

COVINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

PROGRAM AND EVENTS GUIDE

2024



Youth Programs

** - Registration is required for this program.



YOUTH SOCCER**

An introduction to the basics of soccer.

Saturdays in April and May at Austinburg Park.

April 13, 20, 27, and May 11, 18.

- Ages 4-6 practice from 10AM-11AM.
- Ages 7-9 practice from 11AM-12PM.

COV-TIVITIES

Fun and engaging activities such as games or arts and crafts at Randolph Pool or Latonia Water Park from 1PM-3PM.

- Mondays: switch off every other week between Latonia Water Park and Randolph Pool starting Monday June 10th at Latonia Water Park
- Wednesdays: Randolph Pool.
- Fridays: Latonia Water Park.

USE YOUR NOODLE- LEARNING AT THE POOL

Fun literacy-based activities at the aquatic facilities on Thursdays.

- Activities at Latonia Water Park will be focused on ages 3-6 years old.
- Activities at Randolph Pool will focus on ages 6-9 years old.
- Randolph Pool: June 13, 27, and July 11, 25.
- Latonia Water Park: June 20, July 18, August 1.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP**

A beginner basketball course designed to introduce children ages 8-12 to the fundamentals of the game. The camp runs July 8-11 from 10am-11:30am at the Randolph Park painted basketball courts.

ARCHERY**

An introduction to the sport of Archery for ages 8-13. The camp will be held July 29-August 2 from 10:30am-12pm at the David Housley Shelter in Randolph Park.

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General Programs

PICKLEBALL

Open Play -We will teach new players

Nets, balls, and paddles provided. Please wear closed toed shoes.

Tuesdays 6PM -8PM, Locations rotate, check our Facebook @covparks for the most up to date location.

COVINGTON NATURE TREKKERS

Explore the diverse trails of Covington with us! We will have the opportunity to observe wildlife, including birdwatching, and appreciate the local flora. All ages are welcome to join. The hike will cover 2-3 miles and the duration will vary based on the pace of participants.

Licking River Greenway Trail

Saturday June 29th, 10:00AM.

Meet at Randolph Park near the David Housley Pavilion.

Devou Backcountry Trails

Saturday July 20th, 10:00AM.

Meet at the parking lot at 452 Deverill St. Ludlow, KY.



HISTORICAL WALKING SERIES

Walking tours of different neighborhoods in Covington to points of historical interest. We will meet at 10:30AM in front of City Hall located at 20 W. Pike St. The walk will be 1-2 miles and should last approximately 1.5 hours.

Saturday August 17th, 10:30AM-12:00PM, Walking through the Historic Licking Riverside Neighborhood

Saturday September 21st, 10:30AM-12:00PM, Touring parts of the Eastside and Westside Neighborhoods

Saturday October 12th, 10:30AM-12:00PM, Walking through Mutter Gotes and Mainstrasse Neighborhoods.

MINI-FESTS WITH THE KENTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Mini festivals in Covington neighborhood parks for families with school age children.

- **Friday May 10**, 6PM-8PM, Barb Cook Park
- **Thursday June 6**, 6PM-8PM, Randolph Park
- **Friday July 12**, 4PM-6PM, Latonia Water Park
- **Saturday August 24**, 11AM-1PM, Barb Cook Park

General Programs

Astronomy Nights

- Friday June 7, 8:45PM – Randolph Park, David Housley Shelter –Introduction.
- Sunday July 28, 8:45PM – 35th and Carlisle Park– Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower
- Friday August 9, 8:45PM, Austinburg Park –Perseids Meteor Shower
- Friday September 20, 7:30PM, Volpenhein Shelter Devou Park– Saturn visible
- Saturday October 6, 7:15PM – Hands Pike Park–Draconids Meteor Shower

Movie Nights in the Park

Movies start at 8:45PM

- Friday July 19, Hands Pike Park – Camp Hideout
- Saturday June 22, Barb Cook Park – Strange World
- Friday August 9, Austinburg Park – Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

Kentucky Symphony Orchestra – Devou Park Bandshell

Celebrating 30 Years Performing in Devou!

- Saturday July 6, at 7:30PM – Let's Do the Time Warp Again
- Saturday August 3, at 7:30PM – Get Movin'
- Saturday August 31, at 7:30PM – Pops Inc.

Concerts in the Park – Devou Park Bandshell

- Saturday July 13, at 7PM – Cincinnati Brass Band
- Saturday July 20, at 7:30PM– Hoodoo Jive
- Saturday July 27, at 6PM – P&G Big Band
- Sunday August 11, at 5PM – Polka Warriors

Shakespeare in the Park – Devou Park Bandshell

- Sunday July 21, at 7PM – Hamlet.
- Sunday August 18, at 7PM – Hamlet



Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 25th, from 11AM-2PM at the Devou Park Bandshell.

- Easter egg hunt for kids 0-12.
- Egg Toss Game and Egg on Spoon Race.
- Photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny
- Hotdogs, snacks and drinks will be provided.
- Local organizations that benefit kids and families will be in attendance.

Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 25th, from 11AM-1PM at Prisoners Lake in Devou Park.

- Bait will be provided.
- Poles can be rented with parent photo ID.
- Hot dogs will be provided for lunch.
- Prizes for Longest, Shortest, Heaviest, and most fish caught.

Independence Day Dog Parade

Sunday, June 30th, at 11AM. in George Steinfeld Park

Grab your friendly canine companions and your red, white, and blue attire as we parade through the streets of Covington. Prizes awarded for most patriotic pups.

Opening Day of the Pools

Saturday, June 8th.

Come meet some of your Parks and Rec staff at Randolph Pool from 12PM-2PM, and Latonia Water Park from 2:30-4:30PM while eating snow cones and getting registered to enjoy the pools this summer.



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Pups at the Pool

Sunday, August 4th, 11AM-1PM.

A chance to hang poolside with your canine companion at Randolph Pool. Pups will get to socialize while enjoying the crisp cool water.



Pumpkin Carving Nights

Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th from 5pm-7pm at the David Housley Pavilion in Randolph Park.

Pumpkins and utensils will be provided, but we ask that you leave your pumpkin with us to be on display at the Annual Jack-O-Lantern Festival. Carved pumpkins can be taken home at end of the festival on Saturday, October 26.



Jack-O-Lantern Festival

Saturday, October 26th from 5pm-7pm, at the David Housley Pavilion in Randolph Park.

Throw on your Halloween costume for a fun fall festival full of trunk-or-treating, arts and crafts, food, games, and contests.

Happy COV Holidays

Friday, December 13th from 5pm-6:30pm inside Covington City Hall.

Get in the holiday spirit at this cozy event. Kids can meet Santa, decorate a yearly one-of-a-kind COV ornament, eat snacks, and listen to holiday stories.



Parks

All parks are open from dawn until dusk. To make a shelter reservation, go to covparks.com.

Annie Hargraves Park

W. Robbins St. & Chesapeake St.
Greenspace rental, playground, basketball court.

Austinburg Neighborhood Park

15 St. and Eastern Ave.
Mixed-use pickleball/basketball courts, dog park, picnic shelter, playground, FCC Mini-pitch.

Barb Cook Park

Madison Ave. & Ashland Ave.
Shelter rental, playground, basketball courts.

Basil Lewis Park

129 W. 10th St.
Greenspace rental, grill.

BF Howard Park

E. 11th St.
Greenspace rental.

Bill Cappel Youth Sports Complex

4305 Decoursey Ave.
Ball field rental, soccer field rental, shelter rental, splash pad/water park, playground.

Clayton Meyer Park

Thomas St. & Glenway Ave.
Playground.

Devou Park

Rotary Lane
Shelter rentals, bandshell, scenic overlook, playgrounds, disc golf course, museum, lake, golf course, hiking and mountain biking trails.

George Rogers Clark Park

301 Riverside Dr.
Greenspace rental.

George Steinfeld Park/Sixth St.

Promenade
Main St. & W. 6th St.
Greenspace rental.

Goebel Park

501 Philadelphia St.
Playground, Glockenspiel Clock.

Hands Pike Park

1243 KY-1501
Greenspace rental, playground.

Kenny Shields Park

620 W. 9th St.
Greenspace.

Lance Corporal Justin Sims Memorial Park

W. 16th St. and Euclid Ave.
Playground, greenspace.

Peaselburg Park

W. 23rd St. and Howell St.
Playground.

Randolph Park

226 E. 8th St.
Playground, shelter rentals, basketball courts, baseball field, community pool.

Senator Gus Sheehan, Jr. Park

End of Parkway Ave.
Playground, shelter rental, basketball court.

SFC Jason Bishop Memorial Dog Park

Philadelphia St. and W.9th St.

Aquatic Facilities

The Aquatic facilities are open everyday June 8-August 4, from noon to 6pm, weather permitting.

Randolph Pool

Located in the Eastside neighborhood at East 8th and Greenup Streets, offers an Olympic sized swimming pool for recreational swimming.

Latonia Water Park/Splash Pad

Located in the Bill Cappel Youth Sports Complex at 43rd Street and Decoursey Avenue. The zero-depth park offers hoses, sprinklers, slides, and play equipment and is perfect for young children.

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From Left: Mayor Pro Tem/Commissioner Ron Washington, Commissioner Steve Hayden, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer, Commissioner Tim Downing, Commissioner Shannon Smith.

A Letter from Mayor Joseph U. Meyer

As a father and grandfather, a highlight of my eight years as Covington's mayor has been seeing how our Parks & Recreation staff use our parks, playgrounds, and green spaces each year to create an action-packed calendar of activities and events for our kids and families.

2024 is no different, with its combination of old favorites and creative new offerings.

New this year will be guided historical walks in different neighborhoods, park scavenger hunts, additional science and nature programs, new bands at our summer concert series in Devou Park, and Mini Block Parties with Kenton County Library and Covington Independent Schools. Returning will be Shakespeare in the Park (Hamlet), movie nights, Cov-tivities at our pools, competitive field day games for kids, Astronomy, and youth sport camps like basketball and archery.

Over at Austinburg Park, we will continue a major refresh of one of our most important amenities.

No matter what your age and interests, thanks to our Parks & Rec staff, there are plenty of opportunities for fun in The Cov.