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Celebrating 50 years of being active

Welcome to 2020. We at the Clermont County Park District hope you had a warm and wonderful holiday season and your new year is off to a great start.

This promises to be a big year for the Park District; it's our 50th anniversary.

For half a century – as our mission statement says - we've been working "to acquire, plan, develop, program and maintain park property in the county for residents and nonresidents alike. To secure the preservation of open space and places of scenic or historic value."

What does that mean?

Well, for 50 years we've been intertwined in the fabric of the Clermont County. For 50 years we've been helping raise the quality of life for our residents and visitors. For 50 years, we've been a place where people, families and friends can get outside, get active and create lasting memories.

Our partnership with the Coalition for Activity and Nutrition is a chance to promote the value of activity. Your Park District helps ensure we all have ample space and opportunity to get some exercise. We offer programs and events that encourage our guests to move around in and see nature first hand.

(We admit some of our events may come up short on the "nutrition" part of CAN. We serve cookies and hot chocolate after some of our winter hikes, for example. But everything in moderation, right?)

This Golden Anniversary gives us a chance to look back to where we started. In 1970 the average gallon of gas cost 36 cents and the Park District consisted of a former Batavia High School football field called Sycamore Park.

Fifty years later Sycamore remains our biggest – and busiest – park. But we've grown to include Wilson Nature Preserve next door, Pattison Park in Owensville, Hartman Log Cabin in Williamsburg, Chilo Lock 34 Park and Visitors Center (with the connected Crooked Run Nature Preserve), Kelley Nature Preserve in Loveland, Shor Park in Union Township, the Williamsburg-Batavia Hike/Bike Trail and a number of other properties under Park District control not yet developed for the public.

We span the width and breadth of Clermont County providing challenging hiking trails, easy paved walking paths, launch spots for kayaks and canoes, yurts for camping, basketball and tennis courts, inclusive playgrounds and more.

We will host 50-year celebrations at different facilities all during 2020. Please keep an eye on our website – www.clermontparks.org – and our Facebook page for announcements and invitations to all of our celebrations. We hope to see you there. Or at any of our parks and nature preserves simply enjoying the beauty of Clermont County on your own terms, at your own pace and on your own schedule.