

*BRYAN*  
*Parks and Recreation*  
*Department*



*Winter 2024*  
*Programs and 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)

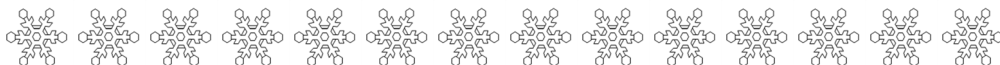
We may be reached by phone from 7:30Am - 3:30PM

Community Center - 1130 Buffalo Road

East End Community Room - 1400 E. High Street

MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena - 601 Townline Road

Fountain City Amphitheater - 526 Avenue B



Dear City of Bryan Residents,

My how time flies, 2024 is here!!! The Parks and Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Bryan for their continued support of our department. We would also like to know if there is anything we can do to improve the quality of the parks and recreation experience here in Bryan. Please do not hesitate to call us at 419-633-6030 with suggestions, ideas or problems that you may have with the Parks and Recreation programs and activities we offer.

On behalf of the entire City of Bryan's Parks and Recreation Department staff, we would like to wish each one of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Remember, the benefits of Parks and Recreation are Truly Endless.

Sincerely,

Benjamin M. Dominique  
Director, Parks and Recreation

Bruce Wheeler  
Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Fees are charged for classes to cover salaries of instructors. Therefore no refunds can be given after a class begins. Classes will be cancelled prior to there 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.** Make checks payable to the Bryan Recreation Department. You may register for any class by calling the Parks & Recreation office (419-633-6030), in person at the office (1399 E. High Street, second floor of the Don North Building) or email [parks-rec@cityofbryan.com](mailto:parks-rec@cityofbryan.com)

## WILLIAMS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To learn about Safe Communities, Healthy Ohioans, walking directories and more: visit the WCHD website at [www.williamscountyhealth.org](http://www.williamscountyhealth.org). Start the New Year with a plan to get healthy. Search other health related website links at [www.co.williams.oh.us/health](http://www.co.williams.oh.us/health).

## BLACK SWAMP ART GUILD

Join a group of people who share the common interest of art....all forms of art. Meet once a month to share talents, ideas, receive instruction, and to create within a group. There is a \$25.00 yearly membership fee. Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at the Community Center. For more information email [blackswampartguild@gmail.com](mailto:blackswampartguild@gmail.com)



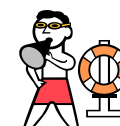
## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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. Please register or place your name on a waiting list by calling 419-633-6030.



## RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Have you ever thought of being a lifeguard? Now is the time to take action. Lifeguard positions are available at the Williams County YMCA year-round and with the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department during the summer. For additional information on Lifeguard training classes contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (419) 633-6030.



# THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

## COMMUNITY ADULT WALKING PROGRAM

With winter putting a halt to many outdoor activities, we encourage area adults to sign up for this great opportunity. Thanks to the Bryan City Schools you will have the opportunity to walk the halls of the Bryan Elementary School during the winter. This activity is for adults 18 and older. Please carry in the shoes that you are planning to walk in, it is important to keep the hallways dry and safe. Please sign up at the Parks and Recreation Department office in the Don North Building to receive your walking pass. All participants must have a walking pass. This is a free activity. Walking will be cancelled when schools are closed for inclement weather and holidays. This walking program **starts January 9th** and will run thru March 21st, and is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 PM.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids (ages 9 - under), hunt for candy and prizes under the supervision of, his truly, the Easter Bunny. This traditional activity includes plenty of prizes and candy. Kids will be divided into 3 age groups and there will be plenty of candy for all. Tickets will be handed out and one winner will be drawn from each age group for a large prize. Kids should bring their own baskets or bags. The Community Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Bryan Elementary School gym starting at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 23rd.



## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Come check out the 10th annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Mattie Marsh Park (in case of inclement weather this event will be held at Eastland Baptist Church). Not only will your child(ren) hunt for sweet treats, they will also discover the sweetest truth ever - **why we celebrate Easter**. This family friendly event will be a wonderful time, so come taste and see!!! For more information, please call Eastland Baptist Church at 419-636-3835.



Mattie Marsh Park  
Saturday, March 30th  
3:00 PM  
No Charge



## FOUNTAIN CITY SLEDDING HILL

Hopefully our sledding hill will get lots of use this winter! Come to the park, under the water tower along South Union Street when the weather conditions are right & sled with your friends. The city asks sliders to observe these basic rules for safety:



Use north side only for sledding.  
Check lane for clearance before going down.  
Climb hill on east or west ramps only.  
Immediately clear area after sled ride.  
Watch and avoid other sleds approaching  
No sledding on east or west ramps.



## 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.



## FACILITIES RENTALS

Looking for a place to picnic or meet in 2024? Now is the time to make your reservations. The Parks Department 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 pool can also be rented on Friday & Saturday evenings during the summer. Call 419-633-6030 today to make your 2024 reservations.



**PARK RULES: NO ALCOHOL IN ANY OF THE PARKS ..... NO LITTERING....  
OBEY ALL SPEED LIMITS..... ALL CITY PARKS CLOSE AT 11:00 PM**

# WINTER CLASSES

You may register for any class by phone (419-633-6030) or email: parks-rec@cityofbryan.com

## 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 stretches are included in this class, ending with a deep relaxation. All fitness levels are welcome in this class; although you must be able to climb stairs, for this class is held 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. Instructor, Clarissa Votaw 200RYT



**Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 PM**

Community Center, upstairs

4 Weeks: \$20.00 per session

Session 1 Starts January 9th

Session 2 Starts February 6th



## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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

Saturday, February 10th, **5:00 - 9:00 PM**

Saturday, March 16th, **5:00 - 9:00 PM**

## SLIME MAKING

Slime is messy, creative, and so much FUN! Children ages 4-8 will have a blast rolling up their sleeves and diving into slime. They will be able to make their own and choose from a variety of colors and materials. There is a limit of 14 children for this class. Children must be registered to attend. Call 419-633-6030 to reserve a spot. Instructor: Courtney Powell. \$10.00 per child.

**Saturday, April 20th; 10:00-11:15 AM**

E. E. Comm. Room (Parks & Rec Preschool room)

## CHEERLEADING CAMP

**(Preschool-6th grade)** Would you like to learn cheers and chants? This camp 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 camp will run for two nights and follow up with cheering under the Friday night lights cheering with the Bryan Golden Bear Cheerleaders at the basketball game on January 26th. Instructors: Bryan High School Cheerleaders. Call 419-633-6030 to preregister.

**Tuesday & Thursday 5:00-5:45 PM**

Upstairs Gym **BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

(2 nights), \$20.00 - Includes a T-Shirt

January 23rd & 25th; **CHEER AT THE GAME ON JANUARY 26th**



## CHILDREN'S CRAFT AND ACTIVITY

Children ages 4-8 will love making crafts, dancing, and playing while meeting new friends! They will start with crafts and end with a fun activity to get them moving. There will be different activities at each class, sign up for one or all four classes! There is a limit of 14 children for each class. Children must be registered to attend. Call 419-633-6030 to reserve a spot. Instructor: Courtney Powell  
Fun for boys and girls. \$10.00 per child; per session.



**Saturdays, 10:00-11:15 AM**

East End Community Room (Parks & Rec Preschool room)

**Session I:** January 20th Winter Theme

**Session II:** February 10th Valentine Theme

**Session III:** March 9th Zoo Animals Theme

**Session IV:** April 13th Spring Theme





## SILLY SCIENTIST \* WINTER THEME

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 has all new experiments and is sure to strike the curiosity of every little silly scientist. This Winter Silly Scientist class will be held at the East End Community Room (preschool classroom). Join us for some Winter fun! Call 419-633-6030 to register.

Saturday, January 27th  
10:00-11:15 AM; \$10.00  
East End Community Room



## 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. Fun for boys and girls. \$10.00 per child; per session.



**Saturdays, 10:00-11:15 AM**

East End Community Room

**Session I:** January 13th Snowman Theme

**Session II:** February 3rd Valentines Day Theme

**Session III:** March 2nd St. Patrick's Day Theme

**Session IV:** April 6th Spring Theme



## FOUNTAIN CITY AMPHITHEATER



The City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all of 2023 season sponsors, boosters and event attendees of the Fountain City Amphitheater. 2024 lineup will include artists who have played in local, national and international venues, and television. We will also feature concerts, yoga, and more from May through August, all free!

## Fountain City Amphitheater Thanks our 2023 Sponsors

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# SPORTS FOR ALL AGES

## GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Website: [bryanyouthsports.com/softball](http://bryanyouthsports.com/softball)

Facebook: Bryan Girls Softball Association

Twitter: @bryan\_softball

Registrations will be taken online at [bryanyouthsports.com/softball](http://bryanyouthsports.com/softball)



## BRYAN PARKS AND RECREATION TOT LEAGUE - (Boys and Girls, ages 4-6)

This is the only league run by the Bryan Parks and Recreation Dept. Sign up sheets will be distributed at the schools in April or will be available on our website. <https://www.cityofbryan.com/parks-recreation/> Parks Department 419-633-6030



## WALK, JOG, AND BIKE CLUB

Join our **topers** and walk in Ed Herroon's 2007 footsteps (3,535 miles), run at Deb Rhodes 2011 pace (1540 miles), or pedal in Edith Trowbridge's path (3,866 miles). No matter how many walk, jog, or bike miles you total, report them 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 mileage, Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Begin no later than October 31st.



## BRYAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

### BRYAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Age is determined by child's age as of May 1st, 2024.

Cost: \$50.00-\$150.00

Players will not be denied participation due to fees.

Registration online:

<https://www.bryanyouthsports.com/baseball>

For more information visit <https://www.bryanyouthsports.com/baseball> or e-mail [bryanlittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:bryanlittleleague@gmail.com)



David Betts Double Play Diamond memberships available upon request.

## CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Must be over 14 to play. Do not have to be from Bryan to play.

Call Mark Brandt, 419-636-7870, to register a team.

## 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. Days & times for the Social Drop-Ins are (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.



**MEN'S OVER-30 BASKETBALL** - Open to men 30 years or older (by October 1st, 2023) who LIVE OR WORK IN THE BRYAN SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY. New teams each week.

Wednesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM (year-round)  
Bryan Elementary School  
Continued from fall, No Fee

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

9th - 5:45 Yoga Class, Session 1 Begins  
 9th - 7:00 Comm. Adult Walking Program Begins  
 13th 10:00 Mini Chefs, Session 1  
 20th - 10:00 Children's Winter Crafts & Activities  
 23rd - 5:00 Cheer Camp Begins  
 26th - Cheerleading Camp at the Basketball Game  
 27th - 10:00 Winter Silly Scientist Class

## FEBRUARY

3rd - 10:00 Mini Chefs, Session 2  
 6th - 5:45 Yoga Class, Session 2 Begins  
 10th - 5:00 Parents Night Out  
 10th - 10:00 Children's Valentine Crafts & Activities

## MARCH

2nd - 10:00 Mini Chefs, Session 3  
 9th - 10:00 Children's Zoo Animal Crafts & Activities  
 16th - 5:00 Parents Night Out  
 23rd - 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt @ Bryan Elem. Sch.  
 30th - 3:00 Easter Eggstravaganza @ Mattie Park  
 31st - Happy Easter

## APRIL

6th 10:00 Mini Chefs, Session 4  
 13th - 10:00 Children's Spring Crafts & Activities  
 20th - 10:00 Slime Making Class  
 25th - Tree Bagging at the Ice Rink  
 26th - Arbor Day Program



## MACDONALD-RUFF ICE ARENA TOWNLINE ROAD

**Depending on the weather**, of course, we hope to have ice again this winter. Because of the danger of mixing hockey with public skating, we again stress that **ALL HOCKEY PLAY (STICKS AND PUCKS) ARE PROHIBITED DURING PUBLIC SKATING HOURS**. Violators will be subject to equipment confiscation. Skating Hours Include:

### OPEN SKATING

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM-7:30 PM  
 Saturday & Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM



### SENIOR HOCKEY

Mon. & Thurs. 8:00-10:00 PM  
 Weds & Fri. 8:00-10:00 PM  
 Saturday 6:30-10:00 PM  
 Sunday 8:00-10:00 PM



## ICE SKATES AND CROSS COUNTRY SKIS

### ONE DAY

### OVERNIGHT

### OVERDUE

Ice Skate Rentals (all ages): \$1.00

\$2.00 (Till Next Open Day)

\$1.00/day

Cross Country Skis (all ages): **ONE DAY**

(Return by 5:00 PM)

\$3.00

**OVERNIGHT**

(Return Same Time; One Open Day, \$6.00)

(Return Same Time; Two Open Days, \$12.00)

**NOTE:** All rentals are from the MacDonald-Ruff Ice Arena on Townline Road: **Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00-4:00 PM**. (Note: hours may change according to use.) Adults **must** sign equipment in and out. A photo ID or money may be required as a deposit on skis.