

WHITEHALL PARKS AND RECREATION

OPRA Foundation Administrative Grant: Park Ranger Outreach Final Report / Summary

In the spring of 2017, Whitehall Parks and Recreation launched its “Urban Park Ranger” program. This was an effort to make the city’s park safer and cleaner spaces for Whitehall’s residents. This program was recognized by OPRA with a second place award in the Law Enforcement category for 2017.

In the fall of 2017, with the assistance of the OPRA Foundation Administrative grant, Whitehall Parks and Recreation was able to expand this program by offering outreach programs to the city’s youth and families.

The grant funds allowed for the purchase of supplies and promotional print pieces (in addition to financial contributions from the department) (see attached). Staff developed the Mad Scientist program and the Santa’s Elves program in order to participate in partnered community events with the Whitehall Community Celebration Association, thus reaching a wider audience in the community. Other programs offered include a disc golf clinic, nature walks, skins and skulls, archery, painting, fire building, and environmental education (see attached).

Participation results have varied and the department continues to closely track attendance to best determine future programming. In addition to the program’s actual content, times and dates seem to factor heavily in the success of a program and the department is now working more closely with community partners so as not to duplicate efforts or compete with other worthy outside programming.

Outreach and program efforts have been successful in that our Rangers have been invited by the local school district to participate in Career Day and Safety Town. And too, our Rangers have also presented the Skins and Skulls program to the city’s YMCA after school program by request.

Whitehall Parks and Recreation is pleased to have reached approximately 850 participants (of all ages) in the first 9 months of programming and is eager to build on this momentum.

The durable supplies purchased with the Foundation's grant will continue to serve the department's outreach efforts for many years, and its generosity is greatly appreciated in the department and community at large.

Park Ranger Programs

Whiethall Parks and Recreation

MAD SCIENTIST	
Date	participants
10/14/2017	75
10/21/2018	75

DISC GOLF	
Date	participants
9/25/17 -	15
10/16/2017	
4/23/18-	4
6/4/2018	

NATURE WALKS	
Date	participants
11/11/2017	5
12/2/2017	3
12/9/2017	4
1/20/2018	0
3/17/2018	3
4/28/2018	4

SKINS AND SKULLS	
Date	participants
3/31/2018	8
4/24/2018	60
4/25/2018	60
4/26/2018	60
4/27/2018	60

ARCHERY	
Date	participants
5/12/2018	15
5/26/2018	5
6/9/2018	5

PAINTING	
Date	participants
11/18/2017	12
2/10/2018	25
4/7/2018	32

FIRE BUILDING/ BOW DRILL	
Date	participants
3/3/2018	0

CAREER DAY	
Date	participants
4/19/2018	150+

SANTA'S ELVES	
Date	participants
12/16/2017	150

SAFETY TOWN	
Date	participants
5/1/2018-	
5/2/2018	20

ENVIRONMENTAL ED.	
Date	participants
9/23/2017	0
10/7/2017	0
10/15/2017	0
10/28/2017	0

**OPRAF Administrative Grant, Direct Expenses
Whitehall Parks and Recreation**

9/7/2017	Promotional flyer "2017 Fall Happenings"	\$332.10
9/29/2017	Mad Scientist supplies	\$128.15
10/11/2017	Promotional postcard "Hit the Great Outdoors" (from general budget)	\$96.90 \$96.91
1/25/2018	Archery Warning signs and stands Bows, arrows, targets (from general fund)	\$264.20 \$4,026.77
2/1/2018	Skins and Skulls teaching set (from general budget)	\$723.31 \$1,416.96

ThisWeek COMMUNITY NEWS

Learning animals inside and out

By **KEVIN CORVO**

THISWEEKNEWS.COM

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Outdoor wildlife came indoors at Whitehall's first Skins and Skulls, held March 31 at Whitehall Community Park.

The inaugural event drew children and senior citizens who had the opportunity to view the authentic pelts, molded skulls and synthetic "scat," otherwise known as poop, of a variety of animals.

Cory Ollie, Whitehall's parks and recreation coordinator, presented the program.

Ollie, who earned a degree in environmental education at Bowling Green State University, said he picked up the program while working for Toledo Metro Parks.

"I changed it a little bit," he said, including adding the "scat" element, and asked to add it to Whitehall's programming.

Brian Reis of Whitehall brought his son, Briden, 6, and daughter, Bristol, 4, to the event.

"I thought they'd have fun with this, and they did," Reis said.

Those who attended said they learned several new facts about animals, while others had some ready answers.

With the help of a hint, Bristol deduced that Ollie was displaying the molded skull of a bat.

"How did you know that?" Briden asked his sister.

Lenora Miller, a member of the Whitehall Senior Center, was among several seniors at the event and said she learned that a common prey of badgers is groundhogs.

Among the animals whose "skins and skulls" were shown included a raccoon, coyote, beaver, badger, skunk, squirrel, red fox and a white-tailed deer.

While no date has been set for the next session, Ollie said he plans to make it a continuing program of the city's parks and recreation department.

For more information, visit the city's website, www.whitehall-oh.us.

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PARK PARTY @ JOHN BISHOP PARK JUNE 3RD 4PM

4790 Langely Ave.
Whitehall Ohio, 43213
614-863-0121

Live Music by Nacho Band and
SHAZZBOTS @6pm!

Food!

Bounce Houses!

COSI!

MUCH MORE!

Presented by Mayor Maggard
&

Parks Commission



Explore, Discover and Create with free programs

Visit the website for details
Archery, Nature Walks,
Fire Building
& Skins, Skulls and Scat



Disc Golf

Enjoy one of the best 9 hole courses on the East Side @ Whitehall Community Park



Music in the Park

Sundays @ 6pm

John Lacorte Ampitheatre

June 3 Park Party ft. NACHO Band, Shazzbots, and much more!
June 10 Waterloo 5
June 17 Noe Salsa Project
June 24 British Invasion
July 8 New Basics Brass Band
July 15 Dan Orr Project
July 22 RockHouse
July 29 Perfect Timing
August 5 Buzzard Kings
August 12 Old Cellar Band

The Splashpad
@ John Bishop
Park

Summer hours

Monday-Saturday
12-7pm
Sunday
12-6pm



Open May 25th @ 5pm.

Please bring proof of child's age and residency



Contact us:

www.whitehall.oh-us

614-863-0121

www.facebook.com/cityofwhitehall

www.twitter.com/cityofwhitehall

Whitehall Yoga

Tuesday: Hatha Plus with Nancy
Wednesday: Gentle Yoga with Mary
Thursday: Yoga Fun-damentals with Cynthia

Adults
\$3/class



Call to
Purchase
Card



GET UP, GET OUT, AND START WALKING

Whitehall Weekly Walks!!
All are welcome
All walks begin @ 11am
2018 April - August

1st Monday
1 mile loop
meeting at Whitehall
Community Park

2nd Tuesday
1.44 mile loop
meeting at City Hall

3rd Wednesday
1.5 mile Figure 8
meeting at
Whitehall Senior
Center

4th Thursday
5k meeting at City
Hall



2018 Spring Programs @
Whitehall Community Park
Register 614-863-0121



Disc Golf Clinic
Mondays 4/23-6/4
@ 6pm
K-12

Nature Walk
Saturday 4/28
@1pm
All Ages

Beginner Archery
Saturdays 5/12 &
5/26 @ 1pm
Ages 8+



**The Splashpad @
John Bishop Park
opens May 25**

More details at
www.whitehall-oh.us

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red top and shorts, is hiking on a dirt trail in a forest. She has a blue backpack and is looking down at a rock on the path. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees.

HERE'S A GENTLE REMINDER TO

Hit the great outdoors!

Go on a digital detox. Take a stroll around the park. Breathe in some fresh air. Get some sunshine on you.

You'll thank yourself tomorrow.

You Pic It: Managing Wildlife w/Technology

October 28, 2-3pm
Grades 9 - 12



City of
WHITEHALL
Opportunity is Here

Parks and Recreation Department

Programs are FREE.
Space is limited. PREREGISTER
www.whitehall-oh.us 614-863-0121

Programs meet @ Whitehall Community
Park in front of the Activity Center @
402 N. Hamilton Road

Nature Walk with a Ranger

Journey through one of Whitehall's
hidden gems

Animals November 11, 3-3:45 pm

Plants December 2, 3-3:45 pm

Animals December 9, 3-3:45 pm

All ages

Paint the Colors of Whitehall

Come and paint the beautiful
colors of fall at Whitehall

Community Park.

Supplies provided
or bring your own.

November 18, 3-4 pm

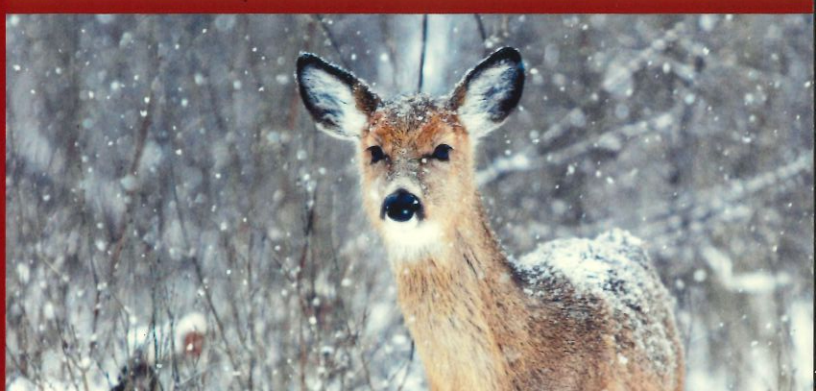
Youth and families.



TAKE A LEAP

INTO THE WILD!

TAKE A CHILL
PILL FROM YOUR
DAILY ROUTINE
BREATHE IN
SOME FRESH
WINTER AIR
COME PLAY IN
THE PARKS.



Snacks and Hot Beverages Provided

New Year, New Park

Take a winter walk with our Director to ask questions about the upcoming changes to all of our parks

January 6, Noon-1PM



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@ 402 N. Hamilton Road

Winter Play Day

Playing in the snow is a great way to enjoy our beautiful park in this cold season

January 20, 1-2PM

The Amphitheater at John Bishop Park
Youth and families

Paint in the Park

We bring back our Painting in the Park series for Valentine's Day. Supplies will be provided, or bring your own personal supplies

February 10, 1:30-2:30PM

All ages

Primitive Skills: Bow Drill

Come make your own primitive fire starter, a bow drill. Learn one of the oldest ways to start a fire, while learning basic fire safety

March 3, 1:30-3PM

Ages 10 and up





2017 FALL HAPPENINGS

**OCTOBER 14 10:00 am to 3:00 pm ANTIQUE SHOW AND CAR SHOW
WITH WATERLOO5 BAND AND FOOD TRUCKS
WHITEHALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND WCCA
WHITEHALL COMMUNITY PARK, 402 N. HAMILTON ROAD**

**OCTOBER 21 10:00 am TRICK OR TREAT 5K WALK/RUN fee online
DQ LITTLE MONSTER DASH free w/pre-registration**

**[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/OH/WHITEHALL/TRICKORTREAK5KRUN](https://runsignup.com/race/oh/whitehall/trickortreak5krun)
BENEFITING EMPLOYMENT FOR SENIORS**

**REGISTER NOW! YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
ELEMENTARY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
CONTACT: YMCA, JOANNA HECK (614)999-5859**

**COMMUNITY YOGA CLASSES \$3/CLASS
(614) 863-0121 WWW.WHITEHALL-OH.US**



WHITEHALL PARKS & RECREATION

2017 FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

All programs are FREE. Space is limited so parents are encouraged to preregister their students at www.whitehall-oh.us, or 614-863-0121

All programs meet at Whitehall Community Park in front of the Activity Center (402 N. Hamilton Rd.)

MONDAYS, SEPT. 25 - OCT. 16, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, grades 1 and up
BEGINNER DISC GOLF: LEARN FUNDAMENTALS OF DISC GOLF. TOURNAMENT ON THE LAST DAY. DISCS WILL BE PROVIDED

SEPTEMBER 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, grades K - 3
ANIMAL CHARADES: EXPLORE DOMESTICATED AND WILD ANIMALS

OCTOBER 7, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, grades 4 - 6
CAREER CRITTERS: SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS!

OCTOBER 15, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, grades 6 - 8
YOUR FOOTPRINT: IMPACTING THE OUTDOORS

OCTOBER 28, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, grades 9 - 12
YOU PIC IT: MANAGING WILDLIFE WITH TECHNOLOGY

**** Parents must accompany students grade 8 and below ****

Splashpad John Bishop Park

Hours, Membership, Rules and Info
www.whitehall-oh.us

Setup household online for faster entry
www.clients.mindbodyonline.com

Look for us at school events for registration.

Open to ages 10 & under with proof of
Whitehall residency & age at first visit
Non-residents \$5 & provide proof of age

**Check the website for the special event &
activity lineup**

55+ Experiences

VA Benefits Workshop March 8 2pm
Ashford on Broad 1-800-229-9666 to RSVP

Aging: When to Step In March 23 11am
Ashford on Broad 614-641-2995 to RSVP

Columbus Zoo Senior Safari April 5 2pm
Whitehall Senior Center 614-863-0121 to RSVP

*Celebrate Arbor Day and
Earth Day with these fun activities*

Keep Whitehall Beautiful Service Day

April 21 8:30am-11am

Meet at Whitehall Community Park

Lunch provided to volunteers.

Sign up individuals, families, and
groups: www.whitehall-oh.us

Whitehall Community Park Party

April 21 12-3pm

Fun for the whole family! Enjoy food
trucks, disc golf activities & live music.

Spring Clean-Up Days

April 22-May 6

Residents can dispose of larger items
by placing at the curb for removal.
Excludes refrigerators, freezers, air
conditioners and hazardous materials.

**Please check the city website and
Facebook for upcoming events:**

"A Safer Whitehall Town Hall Meeting" with
Whitehall Police Chief, Mike Crispen

State of the City Address



Parks and Recreation Youth & Family Programs

Must pre-register 614-863-0121

Fire Building Practice safe fire construction
March 3 1-2pm Whitehall Community Park

Nature Walk Ranger led through Whitehall
Community Park
March 17 & April 28 1-2pm

Skins and Skulls Examine skins & skulls of Ohio's
most common wildlife
March 31 1-2pm Whitehall Community Park

Painting in the Park Step-by-step painting by the
pros from "Paint Parties For Fun." Supplies
provided. \$5 to register
April 7 1-3pm Whitehall Community Park

Yoga

\$3/Class, pre-purchase card 614-863-0121

Mondays 4pm	Etna Rd. Elementary
Tuesdays 6:30pm	Kae Avenue Elementary
Wednesdays 6:30pm	Beechwood Elementary
Thursdays 7pm	Kae Avenue Elementary

Partner Programs

**WYAA Baseball, Softball &
Ragball** Ages 3-18

Questions? 614-620-7675
Sign-ups Saturdays in March 10am-2pm
Holiday Lanes, 4589 E Broad Street

WCCA Easter Egg Hunt

March 24 10am John Bishop Park

Victory Ministries

RSVP 614-252-2500

Cooking & Nutrition March 6 11am-12:30pm

Medical & Vision Clinic March 8
Registration at 5:30pm. For uninsured
individuals & Medicaid recipients.

Food Pantry & Clothing Boutique
Tuesday-Friday 12-3pm



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2018 Spring Happenings



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