a.m.-noon.**

BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

CARDS

Samba: Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Spades: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge: Monday at noon.

Pinochle: Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Bridge: Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Euchre: Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Informal group gathering for widows and widowers. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and the company of others who have experienced the loss of their spouse. Register by day prior.

FITNESS CLASSES

\$5 per class

Chair Yoga: Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Zumba Gold: Wednesday at 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Gentle Yoga: Thursdays at 9:30-10:15 a.m.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Be the first player to lay down all your dominoes. Tiles left in your hand count against you, so play strategically to get rid of the high tiles.

MAHJONG

Tuesday and Fridays at 1 p.m. Bring your own set.

500-MILE WALKING CHALLENGE

Start tracking your miles beginning Jan. 1 and try to reach 500 before the end of the year! Earn a T-shirt and have your photo posted on the wall at the Hilliard Senior Center.

INDOOR WALKING (LABOR DAY - MEMORIAL DAY)

Community Center Gym

Tuesday and Thursday: 8-9 a.m.

ALZHEIMER CARE CONSULTATION

Alzheimer's Association offers this free personalized service addressing the issues that arise from Alzheimer's Disease or other related dementias.

Third Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

CHESS CLUB

Beginners and experienced players are welcome to join this group.

Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

COFFEE CHAT

An informal gathering to connect with other older adults and meet some new friends.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

HEARING TESTS

Call **614-263-5151** to schedule an appointment. Columbus Speech & Hearing and Franklin County Senior Options are offering free hearing evaluations, hearing aid fittings and maintenance, and follow-up hearing aid services. Must be 60 or older, a Franklin County resident, and meet financial guidelines.

Fourth Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.



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Each webinar will provide information on the EIM program, education on a specific wellness topic, and resources for additional information related to the topic.

Interested individuals can sign up for the series of webinars which take place the first Tuesday of every month from 5-5:30 p.m.

The series is open to the public and is offered at no cost. Register by scanning the QR code.

Registration is only required once for the entire series.





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July is National Parks and Recreation Month

This month recognizes and celebrates the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country's local, state, and community parks.

This year's theme — “*Where You Belong*” — celebrates the many ways parks and recreation professionals foster a sense of belonging in the community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

Together, we can demonstrate why these spaces are *Where You Belong*.



What Park, Clark?

Every day the week of July 15, head to the City of Hilliard's Recreation and Parks Facebook page, where we will post a clue and a photo of City Engineer Clark Rausch having fun in one of the City's great parks!

Your mission is to comment with the correct park and post a photo with you and a cell phone photo of Clark! We will draw a daily winner of two one-day passes to the Hilliard pools. After all, all Clark wanted was a pool!

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

RENTALS

The Recreation and Parks Department rents select facilities and park shelters to community organizations, groups, and citizens. Learn more about renting a shelter or park facility by contacting us at parks2@hilliardohio.gov. You can also get more information at hilliardohio.gov/facility-rentals.

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

Rental spaces at the Community Center and Senior Center are available for meetings, seminars, and private parties. Contact us at rentals@hilliardohio.gov for more information. Availability changes seasonally with programs.

BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS

Visit <https://hilliardohio.gov/rentals> for more information on prices and to reserve.

SPORTS

City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks offers sport leagues and activities this upcoming season for all ages. Activities include volleyball, basketball, disc golf, and softball.

Contact us at sports1@hilliardohio.gov or visit us online at hilliardohio.gov/sports for details.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Registration for 2024 is now open. To reserve a community garden, contact parks2@hilliardohio.gov.

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, Merchant 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!

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. Help us to take care of this treasured park and respect this space.

HILLIARD'S STATION PARK

Hilliard's Station Park is near the Downtown 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, open seasonally. 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 us at sports1@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 us at parks2@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, 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 us at econdevelopment1@hilliardohio.gov.



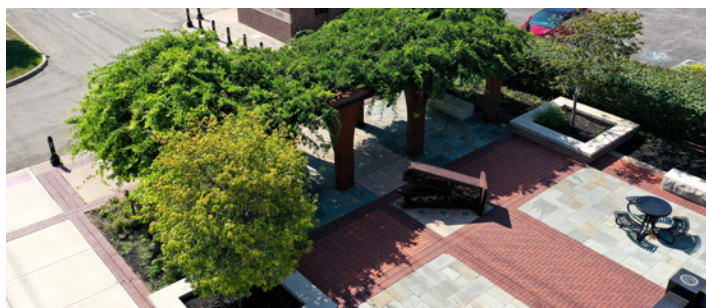
SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

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

Email recandparks@hilliardohio.gov to receive a class proposal form to submit your idea.

		Adaptive Swing	Ampitheater	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
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FIRST RESPONDERS PARK



HAYDEN RUN VILLAGE PARK

2024

HILLIARD LEADERSHIP CORPS VOLUNTEER



Earn volunteer hours for school while engaging with the community at these special events!

Bring the Zoo to You

Britton Farms Park

Sunday, May 19

3:30-6:30 p.m.

Trail Ride & Lunch*

Heritage Rail Trail

June 11, July 9, and Aug. 13

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

A bike is required to participate.

Chalk the Park

Darby Glen Park

Tuesday, June 18

5-8 p.m.

Euchre Party

Senior Center

Thursday, June 27

1:30-5:30 p.m.

Help with food prep, food serving, kitchen cleanup, and room setup and cleanup.

Park Clean-up*

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

July 1, 2, 3

10 a.m.-noon

Freedom Fest

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

July 4, 4:15-9 p.m.

Magic in the Park

Weaver Park

Tuesday, July 30, 5-8 p.m.

Trail Mulching*

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

August 5, 6 (rain dates Aug. 7, 8)

10 a.m.-noon

Hilliard Leadership Corps at Camps:

Field Explorer Camp*

Cedar Shelter in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 – 9:30-2:30 p.m.

June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 – 9:30-2:30 p.m.

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 – 9:30-2:30 p.m.

July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 – 9:30-2:30 p.m.

July 29, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 – 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 – 9:30-2:30 p.m.

Summer Camp at the Community Center*

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 29, July 30, July 31, Aug. 1, 2 – 12:30-4p.m.

Summer Camp at Hilliard Station School*

July 1, 2, 3, 5 – 12:30-4 p.m. (No class July 4)

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2 – 12:30-4 p.m.

Summer Camp at Hoffman Trails Elementary School*

July 1, 2, 3, 5 – 12:30-4 p.m. (No class July 4)

July 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 – 12:30-4 p.m.

July 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2 – 12:30-4 p.m.

***Volunteers can select one or more sessions.**



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- Camp Counselor & Summer Program Instructor
- Ballfield Grounds Crew
- Parks Worker
- Recreation Aide
- Hilliard's Station Park & First Responders Park Attendant

Walk-In Interviews at the Community Center

Wednesday, April 24 - 2:30-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1 - 2:30-5:30 p.m.



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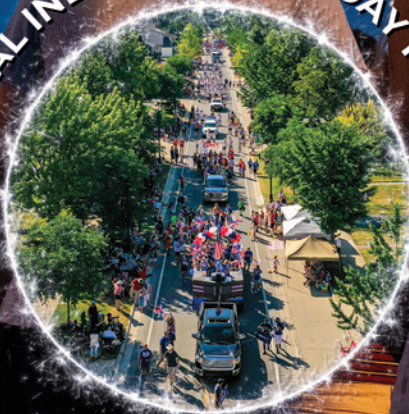
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