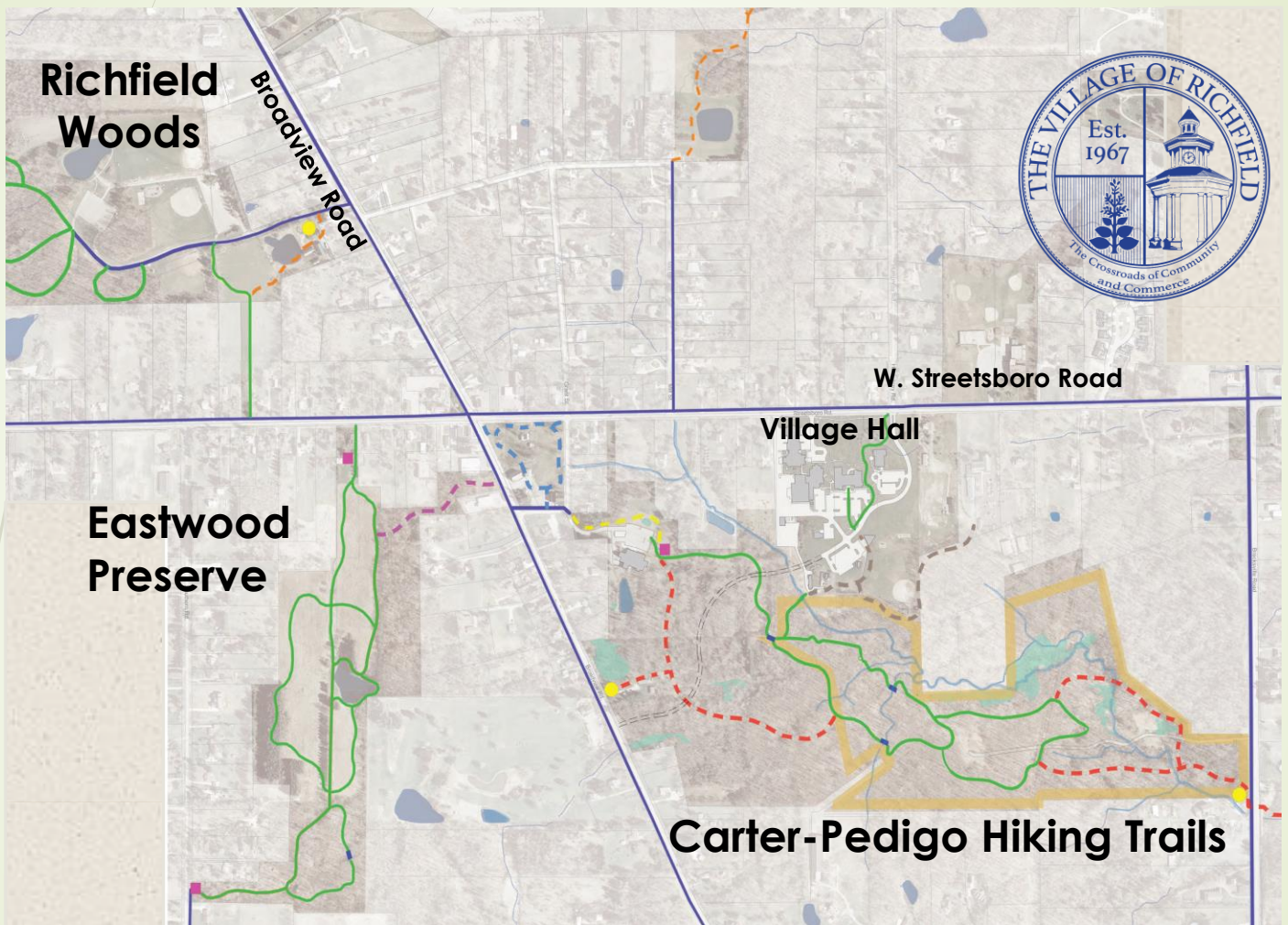


Richfield Parks and Recreation 2022 Annual Report



Babb's Orchard Park

Corner of Broadview and Hawkins

OUR NEWEST PARK!

Laura Toth, Interim Director : Jan-Aug

John Piepsny, Director : Aug- Present

Elisabeth Kelly, P&R Coordinator

New Parks and Recreation Director

The Village welcomed a new park director, John Piepsny. John started with the Village at the right time- the Monday before Community Day, he was thrown right into the festivities. John has extensive parks knowledge, Masters of Education in Sports Management. John has worked for many years in parks field, 13 years with the City of Brunswick as Parks, Recreation, and Community Director and most recently with Cheltenham Township in Pennsylvania, he is no stranger to this field. I know John will take care of all your needs, he has great ideas for the future of the village and all the parks.

John's position is a fifty percent split between the Village of Richfield and the Richfield Joint Recreation District (R.J.R.D.) Heritage Preserve and holds an office at each location.



Our Park System

Our park system is comprised of four parks that are open 6 am until dusk daily and serve many functions to the community; gardens, hiking trails, fishing ponds, playgrounds, basketball court, baseball fields, soccer fields, tables. Grills and pavilions. The Village of Richfield is lucky to have 5 miles of trail connections in our park system. This includes the Carter-Pedigo Trail, Eastwood Preserve and Richfield Woods Park with the connector trail, Parker/Serdinak Trail. We have at all of our trails great trailheads where people can leave their cars and walk that particular trail or to any of our other trails. All of our trails are walkable but not all are handicapped accessible because of the terrain.

- **Richfield Woods-** 4100 Broadview Road
Home to our Summer Camp, ball fields, soccer fields, playground, stocked pond, horseshoes, volleyball court and rentable pavilions.
- **Eastwood Preserve-** 4712 Streetsboro Road
Location of our Community Gardens, hiking trail and fishing pond.
- **Carter-Pedigo Trail-** 3761 Grant Street
The Carter Pedigo Trail starts at the library parking lot and winds behind Village Hall and continues to Brecksville Road. The trails are 1.25 wooded miles with steps up and down ravines and bridges.



**Town Hall
Playground**

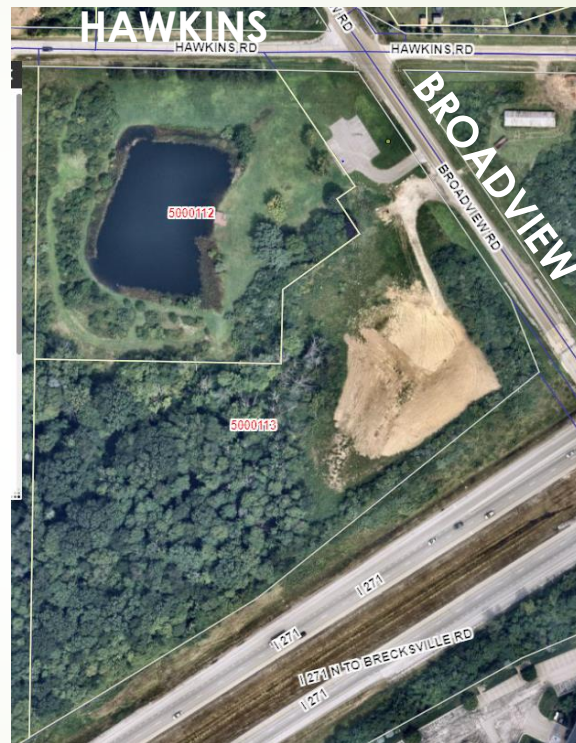


Our Park System

- **Babb's Orchard Park- OUR NEWEST PARK!**
Approximately 17.5 acres located at the intersection of Broadview and Hawkins Roads.

Preliminary Vision

- Fishing Dock
- Pavilion
- Sledding Hill (completed)
- Picnic Area
- Wooded Trails
- Pond Trail
- Play Area



In the Works

Your Park Board is actively working on the items listed below. They may be in design, concept development or actively getting ready for bids.

Sledding Hill – Babb’s Orchard
Pickleball and Tennis Courts - Town Hall
Eastwood Barn Replacement – Eastwood Preserve
Flush Water Facilities – Richfield Woods
Basketball Court/s – Richfield Woods
Renovation of Johnson Barn – Richfield Woods
Driveway Changes – Richfield Woods
Upgrade Signage
Expansion of Carter-Pedigo Trails
Upgrade Outhouses – Richfield Woods
Continue Development – Babb’s Orchard Park
Trail Enhancement – Richfield Woods
Facilities Added – Town Hall Park
Scoreboard Added – Town Hall Park

Facility Rentals

Pavilion Rentals – includes Town Hall Pavilion and Richfield Woods Large and Small Pavilions Total \$2,814.92

Hall Rentals - includes the Masonic Hall and Fellowship Hall
Total \$7,490.95

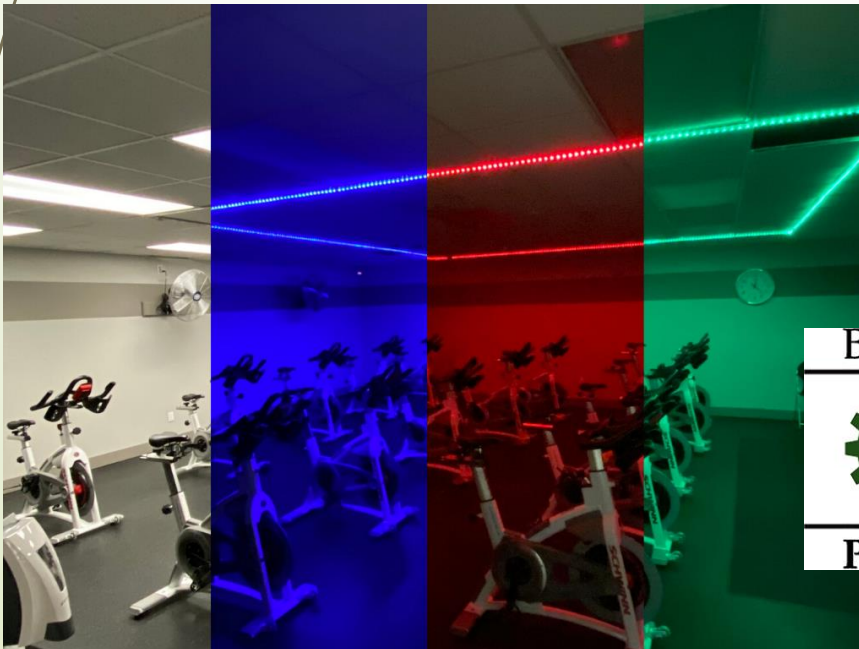


Broadview Heights Partnership

The Village of Richfield entered into a partnership with Broadview Heights in the use of their Recreation Center. Richfield Village residents can use the Broadview Heights Recreation Center. Village residents are charged the annual Broadview Heights resident fee and the Village of Richfield subsidizes the difference between a Broadview Heights membership and non-membership.

As of the beginning of November there have been 173 vouchers written, if all vouchers are remitted the total cost to the village would be \$36,749.

The Village residents have been very happy with the Broadview Heights Recreation Center arrangement.



BROADVIEW HEIGHTS



PARKS & RECREATION

TIME FOR SPRING!

The Village was extremely excited to bring back our annual Egg Hunt at the Town Hall Pavilion. We had a very snowy egg hunt with over 100 participants and at least 2,400 eggs and oodles of toys and prizes. Everyone joined us to hunt for their eggs within their age group. Fire Chief Seifert made a special appearance to bring our Easter Bunny friend in the firetruck!

This is the most attended Village event and the fastest.



PROJECT PRIDE DAY

Project Pride and Arbor Day was once again a huge success. The event was held Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 – noon. Bath and Richfield joined forces for the annual roadside litter clean-up event. The event included: free paper shredding, electronic recycling, tree sapling give-a-way, medication disposal and roadside clean-up.

- Shredding estimated 11,000 pounds, or 5.5 tons, 82 trees saved, 1,828.75 gallons of oil saved 38,500 gallons of water saved and 16.5 cubic yards of landfill saved.
- Electronic Recycling, estimated 1,391.00 pounds of material was refurbished.



Community Garden

The Community Gardens are located at the Eastwood Preserve, the Preserve is a 28 acre parcel of land located in the heart of Richfield and is the headwater of the Yellow Creek. There are three gardens containing in 35 rentable 12x12 foot plots. The plots are \$45 for village residents, we are almost up to full capacity, there are only 3 plots left. This is an organic garden area.



Summer Concerts on the Green

There were four summer concerts held on the Green and *All* of the concerts were able to be held outside. There were many that enjoyed the nice evenings listening to wonderful, some concerts had over 200 people. This year we added a 20 x 20 foot tent with garden lights and portable flooring. New this year the Parks and Recreation Department supplied hotdogs along with various chips, cookies, candy, and drinks. A special thank you to the Senior Center for cooking the hotdogs! We made sure the children were taken care of by supplying bubbles, sunglasses, beachballs, frisbees and footballs.

- June 24, 2022 Hip to That
- July 8, 2022 The Pop-tarts
- July 15, 2022 Swizzle Stick Band
- July 22, 2022 Morning Star



Summer Camp 2022

Summer Camp began on June 13th. Summer camp continued for seven weeks – with us being closed the week of July 4th. We continued to have two field trip each week. There was also before and after care available for families, half hour before the start of camp, and one hour after. We fished every Wednesday, a fun craft each week, and bike day.

Field trips included: Akron Zoo, Cleveland Zoo, Great Lakes Science Center, Fun N' Stuff, Bowling at AMF, Hinkley Spillway, Portage Lakes, Hickory Ridge Cinema, and Memorial Park Pool.

Each week our camp staff brought a fun theme, or national celebration of something. We had luau day, crazy sock day, crazy hair day, blue day, red, white & blue day, tie-dye day, and jersey day. We also had an opportunity to celebrate various national holidays. We had fun treats for National ice cream soda day, National gummi worm day, and National hot fudge sundae day.



Summer Camp 2022

Summer camp had a maximum of 50 campers each week. Since COVID we had an incredible turn-out and had each week of camp completely full. In the 2022 camp season we had a 100% overall capacity with wait lists up to 35 children. We had a wonderful staff this past summer, and we would not have been able to have such an incredibly successful summer without our high school volunteers.



Summer Camp 2022

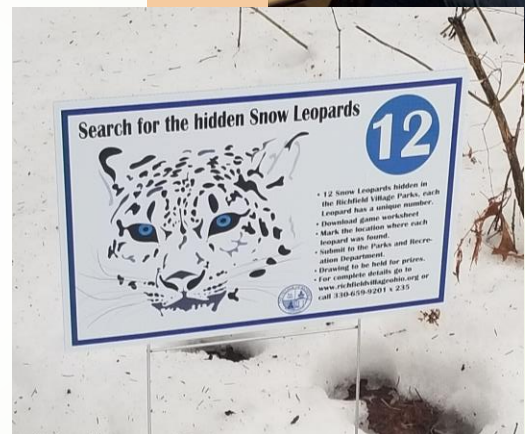


Events in 2022

Jewelry Class (March)- created a matching bracelet and earrings with prepackaged kits. The class was an introduction to crimping and all tools were provided.



Snow Leopard Search Game
12 snow leopard signs were hidden throughout the Village parks, residents downloaded a listing and trudged through the snow to find the leopards. Some residents found new areas in our local parks.



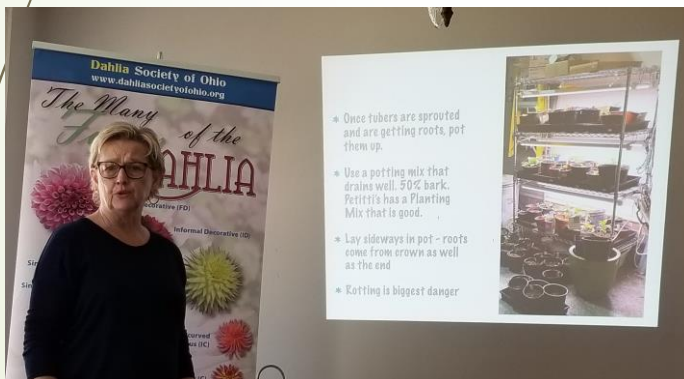
13th Annual Butterfly Camp took place Saturday, July 23 at Eastwood Preserve which is a monarch butterfly rest stop. There were 13 families in attendance this year. children, parents and grandparents. Each family got three caterpillars, some milkweed and the chance to watch these small miracles growth through their life cycle.



Events in 2022

Eastwood Speaker Series- Introduced the monthly series of speakers that shared their various gardening passions, Feb – May at the Eastwood House. The speakers included:

- Robert Najjar, President of the Summit county Beekeepers Association.
- Lee Paulson, Summit County Master Gardeners, discussed seed starting.
- Pat Sadataki, award-winning dahlia gardener.
- Jan Weber, shared her stories growing up in the house and on the farm.



Events in 2022

Community Day-

- **Location in front of the basketball court**
- **Brought 2 ESPN basketball hoop games to promote the proposed new basketball court/s at Richfield Woods**
- **Set up pickleball on the basketball court to promote the proposed pickleball and tennis courts at Town Hall, let residents try their hand at pickleball, also printed out rules for the game.**
- **Created a scavenger hunt- passport to the parks. Hide various items with other vendors throughout the park, vendors had a stamp kids could pickup their passport and search for the items get their passport stamped and receive a prize.**



Events in 2022

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE TRAIL AND SPOOKY TALES

The Village of Richfield partnered with Richfield Joint Recreation District to host this spooky event. We had about 500 children who all walked away with a treat, a book donated by the Library and many tales to keep in their memories.



HOLLY DAYS

Holly Days was scheduled at Eastwoods Preserve home on two weekends this year instead of four like last year. Attendance was low with about 74 attending the first Saturday, December 3rd and about 37 on December 10th. We did have 6 different vendors that brought many nice paintings, blankets and jewelry.



Recreation in 2022

JumpStart Sports- T-Birds T-ball, Rookie Ball and Hummingbird Soccer were some of the programs offered. We had 160 participants overall and many smiles on the children's faces at the end of these programs!



Broadview Heights Recreation Center Vouchers: In 2022, 115 vouchers remitted for use of the Broadview Heights Recreation Center providing our residents with many recreation and fitness opportunities as possible!

Parks and Recreation 2022

We really hope that the residents of the Village of Richfield enjoyed all these wonderful events. We have many exciting things coming in the year 2023 and can't wait to share all the good times while creating wonderful memories with you!



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