

September 8, 2017

TO: City Council Member Lynda Roesch, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, Interim City Manager 

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017

As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. Those items to be discussed include:

1. Review of Recreation and Pool Stats, Pool Survey Update—Staff will be present to discuss recreation and pool statistics as well as the results of the pool survey with the Committee.
2. Review of Park Explorer Program—Staff will be present to discuss the implementation of the Park Explorer Program and to receive feedback from the Committee.
3. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting of your Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these topics, or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Mayor and City Council Members (3)
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
File

AGENDA

**September 11, 2017
Montgomery City Hall
10101 Montgomery Road**

3:00 P.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Guests and Residents**
- 3. Communications**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Review of Recreation and Pool Stats, Pool Survey Update
 - b. Review of Park Explorer Program
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2016**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjournment**

**Recreation and Pool updates for the
Parks and Recreation Committee of Council Meeting, September 2017**



Our summer mini camps help keep kids active and learning in the summer.

In 2017, seven types of camps were planned. Camps included multi-sports, theater, 3D printing, Lego Robotics, drawing and painting, ceramics and an Ultimate Warrior camp.

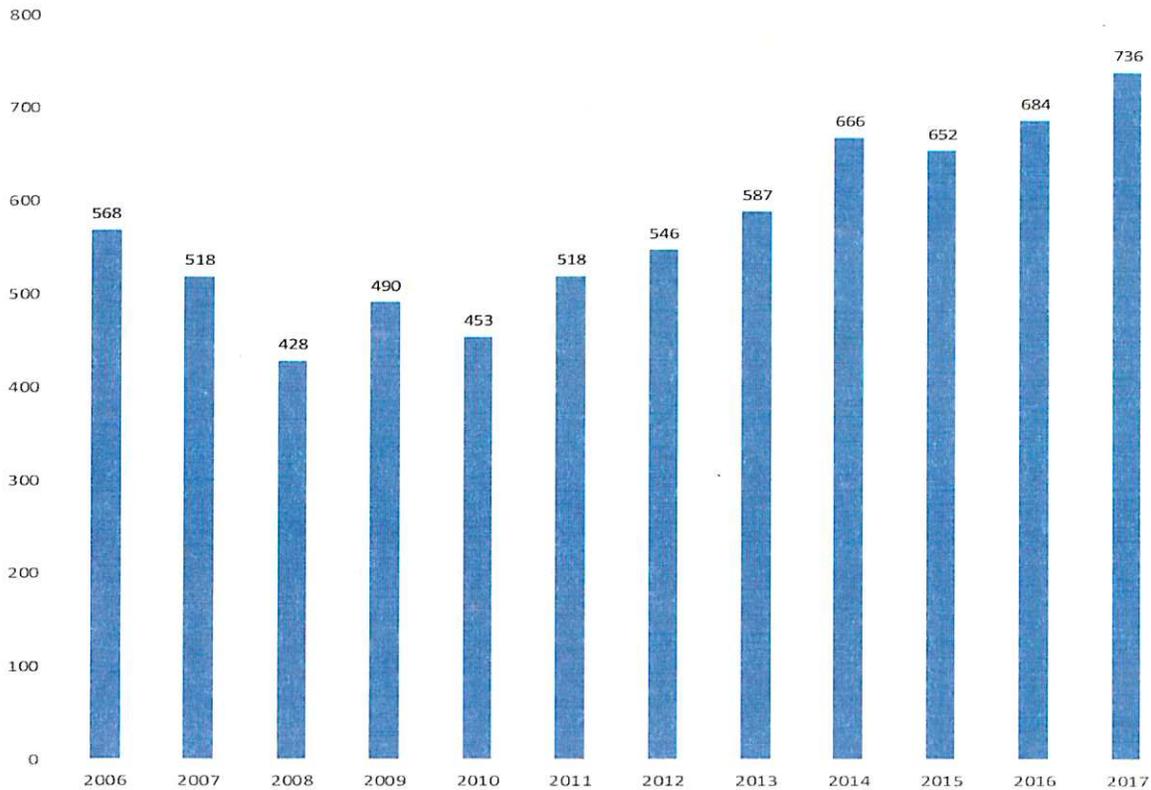
220 kids participated in the 2017 summer camp season as compared to 134 in 2016 which is an increase of 86 kids.

The Makos Swim team ran at full capacity of 135 swimmers and four coaches. The swim team completed a great season with a second-place finish at the Tri-Country Swim League Championships in Oxford Ohio.

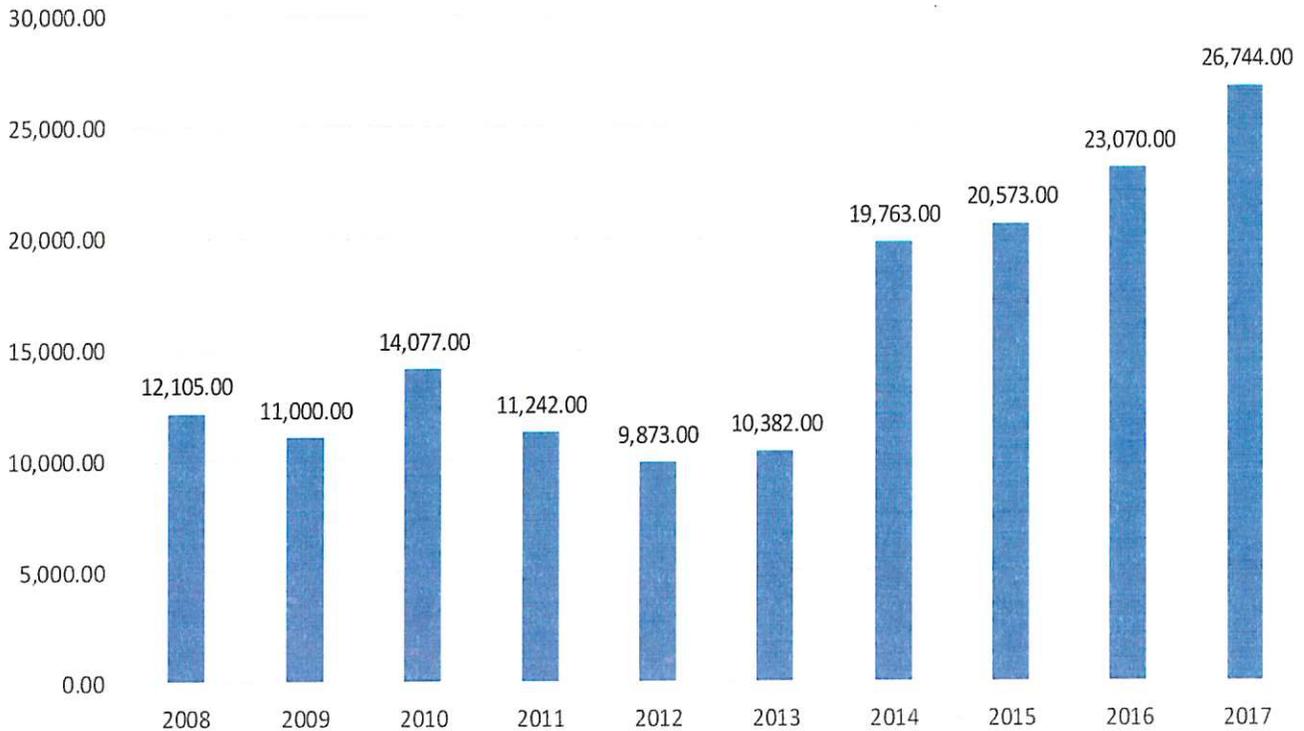


225 kids learned the lifelong skill of swimming through swim lessons.

Pool Members



Pool Visits



*2017 numbers reported to date as of August 28. Seven days of data needed to complete the 2017 season.

Pool projects completed in 2017 included:

- 12 lounge chairs and 12 upright were purchased for added seating.
- A concrete ramp with stainless steel handrails was installed to meet ADA requirements.
- Bathroom floors were painted and mats in the main walkway were added to enhance bathrooms.
- Concession floors, walls and shelves were painted.
- A front desk was built to enhance entry and replaced the worn out desk.
- 2 new, durable computers were added at the front desk and concession to withstand weather elements.
- The new REC1 system drastically improved efficiency with making ID cards, checking in patrons and completing point of sale transactions. This new system also drastically improved end of night reporting for managers.
- New point of sale equipment such as a cash drawer and receipt printer were added to the front desk and concession.
- Funbrellas were restitched and a new shade canopy was made for the slide.
- An automatic vacuum was purchased and utilized nightly to assist with the pool water quality.
- The basketball court was restriped to maintain the amenities at the pool.
- A portable high guard chair was added to the deck of the deep end area to be closer to the diving well area.
- New, permanent signage was added around the pool which included a pool rules sign at the front entrance to update and have a consistent, professional look.
- The SwimSafe pool manager, Steve Henke, has been the manager for seven years and has been effective with dealing with staff and patrons.

Pool Membership Types	# Purchased
Family Full Season	483
Grandchild Season	59
Senior Single Season	38
Single Full Season	28
Couple Full Season	21
Business Family Full Season	15
Family Mid Season	15
Individual 20-Visit Pass	15
Family Weekend Season	13
Family Evening Season	11
Teen Swim Team Single Season	8
Single Mid Season	4
Single Weekend Season	4
Business Single Season	3
Couple Weekend Season	3
Senior Single Mid Season	3
Senior Weekend Season	3
Babysitter Add On	2
Business Family Mid Season	2
Business Senior Single Season	2
Single Evening Season	2
Business Single Mid Season	1
Senior Evening Season	1
Business Family Evening Season	0
Business Family Weekend Season	0
Business Senior Evening Season	0
Business Senior Single Mid Season	0
Business Senior Weekend Season	0
Business Single Evening Season	0
Business Single Weekend Season	0
Couple Evening Season	0
Couple Mid Season	0
Total of pool memberships sold in 2017	736

Montgomery Community Pool Survey Results 2017

20 survey responses were collected via email through REC1.

What is your favorite thing about the pool?

Proximity to our home
Water slides and diving boards
It's very relaxed and the pool is clean
Time with family
Location
Walk in section of pool that is great for my 2 year old.
The size - lots of pool space, green space
Our favorite thing about the pool is that it's available to us to swim in! We also like the water slide. It's a nice big pool and we're thankful that there is a deep end with a diving pool.
My kids can walk there and see their friends
Nice place to spend a few hours relaxing
Zero entry, family friendly.
The amount of areas (zero entry, stairs, slide) for younger kids.
Not a very crowded pool and close to home
Safe place to swim
Close by, comfy chairs, the Tues afternoon activities are a great idea
Zero entry, water slide, diving board

What is the #1 thing we do best?

Great pool hours, swim team
The activities are really fun, especially the luau.
Great life guards
Keep pool safe and fun
Fun activities
Creating a family friendly and safe place in the community.
Facilities - the layout and extra activities like basketball
Know who we are when we come in. Really, it's well run. The life guards and management are attentive.
We have been happy and we are new patrons.
Affordable membership, fun events
Friendly staff and activities
Keep chairs and area tidy and clean.
A lot of life guards around for kids.
Guards do a good job
Offer pool package choices
Even though I don't have kids, I appreciate how kid friendly the facility is as well as the staff with the kids.
Clean, friendly pool environment

If you could make one improvement at the pool, what would it be?

Tear down the slide, build a new one and add areas where it is a "splash zone" where bigger kids can play.....blue ash rec center built one. I am sure montgomery can do the same.....the baby pool is HARDLY EVERY USED, tear that out !!!

New lounge chairs! They are saggy and uncomfortable.

Get rid of playground- kids get hurt all wet playing on it

A lot of the chairs really need replacing. Also - anyway there's a way to add small tables around for seating other than at the far end?

Maybe try for earlier movies if light allows

More aggressive heating of the pool and more life guards on duty

Healthier food options.

life guards - they don't enforce the rules and aren't consistent with the rules

The slide being open in the evenings.

More to do on the grounds, more pool amenities

Alcohol sales.....would be nice to sip a beer next to the pool. Might be looking at a private club in future years because of this reason.

Sun shade sails covering over the playground area. The surface gets too hot for the children to play on.

Supporting the lifeguard staff i.e. more training and having them not be afraid to blow their whistle.

Bathrooms are always in need of cleaning.

More strap chairs

Better quality food/prep of food, and it's also very slow. Blue Ash Rec Center is a good example, but they use some food from their Cafe, which I know Montgomery doesn't have. The pool deck area is relatively small. On good hot days, at prime time, or after 1pm, literally not one chair to use-had to sit in the grass.

BATHROOMS! BATHROOMS! BATHROOMS!!! They're disgusting. Poor water pressure leaves half-flushed toilets all the time. The messiness of wet toilet paper on the ground and pool water and/or urine on the seats is really bad. This should be something to remind parents to clean up after their children after using the bathroom. There has not been one time that I've been to the pool where there wasn't at least one clogged toilet. I'm surprised this isn't a constant complaint.

More guest passes per member

Tell us one pool memory you would like to share from this summer.

Great swim team year!

My kids like the activities!

We have brought several sets of friends to swim with us and they have enjoyed it!

Our daughters' birthday party

Disappointment in seeing the pool flooring chipped and not painted

My 11-yr old son staying for hours and playing with his friends. He loves the Montgomery pool!

My daughter finally brave enough to use the diving board

Rating:

Scores are summarized by type of membership.	Family membership Average score of 15 responses	Senior Single membership Average score of 2 responses	20 visit pass Average score of 1 response	Single membership Average score of 2 responses
Lifeguards attentiveness and enforcement of rules	3.5	4.0	4.0	4.5
Courtesy and effectiveness of the pool front desk staff	4.7	4.5	5.0	4.5
Pool management	4.5	4.0	5.0	4.5
Registration process (online for membership, swim lessons, swim team etc)	4.6	4.0	5.0	5.0
Pool concessions	3.9	3.5	3.0	3.0
Maintenance of the facility	4.2	3.5	3.0	4.0
Pool water quality	4.1	4.5	4.0	4.5
Value of membership	4.3	4.5	3.0	4.5
Special events and activities (Luau, Dive in Movie, Tuesday Kids Activities, Big Rig Gig)	4.5	3.5	4.0	3.0
Amenities (basketball court, diving board, playground, slide)	4.1	4.0	3.0	3.0

Do you have any additional comments (compliments and improvements)?

The lifeguards are not enforcing rules on running around, jumping off sides. I have personally witnessed WAY TOO MANY kids do stupid things and this pool is just a one or two chances away of a MAJOR accident where someone breaks their bones or worse.....a neck !!!!

I would also love if the lifeguards would be consistent during adult swim and require the kids to be on the top step and perhaps make it against the rules to play ball/squirt water guns into the pool during adult swim. I have kids and am often in the pool with them and I expect to get splashed etc, but when adult swim comes around I would prefer to relax and not be splashed by kids or have a wet ball hit me in the head during that 15 minutes of time.

It would be nice if the pool opened earlier than 11 AM for those not on the swim team

Unfortunately, this summer I felt that the lifeguards were not the best. :(I didn't feel they were truly paying attention and at times made me nervous.

The new anti-slip rugs by the bathrooms were a good addition.

This was our 4th summer being members and there haven't been any new chairs, different seating options, etc. Would love smaller tables by the chairs or some patio/umbrella tables and chairs to relax/hang out at.

A little more heating would be great and hours past Labor Day (even just weekends for the first weeks of September)

With the growing number of pool options in the community, membership rates for non Montgomery residents should be decreased for retention of current non Montgomery members.

The lifeguarding as improved but still isn't great

Just a repeat comment to have a sun sail-shade put over the playground area, as the surface, slide and play set gets too hot in the summertime.

Sent an additional email directly to Julie {a note from Julie: I did receive the email and it was related to the kids near the water during the adult swim times. I responded to the patron via email.}

Hanging a curtain the the men's locker room was a great idea

A 10-visit pass would be good, mainly because I hate having to have cash on me for the daily fee. We're a debit card carrying family mostly! We bought the 20-visit pass for the first time ever but still have 14-16 visits left. I don't blame you guys for us not using the pass up but I guess 20 visits (for us, 10 times as its the two of us and all my son's friends have family passes already so we never needed to use ours for anyone but us two) was a bit lofty for me and my son. Next year, we'll just pay as we go, but a 10-visit pass option, I would possibly go for.

Overall, I think it's a great facility and the staff is wonderful. Other than the cleanliness of the bathrooms, I have nothing to really complain about.

How did you hear about the pool?

Prior member
Previous members.
Recommended by friends when we moved to the area.
friend
I googled it.
Email
Just living in Montgomery for so long, passing by it every day! :)
Have been members for 5 years
My daughters family are members
Been a member since it opened
I've been a Resident for 9 years
My own Google search.

Would you like us to contact you about your comments? If yes, please include your name and contact information.

Tom griga, xxx-xxxx
Yes, I'd like to know if it is possible for a shade to be put over the playset area and will it be considered for next summer. You may contact me at xxx-xxxx. Thank you! Staci Bradley
Sure, Gena Bailey, xxx-xxxx
Steve Coppel. scoppel51@gmail.com
No thanks! Thank you for the opportunity to do the survey.
Amenities, Special Events, and Concessions: I have zero opinion on these areas because I don't use them. For that reason, I selected 3 stars for each (since the survey forced me to rate).

**Thoughts about the survey comments by the Recreation Coordinator:
Common themes and future ideas:**

Regarding **guards enforcing rules**, I think we need to restate during training and maintain communications to guards to enforce rules and to tell them to not to be afraid to blow the whistle. We are considering having the slide open during adult swim in 2018 to give the kids something to do during that time. We are considering being stricter about kids being completely away from the water during adult swim. They allow the kids to sit on the gutters and put their feet in the water. It appears we need to change that.

Bathrooms were checked hourly during the season. I will talk to the pool manager for the 2018 season to have them checked every half hour and to have a mop out and ready to go near the restroom area. We are thinking of adding the deck mats in each restroom stall to assist with cleanliness.

It would be great to continue to introduce **lounge chairs** each year. I think adding small tables is a good idea.

An amount to repair the surface of the **slide** will be recommended in the budget process.

Would investigating a **splash pad area** be an option for the future?

We are investigating having a **shade sail over the playground**.

There was a comment regarding the **pool bottom surface** and an amount will be proposed in the next budget cycle.

An email from a pool patron asking if **alcohol** can be added to the pool concession was sent to the Mayor during the 2017 pool season and a response was emailed back to the patron stating the reasons why it is not possible. (see below).

Email to Mr. Benedict:

Thank you for your patronage at our Montgomery Community Pool and for your question regarding serving alcohol.

You are correct in your assumption that the potential revenue source does not outweigh the additional liability insurance that would be required which is a major factor in the decision not to serve alcohol. The Montgomery Community Pool is also a family-oriented facility with many young family members creating a fun and safe environment which fits well with our philosophy and vision for the City. We did reach out to the State of Ohio Division of Liquor Control and can share there is a maximum of six establishments in Montgomery that can hold a liquor license and there are currently six establishments with a liquor license while one additional establishment has applied for a liquor license and is awaiting review and approval. The total number of licenses are based upon total population of a jurisdiction.

The City of Montgomery maintains that serving alcohol at our Montgomery Community Pool could potentially detract from the family-friendly and safe environment that has been created over the years but as we do with all of our services, we continually monitor and evaluate to assure we're delivering the right services in the most effective and efficient way to our community.

Should you have further questions or would like to discuss further please feel free to contact our Recreation Coordinator, Julie Machon at 792-8316 or jmachon@ci.montgomery.oh.us.

Mayor Dobrozsi

Montgomery Park Explorer

Ages 2-5



Workbook

This workbook belongs to:

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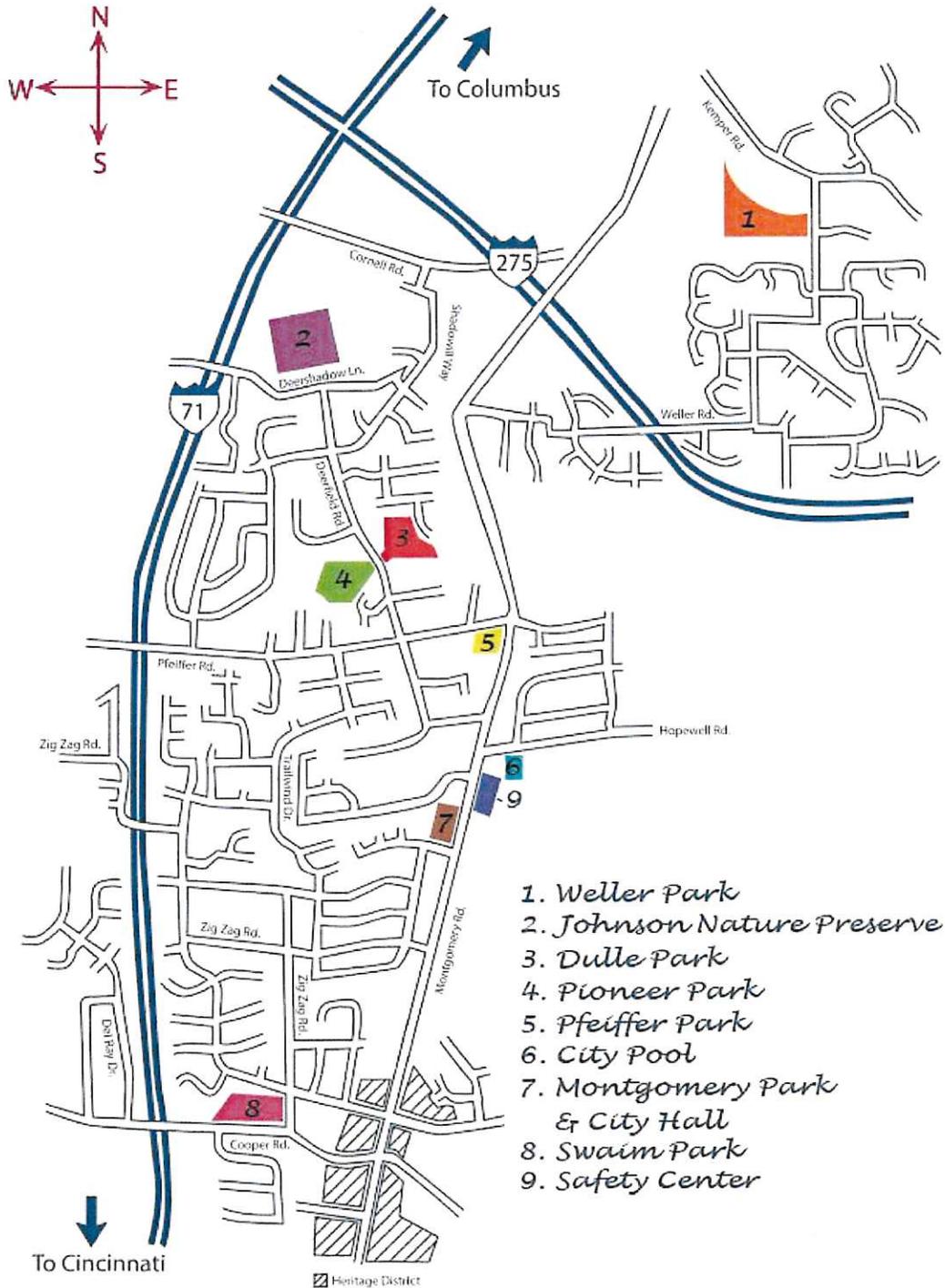
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Montgomery Parks Map



1. Weller Park
2. Johnson Nature Preserve
3. Dulle Park
4. Pioneer Park
5. Pfeiffer Park
6. City Pool
7. Montgomery Park & City Hall
8. Swaim Park
9. Safety Center

Weller Park

8832 Weller Road

Draw a line to match up the word with the picture of various details of Weller park.

SIGN

SAND

PLAYGROUND

PING PONG



Johnson Nature Preserve

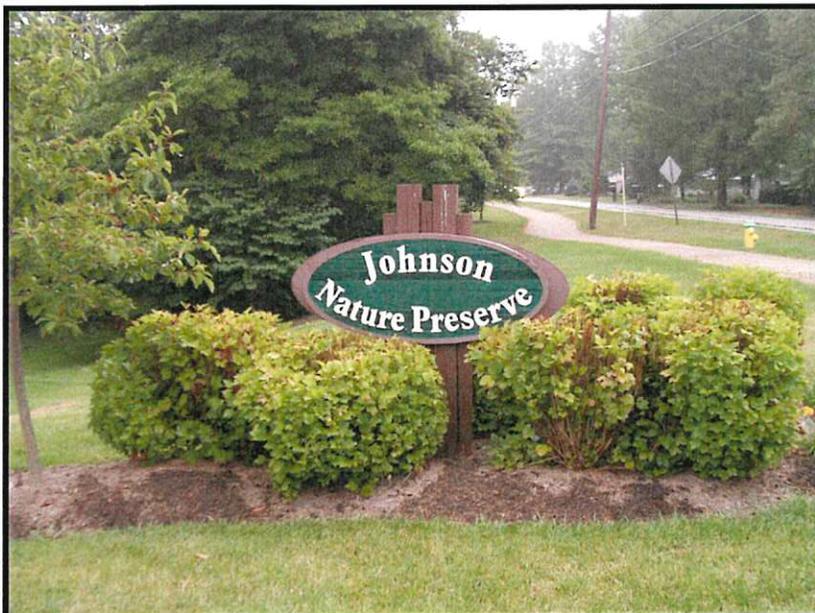
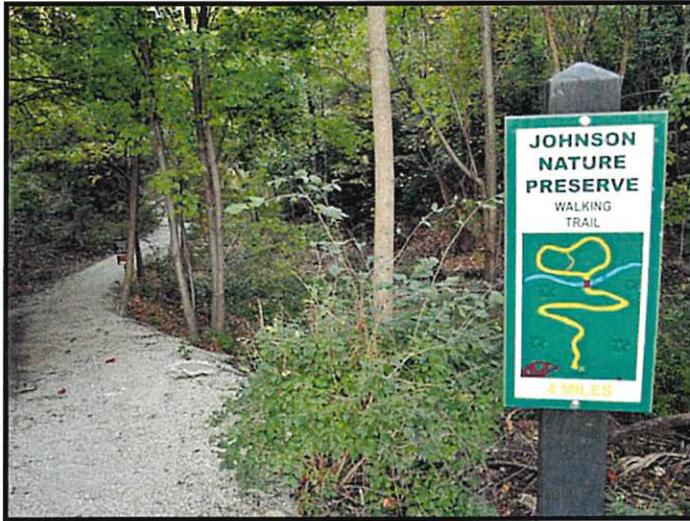
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Johnson Nature Preserve (JNP) is an urban forest and wildlife habitat.

Visit JNP and explore the habitat and see what you can find.

How many of this list can you find?

* HINT - You may also use the pictures on the trail signs to identify some of these items.



- Insect
- Spider
- Leaf
- Hole in a tree.
- Trail Sign
- Deer
- Round Rock
- Birds
- Picnic Table
- A Flower

How many did you find? ____

What is your favorite thing you saw? _____

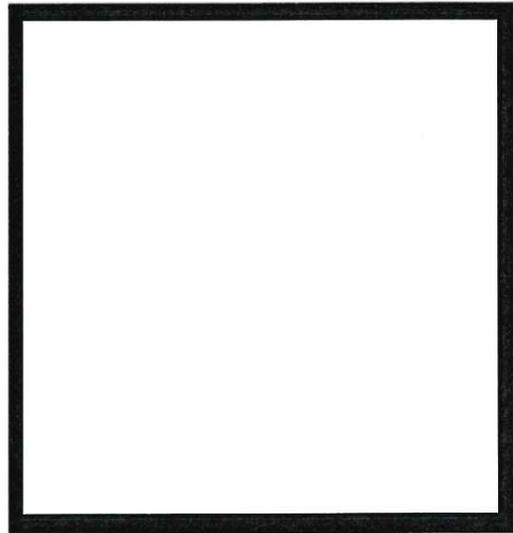
Dulle Park

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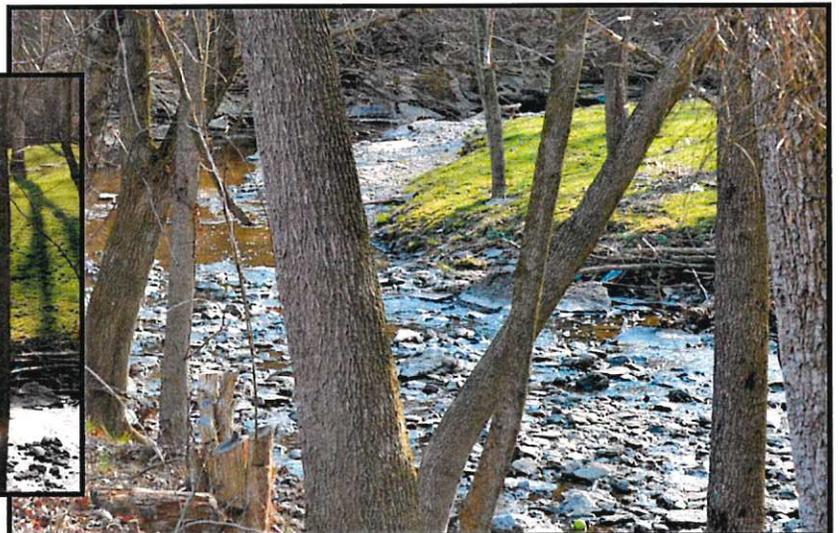
How many items on this list
can you find?

- Playground
- Ballfield
- Water
- Sign
- Lodge
- Frog
- Insect

How many did you find? _____

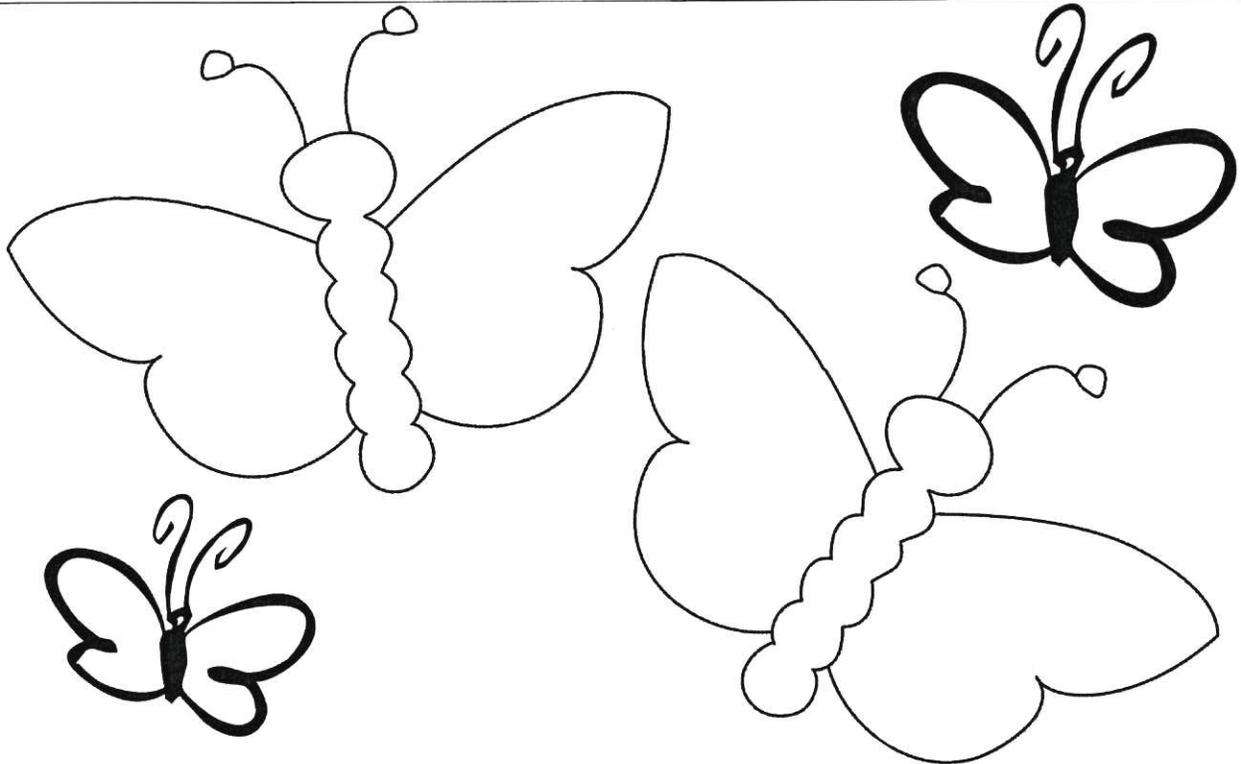


Draw a picture of yourself
playing in Sycamore Creek.



Pioneer Park

10505 Deerfield Road

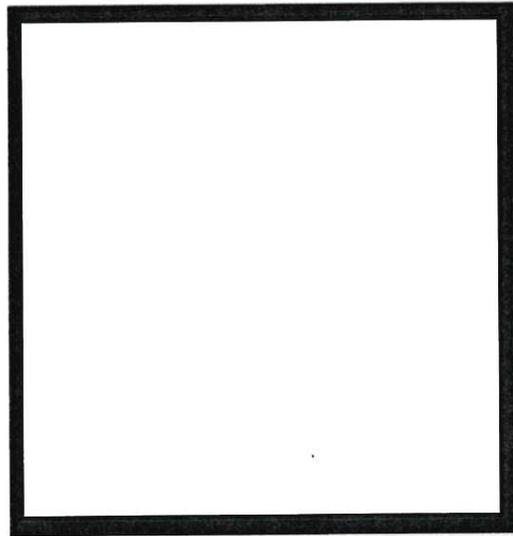


Pioneer Park is known for its 5 butterfly gardens. As you visit the butterfly gardens, color the butterflies above in any way that you imagine that the butterflies looks like.

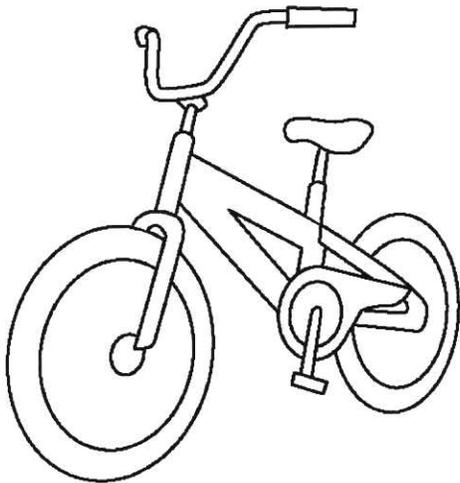


Pfeiffer Park

10391 Montgomery Road

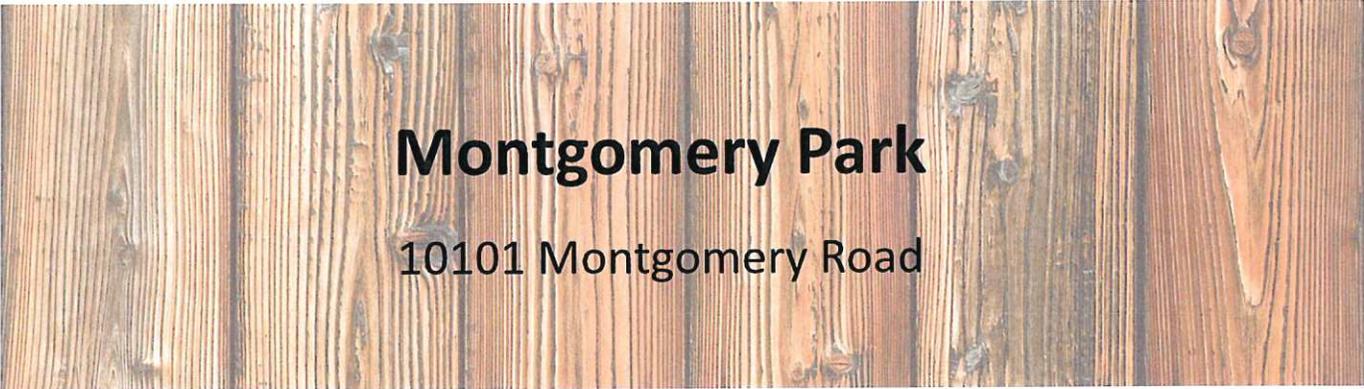


Draw a picture of yourself
visiting Pfeiffer Park.



**Pfeiffer Park is known for its
bike sculpture. After you visit
Pfeiffer Park.**

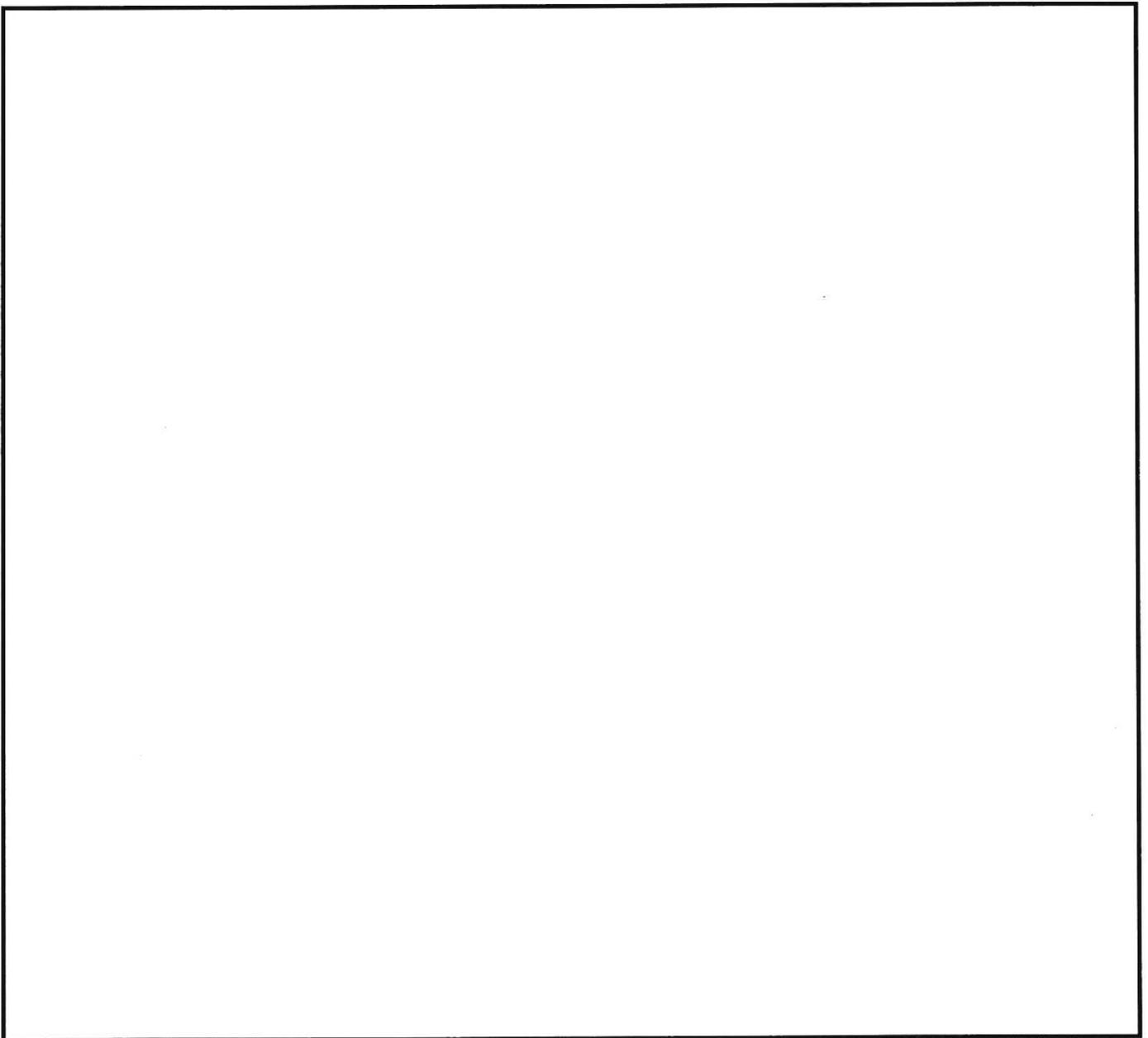
**Now its your turn to be the
artist. Color and design your
own bike sculpture.**



Montgomery Park

10101 Montgomery Road

Draw out your favorite place to visit within Montgomery Park.



Swaim Park

Corner of Zig Zag and Cooper Roads

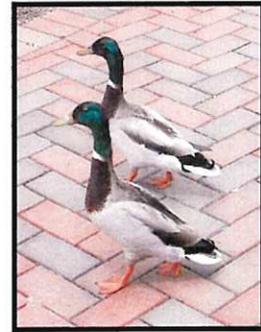
Draw a line to match up the word with the picture of various details of Swaim park.

PLAYGROUND

FLOWERS

DUCKS

POND



Completion Checklist



Activity Checklist

- Weller Park
- Johnson Nature Preserve
- Dulle Park
- Pioneer Park
- Pfeiffer Park
- Montgomery Park
- Swaim Park
- In the picture box to the left draw picture of yourself in your favorite Montgomery Park.

Child's Name

Childs Age

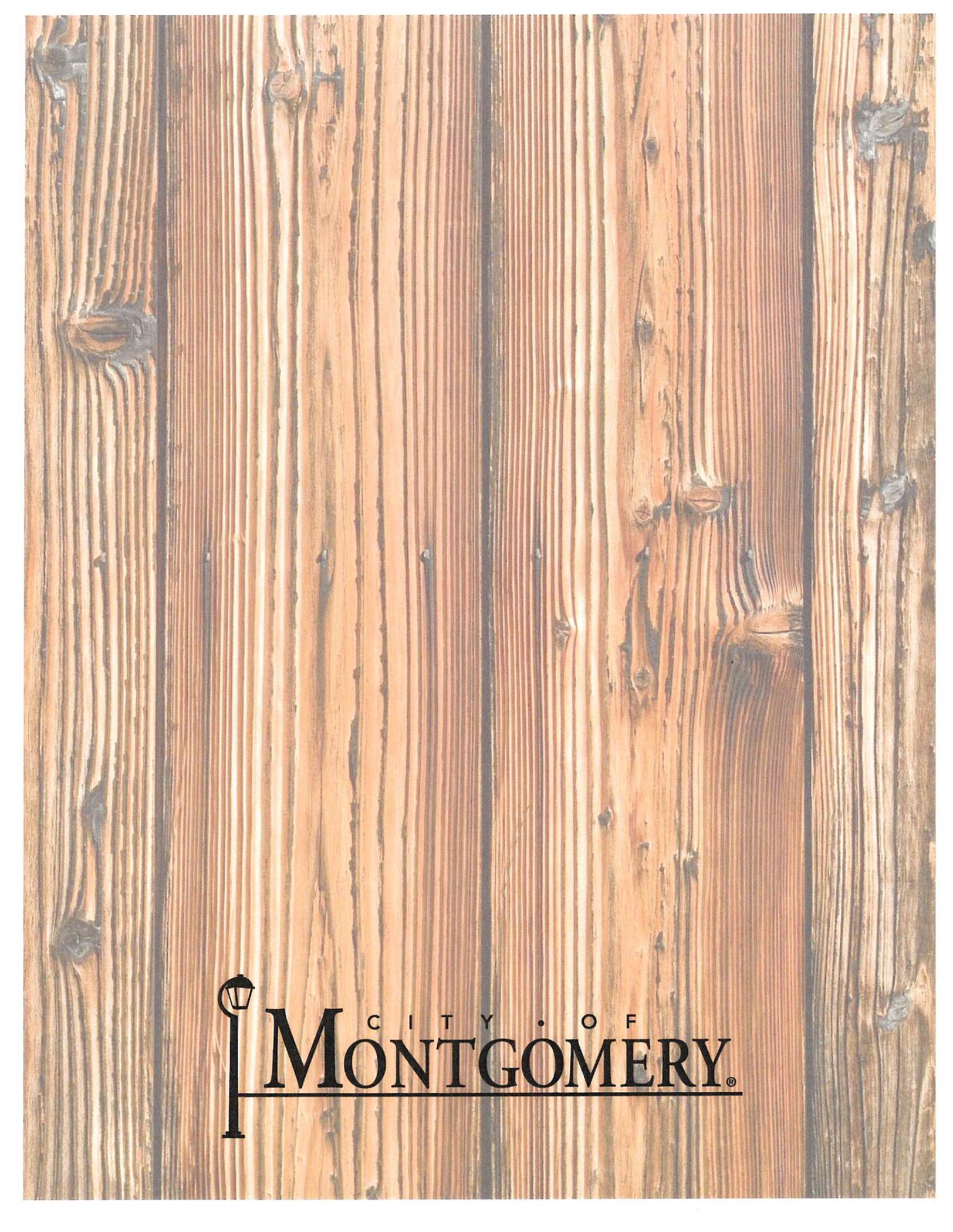
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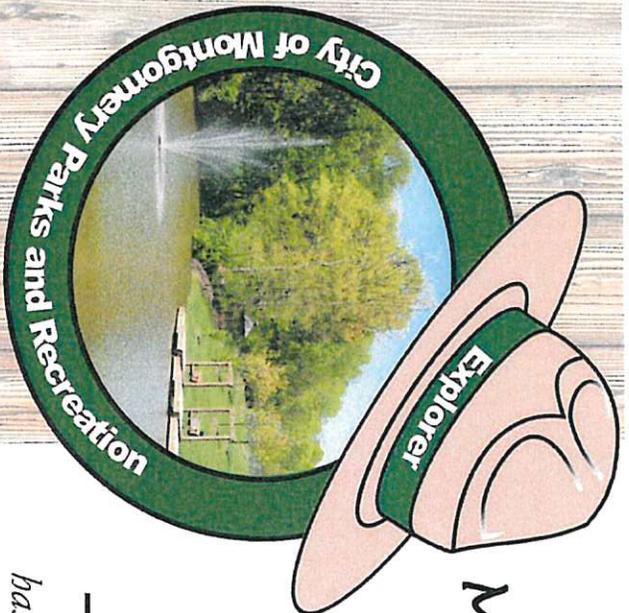
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Recreation Staff Signature

Date



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Let it be known that

on the eleventh day of September, 2017,

Western Fink

has completed all of the requirements of the Montgomery Park Explorer program for children ages 2-5 and is now an official

Montgomery Park Explorer

Jessie Marchetti _____ *9/11/17*
Signature - Julie Nacion (Recreation Coordinator) Date

Sarah Fink _____ *9/11/17*
Signature - Sarah Fink (Recreation Specialist) Date



Montgomery Park Explorer

Ages 6-12



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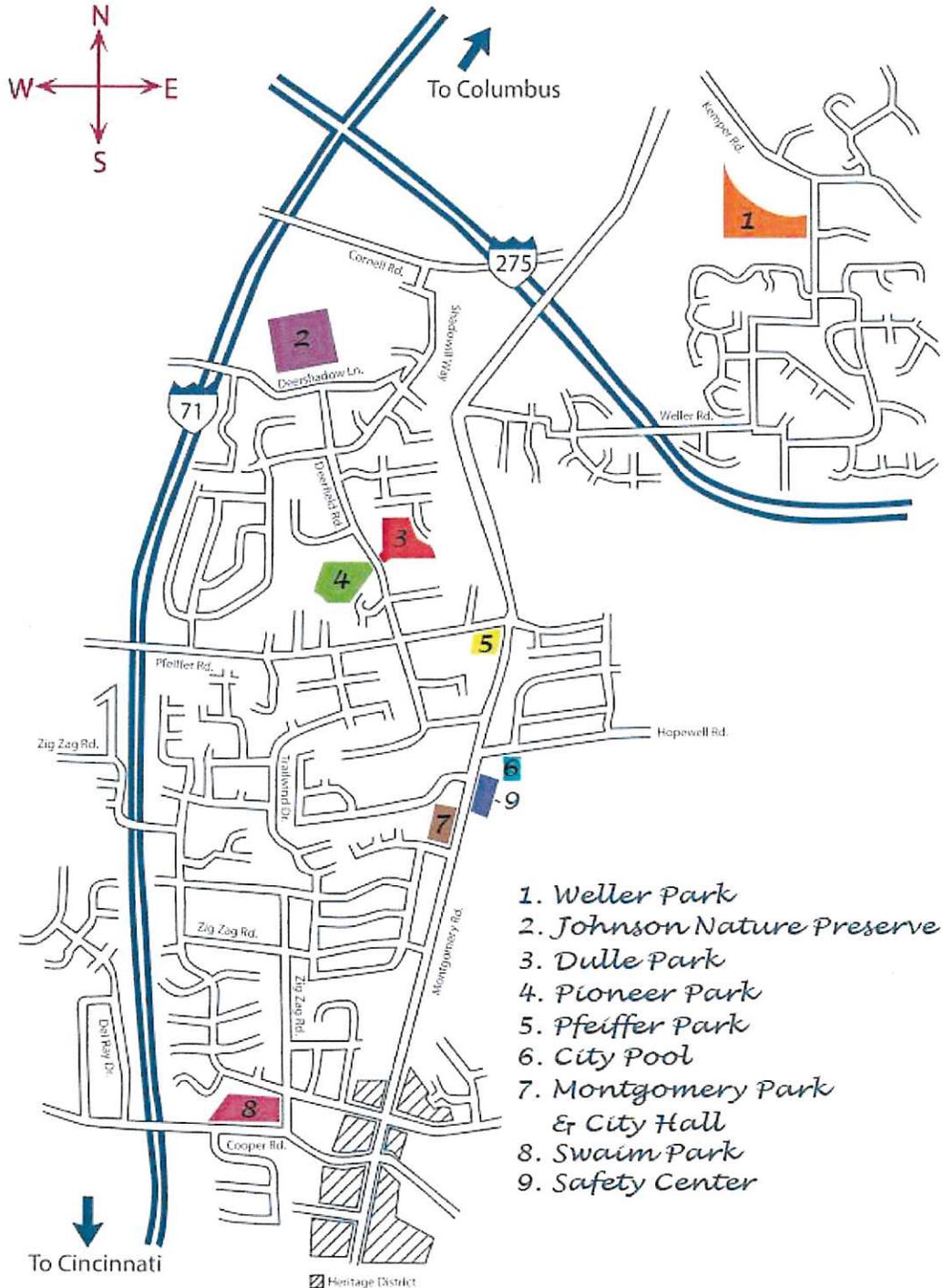
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Montgomery Parks Map



Weller Park

8832 Weller Road

Record in your journal what you noticed while in Weller Park today.

Date:

Park: *Weller Park*

Weather Observations (sun, clouds, rain?):

An interesting thing I learned about this park today:

My favorite thing about this park is:

I am happy this park is here because:

Johnson Nature Preserve

10840 Deerfield Road

For this page you will need to download the “Johnson Nature Preserve, Montgomery Ohio” app. The app can be found at www.montgomeryohio.org.

Circle all answers that apply.

*HINT - using the app is an fun way to learn the answers.

Cardinals, the state bird of Ohio, have what color beak?

- A) Red B) Black C) Tan

Trillium (Ohio’s wildflower) has seeds that are spread by _____?

- A) Ants B) Bumblebees C) Hummingbirds

The flowers of the Marsh Marigolds and other buttercup flowers do what when the sun sets?

- A) Attract moths and bats B) Close C) Change color

The Sycamore Creek box turtles that are boys have what color eyes?

- A) Red B) Yellow C) Green

What tree species, once the world’s largest example, stood in Montgomery until 1972 when it was toppled by a storm?

- A) Sycamore B) Swamp White Oak C) Shingle Oak

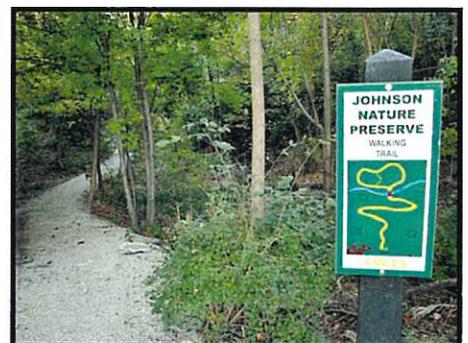
What two Indian tribes used the Montgomery area as hunting grounds?

- A) Miami B) Cherokee C) Shawnee

What two colors do White-Tailed Deer have a hard time seeing?

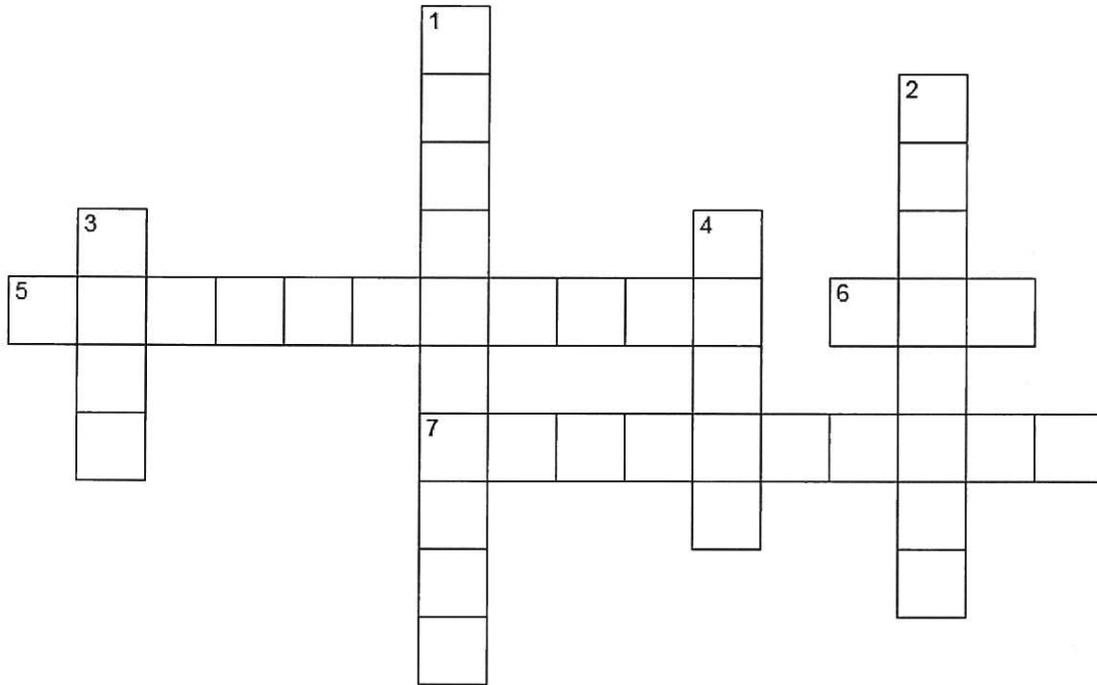
- A) Red B) Orange
C) Green D) Blue

What is the coolest thing you learned about Johnson Nature Preserve? _____



Dulle Park

10530 Deerfield Road



ACROSS

5. What is the name of the lodge located at this park?
6. Does the park have a picnic shelter?
7. What sport has two hoops?



DOWN

1. What new sport can be found here on the tennis court?
2. What popular sport is played on a diamond shaped field?
3. How many slides are here?
4. What kind of body of water is found at this park?

Pfeiffer Park

10391 Montgomery Road

Selfie at Pfeiffer Park!

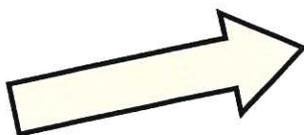
Draw a picture of yourself in the park!



BONUS POINTS: Post a picture to social media of your favorite Montgomery Park. Use the hashtag #MontyExplorer when you post it!

Always remember to ask a parent before sharing pictures on social media and the internet!

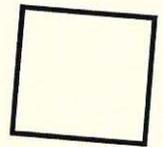
Write a letter to a friend who you think would enjoy this park.



Dear, _____

From,

To:



Montgomery Park

10101 Montgomery Road

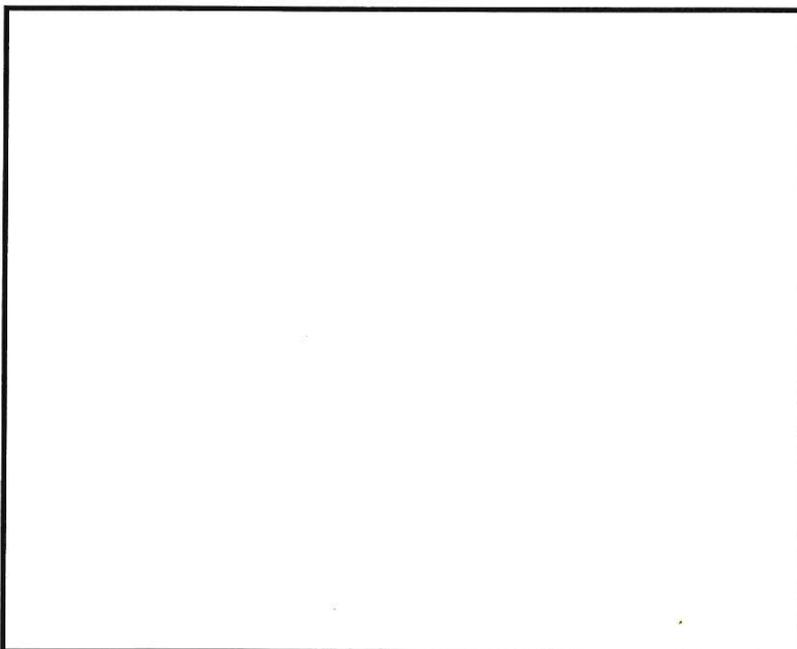
There are 10 different kinds of trees in this park.

Name FIVE of these trees:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

At the City Hall parking lot entrance to the park there is a large paver stone in the sidewalk recognizing Montgomery's many volunteers. What is the 5 word quote at the bottom of the Volunteer Walk of Fame Paver?

Draw your favorite place in Montgomery Park!



What year was Montgomery incorporated as a Village?

*HINT - There is a plaque located within the park with the answer.

Swaim Park

Corner of Zig Zag and Cooper Roads

There are 20 different kinds of trees in this park. Name EIGHT of these trees:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

What are FOUR sports that can be played at specific places at this park?

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

What organization does the gazebo celebrate? _____

What building in the park is on the National Register of Historic Places?

In the park there is a plaque that says "In honor of those who serve in the defense of our country". What is this located near?

Completion Checklist



Activity Checklist

- Weller Park
- Johnson Nature Preserve
- Dulle Park
- Pioneer Park
- Pfeiffer Park
- Montgomery Park
- Swaim Park
- In the picture box to the left draw picture of yourself in your favorite Montgomery Park.

Child's Name

Childs Age

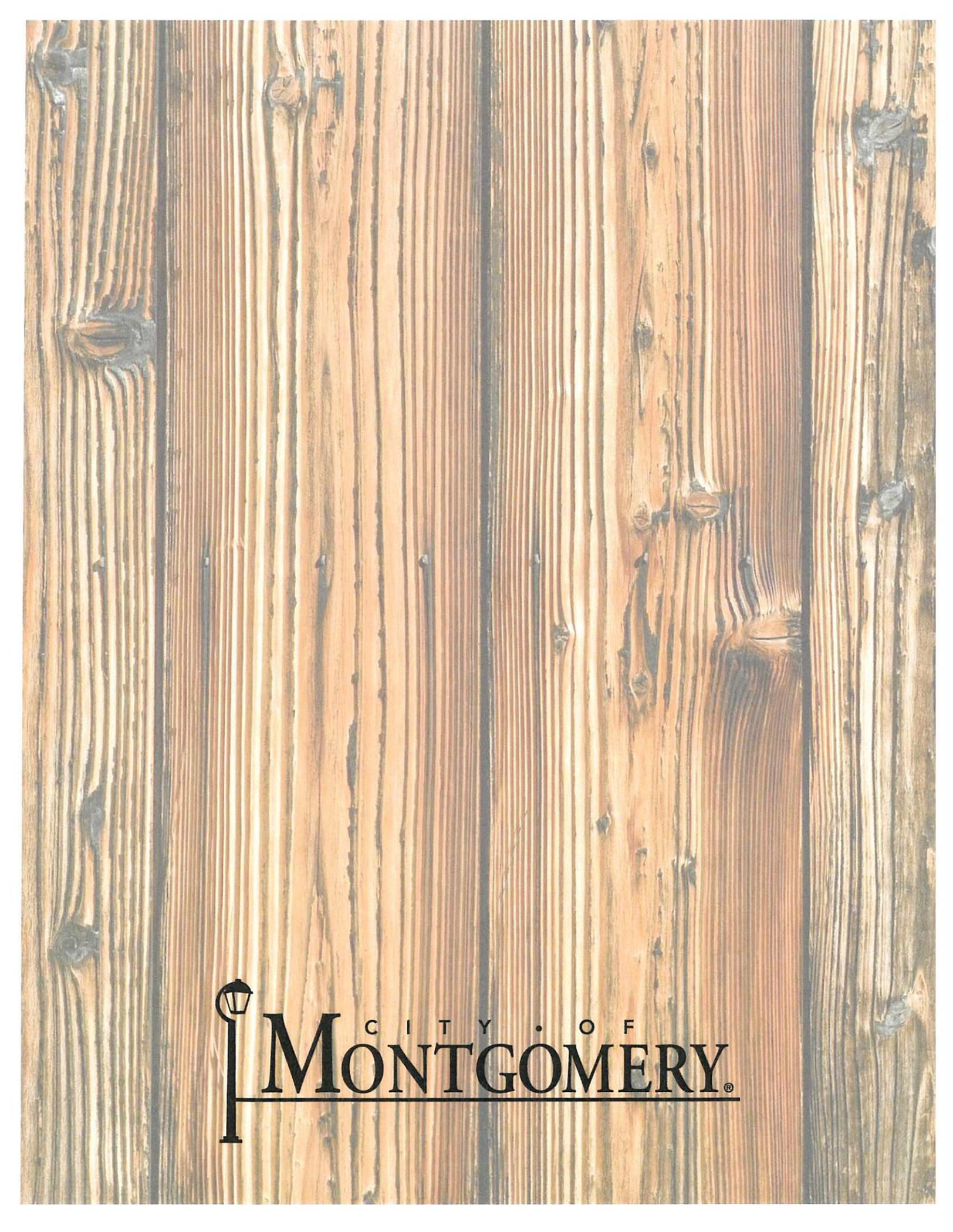
Phone Number

Email Address

Bring your completed workbook to City Hall. City Hall is located at 10101 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, Ohio 45242. A member of our recreation team will review the workbook and call you when your certificate and badge is ready. Your completed workbook will be given back to you to keep with your certificate and badge.

Recreation Staff Signature

Date



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Montgomery Parks & Recreation

Let it be known that
on the eleventh day of September, 2017,

Abby Machon

has completed all of the requirements of the Montgomery Park Explorer program for children ages 6-12 and is now an official

Montgomery Park Explorer

Abby Machon _____ 9/11/17
Signature - Julie Machon (Recreation Coordinator) Date

Sarah Fink _____ 9/11/17
Signature - Sarah Fink (Recreation Specialist) Date



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City of Montgomery
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
September 12, 2016

Present

Brian Riblet, Public Works Director
Julie Machon, Recreation Coordinator
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council

Committee Members Present

Lynda Roesch, Chair
Gerri Harbison
Mike Cappel

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council convened in Council Chambers at 3:30 p.m. with Ms. Roesch presiding.

Review of Summer Pool Season

Ms. Machon, Recreation Coordinator and Pool Manager, reviewed the 2016 pool statistics with the Committee. She stated that memberships had increased from 652 in 2015 to 684 in 2016. She attributed this increase partly to the pool heater. Ms. Machon also stated that referrals were down in 2016 with only 58 refunds processed. This could be because of the steady rise in memberships over the past few years making it harder to find non-members to refer. Ms. Machon stated that attendance set a record high this summer, totaling 23,030 visits. She noted that this is double from what was recorded in 2013. She noted that on June 11, 2016, 642 people visited the pool. This was a record high for one day's attendance and she credited the consistently high temperatures this summer for it. Ms. Machon stated that the Makos Swim Team hosted four swim meets this season and has remained a desired team to be on with 124 members this year. She noted that swim lessons were down this year due to offering one less swim session because of Sycamore Schools schedule. She reminded the Committee that most life guards and instructors are students that were unable to work due to their school schedule.

Ms. Machon explained that feedback received from the annual survey indicated that members were requesting more seating in a shaded area.

Mr. Riblet stated that a placeholder was recorded in the 2018 budget in the amount of \$50,000 for a shade structure. He stated that he would look for available grant funding to supplement the cost of the structure.

The Committee suggested buying additional chairs to place under the trees for the 2017 season.

Mr. Riblet stated that there is a request for a generator in the 2017 budget. He explained that any loss of electric would result in loss of frozen and refrigerated food at the concession stand.

SwimSafe Contract

Mr. Riblet explained that a three-year contract was entered into with SwimSafe for the period including 2011, 2012, and 2013 and that Resolution #3, 2014 authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for our current contract including years 2014, 2015, and 2016. He explained that the current contract is scheduled to end on October 31, 2016, however, a two-year contract continuation option is available. He further stated that SwimSafe has proven to be quick in their responsiveness to issues, proactive in their maintenance of issues, and provide good leadership to their

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employees including a continuity of staff which enables opportunities for improved customer service levels at the municipal swimming pool.

Mr. Riblet stated that staff would recommend that the current contract with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. be extended for option years 2017 and 2018 in the amounts of \$125,530 and \$126,530 respectively. If approved, staff would request legislation to be considered at the September 21, 2016 City Council Work Session with final City Council approval being considered at the October 5, 2016 City Council Business Session.

The Committee discussed the management by SwimSafe and felt that they do a good job working with members and staff.

Mr. Cappel moved to extend the contract as requested for years 2017 and 2018. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Minutes

Mr. Cappel moved to approve the February 5, 2016 Committee minutes. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel moved for adjournment. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Chair