

City of North Ridgeville Department of Parks and Recreation
Parks and Recreation Commission
Directors Report
Date: February 22, 2012



- **ODNR RTP Grant Application:** We reapplied for the ODNR RTP grant. Documentation was mailed on February 1st to the State. The grant was tweaked to include a connectivity component. Emil Liszniansky with Hatch, Mott & MacDonald assisted the department on the engineering. With the help and support of North Ridgeville City Schools and Saint Peter Parish letters of easement were provided to extend trail through there property lines.

The hope is with the additional connectivity the grant will be award to the City. We worked with D’Juan Hammonds with ODNR to determine what was lacking and what we could do to better our chances. Our grant application, if left as is, would probably not be funded due to the lack of connectivity with other city landmarks.

- **Lowes Charitable & Educational Foundation:** We will be applying for a grant through Lowes Corporation starting next month for a new pavilion which will be located in South Central Park. The plan is to redesign the pavilion located by the splash pad. The grant applications are ongoing and notice of acceptance or rejection is made in 90 days. The funds are 100% and no matching funds required.
- **Mini Rangers Football Program:** Terry Murray, head coach of the mini ranger football program and the department of parks and recreation have decided to have an amicable split. Mr. Murray has decided to start his own program and disassociate with the department. I wish Mr. Murray the best of luck with his future endeavors and I cannot thank him enough for his over 15 years of community involvement in molding and transforming our youth football program. Mr. Murray is an excellent coach and his knowledge will be missed.

Our plan is too offer a comprehensive, organized, recreational football program this fall. The goal is to offer a 3rd-6th grade football program. Future information will be provided to the board and the general public concerning the program.

- **Facebook® Page:** The department has built a Facebook® page to help connect with the community in a different venue. We are looking to build off the website and offer our resident base more of an opportunity to find information. Debbie will be running the park and recreation Facebook® page.
- **Independence Day Celebration:** Our Independence Day celebration which is held every year on July 3 has been moved to Victory Sports Park. We have had ongoing discussions with Victory and our administration to determine if this venue would meet the needs of the community. With the help of our police and fire we made the change. The celebration will still be a city of North Ridgeville event and the department of parks and recreation will still offer the party in the park from 7:00p.m.-9:30p.m. with the firework display starting at dark.

UPCOMING / CONCLUDED PROGRAMS: PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT

- **Daddy – Daughter Dance:** We received a total of 60 daddy / daughter couples for a total of 120 attendees. The dance was held on Saturday, February 18 from 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. at the North Rdigeville Middle School. The families enjoyed a fun, interactive night with music, games and dinner.
- **Baseball / Softball Program:** The three (3) mass registration dates / times held on Saturday, January 28, Thursday, February 2 and Saturday, February 4 brought in over 300 boys and girls. Open registration began on Monday, February 6 in our parks and recreation office.
- **New Solutions to Accelerated Weight Loss Seminar:** Offered by Dr. Bryan Ruocco we had a total of 18 registered attendees. The seminar was held on Wednesday, February 15 from 7:00-8:00PM at the Safetyville Building. The seminar seemed to be well received and very informative.