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We are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic situation and are following the best practices put forth by public health authorities such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Allen County Board of Health Department and the City of Fort Wayne. **Therefore the information in this Fun Times is subject to change as needed to comply with new guidelines.** Our number one priority is the health and safety of our citizens and staff. We appreciate your support.

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# Botanical Conservatory



## Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

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### Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm  
Thursday 10 am-8 pm  
Sunday 12-4 pm  
Closed Mondays, Christmas  
& New Year's Day



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### Admission

Adults \$5/Children age 3-17 \$3  
Ages 2 and under Free  
Group rates available.  
Admission fee not required  
for the café or gift shop.

## Extended Holiday Hours November 26-December 18

Pick one of two weekday evenings to “ooh and aah” at the gardens all done up in lights for the holidays! In addition to our regular Thursday evening hours, the Botanical Conservatory will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings for four weeks from Thanksgiving through the week before Christmas. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve open hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular hours will resume on December 31.

### Parking

The Conservatory validates tickets for free parking across from the entrance at Calhoun St. and Jefferson Blvd. in the Civic Center Parking Garage; its third-floor skywalk bridge provides direct indoor access to the Botanical Connector through the Hilton Hotel, Grand Wayne Center and Embassy Theatre. Metered parking is available on surrounding streets (free on evenings and weekends). Bus and handicap accessible parking is available in the Conservatory's circle drive off Calhoun St.

### Conservatory Membership

Support the Botanical Conservatory by purchasing a Membership! Memberships are valid for 12 months and allow free admission anytime during public hours. Members also receive a 10% discount in the Conservatory Shop and reciprocal benefits at more than 330 gardens around the country. Basic options: \$35 for an Individual Membership; \$50 for a Family or Grandparent Membership; Add-a-Guest pass to your Membership for \$15, entitling you to an additional guest each visit. Visit [shop.botanicalconservatory.org](http://shop.botanicalconservatory.org) or call (260) 427-6440.

### Gift Shop

The Conservatory Shop offers a boutique-style atmosphere filled with houseplants, home & garden essentials, unique toys & books, trendy apparel & fashion accessories, and seasonal merchandise perfect for souvenir-taking and gift-giving. Open during public hours Tuesday through Sunday. Conservatory admission is not required.

### Conjure Coffee

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy thoughtful hospitality and hand-crafted coffee beverages featuring local ingredients and fresh pastries from GK Bakery. Coffee is hand roasted at their Columbia Ave location for a uniquely fresh experience. More details at [www.conjurecoffee.com](http://www.conjurecoffee.com). Order Conjure Coffee in person, or through the Odeko app for pick up and contactless payment. Seating is available within the Conservatory Café, Atrium or on the outdoor patio. Catering options available to Conservatory renters and businesses in the downtown area.

The Botanical Conservatory . . . Always in Season!

# Christmas at the Conservatory



## “Oh? Christmas Tree!” Holiday Exhibit

November 21-January 3, Public hours

This holiday season, you can enter Fort Wayne’s Botanical Conservatory to discover a grand array of Christmas “trees.” From the Polish upside-down tree to the Caribbean charamico, from the log used in the Catalanian tió de nadal to the Italian ceppo shelf, there is a world of holiday tradition associated directly or loosely with the tree. Enjoy this glimpse into some of the more unfamiliar Christmas traditions and symbolism from around the globe as you stroll through the Atrium, Garden Gallery, Showcase Garden, and beyond. The Conservatory’s own colorful, 12’ tall poinsettia “tree,” in a sea of color and beauty, is one of this city’s annual “tree” traditions. Join us for this salute to holiday history and celebration. Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI, PBS39 and the Auer Foundation.

## Holiday Kick-Off Party

Wednesday, November 25, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

This annual holiday tradition lives on, but with a candy cane twist! Stroll through the Botanical Conservatory, glowing with excitement indoors and all throughout. Find warmth on the inside then saunter on down a candy cane trail where magical reindeer are stationed for an outdoor visit. On the way, you will experience a grand array of holiday trees as part of the “Oh? Christmas Tree!” holiday exhibit. Both Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop will be open for business. Regular admission fees apply. Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI and PBS39.

## Garden in Lights

November 25-January 3, Public hours

Amp up your holiday plans with a visit to the Botanical Conservatory where our gardens are all decked out for the season! Take in the “Oh? Christmas Tree!” holiday exhibit indoors then wander through the illuminated outdoor gardens. From the moment you walk through the door, you will enjoy stunning poinsettias and discover numerous opportunities to pause for a lighted photo. Also, stop in to the Conservatory Shop where unique gifts are available for purchase. All this and more will be offered as ideal guest entertainment during our extended evening hours between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Regular admission fees apply. Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI and PBS39.



## Conservatory Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

On this \$1 Night in December, we welcome Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties, Tom Didier and Todd Frymier who are always singin’ with style! What a night to not only marvel at all the different trees as part of the “Oh? Christmas Tree!” holiday exhibit, but to also enjoy live musical entertainment during the holiday season.

## Christmas Trees Around the World

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

December 2, 9, 16

Celebrate a world of holiday tradition and symbolism associated with the evergreen tree. Each day explores a different culture and its characteristic holiday festivities as emphasized in the 2020 holiday exhibit, "Oh? Christmas Tree!" This is a unique educational opportunity to drop in and learn all about different trees, plants and even non-plant related materials different cultures from around the world call their "Christmas Tree." Small groups welcome! Included with regular Conservatory admission. For more information, call 427-6440.

## Holly Shopping

Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Experience an exciting day throughout Downtown Fort Wayne, the West Main Shops, and the Wells Street Corridor. Locally owned & operated shops will be ready to host you on Small Business Saturday, including our Conservatory Shop! Cozmé Jewelry, a local vendor, will be also be hosting a lovely pop-up shopping experience as a benefit to the Botanical Conservatory. Conservatory admission not required to shop during this event in partnership with the Downtown Improvement District.

## Reindeer Saturdays

Saturdays before Christmas 12:00-4:00 p.m.

December 5, 12 & 19

Come out to the Botanical Conservatory and visit with holiday-dressed Icelandic reindeer who know all about the colder winter weather. Not only will you get to interact with them up-close, you will also learn how these amazing animals live in their natural environment! The Animal-Grams "Reindeer Experts" will answer all your reindeer questions. Photos are welcome as part of your up-close experience with real live reindeer. Please dress for the weather. Regular admission fees apply.



## Succulent Christmas Tree

Design a 3D Christmas tree full of succulent cuttings as part of this new workshop at the Botanical Conservatory! Standing at just over one foot tall, this charming succulent tree is sure to be adored throughout the holiday season. You will also learn expert tips on how to maintain and multiply plant cuttings once the season is over. Step by step facilitation is included in addition to garden admission. Get signed up for this delightful outing where Conjure Coffee and Conservatory shopping are also within reach. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127102-S1	12/6	Su	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$42

Member/Volunteer Fee: \$39

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

## Evergreen Centerpiece Workshop

Join returning instructor and florist Dennis Bowman in fashioning balsam fir, cedar and pine branch tips in a fragrant evergreen centerpiece to enjoy throughout the season. Also complement your piece with festive ribbon, pine cones and a lighted feature! The registration fee even includes a visit to the "Oh? Christmas Tree!" holiday exhibit. Participants are encouraged to bring garden gloves, pruners and suitable accents. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 21. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427102-R2	12/10	Th	10-11:30 am
427102-R1	12/10	Th	6-7:30 pm
427102-S1	12/12	Sa	9-10:30 am

#Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34

Member/Volunteer Fee: \$29

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Visit with live reindeer!



## “The Tiki Bowl” Play Garden

January 9-April 4, Public hours

Find indoor tropical fun and games this winter in our family-friendly Showcase with our version of the ancient Hawaiian bowling game, ‘Ulu Maika.’ Rather than using a club or putter, players control their ball by rolling, then kicking, it towards each goal. A half-dozen greens offer challenges for players to navigate and a chance to chart the Great Polynesian Migration from Taiwan to Hawaii over thousands of years. Surrounded by lush foliage and bright colors, you’ll enjoy the fragrance of the living garden while you wait for your turn to play. Sponsored by PNC Trust.



### Tiki Sessions

Thursday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

January 21-23, February 18-20, March 25-27

Join us in some tiki-themed exploration and warmer weather fun! For three days each month, the Botanical Conservatory will offer an extra chance to explore Polynesian culture. Drop in to explore significant customs and other aspects of Polynesia through various activities, crafts and demonstrations. Themed monthly topics include tattoo art designs in January, basket weaving in February and bark papermaking in March. Included with regular Conservatory admission. For more information, call (260) 427-6440.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Glimpse

Showcase Exhibit Opening Day

Saturday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Get the first glimpse of “The Tiki Bowl” play garden and explore this newly installed exhibit with a specially crafted activity. Also, join our knowledgeable staff for a brief backstage tour at either 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. This exclusive opportunity is included with regular admission on the opening day of each seasonal Showcase Exhibit in January, April, July and November. No reservations required, so drop-in to the Botanical Conservatory!

### Preschool Jungle Hour

Need a break from the winter weather? Warm up with us in February as we explore the tropical lushness of the Conservatory’s beautiful Tropical Garden! Designed for ages 3-5 and an adult helper, participants will explore our indoor garden and its jungle-like habitat. Learn together and assist your child side by side with activities that are sure to get everyone thinking. Adult guardians are required to participate for the duration (no registration required). Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: February 9. Min. 5. Max. 10.

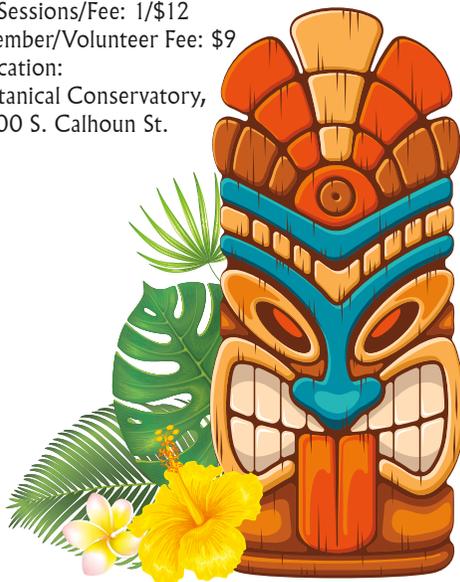
Code	Date	Day	Time
127200-T1	2/16	T	10-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12

Member/Volunteer Fee: \$9

Location:

Botanical Conservatory,  
1100 S. Calhoun St.



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## Family Fun!

### Winterval at the Conservatory

Saturday, January 30, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join us and our Winterval partners in celebrating the season of winter. Festivities at the Botanical Conservatory include an ice sculpture being carved right before your eyes, an activity for winter bird feeding, and a surprise giveaway!



In addition, explore our winter play garden, "The Tiki Bowl" and be sure to stop in at Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop, too. Regular admission applies.

### \$1 Nights

First Thursday of the Month, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Receive discounted admission for just \$1 per person on the first Thursday night of the month starting at 5 p.m. Take advantage of free parking, and also be sure to drop-in for the DNI, \$1 Night Insight between 6-7 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join in these themed educational activities offered monthly at the Conservatory! No reservation required.

#### \$1 Night Insight: Island Games

Thursday, January 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In addition to experiencing the latest garden exhibit, come play engaging island games at the Conservatory! Also, listen to ancient tiki legends that accompany our winter Polynesian theme.

#### \$1 Night Insight: Tropical Flowers

Thursday, February 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This month's spotlight is on tropical flowers, some of which you may view in the Conservatory's Tropical Garden. Also, take this chance to brighten the season and create a Hawaiian flower clip.

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Questions? 427-6440

## Botanical Decorating

### Succulent Centerpiece Wreath

In high demand, this workshop incorporates succulent plants into a trendy wreath that can either be hung or enhanced as a centerpiece. Your house guests will surely admire this versatile and rather appealing wreath! Not only do you get to create it, you will also learn basic plant care with instruction on keeping your new succulents alive. Individual garden admission included. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127103-R1	1/14	Th	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$29

Member/Volunteer Fee: \$26

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



### Macramé Mini Shelf

Accompanied by boho macramé, this decorative wall hanging incorporates a potted houseplant sitting upon a small wooden shelf. Create one of your own with returning instructor Tiffany Welbaum who will facilitate this beginner level workshop while providing step-by-step instruction on doing simple knotting techniques with naturalized cotton rope. Take advantage of this perfect occasion by signing up with your valentine then making plans to visit the gardens, Conservatory Shop and Conjure Coffee, too! Conservatory admission included. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 5. Min. 12. Max.15.



Code	Date	Day	Time
127500-S1	2/13	Sa	9:30-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$27

Member/Volunteer Fee: \$24

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

or at [www.botanicalconservatory.org](http://www.botanicalconservatory.org).

## On Display

### Art Displays

Enjoy works of art on exhibit from local and regional artists in the Jaenicke Room at the Botanical Conservatory; open to view during public hours. Regular admission fees apply to exhibits and public receptions. Submit your own artwork for consideration by emailing [Amanda.Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Amanda.Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org).

### Justin Taylor: Earth Garden Paintings

January-March

**Public Reception: January 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Justin's love of nature inspires his paintings of surreal landscapes and imagery. His work has drawn inspiration from his travels through the redwood forests of Oregon and the Austrian Alps. Justin also uses his education in Landscape Architecture to inform the flow and geometry of his pieces. Primarily working with oil on canvas, he brings his visions to life using rich earth tones with unconventional dashes of color to create depth of field. Justin uses scale to amplify the visual impact of his pieces. From far away, his works blend together to create a peaceful landscape, but when viewed closely, bold brush strokes and a dramatic use of color energize his work.

### Sweetheart Orchid Bower

February 9-March 14, Public hours

The sweetest display of orchids adds a complimentary backdrop in the Conservatory's Tropical Garden where you will encounter a cascade of striking Cattleyas, fragrant Dendrobiums, dainty Oncidiums, and moth-like Phalaenopsis. During your visit, enjoy browsing the Conservatory Shop where orchids and other plants are available for purchase. Just the occasion for a Valentine's date! Included with regular Conservatory admission.



## Relax and Focus

### Tai Chi Tuesdays

Revive your energy levels with a four-week Tai Chi series that modifies the Sun Style Form for beginning to advanced students. Skilled instructor Sandy Gebhard will help you discover the benefits of this gentle exercise that relaxes the body and focuses the mind. Please note that morning sessions are in-person and on-site while virtual evening sessions are digital and live via Zoom where you participate from the comfort of your home. It is suggested to bring a water bottle and to wear comfortable fitting shoes. Drop-ins not accepted at this time. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: December 29. Min. 10. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>AM On-Site Tai Chi</b>			
127400-T1	1/5-1/26	T	9:30-10:30 am
<b>PM Virtual Tai Chi</b>			
127400-T2	1/5-1/26	T	5-6 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$37			
Member or Volunteer Fee: \$27			
Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.			

### Tai Chi for Relaxation

Find a sense of relaxation through the ancient Chinese practice of Tai Chi. This series will focus on quieting the mind, moving slowly while finding flow in your movement and developing confidence in balance and weight shifts. Well-practiced instructor Liz Monnier will also promote healing and internal harmony with user-friendly Qigong exercises. Please note that morning sessions are in-person and on-site while virtual evening sessions are digital and live via Zoom where you participate from the comfort of your home. It is suggested to bring a water bottle and to wear comfortable fitting shoes. Drop-ins not accepted at this time. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 26. Min. 10. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>AM On-Site Tai Chi</b>			
127401-T1	2/2-2/23	T	9:30-10:30 am
<b>PM Virtual Tai Chi</b>			
127401-T2	2/2-2/23	T	5-6 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$37			
Member or Volunteer Fee: \$27			
Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.			

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# On the Riverfront



## Promenade Park

202 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6000 • [www.RiverfrontFW.org](http://www.RiverfrontFW.org)

### Park Hours

6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

### Trubble Riverside Café Hours

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### Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

Open for RFW Programs



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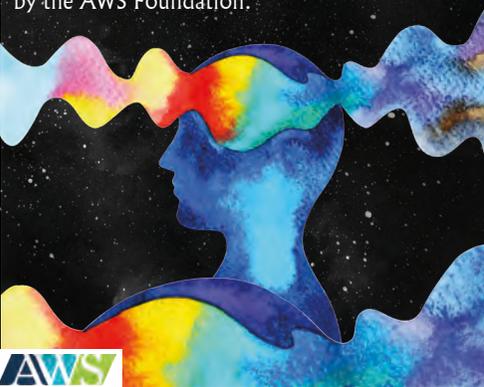
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## Sensory Friendly Night of Lights

Wednesday, November 25, 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the holidays to enjoy Promenade Park's Park Foundation Pavilion in a new light. As a premier community asset focusing on accessibility for all, we want to show you our newest initiative—sensory friendliness. You've heard the term, now come experience it for yourself. The event is completely sensory friendly and welcome to anyone, even those without sensory needs. This relaxing light show presentation using low lighting, aromatherapy, soft music, and guided relaxation will be grouped into 15 minute sessions to allow for a safe amount of space inside the pavilion. This FREE event is made possible by the AWS Foundation.



## Riverfront Sip and Shop

Saturday, November 28, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Join us for a special experience during Holly Trolley Shopping. We are opening the Park Foundation Pavilion in Promenade Park as a shopping location for Riverfront merchandise (\$5 off a purchase of \$25 or more), river and Promenade-themed art from local vendors, and passes and items from our neighboring parks. You can also join the silent auction to bid on eco-art murals featuring Promenade Park and other proud Fort Wayne themes—all produced by the local community with recycled bottle caps. Winter themed beverages and snacks will also be available for purchase. Help us support our local retailers on Small Business Saturday. All ages welcome. Admission is FREE.



Meet me at the Riverfront!

RIVERFRONT FORT WAYNE PRESENTS

# WINTER COZY



DANCE • LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • COCKTAILS • HOT CHOCOLATE BAR  
PLAY GAMES • MAKE S'MORES • RELAX WITH FRIENDS



PARTY AT THE PARK FOUNDATION PAVILION  
**IN PROMENADE PARK** 7-11PM ON SATURDAY  
SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES IN EFFECT **JAN. 30, 2021**



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Join us for Winter Cozy and immerse yourself in Hygge (“hoo-guh”), that feeling of cozy contentment and well-being that comes from enjoying the simple things in life, like people you love, good food, warm blankets and candlelight. Meet your friends and neighbors on the riverfront and enjoy the winter comforts of hot beverages and foods while you lounge about and chat in our comfortable indoor and outdoor seating. Enjoy the warm pavilion, watch your drinks cool in a custom ice luge, listen to live music, dance with your friends, and get a selfie in the photo booth. This year’s event has been expanded to include outdoor space with plenty of firepits and heaters. Winter Cozy is a 21+ event. Cash bar and food available for purchase. For more details visit [RiverfrontFW.org](http://RiverfrontFW.org) or contact Jen Brown at [Jenifer.brown@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Jenifer.brown@cityoffortwayne.org) or 260-427-6135. Admission is \$10 at the door.

## Picture Time with Santa

December 4, 5, 11, 12, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Sweetwater Bandshell

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

FREE

Bring your friends, family, or furry loved ones to Promenade Park for a socially distanced meet and greet photo session with Santa! Find us at the Sweetwater Bandshell East and bring your camera to take pictures with Jolly Old Saint Nick. No reservation or fee is required. In the event of inclement weather, please check the Riverfront Fort Wayne Facebook page for updates.

## Caps for a Cause

Sunday, February 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

FREE

Instead of sending plastic caps to a landfill or worse, why not use them to create something beautiful? Join us at the Park Foundation Pavilion in Promenade Park for the kickoff of this fun and free community art project. Under the guidance of local young activist Sammie Vance, we will glue and drill plastic caps of all colors and sizes onto a board that has been pre-painted with the template for a beautiful mural. Caps for a Cause is a drop-in program and will meet on the second Sunday of each month. Absolutely no artistic experience or skill is needed to participate and you don't have to attend this first session to participate in the future. All ages are welcome. Please wear close-toed shoes and clothing you can get messy. Questions? E-mail [Brooklyn.Bieszke@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Brooklyn.Bieszke@cityoffortwayne.org).

PS . . . If you have plastic caps you would like to donate for this project, please bring your clean caps (we cannot accept dirty caps), sorted by color, to the Parks and Recreation Department at 705 E. State Blvd and leave them in the donation box inside the door.

## Confluence Kitchen: Featuring the Culture of China

Confluence Kitchen is a quarterly event celebrating world culture. This winter culture of China is front and center with a special celebration of Lunar New Year! Swap recipes, learn Chinese phrases, snap some selfies at the photo booth, and enjoy cultural activities. Delicious, authentic Chinese food will be available for purchase. All ages are welcome. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available, but we recommend registering in advance to secure your spot as space is limited. Those who wish to be seated together must register together. This is an open event where you are free to come and go according to your own schedule. Ages 3 and under admitted free. Please contact Brooke at 427-6022 or [Brooklyn.Bieszke@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Brooklyn.Bieszke@cityoffortwayne.org) with questions. Registration deadline: February 5. Max. 80.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190100-S3	2/13	Sa	12-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5/\$8 after February 5			
Location: Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior			

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## Dog Sweater Day

Saturday, January 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Auer Lawn, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

FREE

All fashion conscious pet lovers are invited to “unleash” their fur-pal’s sense of wintertime fashion at Dog Sweater Day. Show off your pooch’s cable knit sweater, warm scarf, or killer canine overcoat for the perfect seasonal photo. Pay \$1 to enter our “Cutest Dog” Facebook contest and receive a free print of your fashion forward pup from local photographer Stephen Zabrecky.

Dog owners and dogs can meet in the Auer Lawn. Note: The event area is not enclosed – please plan to keep your dog leashed and pick up after them.



## Sensory Toy Workshop

FREE

If you love beautiful sights and sounds, delicious and lovely scents, and the feeling of squeezing something in your hand then this is the class for you! Over the course of four weeks we will create four different toys that people of all ages will marvel over. Our projects will include a squishy stress ball for squeezing when you feel anxious, aromatherapy play dough, a shimmering galaxy jar, and a soothing rain stick. This class is for everyone 8+ but a parent must also register with children under 16. This program is free to the public through the generosity of AWS. You must still register to reserve your spot if you would like to participate.

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Stress Ball/Aromatherapy Play Dough

190200-T1 1/19 T 6-8 pm

Rain Stick/Glitter Jar

190200-R1 1/21 Th 6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior



# The Great Outdoors



## Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave. Open every day from dawn until dusk

Lindenwood Nature Preserve encompasses 110 wooded acres with an open-air pavilion and 4 hiking trails: Trillium Trail (.5 miles), Oak Paradise Trail (.75 miles), Trail of Reflection (1 mile, wheelchair/stroller accessible) and Maple Spur Trail (.25 miles). Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking and just relaxing in nature are a few of the activities you'll enjoy at the preserve. Admission is free. The park has portable restrooms on site, but no running water, so please plan accordingly. Follow us on Facebook for nature news, updates and announcements! Pets and bikes are not allowed in the preserve.

## Wintery Walks in the Woods

Join our Lindenwood naturalist for a Saturday morning hike through the preserve. Each monthly hike will feature a different wintery topic. We'll meet in the parking lot and hikes will commence promptly at 10:00 a.m. The hikes are free and open to all ages, however pre-registration is required. Sign up, bundle up and join us!

Code	Date	Day	Time
148000-S1	12/5	Sa	10-11 am
148000-S2	1/2	Sa	10-11 am
148000-S3	2/6	Sa	10-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

## Wild Walkers

2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

Explore some of northeast Indiana's finest outdoor areas in this nature-oriented group. Wild Walkers is an adult hiking group that meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month for a walk on the wild side. Each hike features a different natural area in the region (parks, wetlands, nature preserves, etc.) and carpooling is available when necessary. The 2021 schedule is posted on our website at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org). Call Eden at 427-6008 to request a schedule by mail.

## Winterval Hike & Bonfire Warm Up

Saturday, January 30, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Lindenwood Nature Preserve,  
600 Lindenwood Ave.

Begin your Winterval celebration with a hike through the woods and a warming bonfire before heading downtown (see page 26 for Winterval details). A guided hike will depart from the campfire circle promptly at 9:00, but you are

welcome to enjoy the bonfire (until 10:30) and hike on your own, if you like.

The Trail of Reflection is wheelchair and stroller accessible for ½ mile from the trailhead to the pond. All ages are welcome.



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Lindenwood Nature Preserve

# Salomon Farm Park



## Salomon Farm Park

817 W. Dupont Rd. Open daily, 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park is a true historic gem and a perfect location for walking, jogging, biking, bird watching, photography and more. The Salomons established the farm in 1871, but visitors will notice the endearing 1930's theme. Stop by for a visit to admire historic buildings, relax at the wetlands or enjoy our fully paved 1.8 mile trail around the property. Follow us on Facebook for news, events, updates and announcements!

## Photography at the Farm

Beautiful barns, rolling meadows, quaint gardens and acres of cheery sunflowers in late summer/early fall make Salomon Farm Park an attractive place for photography. Professional photographers using Salomon Farm Park and charging for their services must obtain an annual photography pass which may be purchased for \$50 at the at the Parks and Recreation Office, 705 E. State Blvd. The pass is valid for the calendar year (January-December). Photography passes are not required of hobbyists or professional photographers hired to photograph events in rented facilities. All fees will directly support Salomon Farm Park operations. For more information, contact Kellie at [kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org) or 427-6005.

## Dirt Wain Community Composting

Salomon Farm Park has partnered with Dirt Wain, a new composting initiative in the area that processes food scraps from households. Members are provided with a bucket that they fill, drop off at the Farm at their convenience, and then pick up a clean bucket to repeat the process. For more detailed information or to sign up check out [www.dirtwain.com](http://www.dirtwain.com) or Salomon Farm Park on Facebook.

Questions? 427-6005



## Winter Solstice Walk/Ride & Bonfire

Monday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

On the shortest day, let's light the night! Bring a flashlight or battery operated lantern and join us on bike or on foot to celebrate the winter solstice. We encourage bikers to light up their bikes for fun, but all bikes are required to have a front white light and a red rear reflector or red rear light. We also encourage riders to be safe and wear a helmet. The 6.5 mile bike ride will begin at 4:45 and the 1.65 mile walk at 5:00. We'll gather back at the farm afterwards for a bonfire. This free community event is possible sponsored by Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, City of Fort Wayne Greenways & Trails and Fort Wayne Trails. Follow Salomon farm on Facebook for updates and weather-related cancelations.

# Christmas on the Farm

**SAT DEC 5 1-5 PM**

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



**Live Animals \* Dog Sled Demonstrations \* Father Christmas  
Fresh-Cut Christmas Trees Sales \* Holiday Vendors \* More Family Fun!**



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PARKS AND  
RECREATION

**Admission: \$5/car**

**[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)**

Follow Salomon Farm Park on Facebook for COVID related updates.



## Christmas on the Farm Call for Vendors/Entertainers

We are looking for crafters and artisans who can fill the barn with Christmas cheer and lots of hand-made gifts and goodies during our Christmas on the Farm event at Salomon Farm Park from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on December 5. Please contact Eden Lamb at [eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org) or 427-6008 for a vendor application.

## I Love Decorating

### Evergreen Swag Workshop

The holiday season calls for fresh evergreen decorations! Create your own evergreen swag with holiday charm. Amy Henry, Landscape Designer at Arbor Farms Nursery, will help you arrange the fresh and fragrant branch tips of fir, cedar and pine into a festive evergreen swag which you will then accent with pine cones, berries and a decorative bow. Hang it on your door, lamp post or porch to enjoy all throughout the holiday season! Please bring garden gloves, pruners and any of your own accents that you would like to incorporate into the swag. Age 16 +. Registration deadlines: November 25 and December 2. Min. 16 Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153818-W1	12/2	W	6-7 pm
153818-W2	12/9	W	6-7 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Location: Learning Center at Salomon Farm Park,  
817 W. Dupont Rd.

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Salomon Farm Park



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## Wool Applique

Applique is ornamental needlework in which pieces of fabric in different shapes and patterns are sewn onto a larger piece to form a picture or pattern. We will be making a 9" round table rug. You will choose one of three designs to get you started. All necessary materials will be provided. Knowledge of the buttonhole and stem stitches will be helpful. Ages 12+. Instructor Patty Miller has been doing wool applique for 20+ years. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
153840-W1	1/13-1/20	W	5-8 pm

# Session/Fee: 2/\$55

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Make a Mug Rug

Learn the basics of wool applique while creating a simple 8" x 4" mug rug (coaster). Choose from multiple designs. All necessary materials will be provided. Instructor Patty Miller has been enjoying wool applique for 20+ years. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 6. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153841-W1	1/6	W	5-8 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 1/\$28

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

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## Blacksmithing for Women

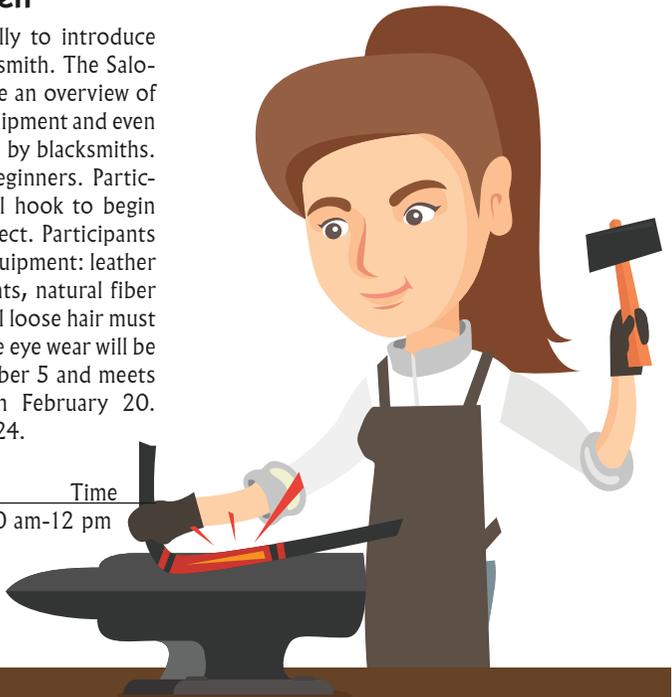
This course is designed specifically to introduce women into the metal art of Blacksmith. The Salomon Blacksmith instructor will give an overview of forge operation, blacksmithing equipment and even tools that can be created and used by blacksmiths. The curriculum is designed for beginners. Participants will complete a small metal hook to begin with, followed by other small project. Participants require the following protective equipment: leather closed-toed shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and all loose hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. The class begins December 5 and meets every other Saturday, ending on February 20. Registration deadline: November 24.

Min. 3. Max 6.

Code	Starts	Day	Time
153819-S1	12/5	Sa	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/fee: 6/\$25

Location: Blacksmith Shop, Salomon Farm Park, 817 West Dupont Rd.



## Kitchen Art



### Cajun Cuisine

Warm and moderately spicy Cajun food is one way to stay warm during a harsh winter. We will be making Jambalaya, Etouffee and Gumbo . . . true classics from this flavorful region. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 6. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153838-M1	1/11	M	6-8 pm

# Session/Fee: 1/\$35

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

### For the Love of Italian

February is the month of love and everyone loves Italian food. Bring your loved one along and enjoy a fun night of cooking together. Tonight's menu is Chicken Parmesan, Caprese Zucchini, and Panzanella Salad, a true recipe for euphoria and comfort. Chef Patrick Whetstone will guide you through this preparation for an upscale dining experience. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 1. Min. 6. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153839-M1	2/8	M	6-8 pm

# Session/Fee: 1/\$35

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

### Spanish Tapas

A tapa is an appetizer or snack in Spanish cuisine. Full of flavor and color, tapas can be hot or cold and made with a wide variety of ingredients. Spend an evening with Chef Whetstone from The Personal Palate and learn how easy it can be to wake up your taste buds and impress your friends at your next party or gathering. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 15. Min. 6. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153837-M1	2/22	M	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Wild Game Cooking

Salomon Farm Park and the National Wild Turkey Federation bring you a wildly unique cooking experience. If you want healthy, local, lean, antibiotic-free meat . . . wild game is your answer. Instructor John Heingartner demonstrates the preparation and execution of simple wild game recipes incorporating rabbit, squirrel, venison and waterfowl. Ages 18 +. Registration deadlines: January 11, January 30 and February 24. Min. 4. Max. 10

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>Rabbit and Squirrel</b>			
153842-M1	1/18	M	6-8 pm
<b>Venison</b>			
153842-W1	2/3	W	6-8 pm
<b>Waterfowl</b>			
153842-W2	3/3	W	6-8 pm

# Session/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Meet Our Chefs

### Patrick Whetstone

Patrick graduated from Johnson and Wales University in North Miami and opened David Bouley's Evolution inside the Ritz-Carlton in South Beach before making his way back to Indiana where he practices his culinary art at The Personal Palate.

### John Heingartner

John was born and raised in Northeast Indiana and has over 30 years of experience in the outdoors. His specialties are trapping, hunting, fishing and cooking wild game. As a way of recording his passion for his grandchildren he started filming his adventures in 2007. His popular YouTube channel lead to the introduction of his show on the Huntchannel.tv in 2015.

### Meghan Hauser

Meghan is the founder of Wholesome Roots Cooking. She spends a lot of time cooking and creating meals for her family. She enjoys teaching her 6 children that a healthy lifestyle doesn't mean boring and gross food! Her mission is to inspire families to plant wholesome roots for a healthy lifestyle.

### Angela Esselburn

Angela is a licensed elementary art teacher whose creative skills extend to the kitchen where she enjoys making food as artistic as it is delicious.

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## Knife Techniques

Contrary to popular belief, most kitchen accidents involving a knife are because the knife is too dull, not because it is too sharp. Learn how to sharpen, fine tune and care for your kitchen knives, then practice basic cuts on fruits and vegetables to learn cutting techniques and hand placement. Our goal is to eliminate those accidental cuts on your hand. This class is back by popular demand, so sign up early! Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: December 7. Min. 6. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153834-M1	12/14	M	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Culinary Kids

### Cake Pops!

Who doesn't love cake on a stick? Yum! But these cake pops aren't just any old cake pops, they are made with homemade cake and frosting. We will learn about different dipping coatings and practice coating our cake pops in them. Finally, we will roll them in all kinds of fun things like sprinkles, crushed chocolate chip cookies and crumbled Oreos. Taste-testing included! Ages 10+. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 6. Max 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153835-R1	12/3	Th	5:30-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

### Making Cakesicles

Cakesicles are a fun twist on the traditional cake pop. Crafted in popsicle molds, cakesicles are an easy-to-make version of the ever-popular treat with a little more surface area for fun decorating. We will accent our cakesicles with interesting things like small molded chocolates, edible paint, sprinkles and more. Warning . . . they might look too pretty to eat! Ages 10+. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: December 10. Min. 6. Max 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153836-R1	12/17	Th	5:30-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

### \*Adult/Child

Empower your little one to create his/her own healthy snacks. We've partnered with Wholesome Roots Cooking to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on learning and cooking! Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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### Reindeer Snack Mix

Both reindeer and humans will like this customizable snack mix that also makes a great gift during the holiday season!

153909-T4	12/1	T	10-11 am
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### Little Prince and Princess Tea Party

These snacks are perfect for a tea party! Prince and princess attire is encouraged but not required!

153909-T5	1/5	T	10-11 am
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### Valentine's Day Cooking

Discover creative ways to show love from the kitchen and a special memory between you and your child!

153909-T3	2/2	T	10-11 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Roots: Culinary Cooking Classes for Youth

Designed to help children and youth feel confident and comfortable in the kitchen, our Roots classes allow students to grow in their culinary skills. Classes are kept small so recipes can be catered to the ability of the student! Each class offers hands on cooking time and instruction, and also allows time for eating! Ages 6-14. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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### Holiday Appetizers

These recipes are kid approved and kid friendly to prepare!

153911-T6	12/1	T	6-7:30 pm
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### Host a Brunch

Get tips on how to host a brunch and hands-on brunch recipes!

153911-T7	1/5	T	6-7:30 pm
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### Valentine's Day Cooking

Creative ways to show love from the kitchen! We'll prepare one savory and one sweet recipe.

153911-T3	2/2	T	6-7:30 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Register on-line at  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)

## Elementary Art

### Art at the Farm

Looking for the perfect Holiday project to create with your kiddos? Let Angela Esselburn, a licensed elementary art teacher, collect the materials and resources to teach art techniques while incorporating literature.

#### K-2nd Grade Art Series

Create an adorable polar bear mixed media piece while learning implied texture. First, we will learn about polar bears through a few favorite books. Second, we will create our bear and place him in a snowy forest scene while learning about foreground, background and value. Ages 5-7. Registration deadline: November 30. Min. 6. Max 15.

Code	Dates	Days	Time
153912-M1	12/7 & 12/16	M/W	5:30-7 pm

# Session/Fee: 2/\$46

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

#### 3rd-5th Grade Series

The book A Perfect Day is the basis for the snow angel mixed media piece students will create in the first class session. They will also make a collage of holiday sleigh bells. Taking inspiration from vintage cards, we will make our bells look 3D by adding shadows and highlights. Ages 8-10. Registration deadline: December 4. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
153913-F1	12/11-12/18	F	5:30-7 pm

# Session/Fee: 2/\$46

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

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### Special Event Rental Spaces

Historic Old Barn

Family Homestead

Wolf Family Learning Center

The peaceful setting of Salomon Farm Park makes our elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances and many other special events. We will begin booking for 2022 on January 2, 2021! For more information visit [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) and click on Facilities>Salomon Farm Park>-Rental Opportunities. The Old Barn is available for rental from May-October and the Learning Center year-round with the exception of June and July when it is used for summer camp. Follow Salomon Farm Park on Facebook for Open House opportunities to view facilities.

## Be a Farm Hand

### Salomon Farm Volunteer Opportunities

Salomon Farm Park relies on volunteers to help maintain the park and provide various amenities and services to our community. If you are interested in becoming a garden volunteer or getting involved in farm park operations indirectly through the Tractor Club or Gardeners of America, please plan to attend our garden volunteer orientation or any of the clubs' meetings. All meetings are held at the Salomon Farm Park in the Wolf Family Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd. If your business, club, or scout group is looking for service hours or projects, we can be of assistance. For more information about club meetings or volunteering on the farm, please contact Kellie at 427-6005 or [kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org).

#### Tri-State Antique Tractor Club

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

The Tri-State Antique Tractor Club tends the crop fields and is a key piece of our annual Fall Harvest Festival. The club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of old farm machinery. Join the club and meet other tractor enthusiasts, assist in tending the crop fields, and get the chance to learn and work on a myriad of antique farm equipment pieces.

#### Gardeners of America Club

2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

The mission of the Gardeners of America is to promote gardening education and related environmental issues to its membership and the gardening public through charitable, educational and scientific means. Join the club!

#### Flax and Fleece Guild

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

The Flax and Fleece Guild is dedicated to the fiber arts: spinning, knitting, crocheting, weaving, felting and more! In addition to the monthly meetings, the guild participates in many activities throughout the year, including spin-ins, Salomon Farm Fiber Arts Celebration, the Johnny Appleseed Festival, spinning at the Old Fort, and many more. Guild meetings in July and December will be held offsite.

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The information in this Fun Times is subject to change as needed to comply with COVID guidelines.

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# Special Interest

## Take a Deep Breath



### Reset with Essential Oils

Reset your routine with essential oils! The earth is filled with plants that have amazing properties that can bring balance, strength and healing to our bodies, as well as our immune system. Discover how you can add wellness to your life in this new year with essential oils. Instructors Julie Rodgers and Jean Light have been teaching healthy living practices together for over 7 years. Registration deadline: February 17. Min.5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142041-W1	2/24	W	1-2:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25/\$31 after February 17  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Meditation with Sound Immersion

Experience the wonderful world of meditation with sound immersion, an ancient art of vibrational tones to reset and restore cellular and emotional patterns in the physical and energetic body. Sound immersion is a simple and direct-connect to the powerful benefits of meditation – promoting deep restorative relaxation and a quiet mind. The harmonic resonance orchestrates an energetic reset to release stress and tension. Instructor Deborah Connelly is certified in deep relaxation, stress reduction, mind detoxification and group meditation by the International Academy of Sound Healing for physical, mental and emotional wellness. Please bring a blanket, wear comfortable, light-colored clothing and remove any metal on your body as metals have their own frequency and may interfere in the process. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142365-M1	1/18-2/22	M	7-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after January 11  
Location: Lakeside Pavilion #1

## Sew What?

### Hand Embroidery

Embroidery has been used for centuries to tailor, patch, mend and reinforce clothing and eventually developed into the art of embroidery for decorative purposes. After learning the fundamentals of embroidery, from selecting materials to the six basic stitches, you will be able to embellish your projects with style and expensive looking touches. Bring a pair of pillow cases to class. All other necessary supplies and materials will be provided. Instructor: Linda Wade. Registration deadline: January 28. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142034 -R1	2/4-2/18	Th	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$29/\$34 after January 28  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Chair Recovery

Don't give up your comfortable chair just because it is a little worn. Give it a new exterior and bring it back to life! Bring your chair (no recliners, sofas or love seats) to the first class with fabric intact, if possible. We'll determine the amount of material needed for your project and discuss fabric selection. You will learn basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion styles and furniture styles. In most cases, you will be able to reupholster your chair in the 10 weeks of class. No experience is necessary. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 34 years and operates his own shop. Call Larry at 260-426-5010 for more information or to determine if your chair is right for this class. Age 18+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 8. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142902-M1	1/11-3/15	M	6-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$101/\$106 after January 4  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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Call 427-6000 to register by phone.

## Potting and Painting

### Beginning Pottery

Pottery not only allows you to produce uniquely decorative and useful items, providing a means of self-expression and a sense of accomplishment, it can also provide therapeutic benefits such as stress reduction and mood enhancement. Come give it a try! You will learn both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay and select a design, as well as various glazing techniques. Each student will create six unique pieces to take home (a cylinder, vase and bowl by wheel and a coiled creamer, slabbed box and your own creation by hand). A supply list will be provided with your receipt or you may view it on-line at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org). All pieces will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for set-up and clean-up and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Ages 13+. Instructor Tom Sherbondy has been working with clay for 40 years. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142004-M1	1/11-2/15	M	6-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$94/\$99 after January 4  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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### Mosaic Mirror

Create a beautiful mosaic border for a small mirror using pieces of old dishes, stoneware and ceramics. You will need to bring to class a selection of 10-15 ceramic items that will be broken and cut into small pieces. All other materials will be provided. Ages 16+. Instruction is provided by Build Guild. Registration deadlines: January 11 and February 8. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142036-M1	1/18	M	6-9 pm
142036-M2	2/15	M	6-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46/\$51 after deadlines  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day! You'll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to your finished painting, learning how to load the brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Instructor Marilyn Copeland is a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. Registration deadlines January 8 and February 12. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142035-S1	1/16	Sa	10 am-12 pm
142035-S2	2/20	Sa	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$31/\$36 after deadlines  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Acrylic Pour

The defining characteristic of this painting technique is that you don't apply the paint with a brush or palette knife but rather use gravity to move the paint across a canvas. The results are unlike anything you can get with a brush: fluid flows of paint without any brush marks or texture. Choose your technique – dirty cup, swipe or strainer – and learn to create amazing and beautiful works of art. Instructors are provided by Build Guild. Registration deadlines: January 11 and February 8. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142043-M1	1/18	M	6-8 pm
142043-M2	2/15	M	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$41/\$46 after deadlines  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Community Center Rental

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for large and small events. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call Billy at 427-6463 for details and the full range of options or check our website at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).

## Oil and Watercolor with Marilyn Copeland

Explore important painting techniques such as color mixing, color value and composition with Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. The first three weeks will introduce you to oil painting and the final three weeks will focus on watercolors. The class is open to all skill levels. Ages 18+. Instructor Marilyn Copeland has been painting and working in different forms of art for 40 years and teaching for over 30 years. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142006-M1	1/18-2/22	M	5:30-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$79/\$84 after January 12  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Get With the Program

### Microsoft Windows 10 (50+)

Our Windows classes are designed for those with little or no computer experience. You will learn very basic terminology, hardware, components of a window and how to manipulate a window. You will then learn how to cut, copy and paste text, graphics and files. These tasks are common to just about every computer program. Finally, you will learn how to organize your files so they are easy to locate and tricks for finding files when they do get misplaced. Knowledge of the Windows operating system is a pre-requisite for most of our other computer classes. You should have access to a computer outside of class for practice. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadlines: January 6. Min. 3. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142100-W1	1/13-3/10	W	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$42/\$47 after January 6  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Computer Lab

The Community Center Computer Lab is open to the public and staffed by a volunteer on Mondays 12:30-2:30 p.m. and on Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No reservation is necessary. Just drop in.

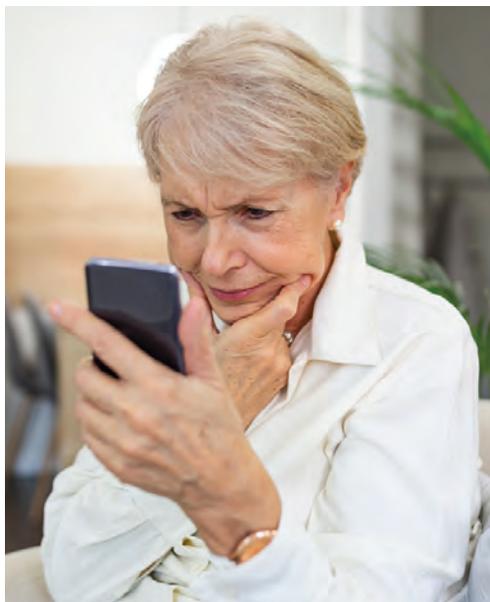
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B/W Copies .....	10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies .....	15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints.....	35¢ for 4" x 6"
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## Microsoft Excel 2007-2010

Excel is a powerful, yet relatively easy-to-master tool for organizing, analyzing and displaying information such as personal finances or an inventory. You will learn how to enter data, create formulas and display charts. Experience with windows, file management, word processing and the cut, copy and paste tool is required. Registration deadline: February 3. Min. 5. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142109-W1	2/10-3/17	W	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after February 3  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



### Getting to Know Your Android System (50+)

Do you feel like your smart phone or tablet is smarter than you are? From batteries, to signals, to apps and games...you will learn all about your handy little device. We'll cover texting, settings, maintenance, trouble shooting and even what to do if you lose your phone. You'll learn how to use Google calendar and many other free user-friendly applications. Bring your phone to class and show it who's boss. Note: This class is not for Windows phones/tablets or iPhones/iPads. Instructor: Kelley Doyle. Registration deadline: January 6. Min.5. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142120-M1	1/11-2/15	M	2:45-4:45 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after January 6  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6000

The Community Center will be  
CLOSED December 24, 25 &  
January 1. Happy Holidays!

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Watch Your Language!

## Song & Dance



### Spanish 101

Spanish rivals English as the language of choice in the Americas with over 250 million native Spanish speakers in South, Central and North America. It is also one of the easiest languages for English speakers to learn. Instructor Benigna (Betty) Rodriguez grew up on the Texas-Mexico border. She is fluent in both Spanish and English and has taught at the Community Center for over 15 years. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Spanish I

142600-T1	1/19-3/9	T	6-7:30 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$81/\$86 after January 12

#### Spanish Continuing

142600-T2	1/19-3/9	T	1:30-3:30 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$72/\$77 after January 12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Introduction to Spanish

Prepare to open doors to a whole new world of language and culture! Entry-level students will learn basic words and phrases applicable to everyday situations using in-class speaking, reading and writing exercises. We will use the book *Communication in Spanish* by Schmitt & Woodford, Novice/Elementary Level. Instructor Joshua Peppers has lived in Central America and studied the Spanish language and culture for a number of years. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142603-S1	1/9-3/13	Sa	9-10:30 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$85/\$90 after January 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Terrible Orchestra

Get the violin you played in high school out of the attic and come join our "orchestra" for adults (2+ years of experience is preferred) that just want to have fun making music and learning to play again. You will need to bring your instrument and a music stand. We will provide the sheet music. Modeled after the Scottish Really Terrible Orchestra, a group of friends who wanted to get together and play, this class will have some instruction as well as "rehearsal" time as a group. If you are an adult beginner taking lessons, you are welcome to enroll. String players are especially needed, but all are welcome. When registering for the class, please indicate what instrument you will be playing. Ages 18+. Instructor Debra Graham is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and directs the Northeast Indiana Talent Education beginning and intermediate ensembles and has taught elementary through middle school orchestras for over 30 years. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142308-M1	1/18-3/22	M	7-8:30 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$58/\$63 after January 11

Location: Heffner Pavilion, 1903 St. Mary's Ave.



### You Can Play the Ukulele

The ukulele is . . . hands down . . . the easiest instrument to learn to play and it is incredibly fun! In just one short lesson, you will learn how to hold the ukulele, use a chord chart and strum with confidence. You'll leave with the skills necessary to play out of any book of ukulele music. We'll start slow, and using lots of repetition, work up to playing some of your favorite tunes. A ukulele (yours to keep) is included in the class fee. Ages 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: February 13. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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142410-S1	2/20	Sa	9:30 am-12 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$72/\$77 after February 13

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Watch your mailbox for the  
Spring Fun Times on February 5.

Find us on   
Fort Wayne Parks and  
Recreation Community Center

## Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

This class is designed to appeal to beginners as well as seasoned line dancers. We will cover basic steps and terminology while incorporating them into popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country, and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, etc. will be included and taught in a line dance format. No special shoes or clothing are required. Ages 13+. Instructors: Philip and Carol Fretz. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142204-T1	1/5-2/23	T	7-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 after December 30  
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

## Adult Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn various tap dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required for the beginner class. The advanced class requires some previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 5. Min. 5. Max. 12. There will be no class on February 9.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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### Beginners

142205-T1	1/12-3/9	T	5:30-6:15 pm
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### Beginning Plus

142205-T2	1/12-3/9	T	6:15-7 pm
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### Advanced

142205-T3	1/12-3/9	T	7-8 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after January 5  
Location: Psi Ote Upper, Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.

## Clogging

Clogging resembles tap dancing but with double time steps that are executed with a flat foot rather than on the balls of your feet. It is fun for all ages and provides a great aerobic workout. Beginning Plus is for individuals who have completed a beginner class (not offered this session). Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for 20+ years and will help each student determine when to advance to the next skill level. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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### Beginning Plus

142200-M1	1/11-3/15	M	5:30-6:15 pm
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### Intermediate

142200-M2	1/11-3/15	M	6:15-7 pm
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Location: Franke Pond, Sherman Blvd.

### Continuing

142200-T2	1/12-3/16	T	6:15-7 pm
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### Advanced

142200-T3	1/12-3/16	T	7:15-8:15 pm
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Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.  
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$42/\$47 after January 4

## Beginning Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise. Classes will focus on the Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Polka and American Tango and will give you a solid base for social dancing. You must register with a partner. Ages 16+. Instructor Tiffany Neuls has been teaching dance at the Community Center for many years. Registration deadline: January 18. Min. 14. Max. 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142203-M1	1/25-3/1	M	7:30-8:30 pm

# Sessions: 6

Fee: \$40 per person/\$45 after January 18

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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# Did You Know?

## FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

### Know Your Finances



#### Savvy Social Security Planning

**Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

The decisions you make today will have a tremendous impact on the amount of Social Security benefits you will receive over your lifetime. This workshop will help you determine how much you can expect to receive, when to apply, as well as how to maximize your benefits. Learn the rules for spousal benefits and much more. This seminar is free, however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by January 12 to register. Min. 10.

#### Strategies to Help Your Money Last in Retirement

**Tuesday, February 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

You've spent a lifetime accumulating money for retirement. You've saved, invested, and taken advantage of IRAs and workplace retirement plans. Now you need to generate a steady income stream from your assets, and the decisions you make could have lasting repercussions. Join us for an educational seminar where we'll focus on a variety of strategies designed to help you make the most of your retirement and enjoy a more comfortable and rewarding lifestyle. As a seminar participant, you will receive a 20-page workbook on retirement income strategies. This full-color resource contains essential information that will help you assess your current situation and make sound financial decisions. This workshop is free, however pre-registration is required. You may reserve your seat by calling 427-6460 by February 9. Min. 10.

### Be Healthy

#### Nutrition Awareness

**Tuesday, January 26, 1:30-2:30 pm**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

Vitamin and mineral deficiencies can have many causes. Some diseases and even certain food sources are associated with deficiencies of vitamins C, E, D and A and minerals such as Copper, Calcium and Magnesium. These deficiencies can affect your vision and immune system. Learn how you can ensure you are getting the nutrition your body requires and how to interpret the new USDA food. Presenter: Keyonia Cox. The seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by January 19 to register.

#### The Importance of Sanitation

**Wednesday February 17, 1:30-2:30 pm**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

Food safety is vital to our health and well-being. Join Keyonia Cox to learn about food borne illnesses, the super 8 food allergies, cross-contamination, canned goods and refrigerator safety. She will also discuss the importance of food preparation and which cutting boards to use for what foods. This seminar is free; however you will need to call 427-6460 by February 10 to sign up.

#### Joint Screening & Fall Risk Assessment

**Thursday, January 28 and February 25,**  
**10:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

More than 1/3 of adults 65 and older fall each year and 20-30% of people who fall suffer moderate to severe injuries. Integrity Physical Therapy of Indiana is offering 15 minute appointments on January 28 and February 25 to assess your risk for falling. They will also provide you with education on risk factors and fall prevention strategies. The Joint Screening will focus on a brief evaluation of one joint (elbow, neck, shoulder, knee, hip, etc.) using Range of Motion and Manual Muscle Testing. Call 427-6460 to reserve your FREE appointment. Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment to check in. If there are openings or no shows walk-ins will be welcome.

**Pre-registration required. Reserve your seat at 427-6460.**

## Plan Ahead

### Medicare & Medigap Supplements

Monday, January 18, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This seminar will cover the basics of Medicare from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. You will learn how Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D Medicare coverage work together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. The basics of Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Supplemental Insurance plans will be discussed. You will learn where you can obtain the information you need to help you in your Medicare decision process. This free seminar is being presented by Ray Hunert. Call 427-6460 by January 13 or February 12 to sign up.

### Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Wills, Trusts and Power of Attorney

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The law regarding wills, trusts and power of attorney is constantly changing. Whether you already have a will or trust or are just in the planning stage, you will find the information presented by Elder Law Attorney Jesica Thorson very helpful. The seminar is FREE. Call 427-6460 by January 8 to reserve your seat.

### Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, January 27, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Advance care planning is about making choices on how you wish to live the end of your life. Most importantly, it is sharing these choices with your loved ones while you are still able to do so. The Advanced Care Team from Parkview Health shares tips for making these decisions. You may attend the sessions alone, but we encourage you to attend with the person who will likely be making care decisions for you. This program is free. Please call 427-6460 by January 20 to reserve your spot.

### Cemetery/Funeral Home Workshop

Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn what questions to ask before making pre-arrangements with cemeteries and funeral homes. Helpful information for veterans is also included. Presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillan has 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry. This informational seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by January 12 to reserve your spot.

## Dementia Discussions



### Alzheimer's Educational Presentations

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

These FREE educational sessions are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. You may attend in person at the Community Center or opt to attend virtually if you prefer to attend the seminars from your home. Pre-registration is required in either case. Call 427-6460 at least one week in advance to sign up.

#### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's December 7, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Learn the common signs of Alzheimer's Disease and how to watch for in them in yourself or others. We'll explore typical age-related changes, offer tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns and explain the importance of early detection and the benefits of diagnosis.

#### Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

January 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

This seminar is designed to provide a general overview of the relationship between Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, the risk factors, FDA-approved treatments and what's on the horizon in Alzheimer's research.

#### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research

February 1, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

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# 10th Annual Winterval 2021

**Saturday, January 30**  
*in Downtown Fort Wayne*

Celebrate winter with a visit to downtown Fort Wayne! The 10th annual Winterval promises a full day of indoor and outdoor winter fun for all ages. Watch ice carvers create wonders from a solid block of ice, shop an outdoor market, check out scale model cars, and enjoy special events at the Botanical Conservatory, the Old Fort, the Allen County Public Library or Science Central. Go for a carriage ride at the Community Center or ice skating at Headwaters Park.

**For complete details and updates, visit [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).**

## Winterval Hike & Bonfire Warm Up

9:00-10:30 a.m., Lindenwood Nature Preserve,  
600 Lindenwood Ave.

Start your Winterval festivities at Lindenwood Nature Preserve. Enjoy a relaxing hike through the woods then warm up by the bonfire. The guided hike will depart the campfire circle located a short distance inside the park entrance, promptly at 9:00 a.m., but you are invited to come and enjoy the trails and bonfire on your own, as well. Trail of Reflection is wheelchair and stroller accessible for 1/2 mile from the trailhead to the pond. All ages are welcome.

## Winterval at the Conservatory

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join us and our Winterval partners in celebrating the season of winter. Festivities at the Botanical Conservatory include an ice sculpture being carved right before your eyes, an activity for winter bird feeding, and a surprise giveaway! In addition, explore our winter play garden, "The Tiki Bowl" and be sure to stop in at Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop too. Regular admission applies: \$5/adult, \$3/child age 3-17; free for ages 2 and under.

## Winterval's Warm Heart Market

12:00-5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, Berry St.

Take a break from your Winterval activities and enjoy an afternoon browsing homemade and uniquely hand-crafted items at our first ever Market! Anyone interested in vending at this event, please contact Ted Sobol at [Theodore.Sobol@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Theodore.Sobol@cityoffortwayne.org) for an application.

## Winterval Beer Trail

Our beer trail highlights 14 local breweries and their seasonal beverages. Pick up a passport and visit all fourteen locations before Winterval on January 30. Turn in your passport at the Winter Cozy event to receive a prize package. Passports will be available at participating breweries and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation main office (705 East State) beginning December 1. Watch for details at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) and on our Facebook page at WintervalFW.



## Trek the Trails this Winterval

1:00 p.m.

Lawton Park, 1900 Clinton & Fourth St.

Warm up with a family-friendly, 6-mile bike ride along the Pufferbelly Trail. We'll depart from the Lawton Park parking lot on the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and ride to Franke Park and back. Helmets are recommended. This is a FREE event and does not require registration, however, it is weather dependent. Winterval event cancellations will be posted on the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Contact Amy at 427-6228 with any questions

## Winter Carnival

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Winter Carnival is a "must stop" in the Winterval line-up, celebrating the 10th anniversary with cupcakes, hot chocolate, snow crafts and activities the whole family will enjoy. Watch live ice carving, participate in various DIY class demos, play a round of miniature golf on an ice sculpted course and be sure to stop at the ever popular candy luge, a kid favorite. It's all FREE!

## Dog Sweater Day

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Auer Lawn, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Riverfront Fort Wayne invites all fashion conscious pet lovers to "unleash" their fur-pal's sense of wintertime fashion at Dog Sweater Day. Show off your pooch's cable knit sweater, warm scarf, or killer canine overcoat for the perfect seasonal photo. Pay \$1 to enter into our "Cutest Dog" Facebook contest that the public will vote on and receive a free print of your fashion forward pup from local photographer Stephen Zabrecky. Note: The event area is not enclosed – please plan to keep your dog leashed and pick up after them.

## Winter Cozy

7:00-11:00 p.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Join us for Winter Cozy and immerse yourself in Hygge ("hoo-guh"), a calm comfortable time with people you love while enjoying good food, drinks, warm blankets and candlelight. Meet your friends and neighbors on the riverfront and enjoy the winter comforts of hot beverages and foods while you lounge about and chat in our comfortable indoor and outdoor seating. Enjoy the warm pavilion, watch your drinks cool in a custom ice luge, listen to live music, dance with your friends, and get a selfie in the photo booth. We will be expanding our space this year and warming the outside with plenty of firepits and heaters. You can dress to impress and for the weather so that you always remain cozy! Winter Cozy is a 21+ event. Cash bar and food available for purchase. For more details visit [RiverfrontFW.org](http://RiverfrontFW.org) or contact Jen Brown at [Jenifer.brown@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Jenifer.brown@cityoffortwayne.org) or 260-427-6135. Admission is \$10 at the door.

[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)

 WintervalFW

# McMillen Park Center

## McMillen Park Community Center

3901 Abbott Street • 427-2420  
Supervisor: Andre Patterson

### Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 am-2:30 pm & 6:30-8 pm  
Fri 9 am-2:30 pm / Sat 9 am-1 pm / Sun 12-5 pm

### Admission

\$1, Photo I.D. required

Youth registered in the After School Program are admitted FREE M-F, 3-7 p.m.

## COVID-19 Policy

Due to COVID-19 the building capacity is 145 people. Once this capacity is reached at any given time, the doors will be closed. All patrons must:

- Have temperature taken before entering the building.
- Wear a mask! (Masks may be removed only while engaged in a physical activity while still practicing social distancing.)
- Practice 6' social distancing.

## Get Moving!

### Pickleball

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Pickleball courts are available every weekday morning for drop-in play. Balls are provided. Admission: \$1 with photo ID

### Wellness/Open Fitness

Monday-Friday, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Enjoy our indoor walking track and fitness equipment in the comfort of a clean, spacious facility. Admission: \$1 with photo ID

### Cardio Fit

Monday & Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for fun, aerobic exercise appropriate for all fitness levels! Drop-in fee: \$1 with photo ID

### Essential Steps

Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Essential Steps is line dancing fun with choreographed, sequenced steps to improve memory, coordination and balance! Drop-in fee: \$1 with photo ID

### Zumba

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dance yourself into a fitter you! Drop-in fee: \$1 with photo ID

### Fun and Games

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Adults enjoy board games as much as anyone. Bring your friends (and your opponents) for board game fun. We have an assortment of games, or you can bring your own. Admission: \$1 with photo ID

## Have a Ball!



### Men's Adult Basketball League

Thursday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The Men's Adult Basketball League begins February 4 and runs for 15 weeks followed by a single elimination tournament. Game times are scheduled on Thursdays at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Team registration forms are available at the McMillen Park Community Center Guests Services Desk and online. Team Rosters are limited to 12 players and the league to 12 teams. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 21. Team Fee: \$200

### Jr. NBA Youth Basketball League

January 20-March 10

The Jr. NBA Basketball League is open to boys and girls in grades 3-5 and 6-8. Games will be played on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00. The cost is \$60/team (youth registered in McMillen's After-School Program may participate free of charge and will be placed on a MPCC team). Registration deadline: January 13. Call 427-2420 for more information or to register your team.

### Little Ballers

Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

January 23-February 27

Open to boys and girls ages 4-7 free of charge, Little Ballers offers skills, drills and shooting fundamentals.

## Youth After-School Program

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Youth After-School Program is limited to 145 youth who will be admitted daily on a first-come/first-served basis. Please refer to page 30 for details.

### Kids' Café

**Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m.**

A nutritious meal including protein, grain, vegetables, fruit and milk is prepared on site and served daily.

### Dance Collective

**Mondays, 3:30-4:00 p.m.**

Powered by Fort Wayne Dance Collective dance professionals, students learn body awareness, coordination and musical expression.

### McMillen Music Academy Powered by Sweetwater

**Mondays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Virtual as well as in person guitar lessons are provided free of charge by Sweetwater instructors.

### Arts & Crafts Powered by ACPL (Pontiac Branch)

**Mondays, 4:00 p.m.**

Library personnel lead super fun, super easy crafts.



### Youtheatre

**Mondays, 4:00 p.m.**

Students learn the theatre basics: projection, inflection, articulation and dramatization!

### Jump for Life

**Monday-Thursday, 4:00 p.m.**

Group physical fitness gets the kids moving!

### Self Care

**Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.**

Youth learn to take time out of each day to show themselves respect and love.

### Junior Achievement Financial Literacy

**Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.**

Financial Literacy aims to equip young people with the skills needed to take control of their economic future.

### Culinary Arts

**Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.**

Student gather in the kitchen to learn basic culinary concepts.

### Story Time with ACPL (Hessen Cassel Branch)

**Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.**

Library personnel read and interact with youth to develop literary skills and a love for books.

### Drug Awareness

**Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.**

This program promotes an anti-drug mindset and increases children's likelihood to remain drug-free.

### STEAM

**Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.**

Students love Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math . . . as long as it's fun!

**Questions? 427-2420**

**Find us on**   
**McMillen Park Community Center**

### McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

The McMillen Park Community Center has a space for every event. Let us host your family reunion, birthday party, baby shower, pickleball tournament, basketball tournament, conference, group meeting, wedding reception or other event. We have a variety of room sizes depending on the needs of your group. Alcohol is permitted at the Center. Please contact Percinta Hunter, Program Coordinator at (260) 427-2420 for additional information.

**and FREE after-school fun!**

# Youth Centers

## Fall/Winter After School Youth Program

For school-age children ages 5-18

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 p.m. • Friday 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Cooper Community Center •  
2300 Clinton & Creighton  
(opens at 3:30 p.m.)

Jennings Recreation Center •  
1330 McCulloch St

Weisser Park Youth Center  
802 Eckart St.

McMillen Park Community Center  
3901 Abbott St.

### FREE After School Fun!

#### Kids' Café

Monday-Thursday 5:00 p.m.; Friday 4:30 p.m.

Nutritious balanced meal cooked on site (in partnership with Community Harvest Food Bank),

#### Homework Help/Enrichment

Monday-Thursday 3:00 p.m.

#### STEAM

Tuesday-Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Science, technology, engineering, art and math practiced in a variety of fun projects and activities.

#### CYC Fit/Nutrition

Wednesdays

A variety of staff led interactive youth appropriate fitness challenges and games.

#### Character Building

Mondays

Youth go through a variety of topics dealing with trust, respect, responsibility, self-image, behavior and many more including doing community service projects to show/grow care and citizenship.

#### Art

Tuesdays

#### Show Time

Monday-Friday, Times Vary

Youth participate in self-expression activities, via dance, instruments, writing, singing etc.

#### Game & Recreation Time

Thursdays

Youth will learn rules to various games and have the opportunity to show what they have learned as well as teach games they know.

#### Virtual Programs

We also offer virtual programming for all youth/families Tuesday-Thursday at 6:00 p.m. A link is sent out weekly to those who have registered.

### Social Distancing Guidelines

Following the social distancing guidelines set forth by the CDC, there will be some changes in the operations of the youth program for the safety of our youth, their families, and our staff. For your safety, upon entering the facility all students:

- Must have previously registered for the program including signing a waiver regarding COVID-19.
- Must have temperature taken 1st thing upon entering building.
- Must practice social distancing (6 ft apart).
- Must wear a mask. \*\*

\*\* **NOTE:** Masks may be removed during any physical recreation but please continue to practice social distancing.





## Space Is Limited

## Policies & Procedures

### When a Child Becomes Ill

If a child becomes ill, staff will contact the parent and the emergency contact. There will be a 15-minute pause for a response. If there is no response, the Fort Wayne Police Department Desk Sergeant will be called to pick the youth up.

### When Fort Wayne Community Schools are Closed

When school is closed for pre-scheduled closings such as parent/teacher conferences, fall break, spring break, and Christmas break (Dec. 21-23) our hours of operation will be 12:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for the youth program.

During the second week of Christmas break (Dec. 28-31) and on snow days the facility will be closed for IN PERSON programming and VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING will take place between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. A link will be sent to all registered families.

### Late Pick Ups

The programs will close at 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.

#### LATE PICK UPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

If your youth is a car rider, you **MUST** be outside to pick your child up at or before the close of business. If you cannot make an on time pick up- please arrange for someone else to pick your child up on time.

Walkers will be dismissed promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you allow your youth to walk home, please have a safety discussion with them.

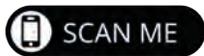
We request that you keep your contact information updated at all times.

**If no one is there to pick up a child at dismissal, the desk sergeant will be called to pick up the youth and you are at HIGH risk of losing enrollment in the program, which means your youth will no longer be able to participate in our after school program.**

### How to Register

Registrations may be completed via the online registration form. You can find the link at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org), our Facebook page (Cooper, Jennings, Weisser Youth Centers or McMillen Community Center) or scan the QR code below.

After registrations are received staff will contact parents to schedule a mandatory, in-person parent meeting to be held the week prior to the start of programming. Attending the parent meeting and signing off on the parent handbook is the final step for registration where the parent will receive youth's enrollment confirmation.



### Attendance at Cooper, Jennings or Weisser Centers

**Attendance for the fall/winter period is capped at 14 students for Cooper Center, 26 students for Jennings Center, and 30 students for Weisser Center.**

Students will not be re-admitted after leaving the facility on a given day without special dispensation from the building supervisor for required appointments.

Attendees will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the time and date that their registration is received. Once the attendance cap is reached registrants will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which their registration was received.

At Cooper/Jennings/Weisser Centers youth **MUST** attend 80% of programming days in order to keep their enrollment slot. Attendance will be taken daily. If the attendance drops below 80% students are at HIGH risk of losing their enrollment slot.

### Attendance at McMillen Park Community Center

Attendance for the day is capped at 145 students on a first-come first-served basis.

Students will not be re-admitted after leaving the facility on a given day.

Admission begins at 3:00 p.m. daily.

**Questions? 427-6000**

# Pre-school Play Time

Programs designated as "Adult/Child" require the active participation of at least one adult with each child throughout the program.

## Can't Sit Still

### Playful Preschoolers

**\*Adult/Child**

Playing with balls and crawling through tunnels... what could be more fun? Games and activities this morning will involve a series of tunnels and obstacles and lots of different balls for loads of little kid fun and basic motor skill development. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143029-M1	12/7	M	9-9:45 am
143029-M2	1/4	M	9-9:45 am
143029-M3	1/25	M	9-9:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



### Toddlers on the Move

**\*Adult/Child**

Looking for a way to burn off some of that extra energy? We have planned all sorts of fun activities that will have you running, jumping, rolling, throwing and on the move! You will also learn about playing with others and maybe even make some new friends! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 25. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143032-M1	2/1-2/15	M	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Mini & Little Kickers Soccer

**\*Adult/Child**

This may be the only pre-school class where kicking is not only allowed, but encouraged! Basic soccer skills and terminology are the focus of this non-competitive, instructional program. Soccer is an active sport that will help your child develop social skills and hand-eye coordination. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games. There will be scrimmages. At least one parent or other adult is required to participate with each child. Registration deadline: January 27. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Ages 2-3: Mini Kickers

143700-W1 2/3-2/24 W 9-9:30 am

# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35/\$45 after January 27

#### Ages 3-4: Little Kickers

143700-W2 2/3-2/24 W 10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$39/\$49 after January 27

Location: Franke Park, Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

### Pre-School Gymnastics

**\*Adult/Child**

Children who participate in gymnastics tend to have better control over their bodies, have better hand-eye coordination, and also better stability than other children in the same age group. In addition to the physical benefits, gymnastics also gives children the opportunity to figure out how to express themselves and interact with other children their own age. Classes will focus on basic tumbling skills and the use of various gymnastics equipment. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Parents participate to help keep your child focused on the activities. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)

143300-F1 1/8-2/26 F 4:30-5 pm

143300-F2 1/8-2/26 F 5:15-5:45 pm

143300-F3 1/8-2/26 F 6-6:30 pm

#### Ages 3-4

143301-F1 1/8-2/26 F 4:30-5:15 pm

143301-F2 1/8-2/26 F 5:15-6 pm

143301-F3 1/8-2/26 F 5:45-6:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 4

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Register on-line at  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)



## Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. Each session of beautiful ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W1	1/6-2/24	W	10-10:30 am
143304-W2	1/6-2/24	W	4:15-4:45 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after December 30  
 Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

## All That Jazz

Every child should be introduced to dance! It helps them develop balance, control, posture, focus and fine-tuned listening skills. Each session of All That Jazz will include a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143305-W1	1/6-2/24	W	10:30-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after December 30  
 Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

## Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 18 with the following conditions:

- Must qualify for free lunches and text books, according to Federal guidelines
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$50
- May use scholarship for program registration fees only

Call 427-6000 for more information or visit [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).

## Happy Holidays

### Holiday Fun

**\*Adult/Child**

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we want you to celebrate with us! You'll make holiday crafts that you can give as Christmas gifts, play some fun games, and enjoy Santa's favorite treat of milk and cookies before you leave! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
443039-F1	12/4	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Be My Valentine!

**\*Adult/Child**

We would LOVE for you to join us for our annual Valentine's Day party! There will be Valentine crafts, heart-y games and much more. You'll even get to decorate your own Valentine's Day cupcake! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: February 5. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143104-F1	2/12	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Kids in the Kitchen

### Little Roots: Culinary Classes

**\*Adult/Child**

Empower your little one to create his/her own healthy snacks. We've partnered with Wholesome Roots Cooking to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on learning and cooking! Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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#### Reindeer Snack Mix

Both reindeer and humans will like this customizable snack mix that also makes a great gift during the holiday season!

153909-T4	12/1	Tu	10-11 am
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#### Little Prince and Princess Tea Party

These snacks are perfect for a tea party! Prince and princess attire is encouraged but not required!

153909-T5	1/5	Tu	10-11 am
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#### Valentine's Day Cooking

Discover creative ways to show love from the kitchen and a special memory between you and your child!

153909-T3	2/2	Tu	10-11 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

## Almost Artists

### Messy Art

**\*Adult/Child**

Getting messy is not only lots of fun, it's educational, too! Your child will enjoy the sensation of different textures and art mediums while creating some beautiful masterpieces! The best part? We do all the clean up! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143040-R1	1/14	Th	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



### Preschool Art & Activity

**\*Adult Child**

We have some early morning fun planned for you! We'll start with art and end with a fun activity to get you moving. Choose your favorite theme or try them all for more fun (and a discounted fee)! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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**Bugs**

143048-A1	12/14	M	10-10:45 am
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**Dinosaur Day**

143048-B1	1/6	W	10-10:45 am
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**Pirate Party**

143048-C1	1/27	W	10-10:45 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Sign up for two or more classes at the same time for just \$12/class.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### 123's and Shapes with Ease

**\*Adult/Child**

Learn all about numbers and shapes through fun activities and games! There are so many fun shapes, we will determine what a few of them are and even work on drawing them. We'll also practice writing and grouping numbers. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: November 24. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143043-W1	12/2-12/16	W	9-9:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$28

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## On an Adventure

### Paw Patrol

**\*Adult/Child**

Join Ryder and all of his Paw Patrol friends for a fun-filled Friday morning! We will work together to make our own Paw Patrol gear and then help the team out on a very important rescue mission. All of that action will probably make us work up an appetite, so we will have a yummy puppy treat at the end of class. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: December 11. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143047-F1	12/18	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Preschool Jungle Hour

Need a break from the winter weather? Warm up with us in February as we explore the tropical lushness of the Conservatory's beautiful Tropical Garden! Designed for ages 3-5 and an adult helper, participants will explore our indoor garden and its jungle-like habitat. Learn together and assist your child side by side with activities that are sure to get everyone thinking. Adult guardians are required to participate for the duration (no registration required). Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: February 9. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127200-T1	2/16	T	10-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$9

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



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# Children's Zoo

## Zoo Much Fun!

### Winter Break Camps

Winter Break Camps are the perfect way to connect your children to nature, even in Indiana's coldest months! Animal encounters, zoo treks, and hands-on exploration activities await as campers create unique, winter break memories. Space is limited; **pre-registration is required and must be completed online at [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org)**. Questions? Call 260-427-6808.

\*During the COVID 19 pandemic, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo will be adhering to current policies recommended at the time of your Winter Break Camp.

### What's Cooking?

Animals love munching on their favorite snacks, just like you! Whether it's bananas or berries, seeds or meat, our animals have an amazing appetite. Meet friendly ambassador animals while learning each of their favorite snacks. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
4-5	12/29	T	9-11:30 am	\$25

### Wild Kitchen

Meet our herbivores, carnivores and our beloved om-om-omnivores! Join zoo animals for lunch as we explore what it takes to feed an entire Zoo!

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-9	12/29	T	8:30 am-3 pm	\$40

### Zooper Chef

Over 1,000 animals need food chopped, cleaned, and weighed every single day! Do you have what it takes to feed the Zoo? Explore this essential, behind the scenes work of animal care. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
10-12	12/19	T	8:30am-3 pm	\$40

### Home Sweet Home

There is no place like home! Whether it's a sticky web or a warm burrow, animals live in some unique places. Join us as we build some cozy animal abodes. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
4-5	12/30	W	9-11:30 am	\$25



### Eco Engineers

Animals are some of the most creative engineers in our natural world, building wildly intricate homes, tools, and networks. Discover the amazing skills required to design their masterpieces as we encounter the Zoo's own animal engineers. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-9	12/30	W	8:30 am-3 pm	\$40

### Animal Architects

Celebrate the unique shelters made by nature's natural builders. Become an animal architect yourself, as you learn the ins and outs of habitat design at the Zoo. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
10-12	12/30	W	8:30 am-3 pm	\$40

### Animal Boogie

Start your morning right by hopping, slithering, and swaying to the sounds of the Zoo. Boogie along with animal friends to discover their unique movements! Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
4-5	12/31	Th	9-11:30 am	\$25

### I-Spy

Search high, low, all around! Look closely, what animals can you spot? Grab a magnifying glass and some binoculars to discover hidden wildlife found at the Zoo and in our own backyard. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-9	12/31	Th	8:30 am-3 pm	\$40
10-12	12/31	Th	8:30 am-3 pm	\$40

## KIDS FOR NATURE SUMMER DAY CAMP

Registration begins February 3.  
Watch for details at [Kidszoo.org](http://Kidszoo.org).

## Zoo Memberships Make Great Gifts!

Give a Zoo Membership for the holidays! Enjoy unlimited free admission to the Zoo, discounted admission to more than 140 zoos nationwide, members-only discounts, and more. Purchase on-line at [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) or call 260-427-6800 weekdays to order by phone. Membership benefits are subject to change at any time.

Stuff your stocking with a Zoo membership!

# Just for Kids

## I'm Flexible

### Gymnastics

This popular sport not only provides many physical benefits including strength, flexibility, speed, balance, coordination and power; it also promotes non-physical benefits such as discipline, determination, confidence and communication. Plus, it's FUN! Your child will learn to perform front and back rolls, handstands, walkovers and cartwheels, as well as comparable skills on the balance beam, uneven bars and trampoline. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>Ages 5-8</b>			
143302-F1	1/8-2/26	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143302-F2	1/8-2/26	F	5-5:45 pm
143302-F3	1/8-2/26	F	5:45-6:30 pm
143302-F4	1/8-2/26	F	6:30-7:15 pm

#### Ages 8-12

143302-F6	1/8-2/26	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 4  
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

### Gymnastics for Guys

Because it builds overall body strength, increases coordination and agility, and teaches mental focus, gymnastics provides excellent training for other sports. Participation in gymnastics also promotes a positive learning attitude which some educators believe leads to higher math and reading scores. Best of all – gymnastics is FUN! You will learn to perform front and back rolls and handstands as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar and trampoline. All participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143303-F1	1/8-2/26	F	6:30-7:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 4  
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Register on-line at  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)

## Hip Hop Dance

Hip Hop is one of the most popular forms of dance today. The content and language used in the lyrics found in the songs used at Starz Dance Academy is closely monitored. Age appropriate words, message and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN! Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143306-W1	1/6-2/24	W	5:15-5:45 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after December 30  
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

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Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W3	1/6-2/24	W	4:45-5:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after December 30  
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

## Let's Build Something

### S.T.E.M. Challenges

For some exciting and challenging after-school fun, join us at the Community Center for a little Science, Technology, Engineering and Math! Our interactive, hands-on S.T.E.M. Challenges will test your ability to design, build and think outside the box. So you have what it takes? Ages 5-9. Registration deadlines: January 19 and February 16. Min. 7. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>Ice Insulator</b>			
143400-T1	1/26	T	4-5 pm
<b>Catapult</b>			
143400-T2	2/23	T	4-5 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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## Don't Putt Your Clubs Away

### "After School" Winter Golf

Be ready to hit the course at the first sign of spring! Our winter golf instruction covers the fundamentals, swing mechanics, etiquette and course strategies . . . everything you need to learn the sport or to improve your existing skills. All lessons are held indoors in the Jerry Fox Training Room at the McMillen Park Golf Course and are taught by PGA Pros Rick Sholund and Chris Jones along with area college and high school golfers. Ages 9-14. Bring your own golf clubs. Note: There will be no classes held on November 24 and 26. Max. 4.



Code	Dates	Day	Time
112100-T1	11/3-12/1	T	4-4:50 pm
112100-R1	11/5-12/3	Th	4-4:50 pm
112100-T2	1/26-2/16	T	5-5:50 pm
112100-R2	1/28-2/18	Th	5-5:50 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$60

Location: McMillen Park Golf Course Clubhouse, Oxford & Hessen Cassel

### Youth Scholarships

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- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$50
- May use scholarship for program registration fees only.

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### North Pole Stop-N-Shop & Wagon Rides

Schedule a time to come to the Community Center where children can shop for inexpensive (\$5 and under) gifts for friends and family this holiday season. We'll be showing the holiday movie Elf, serving cookies and milk to all participants and everyone is invited to take a holiday photo around the Christmas tree. You can also sign up to go on a tractor drawn wagon ride before or after you shop. There is no fee to attend either event. The Stop-N-Shop is for children only. Adult volunteers will be on hand to help younger children make purchases. Families with more than one child may register for one time slot, but please indicate how many children will be attending when registering. Sponsored by Park Place Senior Living & Summit City Nursing & Rehabilitation. Registration deadline: November 30. Max. 5.

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>North Pole Stop-N-Shop</b>			
143500-W1	12/2	W	4-4:30 pm
143500-W2	12/2	W	4:30-5 pm
143500-W3	12/2	W	5-5:30 pm
143500-W4	12/2	W	6-6:30 pm
143500-W5	12/2	W	6:30-7 pm
143500-W6	12/2	W	7-7:30 pm
143500-R1	12/3	Th	4-4:30 pm
143500-R2	12/3	Th	4:30-5 pm
143500-R3	12/3	Th	5-5:30 pm
143500-R4	12/3	Th	6-6:30 pm
143500-R5	12/3	Th	6:30-7 pm
143500-R6	12/3	Th	7-7:30 pm

#### Wagon Rides

143501-W1	12/2	W	4-4:30 pm
143501-W2	12/2	W	4:30-5 pm
143501-W3	12/2	W	5-5:30 pm
143501-W4	12/2	W	6-6:30 pm
143501-W5	12/2	W	6:30-7 pm
143501-W6	12/2	W	7-7:30 pm
143501-R1	12/3	Th	4-4:30 pm
143501-R2	12/3	Th	4:30-5 pm
143501-R3	12/3	Th	5-5:30 pm
143501-R4	12/3	Th	6-6:30 pm
143501-R5	12/3	Th	6:30-7 pm
143501-R6	12/3	Th	7-7:30 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

# Fun After Fifty

## Social Seniors

### Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for these special Monday luncheons. We will be social distancing and requiring masks until lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Paid reservations are required by the previous Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Reservations fees cannot be refunded. At each luncheon there will be a short presentation by the sponsor. Ages 50+.

Monday, December 21, 11:30 a.m.

#### "A December to Remember"

Supporting Sponsor: Hearing Aids Plus+  
Reservation fee: \$5 Min. 20

Monday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.

#### "Winter Wishes"

Supporting Sponsor:  
StoryPoint- Senior Living Community  
Reservation fee: \$4 Min. 15

Monday, February 15, 11:30 a.m.

#### "February Fun Facts"

Supporting Sponsor:  
Heritage Park-American Senior Communities  
Reservation fee: \$4 Min. 15

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### Greet & Eat

Tuesday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for our winter Greet & Eat social! Miller's Health Systems of greater Fort Wayne will serve a continental breakfast and offer opportunities to win prizes. Greet & Eat is held quarterly and it's free! ABC Exercise and Cardio Flex fitness classes are held on the same morning, so why not fit a little fitness in before or after the social? Pre-registration is required by February 16 for the Greet and Eat. Call 427-6460 to sign up. Space is limited.



### Book Sales

December 8-10, January 12-14, February 9-11  
8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Book sales are open to the public and feature hardback books, paperbacks, magazines, CD's and DVD's at low prices. Donations are always welcome, so bring in your old and gently used books!



### Tuesday Movies

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for an afternoon at the movies! Most features are recent releases or popular classics. Admission is FREE, however, we do require pre-registration by the Monday prior to the movie. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. Please call 427-6460 by the Monday prior to each movie to reserve your seat. Tuesday movies are sponsored by Miller's Health Systems of greater Fort Wayne.

December 1 ..... Last Christmas  
December 15..... The Christmas Chronicles  
January 5 ..... Ride Like a Girl  
January 19 ..... End of Sentence  
February 2 ..... Call of the Wild  
February 16 ..... Emma

## Get in the Game!

### Bingo

2nd and 4th Friday, 1:00 p.m.

December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Prizes include snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Sponsored by Miller's Health Systems of greater Fort Wayne and Heritage Park. Fee: 3 cards/50¢

### Community Cornhole League

Wednesdays, January 20-February 24, 11:00 a.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Toss your cares away and join us for some friendly cornhole competition! Men, women, beginners and experts . . . all are welcome! Play continues for 6 weeks, with prizes awarded to the top 3 finishers at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6461 by January 13 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$1. Min. 6.

### Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, January 19-February 23, 1:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well! Join us for fun and friendly competition at the Community Center! Call 427-6461 by January 14 to sign up.

## Fun & Games

Join organized Fun & Games or play on your own anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center. You may bring your own equipment or borrow ours from the information desk. There is no pre-registration for these ongoing programs. Just drop in and join the fun. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1

Game	Days	Time
<b>Billiards</b>	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Call 427-6460 to reserve a 2 hour time slot. Bring your own cue stick or sign one out at the information desk.		
<b>Bingo</b>	2nd-4th F	1 pm
<b>Cornhole</b>	W	11 am
<b>Crochet</b>	W	10 am-12 pm
	F	1-3 pm
<b>Fitness Equipment</b>	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Call 427-6460 to schedule use of equipment		
<b>Quilting</b>	Th	1-4 pm
<b>Scrapbooking</b>	T	1-3 pm
<b>Table Tennis</b>	M,W	8:30-11:30 am
<b>Wii Bowling</b>	T	1-3 pm

Many THANKS to the following for their contributions to our Fun & Games:

- Miller's Health Systems of Greater Fort Wayne
- Heritage Park
- Englewood Health & Rehab



### 2021 Senior Games

June 7-24, 2021

Save the date! More than 500 active senior adults participated in the 2019 Senior Games. Mark your calendar and start "training" now for the 2021 Senior Games. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list.



**Park Place Senior Living**  
Halloween Haunt

**Chapman Place**  
Active Aging Shuffleboard

**Hamilton Place**  
Active Aging Disc Golf

**Park Place**  
Veterans Breakfast

## Fitness Fun

### Senior Yoga

Research has shown that exercise can slow down the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. This Yoga for Seniors program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of the respiratory, digestive, circulation and nervous systems. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141200-T1	1/12-3/2	T	12-1 pm
141200-R1	1/14-3/4	Th	12-1 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$41/\$46 after January 6

Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for a reduced rate of \$68 (16 sessions)

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

ABC Exercise, formerly Arthritis Foundation Exercise, is a recreational exercise program designed for anyone with arthritis or related rheumatic disease and/or joint problems (hip/knee replacement, stroke, etc.). If you are just beginning to exercise, start with this class specifically designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. No pre-registration is required for this drop-in program. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1/class

### Cardio Flex

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:45-11:30 a.m.**

**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

Cardio Flex is for those individuals who desire a more intensive workout than offered in ABC Exercise. It is designed for active seniors and consists of 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise designed to help decrease fat mass and lower resting heart rate and cholesterol levels. Prior participation is not required; however, we recommend you consult your doctor before beginning any exercise program. No pre-registration is required for this drop-in program. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1/class

### Senior Aqua Fit

Aqua Fit is total body toning in the water with fun resistance and buoyancy tools. The instructor will guide the class through various aerobic movements performed to rhythmic music. Benefits of Aqua Fit include:

- Burning more calories per minute than land exercise
- Decreased pain and muscle soreness
- Reduced swelling
- Increased strength and mobility
- Help in regaining range of motion and endurance
- Improved balance
- Help in maintaining fitness levels while injured

Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 14. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141209-F1	1/20-2/25	W	11:30 am-12:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$67/\$72 after January 14

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton



## Creative and Crafty

### Crop Till You Drop

**Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

More people every year are discovering the joy of scrapbooking! When “scrapbookers” get together to scrapbook it is called “Cropping”. This hobby is relaxing while at the same time creates unique family and friend albums to keep and share. During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet other “scrapbookers” and make new friends with similar interests. This class is for the beginner or the expert! We will share ideas and work on our own projects; however, there will be some supplies available. If you’ve been considering scrapbooking for a while but were intimidated by the prospect of starting, this class is for you! With a bit of practice, you’ll soon be creating scrapbooks that will be the envy of all your friends! Ages 50+. There is no need to call ahead just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$1

### Behind the Easel: Oil or Acrylic

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oil or acrylic. Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor, will guide you through this independent study. Please bring a photo or art instructional book by your favorite artist. You will receive a supply list when you register. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141301-M1	1/11-2/15	M	1:30-4 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$73/\$78 after January 4  
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

**Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.**  
**December 21, January 18 & February 15**  
 Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn’t like to color? Listen to relaxing music, visit with your neighbor and color until your heart’s content using colored pencils. No pre-registration is necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$1. (Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans for lunch.)

### Inclement Weather Policy

If Fort Wayne Community Schools close due to inclement weather, all Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation classes will also be canceled. If the Mayor declares a snow emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled. Weather-related cancellations will be posted on Facebook.



### Senior Tap Class

Tap dancing is fun at any age! Whether you’ve tapped before or just want to try something new, you are invited to join the fun! It is great exercise and a great way to spend a Thursday afternoon. You’ll learn dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard sole shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>Advanced</b>			
141210-R2	1/21-3/11	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
<b>Beginner</b>			
141210-R1	1/21-3/11	Th	3:30-4:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$15/\$20 after January 9  
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a 15-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women 50 and over. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To audition for the troupe or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 427-6461.

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## Curious About Crochet

One of the greatest things about crochet is that you don't have to invest in fancy, new materials or find room in your house to store a bunch of equipment. With just a simple hook, a skein of yarn and a nice, comfy place to sit, you can begin enjoying all the benefits this craft provides. In this class, we'll get you started with a few basic stitches and show you how to read a pattern. You'll leave this class with a Granny Square lap afghan and a new hobby. Please bring to class a size K crochet hook and one skein of 4-ply yarn in a light color. (Once you've begun your new hobby, join us for Hooked on Crochet below.) Instructor: Berniece Wilkins. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141304-F1	1/15-3/5	F	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$17/\$22 after January 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Hooked on Crochet

**Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

Are you hooked on crochet? Come join the fun! Show off your latest creation, collect new ideas and get a little work done on your latest project. [Crochet instruction is offered in "Curious about Crochet."] Ages 50+. No need to call ahead. Drop-in fee: \$1.

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**The Community Center will be  
CLOSED December 24, 25 &  
January 1. Happy Holidays!**

## Creative Quilting

**Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

Creative quilting has much in common with the quilting bee, an extremely popular social event in the mid-nineteenth century. It provides an opportunity to meet other quilters, make new friends, share ideas and express your artistic capabilities. Rather than everyone working on one common quilt, however, you are encouraged to bring your current quilting project to work on. An iron and ironing board will be set up for your use and large tables available for laying out your quilt. Ages 50+. There is no need to call ahead. Drop-in fee: \$1.

## Need Advice?

### Legal Counseling

Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin, L.L.C attorneys are at the Community Center on the morning of the first Friday of every month to answer your legal questions. Please call 427-6460 to make an appointment. This FREE service is offered to people age 50+. (Legal Counseling will not be offered in January.)

Day	Dates	Time
Fri	12/4, 2/5	9:30 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Community Center Rental

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for large and small events. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call Billy at 427-6463 for details and the full range of options or check our website at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).

## Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

A trained SHIP counselor is available on the first and third Thursday of every month (and every Thursday during open enrollment) to answer your questions about Medicare, Medigap (supplement to Medicare), Prescription Drug Plans and Advantage Plans. Get a detailed explanation of Medicare coverage and learn the differences between Medigap and Advantage Plans and when an additional prescription drug plan is necessary. Please bring a list of your prescription drugs, as well as the strength and how often it is taken. This service is free and not affiliated with any insurance agency. Call 427-6460 to schedule an appointment.

Day	Dates	Time
Thur	12/3, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## For Your Health

### Diabetic Screening

Diabetes affects approximately 25 million people or 8.3% of the U.S. population. While an estimated 18 million have been diagnosed, 7 million are unaware they have the disease. Sunshine Home Health Care will offer FREE diabetes screenings at the Community Center on the first Thursday of the month. No appointment is required.

Day	Dates	Time
Thur	12/3, 1/7, 2/4	9-11 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



### How's Your Hearing?

Approximately 28 million Americans, or about one in every ten people in this country, have some hearing loss. Many don't even know it. Audiologist Dr. Zach Burkle conducts FREE hearing screenings at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month. The screening only takes 15 minutes. Please call 427-6460 to make your appointment and arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Ages 50+.

Day	Dates	Time
Tues	12/1, 1/5, 2/2	9-11:15 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## I Can Help



### Volunteer/Instructor Opportunities

The Community Center offers numerous opportunities for people of all ages to join our family of over 200 volunteers and become involved in programs and operations. As a Community Center volunteer, you will find satisfaction in being of service to the community, develop your interests, and make new acquaintances. You may choose to volunteer on a regular weekly schedule or on an occasional basis. Please call 427-6461 for more information. Examples of volunteer positions include:

- Information Desk Staff
- Volunteer and Paid Class Instructors
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Daytime Experienced Tap Dancers
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Raised Garden Bed Helpers
- Bingo Caller
- Music Education
- Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Special Event Helpers
- Shuffle Board League Coordinator
- Cleaning Assistants
- Brain Teaser Leader
- AARP Tax Preparers  
(February-April, training in January)

### Monthly Organization Meetings

The following organizations hold monthly meetings at the Community Center, 233 W. Main St. For more information about any of these organizations, you may attend a meeting or call 427-6460 for a contact name and phone number.

#### Disorderly Bears

Thursdays, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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# Unwind Your Mind

Activities for Those with Signs of Early Dementia  
Call 427-6460 or 427-6466 to register for these programs.

## Fidget Blankets

The Alzheimer’s Association in conjunction with Annie’s Caring Crochet Kit Club offers free Fidget Blankets to Alzheimer’s caregivers. These crocheted blankets have various objects securely attached to them that can help stimulate the mind and keep a person occupied as they “fidget” with each item. The Community Center is currently assisting with the distribution of Fidget Blankets. Call Patti Davis at the 427-6465 to arrange a pickup.

## ABC Exercise

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

ABC Exercise, formerly Arthritis Foundation Exercise, is a recreational exercise program designed for anyone with arthritis or related rheumatic disease and/or joint problems (hip/knee replacement, stroke, etc.). If you are just beginning to exercise, start with this class specifically designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. No pre-registration is required for this drop-in program. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1/class

## Tuesday Movies

Join us for an afternoon at the movies! All features are recent releases and shown right here at the Community Center. Admission is FREE, however, we do require pre-registration by the Monday prior to the movie. Call 427-6460 to reserve your seat. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday movies are sponsored by: Miller’s Merry Manor Fort Wayne.  
December 1 ..... Last Christmas  
December 15.....The Christmas Chronicles  
January 5 .....Ride Like a Girl  
January 19 .....End of Sentence  
February 2 ..... Call of the Wild  
February 16 ..... Emma

## Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day! You’ll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to your finished painting, learn how to load the brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Max. 8.

Date	Day	Time
2/16	T	1:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Alzheimer’s Educational Presentations

**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

These FREE educational sessions are sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association. You may attend in person at the Community Center or opt to attend virtually if you prefer to attend the seminars from your home. Pre-registration is required in either case. Call 427-6460 at least one week in advance to sign up.

### 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s December 7, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Learn the common signs of Alzheimer’s Disease and how to watch for in them in yourself or others. We’ll explore typical age-related changes, offer tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns and explain the importance of early detection and the benefits of diagnosis.

### Understanding Alzheimer’s & Dementia January 4, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

This seminar is designed to provide a general overview the relationship between Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, the risk factors, FDA-approved treatments and what’s on the horizon in Alzheimer’s research.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research

**February 1, 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

For centuries, we’ve known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

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# Sports & Fitness

## We're Making Fitness Fun!

### Aqua Dance

This high energy class is a total body workout with cardio, weights and core exercises. Fun music will bring waves to the beat and the warm water takes the stress of the joints. It's a "pool party" for all ages! Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142314-R1	1/14-2/18	Th	6:45-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$61/\$66 after January 7  
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

### Hip Hop Cardio

GROOV3 is fitness outside-of-the-box. Scratch your idea of what a workout looks like and turn up for the sweatiest, blood-pumping, beat dropping dance fitness experience. This isn't your run of the mill dance class. GROOV3 is the only dance class with the undeniable Power of 3: 1 hour-long workout, 2 speeds of choreography and 3 times the empowerment as you DANCE, SWEAT and LIVE your best life! Ages 18+. Instructor: Charlotte Tompkins. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 7. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142305-R1	1/14-2/18	Th	6:30-7:30 pm
142305-S1	1/16-2/20	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40/\$45 after January 8  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Yoga

Discover the benefits of regular Yoga practice, from muscle toning and limbering to managing stress. Yoga's combination of exercise, breathing and meditation techniques will help you build concentration and poise, improve your stamina and even relieve insomnia. Please bring a blanket and a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. The classes are open to all skill levels. Drop-ins are welcome (\$10/class). Ages 16+. Instructor: Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200 hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before the start of each class. Note: There will be no class on January 25 and 26. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142300-R1	1/11-3/22	M	5:30-6:45 pm
142300-T1	1/12-3/23	T	4:30-5:45 pm
142300-M1	1/14-3/18	Th	6:15-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$57/\$62 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Play the Parks!

### 2021 Men's Senior Golf League

#### Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Franke Park Pavilion #1, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Got time on your hands? Put a club in them and join the 2021 Men's Senior Golf League. It's a great way to socialize, meet other golfers and enjoy a great sport! The league is open to those ages 55 and older and begins on Monday, April 26 with play every Monday and Thursday beginning at 8:00 a.m. alternating between Foster, Shoaff and McMillen Park Golf Courses. The league fee is only \$10. (Players are then responsible for their own greens/cart fees. Check out a golf membership for the best value.) For more information, call Jim (479-7770), Pete (631-445-1247) or Bob (418-2743) and plan to attend the kick-off meeting on April 15.



*Golf memberships make great Christmas gifts!*

#### Golf Memberships

##### McMillen /Shoaff

\$495 Individual	\$650 Family (2 people)
\$175 Junior	\$395 Senior

##### Foster

\$630 Individual	\$785 Family (2 people)
\$215 Junior	\$470 Senior

##### All Course Pass

\$730 Individual

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Stuff their stocking with a golf membership!

# We Rent for Your Event

## Athletic Fields

Do we have fields? You name the sport, we have a place to play! Call us at 427-6003 if your team needs a place to practice or you're looking for a place to hold your company tournament.

## Botanical Conservatory

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, located in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne at 1100 S. Calhoun St., is a popular site for weddings, receptions, corporate events and other festive occasions as well as business meetings, conferences, seminars and memorials. A variety of rooms and spaces are available on weekdays or weekends, during or after public hours. Call 427-6444 for reservation information.

## Bridal Glen/Foster Garden

The Bridal Glen is the choice of many brides, with its strategically placed trellises and gazebo all nestled among the colorful floral displays in Foster Garden. The Bridal Glen may be reserved in 2-hour increments beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. and up to a year in advance. The fee is \$50. Reserve on-line at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org), call 427-6000 to reserve by phone, or stop by our office at 705 E. State Blvd.

## Community Center

The Community Center at 233 West Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for receptions, reunions, meetings, performances, dances, office parties, seminars and more. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call 427-6460 for details and options.



## Foellinger Theatre

With comfortable theatre seating, full stage, sound and lighting systems, the Foellinger Theatre is ideal for talent shows, seminars, entertainment events and other large gatherings. The theatre can accommodate over 2,700 people. Call 427-6018 for more information.

## Freimann Square

Freimann Square is available for public rental through the summer months. The park features a 20' x 30' stage surrounded by beautifully landscaped flowerbeds and a central fountain. Call 427-6003 for information.

## Lakeside Rose Garden

If you've always dreamed of an outdoor wedding in a peaceful sunken garden surrounded by Greek style pergolas and the fragrant beauty of thousands of roses, you are in luck. The Lakeside Rose Garden has all of this and it can be reserved in two-hour increments beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. and up to a year in advance. The fee is \$50. Call 427-6000 to make your reservation by phone, reserve on-line at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) or stop by our office at 705 E. State Blvd.





## McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

The McMillen Park Community Center has a space for every event. Let us host your family reunion, birthday party, baby shower, basketball tournament, conference, group meeting, wedding reception or other event. We have a variety of room sizes depending on the needs of your group. Alcohol is permitted at the Center. Please contact Percinta Hunter, Program Coordinator at (260) 427-2420 for additional information.

## Park Pavilions

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 21 pavilions at various locations throughout the city parks. Pavilions may be reserved for your special occasion or event from May through October. Some pavilions are available year-round. Pavilions may be reserved up to 12 months in advance. They vary in seating capacity and amenities and range in price from \$39 to \$168 per day on weekdays and from \$44-\$239 per day on weekends. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance and can be made on-line ([www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Promenade Park

Promenade Park, located in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne, offers a number of unique venues to consider for your next event. From the beautiful, fully enclosed Park Foundation Pavilion to the historic Wells Street Bridge, the expansive Auer Lawn, the Sweetwater Band Shells to the Old National Bank Plaza . . . we can accommodate your small family gathering, company picnic or community-wide event. For more information and a full range of options, please contact Megan Butler at [rentpromenade@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:rentpromenade@cityoffortwayne.org).

## Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. For more information visit [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) or contact our rental coordinator at [kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org) or 427-6005. Old Barn rentals are May-October only. The Wolf Family Learning Center may be rented year round with the exception of June and July. See page 12.

**Questions? 427-6000**



**Reserve up to a year in advance.**

# Headwaters Park

Clinton & Superior Streets  
(260) 425-5745

## Headwaters Ice Skating Rink

Clinton & Superior • 422-7625

Headwaters Ice Skating Rink will open for the 2020-21 season at 11:00 a.m. on November 21.

### Regular Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 1-8 pm  
Friday..... 12-10 pm  
Saturday..... 11 am-10 pm  
Sunday..... 12-8 pm

### Extended Holiday Hours

**December 11- January 3**

Monday-Friday..... 12-10 pm  
Saturday..... 10 am-10 pm  
Sunday..... 11 am-10 pm

**CLOSED THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS**  
Closes at 6 pm on Christmas Eve

### Admission

Age 13 and under..... \$3  
Age 14 and over..... \$5  
Skate Rental..... \$3  
Spectators & Parking.....FREE

Gift certificates and skating passes are available at the rink office (422-7625) or the Headwaters Park Alliance office (425-5745).

### Kids Skate FREE Days

Kids age 13 and under skate FREE every Wednesday. Skate rental \$3.

Hours are subject to change in adherence to COVID-related restrictions. Facial coverings are required and social distancing measures will be in place. Hand sanitizing stations will be on site.

# Give the Gift of Fun

## Gift Cards in Any Amount

Our gift cards may be used for:

- Classes • Workshops • Facility Rentals
- Dog Park Memberships • Day Camps
- Conservatory Gift Shop & Sales Garden
- Greens Fees • Golf Memberships
- Botanical Conservatory Memberships
- Conservatory Admission • Trips & Tours

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**Golf Course Membership**  
Foster • McMillen • Shoaff • 3-Way

**Botanical Conservatory Membership**

**Pawster Park/Camp Canine Membership**

**Zoo Membership**

# Things to Know

## Before you sign up . . .

- You will receive a registration confirmation by e-mail if you register on-line. Please plan to attend your class or activity at the stated time, unless you are otherwise notified. Registrations are processed in the order they are received at the Registration Office.
- If the program or session for which you have registered is full, you will be notified by phone so you may choose another session or program, be placed on a waiting list, or request a refund.
- Checks should be made payable to Board of Park Commissioners.
- Please indicate on your registration form if you need ADA accommodations.
- Returned checks will be assessed a \$10 service fee.
- If you need additional registration forms, please use plain paper or make a copy.
- We reserve the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment.
- We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life in Fort Wayne by providing positive opportunities for leisure time and by being stewards of our parklands, facilities, public trees, and other resources entrusted to our care.

## Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices .....	427-6000
Botanical Conservatory .....	427-6440
Children's Zoo .....	427-6800
Community Center .....	427-6460
Cooper Center .....	427-6728
Foellinger Theatre .....	427-6018
Foster Golf Course .....	427-6735
Franke Park Day Camp .....	427-6725
Hursttown Reservoir .....	627-3390
Jennings Center .....	427-6700
Lawton Park Maintenance .....	427-6400
Lifetime Sports Academy .....	427-6760
Lindenwood Nature Preserve .....	427-6740
McMillen Park Community Center .....	427-2420
McMillen Golf Course .....	427-6710
Shoaff Golf Course .....	427-6745
Weisser Center .....	427-6780

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If you see your picture anywhere in this brochure, come to the registration office at 705 E. State Blvd. and receive a \$10 gift card.

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Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility operated by a recipient of Federal Assistance should write to: Director, Equal Opportunity Program, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with a known disabling condition will be considered in accordance with State and Federal Law. Any person needing a reasonable accommodation should notify the Department when registering for a program or at least 72 hours prior to a special event or activity.

# 6 Ways to Sign Up

**Register  
NOW**

## 1) On-Line

You may register on-line at [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org) with your MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express. Select **Online Services**. Available 24 hours a day!

## 2) By Phone

You can register over the telephone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Please have all the information requested on the registration form ready before you call. Call 427-6000, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## 3) By Mail

Simply complete the registration form (or copy of one) and send it to the address on the form. Please use one registration form per household. Your registration must be received before the registration deadline.

## 4) In Person

You may register in person by coming to the Parks and Recreation Department at 705 E. State Blvd. (corner of State and Parnell), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or you may register at the Community Center, 233 W. Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## 5) Drop Box

If our office is closed, you may drop your registration in the 24-hour drop box located at the front entrance of our building at 705 E. State Blvd.

## 6) By Fax

FAX a completed registration form to us at (260) 427-6020. Be sure to include your Visa, MasterCard or Discover number, expiration date and CVV code. Available 24 hours a day!

## Refund Policy

Refunds will be processed upon request for pavilion reservations, recreation classes, leagues, and other programs in accordance with the following policy:

1. Full refunds will be made upon cancellation of a class or activity by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Full refunds less a processing and handling fee of \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) will be granted to individuals and/or teams if requested one business day before the program begins.
3. Refunds requested less than one business day prior to the beginning of a program or activity may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase.
4. The outdoor wedding fee is not refundable; however, the event may be rescheduled within 364 days for a charge of 20% of the rental fee.
5. Refunds for cancelled pavilion reservations shall be granted as follows:
  - 6 or more months notice - Refund minus deposit or transfer with a \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) processing fee.
  - 3-5 months notice - Refund minus deposit and 20% processing fee or transfer with a 20% processing fee
  - 1-2 months notice - No refund. Transfer with a 30% processing fee.
  - Less than 1 month notice - No refund/No transfer
6. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing refunds. MasterCard, Visa and Discover refunds are credited to your account immediately.

## Inclement Weather Policy

If Fort Wayne Community Schools close due to inclement weather, all Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation classes will also be canceled. If the Mayor declares a snow emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled. Weather-related cancellations will be posted on Facebook.

**Register early!**

# Registration Form

In order to accept registrations for you and your family members, we must first set up your "household" in our computer. Once your "Household Set-Up" is completed, you may simply fill out the "Registration Information" on the lower portion of this form to register for future programs. Please inform us any time your household information changes.

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

## Household Set-Up

### Head of Household:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Birth date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Family Members:

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

## Registration Information

Household # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if Household Set-Up is complete)

First Name	Last Name	Program	Code #	Fee
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Cash  Check  MasterCard  Visa  Discover

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number Exp. Date CVV

Name as printed on card: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please initial to indicate you have read and understand the refund policy on page 58.

Complete a separate form for each household and return with payment to: Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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