





# commissioners' message

Spring/Summer 2026

## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS



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The Board of Park Commissioners meets in regular session typically the second Tuesday of each month at the Juilfs Park office at 6 p.m. See AndersonParks.com for the schedule.

## community

Parks play a vital role in strengthening communities by providing opportunities for recreation, supporting mental and physical well-being, promoting environmental sustainability, and fostering social connection. As welcoming gathering spaces, parks bring individuals and families together to exercise, play and enjoy nature.

The Anderson Park District extends its sincere appreciation to Township residents for approving the operating levy in November 2025. Passing with 67 percent voter support – the highest approval rate since the district's founding in 1975 – the levy will fund park operations through 2036. This ten-year levy ensures the continued delivery of essential services, including large-scale community events, summer concerts, day camps, and a wide variety of programs and activities offered throughout the year. It also supports the ongoing maintenance of more than 500 acres of parkland for public enjoyment.

The 2026 calendar includes many popular events residents have come to expect, including Oktoberfest, the Summer Concert Series, Free Friday Fun, Trucks & Tractors, and A Fair of the Arts. Residents are encouraged to visit AndersonParks.com to explore programs, amenities, and opportunities and to save important dates.

The Board of Park Commissioners recently made the difficult decision to not subsidize Anderson Day for 2026. Anderson Day has been a valued community tradition for more than 25 years, hosted by the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation. We thank volunteers, sponsors, partners, and attendees who made Anderson Day so meaningful for so many. Declining sponsorship revenue and increased costs have resulted in ongoing financial losses. In keeping with its commitment to fiscal responsibility, the Board determined that continued subsidization is not currently sustainable. The Foundation will seek community input for its events moving forward. The Park District remains proud of and focused on delivering a wide range of successful events and programs for the community, offering over 250 programs a year.

Several park improvements are planned for 2026 as a result of the 2023 capital levy. Projects include trail renovations at W. M. Johnson Hills Park, a new bike park at Clear Creek Park in partnership with the Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA), and restroom and ADA-accessibility improvements at Laverty Lane.

More information is available at www.AndersonParks.com



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### 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

**PATHS**

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| W. M. JOHNSON HILLS PARK | Natural Surface Trail Renovation |

**POTTIES**

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| LAVERTY PARK | New Restroom Unit |

**PLAYABILITY**

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| RIVERSIDE PARK | Ballfield infields converted from dirt to all weather (with lights) |
| CLEAR CREEK PARK | Bike Park |

## VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

### Great American Cleanup

**Saturday, March 28th**
**9 a.m. - Noon**

Get your hands dirty for a few hours as you participate in mulching and landscape projects at Beech Acres Park during the annual Great American Cleanup!
All supplies and lunch provided.

Register online by March 25 at AndersonParks.com.

