WHAT WE ARE

RECREATION

29 COMMUNITY CENTERS
+ facilities for cultural arts, outdoor education and therapeutic recreation

5 ATHLETIC COMPLEXES

6 GOLF COURSES

8 OUTDOOR POOLS
+ an indoor aquatic center

5 SPLASH PADS AND INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN

8,221 ACRES OF PARKLAND

120 MILES OF REGIONAL TRAILS

3 RESERVOIRS totaling 4,240 ACRES

14 NATURE PRESERVES

1 SKATE PARK for BMX, skateboards and rollerblades

5 DOG PARKS

370+ PARKS

PARKS

RENTABLE SPACES

10 ENCLOSED SHELTERS | 16 OPEN-AIR SHELTERS

ColumbusRecParks.com
Welcome to our new program guide. The mission of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is to connect the people of our community through the power of nature, wellness and creativity. Our programs and activities are designed to celebrate culture and add to the quality of life for our residents. In creating a single program guide, we hope to make it easier to share information about the breadth of that programming and make it more convenient to take advantage of everything your recreation and parks department has to offer.

As we move toward the winter break, Mayor Andrew J. Ginther and all the departments within the City of Columbus want you and your family to have a happy, healthy and safe time whenever school is out. In order to help, we will host a variety of programs and events with safety as our top priority. There are also many opportunities to take advantage of the activities that are being offered throughout central Ohio.

Visit columbus.gov/schoolsout for more information.

If your goals for the coming year are centered on wellness, a Get Active Fitness Membership provides an affordable way to get moving and stay fit. Our 18 designated “Get Active” centers offer specialized workout facilities, cardio equipment, weight machines and hundreds of fitness classes.

We are excited about the changes 2019 holds for Columbus. Working closely with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), we’ve developed a five-year plan to extend our trail system and help connect our neighborhoods and will begin work on the new Linden Community Center and park, a space that will make it possible to expand the centers for opportunity model which aims to support neighbors and strengthen neighborhoods.

You can follow our progress on social media or visit our website to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

On behalf of the entire Columbus Recreation and Parks team, thank you for your support and best wishes in the coming year!

Tony Collins, Director
LEISURE CARDS

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department uses a photo ID card system, known as "Leisure Cards," to safely identify participants during admission to our swimming pools and community centers. In order to take advantage of the programs and facilities we offer, you must first obtain a Leisure Card.

REQUIREMENTS

• Any individual over the age of six must have a Leisure Card.
• Leisure Cards only cost $1 (new or renewed), and are good for three years from the date of purchase.
• All community centers have the capability to print leisure cards with the exception of Martin Janis, the Cultural Arts Center and the Franklin Park Adventure Center.
• Centers vary in their availability to produce Leisure Cards. Please contact your center for their specific hours.

Learn more at ColumbusRecParks.com

REFUND POLICY

• A full refund will be issued for activity and online fees if the department cancels an activity.
• A refund of the activity fee will be issued if a participant cancels before the first meeting.
• A 50% refund of the activity fee will be issued, if a participant cancels after one meeting.
• No refunds will be given after the second meeting.
• Contact the community center where the activity is taking place for refund processing.
DROP-IN FITNESS

Not ready to commit to an annual membership? We’ve got you covered.

Drop in to any community center fitness room for only $15 per session.
FITNESS & WELLNESS

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has 18 designated Get Active Fitness Centers with specialized workout facilities, cardio equipment, weight machines and fitness classes. Members have access to all 18 locations.

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

- **Adult:** $60/year
- **Adults over 50:** $40/year*
- **Youth Ages 14-17:** Free**
- **City of Columbus Employees:** Free

*Senior Community Centers offer fitness programs tailored to ages 50 and older
**Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult with membership

For only $10 per session, adults can participate in drop in sports activities at any of our community centers.

1. Barnett Community Center
2. Beatty Community Center
3. Blackburn Community Center
4. Brentnell Community Center
5. Carriage Place Community Center
6. Dodge Community Center
7. Driving Park Community Center
8. Far East Community Center
9. Gillie Community Senior Center*
10. Glenwood Community Center
11. Lazelle Woods Community Center
12. Marion Franklin Community Center
13. Martin Janis Community Senior Center*
14. Milo Grogan Community Center
15. Schiller Community Center
16. Thompson Community Center
17. Westgate Community Center
18. Whetstone Community Center

A full listing of centers and contact info can be found on page 30.
CRPD BOXING SHOWS
Columbus Celebrates Its Boxing Legends
February
Buster Douglas Invitational Boxing Show
September
Tribute to Muhammad Ali Boxing Showcase
October
photos: Ben Ko
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has a history of teaching youth and adults both amateur and professional-level boxing. Whether you’re interested in physical fitness, self-defense or training for a fight, take a swing at boxing in CRPD.

BOXING LOCATIONS: BARACK COMMUNITY CENTER | BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER | BLACKBURN COMMUNITY CENTER | DODGE COMMUNITY CENTER | DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CENTER | THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER
The Columbus Aquatics Center is a premier indoor aquatics facility that is centrally located and hosts a variety of programs catering to people of all ages and abilities.

LEARN TO SWIM

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department offers affordable swimming lessons for people of all ages taught by American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

$40 for Residents
$50 for Non-Residents
WATER AEROBICS

The water offers a unique workout environment that is low impact and high resistance, making it an excellent option for a variety of fitness needs including therapeutic, strength and flexibility. We offer a variety of affordable fitness programs which fall under three main categories:

1. Water Aerobics
2. Adult Lap Swimming
3. Youth Lap Swimming and Diving

For more information, contact the Columbus Aquatic Center at (614) 645-6122.

LAP SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Looking to increase or maintain your fitness level?

Learn everything from diving to stroke technique in one of our many lap swimming programs, which include:

- Masters Swim
- Stroke Clinic
- Beginner Diving
- Intermediate Diving
ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS

YOUTH BASEBALL

King of Swing
April

Championship Challenge
April

Capital Cup
May

Christopher Columbus
June/July

ADULT SOFTBALL

The Thaw
March

Spring Fling
April

Heart of Ohio (Seniors)
May

Christopher Columbus
June/July

Screwball
August

Nite Owl Classic
September

Halloween Havoc
October

Turkey Bowl
November

Learn more at ColumbusRecParks.com
Our athletes gain self-confidence and practice good sportsmanship while playing the sports they love. Whether you’re training for the next level or simply want to stay in shape, we invite you to unleash your competitive spirit with Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

### Sports

**Adult Leagues**

**Adult Basketball** *(SPRING, SUMMER, FALL & WINTER)*
Spring registration opens February; season begins March
Summer registration opens May; season begins June
Summer II registration opens July; season begins August
Fall registration opens August; season begins October
Winter registration opens December; season begins January

**50+ Basketball** *(WINTER)*
Registration opens October; season begins November

**Adult Softball** *(SPRING, SUMMER & FALL)*
Spring registration opens February; season begins March
Summer registration opens March; season begins April
Fall registration opens August; season begins September

**50+ Softball** *(SUMMER & FALL)*
Summer registration opens March; season begins May
Fall registration opens August; season begins September

**Adult Volleyball** *(SPRING, SUMMER, FALL & WINTER)*
Spring registration opens February; season begins March
Summer registration opens May; season begins June
Fall registration opens August; season begins October
Winter registration opens December; season begins January

**Youth Leagues**

**Youth Basketball** *(WINTER)*
Registration opens November; season begins January

**Youth Baseball** *(SPRING & FALL)*
Spring registration opens March; season begins March/April

**Youth Flag Football** *(FALL)*
Registration opens August; season begins September

**Youth Soccer** *(SPRING & FALL)*
Spring registration opens March; season begins March/April
Fall registration opens August; season begins September

Columbus Recreation and Parks offers sports facility rentals for indoor and outdoor venues and fields.

For more information, visit [crpdsports.org/sports-facility-rentals](http://crpdsports.org/sports-facility-rentals) or email crpdsports@columbus.gov.
OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our mission is to connect the people of our community through the power of nature, wellness and creativity. We provide environmental education and recreation programs for our residents and surrounding communities through our Outdoor Education program.

The McKnight Outdoor Education Center hosts a trail system, caves, Ottawa Education Lodge, creeks and access to the Scioto River, surrounded by mature trees and abundant wildlife.

ACTIVITIES: ARCHERY | CANOEING | HIKING | CLIMBING WALL | GEOCACHING

TOPICS OF EXPLORATION: INSECTS | FOSSILS | REPTILES

Interested in renting the McKnight Outdoor Education Center or having a school program at the facility? Visit bit.ly/CRPDOutdoorEd
MCKNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
3228 Indian Village Rd. | Columbus, OH 43221 | (614) 645-3380
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS

QUEST-AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | SLED HOCKEY | FITNESS AQUATIC PROGRAM | SWIM TEAM
SWIM CAMP | SWIM LESSONS | GET FIT GET HEALTHY | BOCCIA | WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL
PVA BUCKEYE CUP WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT | FOUR FOOT HOOPS
HOOPS MADNESS TOURNAMENT | TRACK & FIELD | WHEELCHAIR RUGBY
COLUMBUS BLITZ WHEELCHAIR RUGBY TOURNAMENT | WHEELCHAIR FENCING

For more information, contact Therapeutic Recreation at 614-645-5648.
Columbus Recreation and Parks’ Therapeutic Recreation program offers activities that are modified to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities. Our Certified Therapeutic Recreation staff enhance the physical, social and lifetime recreational interests of participants in a broad spectrum of leisure experiences.
For more information about the theatre program, visit Columbus.gov/theatre

For more information about the Cultural Arts Center, visit culturalartscenteronline.org
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department offers arts programming for every age, interest and skill level. Whether your passion is dance or theatre, ceramics or painting, you’ll find a class or workshop to help you express your creativity.

In addition to the array of classes hosted in our 29 community centers, our Cultural Arts Center (CAC) provides adults the opportunity to create and develop their artistic potential.

With 15 different mediums taught, the Cultural Arts Center has something to entice everyone. CAC’s robust exhibition schedule features the work of local, regional and national artists and gives students the opportunity to exhibit their work.
While all community centers are open for people of all ages, we have seven centers with robust programming for those who are 50 and older.

**SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTERS**

GILLIE COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER  
614-645-3106

MARTIN JANIS COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER  
614-645-5954

**MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTERS**

BARNETT COMMUNITY CENTER  
(614) 645-3065

DODGE COMMUNITY CENTER  
(614) 645-3176

LAZELLE WOODS COMMUNITY CENTER  
(614) 645-5330

MARION FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER  
(614) 645-3612

WHETSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER  
(614) 645-3217

Become a member of our FREE 50+ program and gain access to exclusive classes, activities and trips tailored to meet the needs of older adults. All members have access to senior fitness centers as well as senior sports programs.

**SENIOR 50+ MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- A monthly Senior (50+) newsletter
- Priority registration for leisure and educational trips
- Priority registration for all senior classes and activities

*A Leisure Card is required and registration must be completed.

Register online at ColumbusRecParks.com
CENTRAL OHIO AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) plans, funds and delivers services that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain safe and independent in their homes. With the assistance of area providers, COAAA coordinates services to help individuals with daily living such as homemaking, transportation, home delivered meals and personal care.

For more information about COAAA, call (614) 645-7250 or visit coaaa.org.

GOLDEN HOBBY GIFT SHOP

The Golden Hobby Gift Shop is a consignment shop for handcrafted items created by central Ohio seniors. Anyone 50+ living in Franklin or one of the contiguous counties may schedule an appointment to become a consignor by calling (614) 645-8329.
PARKS

Parks and nature preserves are vital to a vibrant, successful city and Columbus is no exception. The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department boasts more than 370 community parks on more than 1,200 acres. The City also maintains more than 1,300 acres of conservation parkland throughout Columbus.

To learn more about the parks in Columbus, and the variety of amenities offered at each of them, visit the parks section of ColumbusRecParks.com.
Columbus maintains more than 120 miles of trails and is a part of the Central Ohio Greenways (COG) trails system. The COG connects the central Ohio region with over 180 miles of trails for everyone to explore parks, neighborhoods, rivers and the vibrant, diverse culture of one of the nation’s greatest places to live, work and play. Whether you are a biking enthusiast or an avid nature lover, the trails are divided into sections that will appeal to your personal taste.

To ensure everyone can enjoy the trails, here are some tips and etiquette to follow.

**ALL USERS:** Motorized vehicles are not permitted. Be courteous and predictable to other trail users at all times. Keep right, always pass on the left, giving audible warning to pedestrians, skaters and other bicyclists. Maintain single file when others are within 100 feet. Pets are not permitted on greenway trails unless on a leash (maximum length of six feet) and under the direction of the pet owner. You must also clean up after your pet on all portions of the greenway trails. Dispose of litter in waste receptacles. Alcohol is prohibited on trails in park systems.

**BICYCLISTS AND SKATERS:** Yield to pedestrians. Give audible warning when passing pedestrians, skaters or bicyclists. Ride and skate at a safe speed. Slow down and form a single file in congested conditions, reduced visibility and other hazardous conditions.

**PEDESTRIANS:** Please stay to the right side of the trail except when otherwise designated. Watch for other trail users. Be especially alert when running. Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users (runners and bicyclists) to pass safely.

Separate from the Central Ohio Greenways, we also offer many loop walking paths within our parks.

Learn more at ColumbusRecParks.com
Nearly two decades ago, a new model for after-school programs was created. Four sites were established at area Community Centers to host the Capital Kids Program. The trained staff enhance students’ academic achievement and provide a safe place to learn and play when school is out.

The Capital Kids Program serves youth in grades K-5 in areas where the schools have the greatest need. Columbus City Schools are the feeder schools for the program. Currently, Capital Kids is at Beatty, Feddersen, Marion Franklin and Sullivant Gardens Community Centers.

WHAT THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT:

We offer academic assistance, including help with their homework, science projects, reading and math. We are in the schools daily and work with the teachers and administrators on developing achievable learning plans for students. We sit in on IEP’s and conferences with families.

We serve a nutritious hot meal or snack daily, which the children receive as soon as they arrive at the site from school. Our philosophy is that a child can’t learn without food as fuel. In partnership with Mid-Ohio Food Bank, we also offer our families free weekend take-home groceries.

We offer enrichment activities such as cooking, gardening, nutrition, drama, art, fitness, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

We facilitate prevention programs in anger management, substance abuse, bullying, violence and peer mediation.

We offer recreation and socialization through ball games, board games, outdoor play and group activities.

A must for our program is strong family involvement. We have family fun nights, resource referrals, parent/staff conferences, parent/teacher conferences and newsletters.

We also offer Spring and Summer Camp experiences.

To learn more, visit Columbus.gov/CapitalKids or call (614) 645-3330.
INITIATIVES

APPLICATIONS FOR PURPOSE, PRIDE AND SUCCESS (APPS)

The mission of the APPS program is to reduce crime and violence by increasing protective factors in the lives of Columbus youth and young adults (ages 14-23) through proven prevention and intervention strategies. The initiative’s prevention strategies include offering safe and constructive alternatives to violence while youth development professionals provide mentorship through enrichment activities at four community recreation centers. Our mentors assess individual and family needs while being an ongoing advocate to insure that a young person and their family are linked to services that meet immediate needs while providing long term support services for future goal attainment, which ultimately produces productive contributing members of society.

LOCATIONS
BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER | DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CENTER
GLENWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER | LINDEN COMMUNITY CENTER

CAP CITY NIGHTS FESTIVALS
Free summer community celebrations that serve as a prevention strategy to foster safe and healthy community relationships by bringing together residents, worshippers, service providers, and business owners.

JOB READINESS PROGRAM
A nine-week life-skills and professional development program that provides training, mentorship and job placement for 15-23-year-old Columbus residents.

Learn more about APPS at bit.ly/APPSCbus
The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department’s mission states: we connect the people of our community through the power of nature, wellness and creativity. While our vision to create a socially equitable city is bold, access to programs and services continues to be an important pillar of our work.

Founded in 2018, the Columbus Recreation and Parks (CRP) Foundation a 501(c)(3) launched to transform how the department serves central Ohio neighborhoods. Starting with the Linden Community Center and the Centers for Opportunity model, the CRP Foundation aims to provide equitable access to vital programs and services across the region.

The establishment of the foundation fulfills the recommendation to expand partnership opportunities as recommended by the 2014 Master Plan. Independent but collaborative in spirit, the CRP Foundation focuses on leveraging public-private partnerships and philanthropic gifts.

For more information about the CRP Foundation or to donate visit crpfoundaiton.org.
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is always searching for new groups and individuals to volunteer in our Parks, Community Centers and Special Events throughout the city!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Coaching and Officiating | Community Centers
- Landscaping Park Clean Ups | Playground Clean Ups | Special Events
- Therapeutic Recreation | Tree Planting

Questions about volunteering? Contact our Volunteer Office at volunteers@columbus.gov or (614) 645-3325.

Check out all of our volunteer opportunities at: [columbus.gov/crpdvolunteers](http://columbus.gov/crpdvolunteers)
SPECIAL EVENTS & PERMITS

Looking to organize a concert, block party or charity race? Columbus Recreation and Parks Department’s Office of Special Events helps event coordinators plan successful events while providing a positive impact to Columbus residents and businesses.

Visit columbus.gov/EventPlanningGuide to get started!
Planning a formal wedding, a graduation party, first birthday party, or anything in between? We have the facility for you! Regardless of your budget, we have something that can eliminate the hassle of hosting your closest friends and families, freeing up your time to connect with each other and create memories that will last a lifetime. We have elegant wedding venues, lodges, banquet halls and picnic shelters nestled in quiet park settings.

Tired of the city grind and want to escape onto a peaceful lake? Did you know that the City of Columbus operates four marinas in Columbus or within 15 miles? Explore the underrated waterways of Griggs, O'Shaughnessy and Hoover Reservoirs by asking about the docks we have available for you! Fishing, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, wakeboarding, relaxing … why wait?

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and are accepted up to one year in advance.

To find a location or a facility, visit Columbus.gov/crpdrentals or call (614) 645-3337.
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has 29 community centers that offer programs in sports, arts, conservation and health and wellness for residents of all ages and interests.

**COMMUNITY CENTERS**

**BARACK**
580 Woodrow Ave. | 43207
(614) 645-3610

**BARNETT**
1184 Barnett Rd. | 43227
(614) 645-3065

**BEATTY**
247 N. Ohio Ave. | 43203
(614) 645-3218

**BLACKBURN**
263 Carpenter St. | 43205
(614) 645-7670

**BRENTNELL**
1280 Brentnell Ave. | 43219
(614) 645-7640

**CARRIAGE PLACE**
4900 Sawmill Rd. | 43235
(614) 645-3715

**DODGE**
667 Sullivant Ave. | 43215
(614) 645-8151

**DOUGLAS**
1250 Windsor Ave. | 43211
(614) 645-7407

**DRIVING PARK**
1100 Rhoads Ave. | 43206
(614) 645-3228

**FAR EAST**
1826 Lattimer Dr. | 43227
(614) 645-3159

**FEDDERSEN**
3911 Dresden St. | 43224
(614) 645-3083

**GILLIE**
2100 Morse Rd. | 43229
(614) 645-3106

**GLENWOOD**
1888 Fairmont Ave. | 43223
(614) 645-3282

**HOLTON**
303 N. Eureka Ave. | 43204
(614) 645-3208

**HOWARD**
2505 N. Cassady Ave. | 43219
(614) 645-3713

**INDIAN MOUND**
3901 Parsons Ave. | 43207
(614) 645-3224

**LAZELLE WOODS**
8140 Sancus Blvd. | 43081
(614) 645-3330

**LINDEN**
1254 Briarwood Ave. | 43211
(614) 645-3067

**MARION FRANKLIN**
2801 Lockbourne Rd. | 43207
(614) 645-3160

**MARTIN JANIS**
600 E. 11th Ave. | 43211
(614) 645-5954

**MILO GROGAN**
862 E. 2nd Ave. | 43201
(614) 645-7376

**SCHILLER**
1069 Jaeger St. | 43206
(614) 645-3156

**SULLIVANT GARDENS**
755 Renick St. | 43223
(614) 645-8171

**THOMPSON**
1189 Dennison Ave. | 43201
(614) 645-3082

**TUTTLE PARK**
240 W. Oakland Ave. | 43201
(614) 645-3602

**WESTGATE**
455 S. Westgate Ave. | 43204
(614) 645-3264

**WHETSTONE**
3923 N. High St. | 43214
(614) 645-3217

**WILLIAM H. ADAMS**
854 Alton Ave. | 43219
(614) 645-3051

**WOODWARD PARK**
5147 Karl Rd. | 43229
(614) 645-3158

*Senior Community Center
Share the Room, Not the Bed.

A Alone    B Back    C Crib
Every nap, every night, every time.

For a free crib, call 311 or visit www.CelebrateOne.info.

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