

BRYAN PARKS & RECREATION



FALL 2023 PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



MISSION STATEMENT

To create strong ties within the Bryan community in order to achieve diverse leisure experiences, to preserve and utilize the natural beauty of our environment, and to enhance the quality of life for all.



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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:30AM - 3:30PM

(Second floor of the Don North Building)

Community Center - 1130 Buffalo Road

East End Community Room - 1400 E. High Street



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

FACILITIES RENTALS

Looking for a place to picnic or meet in 2023-2024? Now is the time to make your reservations. The Parks Dept. has a community center, six shelters with electricity and restrooms, an ice rink, and five open-air pavilions available for rental at reasonable prices. Moore municipal pool can also be rented during the summer. Call 419-633-6030 today to make your reservations.



LEISURE WALKING PATHS

There has been a slow but steady growth in the number of Walk-Bike Paths in and around the City of Bryan the past several years. If you haven't already tried some of these, please take note:

Recreation Park Trail (half-mile) – begins at Center Street or Moore Park parking lot.

Recreation Park Loop (.9 mile) - Baseball side loop.

Memorial Trail (.9 mile) - Soccer Side; accessible from Newdale Drive or Townline Road. On the West side of Newdale Drive.

Garver Park (.7 mile) The outside loop of the walking paths.

Mattie Marsh Park (one mile & 1/2 mile) Trail - begins & ends at Mattie Marsh shelter house on Trevitt St.

Williams & Defiance County Joint Watershed (1.3 mile) Trail – begins in parking lot off County Road C.



PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

This state-licensed and professionally run program includes supervised activities for 3,4,and 5 year olds. This program runs from late August thru mid-May. Children must be 3 years old by September 30th. The 3 & 4 year olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 AM or 12:30-2:30 PM. The 4 & 5 year olds meet on Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 8:30-11:30 AM or 12:30-3:30 PM. Curriculum includes supervised activities such as workshops, show & tell, circle time, individual work time with the teacher, songs, art projects, large motor activities, movement with music, and snack time. Our program meets early learning standards set by the State of Ohio to promote kindergarten readiness. Need not be a resident of Bryan to attend. Please register your child by calling 419-633-6030.



BUY A BRICK - BUILD A PARK

Central Park (corner of Center and Portland Streets) is finished. However, there are still plenty of bricks available for engraving. A \$40.00 donation will purchase a beautiful engraved brick with your name, your family's name, or a loved one's name will become a permanent part of the landscape in this beautiful Victorian Park. These brick make great gifts. If you are interested, call the Parks Department at 419-633-6030 to inquire about application forms.



DOG LOVER

Would you like it if your neighbor's dog ran loose in YOUR yard? We have noticed that dogs running loose in the parks have become a growing problem in the past several years. Did you know that a City Ordinance says that **ALL DOGS IN THE PARKS MUST BE ON A LEASH?** Please respect other people's rights by keeping your dog on a leash. Prevent the possibility of your dog biting someone or making an **UNWANTED MESS** that others (especially children) might step in. Remember, the city's parks are everyone's yards, and everyone (including park employees) have a right to tell persons to keep their dogs on leashes and clean up their dog's messes.



FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER

The Fountain City Amphitheater's third summer season has been a big success! The schedule was full of a variety of different activities for the Bryan community. This summer we housed not only concerts, but yoga, craft night, a comedian night and more! Stay informed of all the amphitheater upcoming events by following the Fountain City Amphitheater Facebook page or by visiting our website <https://www.cityofbryan.com/fcamphitheater/>

Want to sponsor the fourth season of the Fountain City Amphitheater? Contact Jeffrey Tonjes, our Fountain City Amphitheater Coordinator, by calling (419) 633-6030 or email fcamph@cityofbryan.com



PARK RULES: No Alcohol in any of the Parks No Littering.... Obey All Speed Limits..... All City Parks Close At 10:00PM

REGISTER FOR A FALL CLASS



You may register for any class by phone (419-633-6030), by email (parks-rec@cityofbryan.com), or in person at the office.

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

(Ages 4-8) We have some fun planned for boy and girls this Fall. They will start with crafts and end with a fun activity to get your children moving. Have your child join instructors Courtney Powell so that they can have fun making crafts, dancing, and playing games while meeting new friends. There will be different crafts and activities at each session, sign up for one or all three! There is a limit of 12 for each session so call early to reserve a spot (419-633-6030). Classes will take place in the East End Community Room (Parks & Recreation pre-school room).

East End Community Room
\$10.00 per child/per session
10:00-11:15 AM

Session One: September 30th, Fall Fun
Session Two: November 18th, Thanksgiving Fun
Session Three: December 9th, Christmas Fun



MAD SCIENTIST HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children ages 4-8 put on your lab coat and step into a world of curiosity and discovery. Children will conduct experiments that fizz, fly, stick and even create artwork! This fun filled class is sure to strike the curiosity of every little mad scientist. This Mad Scientist Halloween Party will be held indoor and outdoor at the East End Community Room (preschool classroom). Join us for some Fall fun!

Saturday, October 14th
10:00-11:15 AM
East End Community Room
\$10.00



FALL NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Ages 5 and above. Join the City Arborist, April Smith, on a Fall scavenger hunt. You will be in search of leaves, acorns, pinecones and so much more. The Recreation Park is a great place to look for Fall treasures. April will go on a walk with the children as they look for the items on their list. She will inform them on how some of the things that they find got in the Park or what kind of tree that they came off of. There is a limit, so please call 419-633-6030 to register.



Saturday, October 21st
11:00-12:00
Ice Rink
No Charge



MINI CHEFS

Children ages 4-8. Learning just got a whole lot more fun with cooking and gobbling up the tasty new snacks! We will discover new flavors, make our very own snack and practice safe kitchen skills.

contact prior to class if there are any allergy concerns Class size is limited; call 419-633-6030 to register.



Saturday, November 4th
10:00-11:15 AM
East End Community Room
\$10.00





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BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE/MANNERS CLASS

(Dogs 5 months and older.) Want to have a better relationship with your dog and have some fun? In this class you will learn how to create a peaceful home environment with your dog aided by instructor, Amy L. Snyder. This Basic Dog Obedience/Manners Class you will not only learn how to train your dog in everyday commands such as sit, stay, and down; you will also learn to prevent or correct some unwanted behaviors. This class is great for the first time dog owners, shelter dogs, or anyone who feels the need for a refresher course. All students must bring a copy of their dogs current vaccination record to the first class. Classes are limited to eight people/dogs to ensure that no one gets lost in the crowd and will run for six consecutive Saturdays. Equipment required for this class is a buckle collar, a 6 foot leather/nylon leash, and a lot of treats. **NO CHAIN LEADS!**



Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM
Jaycee Pavilion
Six Classes; \$80.00
Starts September 16th



CHEERLEADING MINI CLINIC

(Preschool-6th grade) Would you like to learn cheers and chants? This clinic will introduce jumping and arm placement skills needed for cheerleading along with the basic motions. You will then practice these skills through cheers and chants. This clinic will run for two nights and follow up with cheering under the Friday night lights cheering with the Bryan Golden Bear Cheerleaders at the football game on October 6th. Instructors: Instructors are the Bryan High School Cheerleaders.



October 3 & 5; **5:30-6:15 PM**
BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Upstairs Gym
(2 nights), \$20.00
Includes a t-shirt

CHEER AT THE GAME ON OCTOBER 6th

YOGA CLASS

Yoga is a great way to calm your mind and relieve stress while increasing your flexibility, strength and balance. You're sure to learn something new, and at the same time, get rid of that stress you've built up throughout the day. Standing, seated and lying down poses are included in this class, ending with a deep relaxation. All fitness levels welcome in this class; although, you must be able to climb stairs, for this class is on the second floor.

Bring a towel or mat to class; it is also highly recommended that you bring a yoga strap and two yoga blocks. Class limit of 16 students. Instructor: Clarissa Votaw 200RYT



Tuesdays 5:45-6:45 PM
Community Center, upstairs
4 Weeks - \$20.00 per session
Session 1 Starts October 3rd
Session 2 Starts November 7th

Fees are charged to cover salaries of instructors, therefore no refunds can be given after a class begins. Classes will be cancelled prior to their scheduled starting date if minimum registration has not been reached (fees will be refunded in full). Fees are due at the first class of each session. Need not be a Bryan resident to participate. Make checks payable to the Bryan Recreation Department. You may register for any class by calling the Parks & Recreation office (419-633-6030), by email (parks-rec@cityofbryan.com), or in person at the office (1399 E. High Street, second floor of the Don North Building).

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



COMMUNITY “HOLLER”WEEN PARTY!

(Ages 4th grade and younger) - Let your youngster celebrate Halloween with the whole community in a setting that is FUN and SAFE. They won't soon forget an afternoon of FUN at the MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena which will be sponsored and manned by the Parks and Recreation Department and NHS high school students. There will be PRIZES, CANDY and GAMES. Crawl through a giant maize (don't get lost!), fish at the giant pond, jump in the inflatable, or throw hoops over the witch's hat. Don't forget to take the hay ride through the park. We ask everyone to come in costume and to be accompanied by mom or dad.



Saturday, **October 28th**
2:00-4:00 PM
MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena



**THE CITY - WIDE TRICK-OR-TREAT
WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY October 28th FROM 5:00-7:00 PM.**



TRUTH AND TREAT @ MATTIE MARSH PARK

If you have a sweet tooth and want some sweet truth, then this is the party for you!!! Along with candy for the kids and hot dogs and cider for the weary moms and dads, there will be fun activities and amazing truths to discover, like; “What are the 3 things God cannot do?” So come taste and see!!!! This is a free family friendly event that is sponsored by Eastland Baptist Church. For more information you can call the Church at 419-636-3835.



Saturday, **OCTOBER 28th**
5:00-7:00 PM
Mattie Marsh Park



STORY STROLL

Follow the pages of a children's story book as you stroll down the path in Moore Park. Enjoy this self-guided activity by stopping at intervals to read each page of a picture book and to take a peek at the beautiful illustrations. The story for this stroll will be “Over in the Forest” and will begin at Moore Pool parking lot (1017 Oakwood Avenue) and continues down the walking path toward the Imagination Station.



**Story boards will be up to view
September 11 - 30th**

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

PARENTS!! Do some holiday shopping, wrap Christmas gifts, go out to dinner or just relax and enjoy some peace and quiet at home. Your kiddos will enjoy crafts, games, playtime and a movie in a fun and safe environment. Dinner (pizza), snack (popcorn) and drinks are included. Ages 3-10 can spend an evening with Courtney Powell, call 419-633-6030 to register them. \$20.00 per child with additional siblings \$10.00 each. East End Community Room (preschool classroom).

5:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday, December 8th,
Friday December 15th
Saturday, December 16th
Friday, December 22nd

HELLO, NORTH POLE CALLING

Would your pre-school or kindergarten son or daughter like to receive a personal phone call from the North Pole? Santa's Elf Secretary will first talk to your child, then turn the phone over to Santa himself. Santa will ask what your son or daughter wants for Christmas and encourage conversation. Sign-up sheets will be out the week of November 1st and calls made on December 4th and 5th. Check our website (<https://www.cityofbryan.com/parks-recreation/>) or email parks-rec@cityofbryan.com for a registration form.



WALK, JOG, AND BIKE CLUB



Walk, jog, or bike in our **toppers** paths such as Ed Herroon's footsteps (3,535 miles), jog at Stan Tipton's pace (653 miles), or pedal in Bob Walker's path (4,193 miles). No matter how many walk, jog, or bike miles you total, report them weekly or monthly and earn a prestigious 2024 mileage tee-shirt at the end of the year (your choice of color).

Call 419-633-6030 to report monthly mileage.
Must participate at least 8 months to be eligible for a tee-shirt. Begins January 1st, 2024

BLACK SWAMP ART GUILD

Join the Guild members and share their interest in Art, all forms of Art. They meet once a month to exchange ideas, talents, receive instruction, and to create within the group. Those interested in attending a meeting are welcome. Meetings are held the 4th Mondays, 7:00 PM, of each month at the Bryan Community Center, unless otherwise stated in their newsletter. For more information email blackswampart-guild@gmail.com



CLASSIC FEATHERS BIRD CLUB



Meet and network with area bird lovers and share information about the care, breeding, and enjoyment of birds. Meets every other Month on the second Sunday at the Community Center on Buffalo Road.

\$15.00 yearly fee (includes newsletter)
Begin any time.

SPORTS

MEN'S OVER-30 BASKETBALL OPEN GYM - Open to men 30 years or older (by October 1st) who LIVE OR WORK IN THE BRYAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY. New teams each week. Players may start playing anytime.



Wednesday Evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM
Bryan Elementary School - Downstairs
No Fee



PICKLEBALL

They play a Round Robin style, which mixes everyone up, so please be there and ready to play at the posted times! Expect to play for approximately 2 hours. Here are the days & times for the Social Drop-Ins (everyone welcome, all skill levels, they are kind to each other!)

Mondays and Wednesdays 5 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.

Sundays - watch there facebook page (East End Pickleball) for times (and feel free to start the conversation each week!). Typically, 3, 4, 5 or 6 p.m.

Come and meet new players and join in on the fun while getting exercise.

There is also a group who are more competitive that play on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5.



CONTACTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS

GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION - Please visit their website (www.bryanyouthsports.com) to answer any questions you may have. Facebook - Bryan Girls Softball Association

BRYAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION - For more information visit www.bryanyouthsports.com or e-mail bryanlittleleague@gmail.com Facebook - Bryan Baseball Association

BRYAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION - Visit them at www.bryanyouthsports.com
Facebook - Bryan Soccer Association

BRYAN SWIM TEAM - Visit bryanswimteam.com for more information. Facebook - Bryan Barracuda Swim Team

BRYAN LITTLE BEARS - For more information please follow Bryan Little Bears Football on Facebook or at www.bryanyouthsports.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

11th - 30th Story Stroll in Moore Park
16th - 8:00 CPC Walkathon
16th - 10:00 Basic Dog Obedience Class Begins
23rd - 10:00 Barnfest
30th - 10:00 Children's Crafts & Activities

OCTOBER

3rd - 5:30 Mini Cheer Begins
3rd - 5:45 Yoga Class Session 1 Begins
14th - 10:00 Mad Scientist Halloween Party
21st - 11:00 Fall Nature Scavenger Hunt
28th - 2:00 Community Halloween Party
28th - 5:00 Trick-or-Treat
28th - 5:00 Truth and Treat @ Mattie Marsh Park



NOVEMBER

4th - 10:00 Mini Chefs Class
7th - 5:45 Yoga Class Session 1 Begins
18th - 10:00 Children's Crafts & Activities
18th - 5:00 "2023 Holiday Soiree" Sarah's Friends
23rd - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DECEMBER

4th - 5:30 North Pole Calling (Pre-School)
5th - 5:30 North Pole Calling (Kindergarten)
8th - 5:00-9:00 Parents Night Out
9th - 10:00 Children's Crafts & Activities
15th - 5:00-9:00 Parents Night Out
16th - 5:00-9:00 Parents Night Out
22nd - 5:00-9:00 Parents Night Out
25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS!



CPC WALKATHON

CPC will hold their 37th annual walkathon on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Mac Donald-Ruff Ice Arena, 601 Townline Road. Walk, Color Run, and 5K registration begins at 8:00 AM. Other activities include a bounce house, drawings and prizes, kids crafts and more. Visit cpcnwo.org/events online or call 419-636-5692 for more details or to register.

46th ANNUAL BARNFEST



Newlyn Quest Club's annual Barnfest is a fall tradition. Picture a clear blue sky, changing leaves, and pots of soup cooking on open fires - - that's Barnfest! Over sixty area craftsmen will feature colonial and traditional crafts, pumpkins, mums, demonstrations, and musical entertainment. Club members dressed in early American costumes will serve their traditional iron pot of vegetable soup, homemade kettle corn and giant chocolate chip cookies. Proceeds go towards their scholarship funds and various charitable projects; over \$303,000 has been given back to the community. There will be free shuttles from the downtown Bryan square to the Barnfest events at the MacDonald -Ruff Ice Arena. Follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nqbarnfest

Saturday, September 23rd
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena
\$2.00 Admission



2023 HOLIDAY SOIREE

16th Annual Holiday Soiree: A fundraising event for Sarah's Friends of Williams County. This Holiday Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 18th; 5:00-11:00 at the Montpelier Veterans Memorial building. This Soiree will consist of a dinner, Chosen Few Band, live auction, wine grab and silent auction. Tickets are available now on their website. (sarahsfriends.org) When you participate in the Holiday Celebration, you are giving a gift to Williams County. Proceeds for this event will benefit Sarah's House in its work with crime victims in Williams County and its violence prevention education. Call Sarah's Friends at 419-636-7272 for more information.

