

RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION 2018

Richfield
Ohio



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PROGRAMS



Richfield Parks and Recreation offers a variety of programs not only to children but to the adult community as well.

Some of our programs are tried and true events that have been attended by residents when they were young and now their children are attending. I believe that some of these events are what make Richfield special and gives it that warm and cozy community.



Easter Egg Hunt ..a special cutie

All the anxious and willing children and their parents. It takes 2,000 eggs to make the Egg Hunt happen.



We followed the Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Egg dying at the Masonic Hall. The children had a blast not only coloring eggs but rolling them in cool whip colored with food coloring to make swirled eggs. They had a great time.



So how many eggs does it take to make kids happy? Over 250 eggs were used for this program. Hard boiled of course!



EGGS, EGGS AND MORE EGGS!

Programs continued.



Programs that interest the adults are a good thing that engage the community.

Our Community Project Pride and our Arbor Day Giveaway draw a lot of residents to participate. This not only benefits Richfield but helps the residents also.

We offer paper shredding to the public on Project Pride day. We have filled a truck load full of shredded paper!



The Service Department is seen tagging the different trees that are given away at the Tree Giveaway. This is so the residents remember what they brought home!

A lot of residents come to get a great variety of trees for their yard. This year we limited a tree (per species) total of 7 trees per family.



Making posters at Bath School for **Project Pride.**



- Ellen Daniels, Park Board member has always promoted her Magic Butterfly program. This year with the help of some residents , Ellen has released over 200 butterflies in Richfield.

Pollinators are an important part of our environment and helps our community gardens as well. We raise the eggs in the Corn Shed at Eastwood Preserve.

- One of our best programs is **“Camp Richfield”**. We had over 350 children attend camp this year.

We have a great staff, most of whom are teachers or education majors. We have over 21 volunteers from the Revere district as well as Highland schools.



Our **Hummingbird Soccer**

program is run three times a year and is filled to capacity. This program is for preschoolers ages 3-6 years old.

We also offer a program called T-birds T-ball.



We offer two programs at the Richfield Elementary School. One is a **Multi-sport** program and the other is a STEM program called **Classroom Antic**.



Haunted Rec was a success again this year. We had over 35 volunteers from grades 6 through 12th. We also had adult volunteers who helped with set up and take down. It is a lot of work but the smiles or tears that we see when they exit the rooms, are worth it. Over 150 people, young and old attended this event.



We thank Mr. Ron Tachach for providing slushies.

We Continue To Grow



Our **community gardens** continue to be productive. Our gardeners have turned into a “family”. We continue to trade growing techniques, what works and what does not. We are grateful to the Boy Scouts/Eagle Scouts who installed the waterline to each garden at Eastwoods.



The Parks and Recreation department applied for an opportunity to receive a large truck load of compost from **ReWorks**, which are scraps from grocery stores, colleges and other places then composted into “dirt” for gardens. We received 8 cubic yards of compost that was used to enhance the soil in the gardens.



We received a **Nature Works** grant for the Eastwood barn reconstruction. There were donations of \$21, 000 dollars and we received \$51,000 from the state. The work will be done in the summer of 2019.



Fitness Memberships

Our fitness membership continues to grow and hopefully we will keep adding new equipment to our building. To date we have approximately 45 members.



Rentals

We had a total of 58 rentals . This includes use of our pavilions, Fellowship and Masonic Hall.

Improvements



We replaced a piece of playground equipment at Richfield Woods. Our old piece was over 20 years old and time to go. The grounds crew spread the new mulch under all the equipment at Richfield Woods so that it meets the safety standards.



Special Events



Memorial Day is always special, we set up the area, get the sound all set up and wait for the parade to come to the cemetery. This year we were honored with Mr. Buzzy Davis dressed in his original uniform. It was special.



In the Spring we held a Easter concert at Masonic Hall with local resident Jay Nye singing .

This year we received a **NOPEC** grant that helped sponsor our Summer Concert Series, Family Friday, Picnic Concerts.

We held three concerts on the Masonic Green.



Holiday Special Events



Fall Fest at the Eastwood Preserve is a wonderful event. This year we had to deal with the bad, rainy weather which put a little damper on the event.

The picture shows a group of our local girl scouts who were helping Ms. Ellen with her butterfly exhibit. About 200 people attended in spite of the bad weather.



The Eastwood Preserve

HollyDays was held for four weeks in November and December. This event offers to community members who have wares to sell to the public for their Holiday shopping. There was a large variety of items to choose from and everyone had a great time.

A Special Visitor...

President Trumps visit



Richfield has been fortunate to have had two visits by United States Presidents. It is amazing all the work that goes into making things go smoothly and making Richfield look good for the rest of the country to see on TV.

We planted flowers throughout the community. It was an exciting but hectic couple of days in Richfield. This special event was held at the Carpenter's Center in Richfield Township.



Joint Activities



The Parks and Recreation department partnered with The Bath/Richfield Kiwanis and some of our exercise members to construct over 35 throws for the Battered Women's Shelter . The exercise members cut and measured the material. The Aktion Club (disabled adults) came and assembled the blankets.

The Parks and Recreation Department works with the Bath/Richfield Kiwanis on Richfield community Day. We also sponsor the parade and entertainment after the Friday parade.



The **Richfield Library** has used our Carter/Pedigo Trail and the story boards for many projects. The Enchanted StoryLand Forest, was a great success! In 2018, there were over 400 participants at the event.

WRAP UP

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide recreational and leisure activities, facilities and public spaces that create opportunities for health, fitness, relaxation, enjoyment, learning and community interaction.



The Richfield Parks and Recreation Board has been working on gathering information from the community, past surveys and by touring and gathering information from other centers for the purpose of proposing a Community Center for Richfield. The information will be provided to the Richfield Council for consideration.

Park Board Members

Ellen Daniels, 2018 Chairman

Jason Keppler

Carolyn Sullivan

Theresa Kovak

Brian Stulak

**Richfield Parks and Recreation
creates many happy faces!**