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

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Learning animals inside and out

By KEVIN CORVO
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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

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CREDIT UNION
A better way to bank

City of WHITEHALL
Opportunity is Here

The Ashford
on Broad
Assisted Living Community
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

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

Contact us:
www.whitehall.oh-us
614-863-0121
www.facebook.com/cityofwhitehall
www.twitter.com/cityofwhitehall
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
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

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

TAKE A LEAP INTO THE WILD!
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

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

City of
WHITEHALL
Opportunity is Here

Parks and Recreation Department
Programs are FREE.
Space is limited. PREREREGISTER
www.whitehall-oh.us 614-863-0121

Programs meet @ Whitehall Community Park in front of the Activity Center unless otherwise noted
@ 402 N. Hamilton Road
2017 FALL HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 14 10:00 am to 3:00 pm ANTIQUE SHOW AND CAR SHOW WITH WATERLOOS5 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/TRICKORTREAT5KRUN 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
Tuesdays 6:30pm
Wednesdays 6:30pm
Thursdays 7pm
Etna Rd. Elementary
Kae Avenue Elementary
Beechwood Elementary
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

2018 Spring Happenings
Whitehall Parks and Recreation