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Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

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



BOTANICAL
CONSERVATORY

Admission

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

Parking

The Conservatory validates tickets for free parking in the Civic Center Parking Garage across from our entrance at Jefferson and Calhoun St. Metered parking is available on nearby streets; it is free on evenings and weekends. Bus and handicap accessible parking is available in the Conservatory's Calhoun Street driveway.

Want S'More?

Extended Holiday Hours

November 23 - December 22

The Conservatory will stay open until 8:00 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday evenings for five weeks, from Thanksgiving through the week before Christmas. Enjoy an extra evening downtown to visit the botanical gardens done up in lights for the holidays. The gift shop will also be open until 8:00 p.m. Purchase a s'mores kit in the gift shop and you can share a sweet moment enjoying a Snow Days dessert at our new patio firepit. After the holidays, the Conservatory will continue with its regular Thursday evening schedule and firepit hours will extend through the winter. Conservatory members may bring two free guests on Friday nights.

Gift Shop

Extend your garden visit or shop without visiting the gardens! The Conservatory gift shop offers an array of unique and educational toys, clothing, books, plants, home décor, and garden accessories perfect for home, souvenir, or gift-giving. We have new items arriving specifically with holiday decorating and gifting in mind. The gift shop is open during public hours Tuesday through Sunday; Conservatory admission is not required.

Conservatory Memberships & Gift Cards

Conservatory memberships or gift cards make great gifts as a holiday greeting or stocking stuffer. Memberships allow free admission anytime during public hours, including special events, and are valid for a year from the date of purchase. In addition, members receive a 10% discount in the Conservatory Gift Shop and Sales Garden as well as reciprocal benefits at 300 other gardens around the country. Individual membership \$35; Family or Grandparents membership \$50. Other categories are available. You may also consider our Add-a-Guest option to upgrade a basic membership: for \$15 a member can bring any other person with them whenever they visit. In addition, gift cards can be purchased in any dollar amount and used toward garden admissions, gift shop purchases, memberships, or pre-registered classes. Gift cards may also be used at other Park Department venues. Call (260) 427-6440, or shop online at www.botanicalconservatory.org.

Empyrean Café

Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Open 1st Thursday 'til 8:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

Enjoy a convenient and upscale café experience featuring fresh, innovative, and scratch-made menu items with exceptional service. You can enjoy waffles, quiche, croissants, and breakfast jars all day or look forward to salads, soups, flatbreads, wraps, and sandwiches, all made from scratch. Empyrean offers boxed lunch and catering services upon request. Seating is available in the Atrium and the Saguaro Room. Call (260) 444-4688, visit Empyrean's website at www.empyreancafe.com.

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Free WIFI

then relax in the garden!

Christmas at the Conservatory



“Snow Days”

**Holiday Garden Exhibit
November 18-January 7**

Do you remember when school was cancelled because of unexpected winter weather? Snow days were a surprise, a break in routine, an invitation to play. In the Conservatory’s holiday imagination, snowkids go out for snowball fights and forts while snowmoms bake cookies and prepare hot chocolate. Snowmen and snow angels mark the spot where families spent time together. After sunset the light lingers, bouncing off that white blanket of snow. Then it’s off to bed...because there might be school again tomorrow. Sponsored by PBS 39, WAJI Majic 95.1 and the Wilson Foundation.

Holiday Kick-Off Party

**Wednesday, November 22, 5:00-9:00 pm
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.**

Enjoy hot chocolate and a cookie, meet Mrs. Claus, and get a free professional-quality photo with Santa. You can also meet two live reindeer that know all about the North Pole. This year the Fort Wayne Youtheatre’s Charlie Brown Christmas Jazz Trio and dancers will be performing throughout the evening. The gardens are decorated for the holidays, and you won’t want to miss the animated light show outdoors. Be sure to participate in the Fort Wayne Downtown Lighting Ceremony either before or after your visit to our beautiful holiday garden and displays. Regular Conservatory admission fees apply.

Sponsored by PBS 39 and WAJI Majic 95.1.



Conservatory Member Holiday Night

Wednesday, December 13, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Conservatory members are invited to a special open house during an exclusive evening in the gardens. Enjoy some live holiday music with light refreshments and beverage compliments of the Conservatory, then stroll the gardens indoors and out to experience all the holiday exhibits. Not a current member? You can register or renew that evening: \$35/individual, \$50/family. For more information, call 427-6440.

Garden in Lights

November 22-January 7

We’ve decorated all through the gardens, indoors and out. Enjoy beautiful poinsettias against the backdrop of our whimsical Snow Days theme, explore the Tropical and Desert gardens dressed for the holidays, and stroll the outdoor Terrace display of lights and synchronized holiday music. Especially effective during our evening hours on Thursday and Friday nights for five weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the gardens are lovely throughout the holidays and provide a tremendous backdrop for family photos and out-of-town guest entertainment. Make the most of your visit as you enjoy one of Fort Wayne’s treasured resources for beauty and relaxation. Our gift shop will also be open during public hours for holiday shopping. Sponsored by PBS 39 and Majic 95.1 FM.



Snow Days Concert

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

Experience our Snow Days exhibit with a crystalline night of music from an up-and-coming local Folk/Americana band: **elle/the Remnant**. They bring holiday favorites and original pieces inspired by literature, life, and the struggle within. This happens to be \$1 Night, so you can drop in to visit the gardens, 5-8 pm, for just \$1 admission price and take in the concert as well. No reservations are required. The concert is included in Conservatory admission. We validate parking tickets from the Civic Center Parking Garage for free parking; street meters are free after 5:00 p.m.

Suzuki Strings Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 10, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Visit the Conservatory gardens and enjoy this special concert offered by the accomplished students of Fort Wayne Suzuki. Children ages 4 to 18 will play folk songs, classical melodies, and holiday favorites on violin and cello. The Suzuki Method of instruction, also known as the "mother tongue method," is based on the premise that music is learned like a language: children first hear the music and then learn to read and write it. Children develop the ability to "speak" music like a language and are able to play dozens of songs by memory. You can hear for yourself the results as local Suzuki students play music with holiday ear appeal. Concert is included with regular Conservatory admission.

Santa Claus is coming . . .



Breakfast with Santa!

Yes, Santa eats breakfast and you can join him! Sign up for a special VIP breakfast before he makes his final list of who has been naughty and nice. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausages and eggs, milk or juice for the kids and coffee for adults. There will be children's activities and time allotted to take pictures of your little ones in our "Snow Days" exhibit before we open to the public. Your admission to this event will also allow you to return and visit with Santa and the reindeer from 12-4 pm. Children under two are free, but they and their paying adult must be registered in the minimum/maximum. Limited booster/high chairs available; please indicate at registration if one is required. Registration deadline: November 21. Min. 24. Max. 64.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127101-S1	12/2	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$13

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Santa & the Reindeer

Saturdays before Christmas 12:00-4:00 pm

December 2, 9, 16

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Santa and two of his reindeer will greet the children while Mom and Dad take pictures to capture the moment. Explore the Conservatory while it's done up in the fun holiday theme of "Snow Days," reminiscent of the pleasures of winter days free from school. Regular admission fees apply: \$5/adult, \$3/child age 3-17. Conservatory members or volunteers and children ages 2 and under are free. Sponsored by PBS 39 and WAJI Majic 95.1. For more information, call (260) 427-6440.

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Once Upon a Time

“Fairy Tales”

Winter Garden Exhibit • January 13-April 8

A child’s imagination is fueled by stories. In classic fairy tales, we discover giants, wolves, and witches are no match for the valiant but ordinary people to whom unusual circumstances fall. When the Conservatory converts its Showcase Garden to a winter play space, visitors can pretend to be Jack on a bean stalk, look for Rapunzel in the castle tower, trip-trap over the troll’s bridge, or take goodies to Grandma’s house. This participatory garden exhibit encourages active pretend play and a gentle exploration of moral virtues for children and adults alike. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1 and Fun 101.7.



Once Upon a Tale

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the magical world of fairy tales at the Botanical Conservatory during our winter “Once Upon a Tale” family event where you can take part in activities, win games, and make crafts inspired by popular fairy tales. Create a knight’s sword or decorate your own crown. Race the clock as you take part in the fairy tale obstacle course or test your fairy tale character knowledge in the scavenger hunt! Morning and afternoon princess sightings are expected. You can also expend some energy in our Fairy Tales play yard climbing to Rapunzel’s tower, meeting the Frog Prince, acting out the story of Three Billy Goats Gruff, or imagining your own tale. Regular Conservatory admission applies. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1 and Fun 101.7.



Enchanted Cottage Workshop

When Hansel and Gretel, lost in the woods, came upon the witch’s house made of candy they thought it was a sweet dream. In fact, many fairy tales are set in cottages. Design your own dream cottage using your imagination and an array of edible and inedible décor. We provide the assembled gingerbread house plus colored and white icing, candy and other “bling” along with simple tools and instruction. The house is for decorative purposes only, but you can enjoy an edible gingerbread cookie while you design. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: January 13. Min. 13. Max. 21.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127056-A1	1/20	Sa	10-11:30 am
127056-A2	1/20	Sa	1:30-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$18

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$14

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Once Upon a Clock Workshop

This unusual clock workshop lets you leave our Fairy Tales garden exhibit with your own “once upon a time.” You start this DIY project with an unfinished clock prepared from recycled wood pallets – the rest is up to your imagination! You install the clock mechanism and numbers and decorate the face, then take it home to admire for all time. Recycled pallet square, paint, stencils, and hardware are provided, but don’t be shy about bringing other small decorative pieces you want to incorporate. Finished size is approximately 12” x 12”. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 1. Min. 15. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127057-A1	2/10	Sa	12:30-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$26

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$22

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Questions? 427-6440

Winter Family Fun

\$1 Nights

First Thursday of the month, 5:00-8:00 pm

The Conservatory is open on the first Thursday night of the month for a discounted admission of just \$1 per person. During each \$1 Night you can also drop in to our program room for a fun and educational lecture or activity. No reservations required. We validate parking tickets from the Civic Center Parking Garage for free parking.

\$1 Night Insight: Snowflake Trivia

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

January 4th is National Trivia Day and what better way to celebrate than with some snowflake trivia! Join us on \$1 Night to learn some fun facts about snowflakes, make a snowflake craft and enjoy a special snowy treat.

\$1 Night Insight: Bean Magic

Thursday, February 1, 6:00-7:00pm

When Jack traded the family cow for magic beans, he was overcome by the possibilities that beans can hold. Visit the Conservatory in February to explore the amazing possibilities of beans for yourself! Assemble a custom soup blend or enjoy a bean-art craft. Recipes to go.

Winterval at the Conservatory

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join the Conservatory and our Winterval partners in celebrating the season of ice and snow. You can make a winter bird feeder, learn how cold-blooded animals survive the winter, watch an ice sculpture take shape before your eyes, and have fun exploring our "Fairy Tales" garden exhibit. Other activities will be held around town at the Community Center, the Old Fort, Science Central, the Art Museum, as well as the Fort Wayne Rugby Club's annual Snow Bowl match at Lawton Park at 1 pm.

Winterval is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Improvement District. Regular Conservatory admission applies.



Botanical Field Trips

Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

The Botanical Conservatory's education staff serves thousands of students each year through on- and off-site visits for public, parochial, private and home schools. Teachers can choose the standards-based curriculum that best meets their students' needs. Conservatory visits let you collect temperature and humidity readings for a biome study, find food plants in the desert and jungle, or choose from a variety of other activities, depending on the age and focus of the group. We can also travel to your school, providing classroom or assembly-style presentations. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. A minimum of ten students is required to book a lab, but self-guiding visit lessons are available for groups of any size. For more information, call (260) 427-6445.

Garden Preschool: Winter Fun

***Adult/Child**

Come explore the wonder of winter! Children will discover winter through hands-on, garden-related activities side by side with their parent or other adult. This two-session class teaches both how to explore nature with fresh eyes. Each week will be a new adventure! Master Gardener Kay Musgrave has years of experience working with children in natural settings. Ages 3-5. An adult must participate (no registration required) for the duration of the class with their child. Registration deadline: January 30. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127100-A1	2/6-2/13	Tu	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 2/\$12

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$10

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Discovery Corner

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Our young visitors are encouraged to visit the Discovery Corner behind Woody the Talking Tree where they'll find stories and activities relating to a monthly theme:

December – Snow Days

January – Children's Poetry

February – Fairy Tales

Our materials are safe and suitable for kids in pre-K through 1st grade. Adults are encouraged to read aloud to their young learners and explore ideas together. The Discovery Corner is free with general admission; pre-registration is not required.

What's Showing?

Conservatory Art Displays

Get to know local and regional artists in a variety of media through the Botanical Conservatory's bi-monthly art exhibits, open to view in our meeting room during public hours. Visit our website www.botanicalconservatory.org for links to artists. Exhibit and reception are included in regular Conservatory admission.

Anita Trick: Pastel, Watercolor, Oil

November-December

Public Reception: November 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Anita is a representational artist who has participated in over 40 group shows and as many solo business exhibitions since joining Fort Wayne Artist Guild in 2008. Anita grew up in Southern California, graduating from USC with a BA in English. Art was always part of her life from an early age, even though she had no formal art training. As a career Army officer's wife, she took art workshops wherever they were stationed. Her goal is to capture the excitement of a fresh snowfall, a colorful flower, an interesting building, or a spectacular sunset. She is an avid photographer, always ready for that special photo. She mostly enjoys painting in her home studio, but will paint en plein air on occasion. She has taken watercolor classes for several years and has attended workshops taught by various artists preparing her in the areas of watercolors, acrylics, pastels and oils. Meet the artist during the public reception on November 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Carolyn Stachera: Oil & Pastel

January-February

Public Reception: January 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Carolyn Stachera came to Fort Wayne in 1966 and has been intrigued with art her entire life. She started drawing at a very young age and now works primarily in oils and soft pastels. Since 2011, Carolyn has enjoyed painting in plein air - painting in the moment - and does this frequently with friends from the Fort Wayne Artist Guild. She especially loves being with nature, opening her senses to what surrounds her by blending the graceful flowing curves of nature with the strong, structural lines of mankind's additions. In 2016, one of Carolyn's plein air paintings was a finalist in the Hoosier Women Artists competition conducted by the Treasurer of the State of Indiana for inclusion at the Statehouse for the year. Another of her other paintings was displayed in the Lieutenant Governor's outer office. Meet the artist during the public reception on January 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sweetheart Orchid Display

February 6-25

Make a date for the Botanical Conservatory and bring your sweetie down in February to enjoy our lovely indoor gardens and a special display of orchids. Take a moment with camera or cell phone to capture your darling under a heart-shaped arbor planted with a cascade of fragrant and colorful orchids or against a backdrop of lush Tropical Garden plants. Treat your special friend to a lunch or snack at the Emyrean Café and have fun browsing the Conservatory gift shop for an orchid or other sweet gift. Included in Conservatory admission.

Holiday Creations

Holiday Swag Workshop

Create a festive evergreen swag that will be enjoyed throughout the holidays on your door, porch, mailbox, or lamppost. Amy Oliver, Landscape Designer at Arbor Farms Nursery, will help you fashion the fragrant branch tips of balsam fir, cedar, and pine into an 18-24" swag with holiday flair. The swag will also incorporate your choice of accents such as pine cones, berries, a decorative bow and more for a nice seasonal touch. Your fee includes the items listed above, as well as a stroll through the holiday gardens. Bring garden gloves, pruners, and any accents you'd like to incorporate. Age 16+. Registration deadline: November 22. Min. 15. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427005-R1	12/7	Th	6-7 pm
427005-S1	12/9	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$25

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Holiday Sugar Scrubs

Sugar scrubs are a simple and soothing treat for the skin. In this holiday workshop, you can make sugar scrubs in a variety of holiday scents then fill and decorate four 4-oz. jars to keep or share. These sugar scrubs are gentle exfoliants that will make skin feel smoother and put a holiday scent in the air. We'll have several scents to choose from as well as all the supplies you need to package these pretty holiday treasures for gifts. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: December 9. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127048-S1	12/16	Sa	10:30-11:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$10

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

It's About the Plants

Plant Propagation Basics

This winter, fill your windowsill or table with new plants as you learn about plant propagation. Advanced Master Gardener Pam Snyder will guide you in a variety of vegetative propagation methods, letting you try your new skills with houseplants that practically guarantee success. Learn about leaf and stem cuttings, division and layering. Pam will share her knowledge and demonstrate proper technique, then you will be able to take home a variety of plant babies of your own! Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 17. Min. 10. Max. 35.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127058-A1	2/24	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$12

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Garden Close-Up: Winter Blooming Plants

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

If you are tired of the "winter blahs," come visit the Botanical Conservatory! As you explore the enchanted garden of our Fairy Tales exhibit, stop by this special learning station to discover colorful winter blooming plants such as cyclamen and kalanchoe. You can even make your own flower to take home! When you visit the Botanical Conservatory on the fourth Saturday, you get a closer look at our gardens with an exploratory walk, hands-on activity or demonstration. We highlight a different garden each month so you can make new discoveries through fun, educational activities. Included in your regular Conservatory admission.

New Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, February 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Botanical Conservatory is inviting new volunteers to join the support team. We look for help at the Front Desk, in the Gift Shop, with special events and to assist with our upcoming live butterfly exhibit. Meet new people, build your skills, and support a community treasure. This orientation to the Conservatory and its volunteer program will help you discover how you can fit in and contribute. Volunteer benefits include free garden admission, discounts on classes and purchases and annual recognition. For more information, please e-mail liz.firestine@cityoffortwayne.org or call Liz at (260) 427-6446.

Relax and Enjoy

Tai Chi in the Garden I & II



Learn to relax your body and focus your mind with the ancient art of Tai Chi, a gentle, graceful exercise to improve health and fitness. It is especially effective in reducing stress, thereby relieving arthritis, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Weekly sessions include a meditative walk in the garden. The class focuses on the basics of the Sun form and is great for new students or those wishing to continue their studies. Instructor Sandy Gebhard is certified by renowned master Dr. Paul Lam, and has 30+ years' experience practicing and teaching Tai Chi. Note: Drop-ins (\$10) are welcome, but please call to make sure class is in session and space is sufficient. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min.10. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Tai Chi I - Beginners

127002-T1	1/9-2/27	T	5-6 pm
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Tai Chi II - Continuing

127002-T2	1/9-2/27	T	6-7 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$69

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$59

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Winter Shinrin-Yoku



Get out of the house this winter for an indoor forest bathing walk. This is not your typical walk in the park, but a series of invitations to rediscover your inner child and your connection with the natural world. Shinrin-yoku helps you immerse yourself in the sensory gifts of nature. The benefits include a greater sense of well-being, a boost in immune function, lower stress hormones, and higher serotonin levels. Being relaxed, revitalized, and better equipped to handle the stresses of daily living are the goals of this forest bathing walk. Instructor Christy Thomson is the only certified Forest Therapy guide in Indiana. Note: Drop-ins are welcome, but please call ahead to check space availability. Registration deadlines: January 11 and February 1. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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127055-A1	1/18	Th	6-7:30 pm
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127055-A2	2/8	Th	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$12

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Going Places

Let's Go to Chicago!

Chicago Shopping

Catch the holiday spirit! Join our “shop till you drop” trips to festively decorated stores in downtown Chicago, or attend any one of the number of special Christmas activities going on during the holiday season in the city. Don't miss “The Christkindlemart” taking place throughout the Christmas Season on Daley Plaza, or The “One of a Kind Show” at the Merchandise Mart on December 9 or the giant Christmas Tree in the Tea Room at Macy's on State. The coach will drop off and pick up at a central location between Grand Avenue and Illinois Street, near Michigan Avenue and the Chicago River. A continental breakfast will be served en route. Lunch in Chicago and a fast-food stop on the way home are on your own.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
475005-W1	12/6	Fri	\$55
475005-S1	12/9	Sa	\$55
475005-S2	12/16	Sa	\$55

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd.

Returns: 10:30 p.m.

Broadway in Chicago presents “Hamilton”

Based on the life of the United States' first Secretary of the Treasury, the musical Hamilton gives a modern spin to the story of one of the country's most prominent founding fathers. This innovative musical tells of Alexander Hamilton's rise to political power through a contemporary blend of hip-hop, rap and R&B. Since its premiere in 2015, Hamilton has inspired theater lovers across the country with adored songs like “My Shot,” “Satisfied,” and “The Schuyler Sisters.” Our motor coach stops first at the Mity Nice Grill at Water Tower Place where we will enjoy a variety of American dishes served family-style (included) before heading to the Private Bank Theatre for a matinee performance. A continental breakfast will be served en route and a fast food stop (on your own) will be made on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Cost
175010-W1	2/14	W	\$195

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd.

Returns: 10:30 p.m.

Broadway in Chicago presents “Love Never Dies”

Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the sequel to “Phantom of the Opera.” Reuniting the masked ghoul from the original with his one true love Christine, this is yet another rapturous crowd pleaser, with action relocated from Paris to a macabre cabinet of curiosities in New York. This show is bursting with romance, horror and intrigue. Our day starts off with lunch before the show at the beautiful Mity Nice Grill (included) where American dishes are served family-style. A supper stop will be made on the way home (on your own) at Culver's in Valparaiso.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275019-S1	3/3	Sa	\$145

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd.

Returns: 10:30 p.m.



All Cancellations on day trips are subject to a \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) per person cancellation fee. Cancellations made within one week of departure will be refunded only if replacements can be found. There are no refunds for NO-SHOWS. All day trips include the service of a Travel Service escort, motorcoach transportation and all necessary gratuities, including those to the escort and motorcoach driver. All trips feature NO SMOKING on the motorcoaches.

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org



Chicago Flower and Garden Show

“Flower Tales” is the theme of the Chicago Flower and Garden Show this year. After arriving in Chicago, you will have about an hour to sample the specialty shops at Navy Pier before we board the 700-passenger “Spirit of Chicago” for a 2-hour Lake Michigan cruise featuring a luncheon buffet, floral arrangement demonstration . . . and incredible skyline views! After docking, you can stroll through the corridor filled with beautiful stained glass windows on your way to the Flower and Garden Show. You will enjoy lush theme gardens, creative tablescapes, demonstrations by florists and chefs, gardening seminars and the popular marketplace. Whether you are a beginning gardener needing the basics, a seasoned pro wanting to take things to the next level or a horticultural aficionado seeking what’s new and trendy, you will find Chicago’s first blush with spring to be invigorating. Luncheon cruise and entry to the Flower and Garden show is included. A Continental breakfast will be served en-route and a fast food stop (on your own) will be made on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275018-S1	3/17	Sa	\$105

Departs : 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd.

Returns: 10:30 p.m.



Airplanes & Automobiles

2018 Detroit Auto Show

Experience the next generation of transportation! The Detroit Auto Show, North America’s largest and most prestigious automotive showcase, displays more than 500 vehicles representing the most innovative designs in the world. You’ll see one-of-a-kind concepts and high end cars as you browse through the exciting new models. Photos are allowed, so bring your camera. A continental breakfast will be served en-route. Show admission and a boxed lunch which you can take inside the show is included. A supper stop (on your own) will be made at Culvers in Jackson, MI on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
175007-S1	1/20	Sa	\$80

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell and E. State Blvd.

Returns 9:30 p.m.

Dayton National Museum of the US Air Force

Where Imagination Takes Flight! Experience more than 100 years of aviation history when you join us on our trip to the Air Force Museum. See aviation come to life on the large museum theatre, test your skills at air to air combat on the flight simulators, board one or all of the four presidential planes, have lunch in the Valkyrie Café or enjoy a quick snack and drink in the Refueling Café with one of the best views in the Museum.

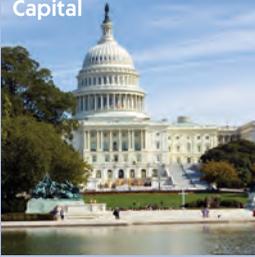
Code	Date	Day	Fee
175011-S1	2/17	Sa	\$60

Departs: 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd.

Returns: 6:00 p.m.

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Exploring America's Capital



The Colorado Rockies with Historic Trains



The Black Hills & The Badlands



2018 Extended Trips and Tours

Individual trip brochures may be viewed on line at www.fortwayneparks.org. Click on Programs > Day & Extended Travel.

March 22-27.....Spotlight on Washington, DC: Exploring America's Capital
U. S. Capitol Tour, World War II Memorial, White House Visitor Center, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon; 6 days, 8 meals (\$2,299 double w/air fare)

May 22-June 4.....America's National Parks & Denver
Scottsdale, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, Old Faithful, Sheridan, Bighorn Mountains, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park; 14 days, 20 meals (\$4,969 double w/air fare)

May 26-June 3.....Colorado Rockies with Historic Trains
Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado National Monument, Grand Junction, Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, Pikes Cog Railway; 9 days, 12 meals (\$3,179 double w/air fare)

June 7-14Islands of New England
Providence, Newport, Boston, Cranberry Bog, Plymouth Plantation, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Lobster Dinner, Provincetown, Choices on Tour, Hyannis, Nantucket; 8 days, 11 meals (\$2,929 double w/air fare)

June 24-July 1Pacific Northwest & California
Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Newport, Bandon State Natural Area, Redwood National Park, Eureka, Avenue of the Giants, San Francisco; 8 days; 10 meals (\$3,369 double w/air fare)

July 13-20.....Historic Hotels of New England
Equinox and Omni Mount Washington Resorts, Boston, Stockbridge, Norman Rockwell Museum, Manchester, Vermont, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Portland Head Light, Kennebunkport; 8 days, 11 meals (\$3,859 double w/air fare)

August 25-September 3..... Shades of Ireland
Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford, Choices on Tour, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Jaunting Car Ride, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay; 10 days; 13 meals (\$3,749 double w/air fare)

September 14-21 Discover New England's Fall Charm
Providence, Boston, Stockbridge, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Green Mountains, Billings Farm and Museum, Woodstock, White Mountains, Kennebunkport, Portsmouth, Lobster Dinner; 8 days, 11 meals (\$2,949 double w/air fare)

October 3-9 Spotlight on South Dakota: The Black Hills & The Badlands
Mount Rushmore, Deadwood, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Black Hills Gold, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial; 7 days, 9 meals (\$2,479 double w/air fare)

October 11-16..... Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
Balloon Fiesta, Old Town Albuquerque, National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Indiana Pueblo Cultural Center, Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe, Santa Fe School of Cooking; 6 days, 8 meals (\$2,749 double w/air fare)

Special Interest

Clay & Glass



Decorative Clay Mask

Sculpt your alter ego, deepest sentiment or just funny folk in your study of the ever-interesting human face. Aunnie Clark will guide this highly expressive clay sculpting class in two sessions of building and two sessions of surface treatment. Clay, kiln firing and paint cost are included in the class fee. Optional materials information is available upon class registration. Registration deadline: February 13. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142040-T1	2/20-3/13	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$46/\$51 after February 13
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Pottery

Pottery is one of the most ancient arts. Excavations in the Near East have revealed that primitive fired-clay vessels were made there more than 8,000 years ago. You will learn hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design, and various glazing techniques. Every student will create six unique pieces to take home (a cylinder, vase and bowl by wheel and a coiled creamer, a 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. 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 Brandon Furniss has been working with clay for 20 years and teaching in the area for six. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142004-W1	1/10-2/14	W	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$94/\$99 after January 2
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Stained Glass Creations

Stained glass isn't just for church windows. It is used extensively in home décor such as doors, cabinetry, light boxes, sun catchers, wall hangings and more. Learn this beautiful art and begin a new hobby of your own. You will learn glass cutting, grinding and soldering. All necessary tools and materials, including a selection of patterns, will be provided for you. If we don't have the glass colors you prefer, you may go to a local supplier to purchase glass at your own cost. All students will be in one class, but please register according to your skill level which will determine the size and difficulty of your project. Please wear closed-toe shoes and a long sleeve shirt. Ages 16+. Instructor: Juanita Miller. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 4. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142009-R1	1/11-2/8	Th	6-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5
Beginner Fee: \$87/\$92 after deadline
Intermediate Fee: \$99/\$104 after deadline
Advanced Fee: \$145/\$150 after deadline
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Glass Fusing

If you apply heat to glass, it will soften. If you continue to apply heat, the glass will become more fluid and flow together. Two or more pieces of glass will stick (or "fuse") to each other. When the right kind of glass is heated and then cooled properly, the resulting fused glass piece will be solid and unbroken and can be quite beautiful if you know what you are doing. If you're a beginner, you will make one fused glass gem and a 4" glass plate while learning about basic glass fusing. More experienced glass fusers may create a 10"-12" bowl or plate which requires an additional materials fee of \$25, payable at the first class session. Ages 16+. Instructor: Juanita Miller. Registration deadline: January 16. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142016-T1	1/23-2/6	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$64/\$69 January 16
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St

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Song & Dance



Salsa Dancing



Salsa is a free, fun-filled, flow dance style less technical than Latin/ballroom dances. Through our specially-tailored lessons, you will learn body rhythm, improve your balance, self-esteem, mental abilities and even strengthen your social activities. Instructor Taiwo Adeleye is a professional dance instructor specializing in cha cha, salsa and bachata as well as modern dance and ballet. He has taught workshops and classes in Fort Wayne, Toledo and many other cities. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142206-A1	1/10-2/14	W	7:15-8:15 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$66/\$71 after January 3			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Beginning Ballroom Dance



Learning to dance with a partner is fun and challenging, and it's good exercise for the mind and body. We will focus on the Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Polka and American Tango to give you a solid base for social dancing. You must register with a partner. Ages 16+. Instructor: Tiffany Neuls has been teaching ballroom dance at the Community Center for over 20 years. Registration deadline: January 22. Min.14. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142203-M1	1/29-3/5	M	7:30-8:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40 per person/\$45 after January 22			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

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! Classes are offered in four skill levels this winter. If you are unsure which class is right for you, please call Linda at 427-6466. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for over 20+ years. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginning +			
142200-A1	1/15-3/19	M	7:15-8 pm
Location: Franke Pavilion 1, Sherman Blvd.			
Intermediate			
142200-B1	1/15-3/19	M	6:15-7 pm
Location: Franke Pavilion 1, Sherman Blvd.			
Continuing			
142200-C1	1/16-3/20	T	6:15-7 pm
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			
Advanced			
142200-D1	1/16-3/20	T	7:15-8:15 pm
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$42/\$47 after January 9			

Line Dancing



Whether your preference is for country music, Latin, blues or pop, the basic line dancing steps are the same. With regular practice, you will build strength, flexibility, rhythm, balance and skill. You don't need a partner or special clothing, just hard-soled shoes or boots and a smile. (The Continuing class is designed for those who've taken a beginner class or have significant prior experience.) Ages 13+. Instructors: Philip and Carol Fretz. Registration deadline: November 21. Min. 10. Max. 40. Note: There will be no class on December 19 and 26.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginning			
442204-A2	11/28-2/6	T	7:15-8:15 pm
Continuing			
442204-B2	11/28-2/6	T	6-7 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 9/\$39/\$44 after deadline.			
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.			

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Adult Tap Dance



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's great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn tap dance technique 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 2. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning

142205-A1	1/9-2/27	T	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginning Plus

142205-B1	1/9-2/27	T	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced

142205-C1	1/9-2/27	T	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after January 2

Location: Psi Ote Upper, Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

You Can Play the Ukulele

With this fun (and family-friendly) class, you'll learn how to hold the ukulele, use a chord chart, and strum with confidence. You'll leave the class with the skills necessary to sit at home and work out of any book of ukulele music. We'll start slow, and using lots of repetition, work up to playing real tunes. Your handouts will have chords and lyrics for a variety of songs. A ukulele is included with the tuition for this class, and is yours to take home at the end of the class. Ages 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: February 10. Min.10. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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142410-A1	2/17	Sa	9 am-12 pm
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142410-A2	2/17	Sa	12:30-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$70/\$75 after February 10

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Pencils & Paints

Intro to Colored Pencils

Add a little life to your drawings with color! You will learn a variety of drawing techniques that are unique to colored pencils, including hi-lighting and shading. You will draw from patterns provided by the instructor. All necessary supplies will be provided including a kit that is yours to keep. Instructor: Marilyn Copeland is a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 9. Min.5. Max. 12.

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142023-T1	1/16-2/20	T	1:30-4 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$79/\$84 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Copeland's Painting

Explore important painting techniques such as color mixing, color value and composition with Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. Each week she will discuss a different aspect of painting with the beginners and then work with each participant individually. Beginners will all paint the same subject. More experienced artists may bring a photo or copy of a favorite painting. A starter kit will be provided for all participants; however, if you have your own supplies, you're welcome to bring them. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Oil Painting

142035-M1	1/15-2/19	M	5:30-8 pm
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Water Color

142035-T1	1/16-2/20	T	5:30-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$79/\$84 after January 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Painting Tiles with Alcohol Inks

Explore the brilliant colors and "magic" of alcohol inks by freely allowing them to bloom into art! Three rules: wear old clothes, surrender control and be ready to PLAY! All necessary materials will be provided including 3 tiles for you to keep. Ooohs and aaahs guaranteed! Instructor Lindy McCormick is a lifetime seeker of all things whimsical! Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: December 7 and February 8. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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141335-A1	12/14	Th	2:30-4:30 pm
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141335-A2	2/15	Th	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$27/\$32 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Relax

Meditation w/Sound Immersion

Experience the wondrous world of meditation with sound immersion, an ancient art that uses 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 and wear comfortable, light-colored clothing. It is recommended to remove any metal on your body, as they may interfere in the process. Note: No class December 25 and January 1. Registration deadline: November 20. Ages 16+. Min 8. Max 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142365-A1	11/27-1/15	M	7:15-8:15 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after November 20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Essential Oils 101

Essential oils have been used throughout history for spiritual, emotional and physical health. They can help fight cold and flu symptoms, relax the body and soothe sore muscles, heal skin conditions, balance hormones and improve digestion. Learn about how to safely use pure essential oils for your own personal health and wellness in this introductory class. Ages 16+. Instructor: Sara Lauer. Registration deadline: February 5. Min. 6. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142041-M1	2/12	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$23/\$28 after February 5

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Winter Shinrin-Yoku

Get out of the house this winter for an indoor forest bathing walk. This is not your typical walk in the park, but a series of invitations to rediscover your inner child and your connection with the natural world through your senses. Shinrin-yoku helps you immerse yourself in the sensory gifts of nature. The benefits include a greater sense of well-being, a boost in immune function, lower stress hormones, and higher serotonin levels. Being relaxed, revitalized, and better equipped to handle the stresses of daily living are the goals of this forest bathing walk. Instructor Christy Thomson is the only certified Forest Therapy guide in Indiana. Note: Drop-ins are welcome, but please call ahead to check on space availability. All ages are welcome, but children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadlines: January 11 and February 1. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127055-A1	1/18	Th	6-7:30 pm
127055-A2	2/8	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$12

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

We Rent for Your Event

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for receptions, anniversary and birthday parties, meetings, performances, dances, home parties, office parties, seminars, proms 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 427-6462 for details and the full range of options.

Sew Much Fun

Sewing Survival 101

Have you ever wished that you could fix the hem in your pants or sew a button back on? As a sewing survivor you will learn how to use a sewing machine. You will learn how to thread it, how to select the stitch you need, various features of the machine and how to sew a seam. You will learn simple alteration techniques such as hemming pants and/or dresses. Please bring to class any items of clothing that require minor alterations or repairs to work on in class. Our equipment is limited, so please bring the following to class if you can: a portable sewing machine, tape measure, pins, thread, scissors and seam ripper. Ages 16+. Instructor: Angie Foster. Registration deadline: January 16. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142042-T1	1/23-2/13	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$32/\$37 after January 16
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Return of the Rag Rug

Rag rug making is just one of many “forgotten skills of self-sufficiency” used by pioneers on the frontier. And, like many others, it has returned more as a hobby or craft, than a necessity. The rag rug is made from long strips of fabric that are braided, coiled and sewn into a flat spiral. They can be solid color, multi-colored, circular, square, left with ragged edges or seamed for a neater finish. They are a great way to use fabric scraps and, as the pioneers can attest, they make great rugs. For a denim rug you will need to bring 5 pairs of worn out jeans. For the rag rug, you will need to bring old clothes, sheets or long scraps of fabric. Our equipment is limited, so please bring to class, if you can: a portable sewing machine, thread, scissors, a seam ripper, a quilting mat, a quilting acrylic ruler and a rotary cutter. Ages 13+. Instructor: Linda Wade. Registration deadlines: January 16 and February 12. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142027-T1	1/23	T	5:30-8:30 pm
142027-M1	2/19	M	5:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$23/\$28 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Watch your mailbox for the Spring Fun Times on February 7.

Capture Your Creativity

Graphic Design Essentials

Whether you plan to use your skills for personal projects or business, graphic design is a great tool to have. We'll take you through the essential steps of sketching, designing, typography layout and final preparing a final draft for print. You will learn how to use basic sketching techniques to draft your own logos, then use GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program) to layout and finalize your projects. You will also learn techniques to ensure the highest quality and best color selection of your designs. Please bring a sketch pad and erasable pencil. A USB drive will be provided. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142124-T1	1/16-3/6	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$67/\$72 after January 9
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Digital Photography from the Beginning

Digital cameras can do some pretty amazing things! Whether you are using a smart phone, an upscale point and shoot or an SLR, you'll take better pictures once you understand presets, shutter speed, aperture, iso and other basic mechanics which you will learn in Digital Photography I. Follow this with Digital Photography II where you will put this knowledge into practice and focus on exposure and composition. Ages 18+. Instructor: Lee Penrod. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142116-T1	1/9-2/13	T	10:30 am-12:30
142116-W1	1/10-2/14	W	6:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$54/\$59 January 2
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Questions? 427-6460

Try Something Different



Conversational Spanish

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. The Spanish I class is for people with little or no knowledge of the Spanish language. The Continuing begins where Spanish I ends. Age 13+. 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 eleven years. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

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Spanish I

142600-R1	1/11-3/1	Th	7:15-8:45 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$69/\$74 after January 4

Spanish Continuing

142600-R9	1/11-3/1	Th	5:30-7 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$63/\$68 after January 4

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Basics of Vegetarian Cooking

A vegetarian diet is associated with a higher consumption of fiber, folic acid, vitamins C and E, magnesium, unsaturated fat, and countless phytochemicals. This often results in vegetarians having lower cholesterol, being thinner, having lower blood pressure, and reduced risk of heart disease. Whether you are considering a vegetarian lifestyle or simply want to add vegetarian meals to your repertoire, this is a good place to start. You'll learn the difference between vegan and vegetarian and how to incorporate meatless protein, the foundation of a healthy vegetarian meal, into some or all of your cooking. You'll leave the class armed with information and delicious recipes to try at home. Instructor Janine Moore is a lifelong vegetarian who enjoys introducing others to delicious vegetarian cooking. Please note: Those with soy allergies should NOT register for this class. Registration deadline: January 24. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142414-A1	1/31-2/14	W	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$31/\$36 after January 24

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6460

Intro to Beekeeping

Bee hives inside the city limits? Beekeeping is becoming very popular, but there is much to learn before you jump in: bee biology, hive equipment and basic beekeeping techniques. This introduction will focus on the hobby hive and is for anyone considering starting a hive or in their first year of beekeeping. Ages 13+. Instructor: Mariah Russell. Registration deadline: January 16 and January 23. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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142415-A1	1/23	T	6-8 pm
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142415-A2	1/30	T	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after deadlines.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginner Euchre Class

If you live in Indiana, you have to know how to play Euchre! It's easy to learn and so much fun to play. Learn the rules and a little strategy and you'll be ready to get in the game. (Drop in and play at the Community Center any Wednesday, 12:30-3:00 p.m.) Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 4. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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142413-A1	1/16	T	1:30-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Euchre Tournament Play

Euchre can be serious business! Learn strategies that will help you be more competitive in tournament play. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 4. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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142413-B1	1/18	Th	1:30-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after January 11

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Today's Technology

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. Instructors: Kelley Doyle (Monday) and Keith Herring (Wednesday). Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142121-M1	1/8-2/26	M	2:45-4:45 pm
142121-W1	1/10-2/28	W	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 January 2.
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Microsoft Excel 2007-2010

The uses for a word processing program are endless. Most of the tools and commands that you learn in this class such as create, save, format, edit, insert, check spelling and print also apply to many other programs. The fee includes a booklet that is yours to keep. Experience with Windows, file management and cut/copy/paste tools is a must. Instructor: Dave Macey. Registration deadline: January 10. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142109-W1	1/17-2/21	W	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after January 10
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



eBay: Buying and Selling (50+)

eBay is the most popular shopping destination on the internet. With millions of shoppers in almost every country around the globe, someone is looking for what you're selling while someone else is selling what you want. Get in on the action! Learn how to register with eBay and PayPal, how bidding works, how to use the "My eBay" page, and all about member profiles and feedback points. We will cover auction costs, how to take pictures of your item, write a description, upload your photos, set your price, receive payment and ship your item to the buyer. By the last class, you should be ready to auction your first item! Experience with Windows, file management, word processing, internet surfing and cut/copy/paste tools is required. Ages 50+. Instructor: Lee Penrod. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142104-T1	1/9-2/13	T	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$45/\$50 after January 2
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 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142120-M1	1/8-2/12	M	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after January 2
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 Thursdays 9:00-11:00 a.m. No reservation is necessary. Just drop in.

Lab Fee:\$1/hour
B/W Copies:10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies: 15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints: 35¢ for 4" x 6"
..... \$1.50 for 8.5" x 11"

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Fun After Fifty

Board the Bus



50+ Holiday Dinner & Light Tour

Reserve your place today for the annual 50+ Holiday Dinner and Light Tour. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner and holiday music. The evening will also include entertainment from our very own Alley Kats dancing troupe! We will then board the buses (Excursion Travel) and take off on our planned route of Downtown Fort Wayne's finest Christmas light displays and The Fantasy of Lights at Franke Park. This event is sponsored by American Senior Communities. Paid reservations are required by December 4. Space is limited to 190 people, so please register early. Call 427-6460 for more information.

Code	Date	Day	Time
441600-M1	12/11	M	5:30-9:00 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after December 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Holiday Light Tour & Christmas at the Castle

See some of the most beautiful holiday light displays in Fort Wayne from the comfort of a motor coach. We'll do the driving so you can enjoy the scenery. A visit to The University of St. Francis Christmas at the Castle and a drive through The Fantasy of Lights in Franke Park are both on the evening's itinerary! We will board buses at 4:15 p.m. and return to the Community Center at approximately 8:00 p.m. This evening is sponsored by Brookdale Fort Wayne. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 14. Max. 28.

Code	Date	Day	Time
441601-R1	12/4	M	4-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$11/\$16 after November 27
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Community Center Craft Collections

Saturday, November 25

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Downtown Development District will sponsor the Holly Trolley Shopping Day, November 25 11:00 am-5:00 pm. Downtown shopping will be made easier on this day with free trolley rides along the route. In conjunction with the Holly Trolley, the Community Center will host a craft show. Kids 14 and under can come in and make Christmas ornaments and decorate Christmas cookies from 12:30-3:30 pm. You can also warm up with some great cuisine provided by some of Fort Wayne's food trucks which will be in our parking lot.

Fort Wayne Excursions

How much do you know about Allen County? Pretend you are a tourist, step aboard the Excursion Trailways motor coach and let us introduce you to just a few of the county's top attractions. Each outing will feature local area venues and a stop for lunch. The \$6 fee covers transportation only. Admission fees (if applicable) and lunch expenses are not included, so please plan accordingly. The bus will pick up at 9:00 a.m. at the Southtown Walmart and at Bob Arnold Park (Parnell at E. State Blvd.) at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Mary at 427-6461 or Linda at 427-6466 to sign up.

Wednesday, December 13

(Registration begins November 1)

Roanoke Christmas Shops

Two EE's Winery (tasting optional, \$5)

Tuesday, January 9

(Registration begins December 1)

U of St. Francis and Historic Women's Center
Botanical Conservatory (Fairy Tales Exhibit)

Wednesday, February 21

(Registration begins January 2)

Sweetwater Sound Tour and Drum Circle
The Freemasons Hall

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Lunch and a Movie?

Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for these special Monday luncheons. We'll begin serving at 11:30 a.m., but you are invited to come earlier and enjoy cards or table games with other fun-loving folks. You may resume play after lunch if you wish. Paid reservations are required by the previous Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Reservation fees cannot be refunded or transferred. At each luncheon there will be a short presentation by the sponsor. Ages 50+.

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

"Candy Cane Christmas"

Supporting Sponsor:

Englewood Health and Rehabilitation

Reservation fee: \$5

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

"New Beginnings"

Supporting Sponsor:

StoryPoint Senior Living Community

Reservation fee: \$4

Monday, February 19, 11:30 a.m.

"Inventors & Inventions"

Supporting Sponsor:

Heritage Park-American Senior Communities

Reservation fee: \$4



Tuesday Movies

Community Center, 233 W. Main

Join us for an afternoon at the movies! All features are recent releases and admission is FREE. 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 Glenbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation and Bethlehem Woods.

December 5 Beauty and the Beast

December 19 Angel of Christmas

January 16 Keeping Up with the Joneses

February 6 Going in Style

February 20 Fences



Read It or Write It

Book Sale

January 9-11 and March 6-8

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 and DVDs. (Donations are accepted through the Wednesday before the sale.)



Writing Your Memoirs

You don't need to have a hardscrabble youth or eccentric parents to write a memoir. You don't need to have lived a life of drama . . . and you don't have to publish it. A memoir is about handing over your life to someone and saying, "This is what I went through, this is who I am, and maybe you can learn something from it." It's about creating a legacy that doesn't have dollar signs in front of it but has a far greater residual value for family and friends. It's a gift that only you can share. Let author Linda Wade help you put pen to paper and begin to tell your story. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code _____ Dates _____ Day _____ Time _____

141318-R1 1/18-2/22 Th 10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after January 11

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

We Rent for Your Event

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for receptions, anniversary and birthday parties, meetings, performances, dances, home parties, office parties, seminars, proms 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 427-6462 for details and the full range of options.

**The Community Center will be
CLOSED December 25-January 5
Happy Holidays!**

Fit & Fabulous

Arthritis Foundation Exercise **F4**

Tuesday & Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program 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 here. This class is designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. You can attend the drop-in program at any time. Ages 50+. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor. There will be no class December 26, 28, January 2 and 4. Drop-in fee: \$1/class.

Cardio Flex **F4**

Tuesday & Thursdays, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Cardio Flex is for those individuals who desire a more intensive workout than offered in Arthritis Foundation 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. You will be using light to medium dumbbells to increase muscular strength and flexibility. Prior participation is not required; however, we recommend you consult your doctor before beginning any exercise program. You can attend this program at any time. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor. Ages 50+. There will be no class December 26, 28, January 2 and 4. Drop-in fee: \$1/class

Everyday Exercise **F4**

Tuesday & Thursdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Enjoy the benefits of a daily exercise routine designed just for you. This class incorporates the use of handheld weights to help increase cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. Please consult your doctor before beginning any new exercise program. You can start this drop-in program at any time. Ages 50+. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor. There will be no class on December 26, 28, January 2 and 4. Drop-in fee: \$1/class.

Senior Aqua Fit **F4**

Aqua Fit is total body toning with many fun water resistance tools. The instructor will guide the class through various aerobic movements done to rhythmic music in the water. Aerobic movements are performed with the use of resistive and buoyancy equipment. Some of the benefits 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 deadlines: January 3 and January 5. Min. 7. Max. 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141209-W1	1/10-3/14	W	11:30 am-12:15
141209-F1	1/12-3/16	F	11:30 am-12:15

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$67/\$72 after deadlines
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

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Zumba Gold 50+



Zumba Gold is a beginning exercise class for the active older adult. You will enjoy Latin based music and easy-to-follow Latin dance fitness moves. Zumba Gold has a specialized approach for anyone needing modifications. You will find the lower intensity moves are safe and effective for people of all ages and different fitness levels. This fun, safe fitness class will help you achieve the long-term health benefits you seek. Instructor: Katie Amos. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 8.

Min. 8. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141204-M1	1/15-2/19	M	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$39/\$44 after January 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 deadlines: January 2 and January 4. Min. 8. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141200-R2	1/9-2/27	T	12-1 pm
141200-R1	1/11-3/1	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$39/\$44 after deadlines

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Yoga for Seniors 50+



Using a chair for support you will be able to safely perform a variety of Yoga postures designed to increase flexibility, range of motion, balance and endurance. Registration deadline: January 4. Instructor: Kim Labenberg.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141221-R1	1/11-2/15	Th	1:15-2 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 6/\$33/\$38 after January 4.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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.

Tap, Tap, Tap



Alley Kats



The Alley Kats is a 20-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women 50 and over. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. 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.

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 technique and performance skills. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard sole shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 15.

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

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$15/\$20 after January 4.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Watch your mailbox for the Spring Fun Times on February 7.

Needles & Threads

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 the **Beginner Class**, we'll get you started with a few basic stitches and show you how to read a pattern. Please bring to class a size K crochet hook and one skein of 4-ply yarn in a light color. The **Advanced Class** is for those who know the basic stitches and can read a basic pattern. You will learn advanced stitches to crochet stand-up flowers and make advanced stitches for afghan and pillows. Bring your "yarn stash" (especially green for the leaves) and hooks. (Once you've begun your new hobby, join us for Hooked on Crochet below.) Instructor: Berniece Wilkins. Ages 50+. Registration deadlines: January 3 and 5. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

141304-A1	1/12-3/2	F	1-3 pm
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Advanced

141304-B1	1/10-2/28	W	1-3 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$17/\$22 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Hooked on Crochet

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

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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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

Cross Stitch Basics for Beginners

Cross stitch is one of those crafts that is easy to become addicted to. It is easy to learn and once you get started you will love the rhythm of stitching and the many creative possibilities it offers. This class will focus on the pattern-based form of cross stitch. You will learn how to prepare the fabric, organize the floss, follow a pattern and how to frame the project. No experience is necessary. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 17. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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141337-A1	1/24-2/14	W	2-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$29/\$34 after January 17

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Jewelry Making

If you enjoy wearing unique jewelry, why not try making it yourself? You will choose your favorite color beads to create a bracelet and matching pair of earrings using memory wire and parachute cord. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 19. Min. 3. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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141338-A1	1/26	F	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after deadline

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

It's All About Art

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 8. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141301-M1	1/15-2/19	M	1:30-4 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$73/\$78 after January 8			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Painting Tiles with Alcohol Inks

Explore the brilliant colors and "magic" of alcohol inks by allowing them to freely bloom into art! There are three rules for this class: wear old clothes, surrender control and be ready to PLAY! You will explore a number of techniques and applications. All necessary materials and supplies will be provided, including 3 tiles that will be yours to take home . . . ooohs and aaahs guaranteed! Instructor Lindy McCormick is a lifetime seeker of all things whimsical! Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: December 7 and February 8. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
141335-A1	12/14	Th	2:30-4:30 pm
141335-A2	2/15	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$27/\$32 after deadlines			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
December 18, January 15 & February 19
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Listen to relaxing music, visit with your neighbor and color to 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 to stay for lunch.)



DIY Holiday Wreath or Frame

Just in time for the holidays! Make your own wreath or decorative picture frame to help inspire your holiday spirit. We will supply the greenery and all the decorations and ribbon you need to create a one-of-a-kind wreath. Or, paint a picture frame and add ornaments, ribbons and bows to your liking. The picture frame is offered in two sizes and can be hung on a door handle, chair or even on your cupboards. Ages 50+. Registration deadlines are five business days prior to each class. Min. 5.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Wreath (Max. 8)			
141339-A1	11/29	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$19			
11" x 14" Picture Frame (Max. 12)			
141339-B1	12/6	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17			
8" x 10" Picture Frame (Max. 12)			
141339-B2	12/13	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			



Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring fall events at the Community Center:

Light & Bruening
 New York Life Insurance
 Senior Helpers
 Old National Bank
 Dash-In
 Park Place on Main
 O'Reilly's
 Cindy's Diner
 Don Hall's Restaurants
 Get Up to Get Down Entertainment
 Life Care Center of Fort Wayne
 Park Place Senior Living

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Play Hard . . . Live Well

Fun & Games

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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
Billiards	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Bingo	2 nd /4 th F	1 pm
Cornhole	F	9:30 am-11:30 am
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm
	F	1-3 pm
Euchre	W	12:30-3 pm
Fitness Equip	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Hand and Foot	W	11 am – 3 pm
Mah Jongg	F	12-4 pm
Mexican Train	M	9 am – 1 pm
Quilting	Th	1 pm-4 pm
Table Tennis	M/W	8:30-11:30 am
Wii Bowling	T	11 am – 2 pm

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

- The Hearth of Sycamore Village (Bingo)
- Heritage Park (Bingo)
- Life Care Center of Fort Wayne (Euchre)
- Englewood Health & Rehab (Euchre)

Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg is a game of both skill and luck that involves strategically matching tiles. The excitement of the game lies in the decisions that you will constantly have to make. Is it preferable to discard a tile and thus gain an advantage, or would it be more prudent to stay with a decent hand? Once you learn basic skills and strategies, you will be on your way to a fun and enjoyable time with other Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 3. Max. 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141700-R1	1/18-2/8	Th	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$26/\$31 after January 11
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Happy Holidays!**

2018 Senior Games



June 4-26

Save the date! More than 400 active senior adults participated in the 2017 Senior Games. Mark your calendar and start “training” now for the 2018 Senior Games. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list.

Congratulations to the
2017 Senior Games Champions
Dan Schreck and Cindy Orr

I Can Help!



Volunteer and Instructor Opportunities

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Parks and Recreation is not just for kids! We offer numerous opportunities for retirees and senior citizens to join our family of over 200 volunteers and become involved in Community Center 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
- Bingo Caller
- Fitness & Conditioning Coordinator
- Excursion Tour Escort
- Book Sale Assistants
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Volunteer and Paid Special Interest Class Instructors
- Cleaning Assistants
- AARP Tax Preparers (February-April, training in January)
- Monthly Lunch Kitchen Help
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Special Events Helpers
- Music Education

For Your Health

Foot Care Clinic

A Lighter Step, L.L.C. provides foot care at the Community Center including foot soaking, nail trimming, lotion massages, and callus shaving for persons age 55 and older. Appointments are required and may be made by calling 427-6460. Please bring a foot tub and towel. Payment by check or cash is required at the time of the appointment.

Day	Dates	Time
2nd Tue	12/12, 1/9, 2/13	1-3:30 pm
1st Thur	12/7, 2/1	8:30-11:30 am
3rd Thur	12/21, 1/18, 2/15	1-3:30 pm
4th Thur	1/25, 2/22	8:30-11:30 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.
Fee: \$25

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. (There will be no screenings offered in January.)

Day	Dates	Time
Thur	12/7, 2/1	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+. (There will be no screenings offered in January.)

Day	Dates	Time
Tues	12/5, 2/6	9-11:15 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Matters of the Heart

Thursday, February 1, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

In celebration of heart month, this innovative and educational lunch program will focus on heart health. Pre-registration is required. The \$3 fee includes lunch. Call 427-6460 by January 29 to sign up. Sponsored by: AshMore Health Pros.

Free Tax Preparation

January 29-April 16

Community Center, 233 W Main St.

The Community Center/Parks and Recreation Department, IRS and AARP have teamed up to offer free Federal and Indiana state income tax preparation for seniors (ages 55+). IRS E-file only. Call 427-6460 for available times or check our Facebook page. **Please bring** the following information with you: Social Security Card for everyone on the return, current W-2 forms, 1099 statements, property tax receipts to qualify for a reduction on the Indiana Tax Return, a copy of your 2016 tax return forms, other income and deduction records. Indiana residents age 65 and older by December 31 of the tax year who earned less than \$10,000 should file a tax return with the state. You could be eligible for a refund under Indiana's Unified Tax Credit for the elderly. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help prepare taxes at the Community Center, please call 427-6461.

Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

A trained SHIP counselor will be available to answer questions about Medicare, Medigap (supplement to Medicare), Prescription Drug plans and Advantage Plans. You will get an explanation of Medicare coverage and she will help you to understand the differences between Medigap and Advantage Plans and who must purchase an additional prescription drug plan. These plans are for those eligible for Medicare because they are age 65 or older and those eligible for Medicare due to receipt of Social Security disability prior to age 65. Please bring a list of your prescription drugs as well as the strength and how often it is taken. Call 427-6460 to schedule an appointment. This service is free and not affiliated with any insurance agency.

Day	Dates	Time
Thur	12/7, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Legal Counseling

Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin, L.L.C representatives are at the Community Center on the first Friday of every month to answer your legal questions. Please call 427-6460 to make an appointment. This FREE service, sponsored by the Allen County Bar Association, is offered to persons age 50 and over. (Legal Counseling will not be offered in January.)

Day	Dates	Time
Fri	12/1, 2/2	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Unwind Your Mind

Activities for Those with Signs of Early Dementia
 Call 427-6461 or 427-6466 to register for these programs.

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia is life changing. Because individuals with dementia often feel isolated and disconnected, it is important that opportunities to participate in community activities that are meaningful, creative, and social are made available to them. Such activity can provide a sense of competence, a reduction in depression, and improved relationships with family members. Studies have shown that arts, crafts, computers and social activities help slow mild cognitive loss by up to 50%. The Parks and Recreation Department offers classes and activities at the Community Center for those with signs of early dementia.

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
2/20	T	1:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Glass Fusing

If you apply heat to glass, it will soften. Two or more pieces of glass will stick (or "fuse") to each other with beautiful results. The January class will fuse a 7" x 7" curved dish. The February class will fuse a 5" x 5" curved dish. All necessary materials will be provided. Instructor: Juanita Miller.

Date	Day	Time
1/16	T	1:30-3 pm
2/13	T	1:30-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Glitter Galaxy Ornaments

Make 2 unique ornaments to hang on your own tree or give as gifts. We'll listen to holiday music while we work to get in the Christmas spirit.

Date	Day	Time
12/13	W	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Bingo

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

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Prizes include snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Fee: 3 cards/50¢



Clay Pottery

Come experience pottery at its best. You'll hand build a project as well as try out a pottery wheel. Instructors: Brandon Furniss (weekdays) and Onie Mensch (Saturdays). Max. 8.

Date	Day	Time
2/24	S	11:30 am-1 pm
2/19	M	9:30-11 am
3/3	S	11:30 am-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6460

Special Events



Santa's Workshop at the Community Center

Wednesday, November 22
4:30-7:30 pm
Lighting Ceremony 5:55 pm
Community Center, 233 W. Main Street

Make-n-Take Crafts • Holiday Movie
Refreshments • Christmas Shopping

Start your downtown celebration at the Community Center with free holiday activities for the kids. There will be crafts, refreshments and a holiday movie. Donate a new or gently used bear and enter a drawing to win a giant elf bear. Kids can shop for inexpensive holiday gifts for \$5 or less at the North Pole Stop-n-Shop while Mom and Dad shop for hand-crafted items at Candy Cane Lane. Don't miss the light display on the Community Center roof. The Lighting Ceremony is at 5:55 p.m.




Christmas on the Farm
Saturday, December 2, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Sleigh bells ring at Salomon Farm Park during our Christmas on the Farm! We will have wagon rides, a chance to visit with Father Christmas, dog-sledding demonstrations, food vendors, a holiday market and more at this traditional Christmas celebration. Bundle up, as this is an outdoor event! The last car will be admitted at 4:30. Admission is just \$5/car. For more information please call Eden Lamb at 427-6008.




Christmas at the Conservatory

Visit the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory this Christmas for special events and family fun. It's also a great place to take your family photos!

"Snow Days" Exhibit and Concert
Garden in Lights
Santa and the Reindeer
Holiday Kick-Off Party
Suzuki Strings Concert
See pages 4-5 for details.



Winterval 2018

Saturday, January 27 in Downtown Fort Wayne

Celebrate winter with a visit to downtown Fort Wayne! The 7th 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, catch a rugby game, enjoy special events at the Botanical Conservatory, 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.



Winter Cozy

See page 31 for details.

Snow Bowl Rugby Game

Area rugby club competition

1 p.m., Free

Lawton Park, 1900 N. Clinton St.

Winterval at the Conservatory

See page 31 for details.

Winterval at the Library

9 a.m.-5 p.m., Free

ACPL, 900 Library Plaza

Fort Wayne Youtheater

presents Storytime Theatre

2 p.m., Free

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Winter Carnival

See page 31 for details.

Nouvelle Annee: A New France 1758

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Ave.

Midwest Freeze Frame Picture Car & Scale Model Car Show

9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10 Entry, Spectators Free
First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St.

Ice Skating at Headwaters Park

11 a.m.-10 p.m., Regular Admission
Headwaters Park, 333 South Clinton St.

Winterval at Science Central

10 a.m.-5 p.m., 1/2 price admission
Science Central, 1950 N. Clinton St.

Ice Carving

Locations and times of ice carving
will be posted at www.fortwayneparks.org.



RIVERFRONT FORT WAYNE PRESENTS
WINTER COZY

A "Winterval" Event
Saturday, January 27, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Headwaters Park West

Celebrate Winterval the Riverfront way as we indulge in hygge (pronounced "hoo-guh"), a Danish term which refers to a feeling of contentment or well-being. With Riverfront, winter doesn't have to mean icy roads and sidewalks to shovel. We'll have a heated tent, cozy furniture, warm cocktails and food for purchase, live music and games, ice sculptures, and drink luges. Join us as we remember what winter used to be: fun! Admission is \$10 at the door. This event is 21+. More information is available at www.RiverfrontFW.org or by calling Megan Butler at (260) 427-6248. Sponsored by Alt 99.5, Riverfront Fort Wayne, and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation.



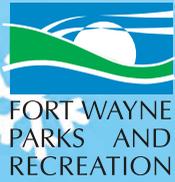


Winter Carnival
A "Winterval" Event
Saturday, January 27, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beat the winter blahs by bringing the whole family out for snow crafts and activities, ice carving demonstrations and yummy treats to warm you inside and out. Be sure to check out the new Arctic Inflatables! For example, a 30 ft. inflatable snowman bounce house!! It's all FREE! Go to www.fortwayneparks.org and click on the Winter Carnival link to check out the latest schedule of Winterval events.

Winterval at the Conservatory
A "Winterval" Event
Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join the Conservatory and our Winterval partners in celebrating the season of ice and snow. You can make a winter bird feeder, learn how cold-blooded animals survive the winter, watch an ice sculpture take shape before your eyes, and have fun exploring our "Fairy Tales" garden exhibit. Regular Conservatory admission applies.



Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Financing Now & Later

Budget Counseling *NEW

Wednesday, January 17, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Does it seem like your income is frequently a little less than what you need every month? There are habits that you can develop to strengthen your spending and savings power. You will receive tips on stretching your dollars and have the opportunity to receive free individualized counseling by a certified budget counselor. Please call 427-6460 by January 10 and February 14 to register for this free seminar.

Savvy Social Security Planning

Tuesday, January 23, 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 to register by January 16.

The Community Center will be
CLOSED December 25-January 5
Happy Holidays!

Retirement Income Planning

Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Retirement income planning is the process of understanding how much income you'll need during your retirement years to support the retirement lifestyle that you want and positioning your assets to provide that income efficiently. While there is no such thing as a "one size fits all" plan, there are steps that you can take to maximize the possibility of a financially secure retirement. In this workshop, you will learn:

- How to plan for when your retirement will begin (including the impact of early retirement, delayed retirement and working during retirement) and planning for the lifestyle that you want
- Steps to estimate the amount of money you'll need in retirement to meet your goals factoring in health care costs, taxes, and inflation
- How to supplement fixed income sources such as Social Security and employer pensions with your retirement savings, choosing a sustainable withdrawal rate, and the options for tapping into various accounts

A workbook will be provided that includes key information, worksheets, and questions to help you remember important points from the workshop. This workshop is free, however pre-registration is required. You may reserve your seat by calling 427-6460 by January 30.

Questions? 427-6460



Take Safety Seriously



Internet Security Awareness

Thursday, November 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Do you want to learn how to use the internet safely? Do you trust that e-mail you received promising a free vacation? Do you trust what you read online? In this course you will learn how to browse safely, and learn how to identify rogue e-mail. You will learn awareness tips on: viruses, phishing, social engineering, privacy and data protection. These basic tips will be useful at home, on the internet, on social media, and on the job. The seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 to sign up.

Money Safety for Seniors

Monday, December 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main Street

Seniors are frequently victimized by financial crimes. Elder financial exploitation crosses all social, educational, and economic boundaries and can be devastating to its victims. Money Safety for Seniors explains the signs of financial abuse. It also discusses a variety of ways to protect yourself and loved ones against common fraud and help you avoid financial exploitation. The workshop is free and all materials will be provided. Presenter: Kathy Callen. This informational seminar is free, however pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by December 11 to reserve your spot.

**Watch your mailbox for
the Spring Fun Times
on February 7.**

Safe Food Handling

Wednesday, February 21, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Cindy Hunt, NEP Assistant with Purdue Extension, will share safe steps in food handling, cooking, and storage that are essential to prevent foodborne illness. Call 427-6460 by February 14 to sign up for this free seminar.

Medication Safety for Seniors

Friday February 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Community Center 233 W. Main St.

Medicines are generally safe when used as prescribed or as directed on the label, but there are risks in taking any medicine. Learn what questions to ask when it comes to your prescribed medications and how to avoid drug to drug, drug to food, and drug to health condition interactions. This seminar will be presented by a New Haven Walgreens Pharmacist. Please call 427-6460 to reserve your spot by February 9.

Health Issues

Medicare & Medigap Supplements

Monday, January 22, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

On average, Medicare covers about half of the health care charges for those enrolled. The enrollee must then cover their remaining costs either with supplemental insurance, separate insurance or out-of-pocket. We'll discuss the basics of Medicare, from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. You will learn how Medicare coverage works together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. We will also go over 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. Please call 427-6460 to register by January 15 and February 7.

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.

Long-Term Care Planning

Tuesday, February 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn strategies to pay for long-term care, discover key features and government incentives for long-term care insurance, as well as how Medicare and Medicaid factor into long-term care planning. You'll receive a free workbook with key information, worksheets and questions to help you remember important points from the seminar. The program is free, however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 to sign up by February 20.

Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Middle Stage

Monday, February 12, 19, 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

In this 3-part seminar you will learn the symptoms and care needs associated with the middle stage of Alzheimer's and also explore the relationship changes that occur in this stage. You will find out how to maximize safety, prepare for emergencies and access respite care. You will also learn effective ways to provide personal care and manage challenging behaviors. Week one will educate the caregiver on changes in the brain, how to effectively communicate and the care requirements. Week two will focus on behavioral changes and safety concerns. Week three will cover home care assistance options, planning for future care, behavioral issues with medication management and caregiver coping strategies. This seminar is free; however you will need to call 427-6460 by February 5 to reserve your spot.



Grief and the Holidays

Tuesday, December 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

When we are grieving, facing holidays and special days can be difficult. For some, thoughts of an empty chair at a holiday celebration cause anxiety, stress and worry. Join grief counselors from the Peggy F. Murphy Community Grief Center for ideas on how to cope during these times; the importance of getting in touch with your emotions, how to ask for help, reevaluate traditions and create new traditions to remember your loved one. Please call 427-6460 by December 5 to sign up for this free seminar.

Planning Ahead

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

Wednesday, January 17, 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 just in the planning stage, you will find the information presented by Elder Law Attorney Steve Adair very helpful. The seminar is FREE, however pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by January 10 to reserve your seat.

Cemetery/Funeral Home Workshop

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn what questions to ask at the funeral home and cemetery before making choices. Information on V.A. burial benefits will be provided to veterans who attend. 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 16 to reserve your spot.

Fun for Bigger Kids

Let's Get Creative!



Enchanted Cottage Workshop

When Hansel and Gretel, lost in the woods, came upon the witch's house made of candy they thought it was a sweet dream. In fact, many fairy tales are set in cottages. Design your own dream cottage using your imagination and an array of edible and inedible décor. We provide the assembled gingerbread house plus colored and white icing, candy and other "bling" along with simple tools and instruction. The house is for decorative purposes only, but you can enjoy an edible gingerbread cookie while you design. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: January 13. Min. 13. Max. 21.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127056-A1	1/20	Sa	10-11:30 am
127056-A2	1/20	Sa	1:30-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$18

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$14

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Passion for Pottery

Four steps are required to make pottery: preparing the clay, shaping the clay, decorating and glazing the item, and firing or baking for a finished appearance. You'll complete these four steps using both hand building techniques and a potter's wheel to shape your clay. When the class is over you will have a passion for pottery and a collection of unique earthenware pieces to take home with you. Ages 9-14. Registration deadline: February 12. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143201-S1	2/17-3/17	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$63

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Mosaic Birdhouse

Create a unique and stylish bird abode to add to your home décor. This structure is not weatherproof and not intended for actual use by our fine feathered friends. You will learn the basic mosaic techniques of glass and tile cutting and grouting. You'll start with a 7 1/2" L x 7 1/4" W x 5 1/2" D wood birdhouse and cover the entire structure with glass and tile, a touch of paint and millefiori here and there for accent. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Instructor: Juanita Miller. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: February 1. Min. 5. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143056-A1	2/15-3/1	Th	5:30-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$48

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

3D Modeling & Animation 101

Learn the 3D modeling tools that are used in careers such as video game development, architecture and engineering, advertising and media, movies and more. We'll use Autodesk Maya LT to mold a simple cube into wonderful, whimsical objects and then we'll paint and animate them. Please bring a USB flash drive (2-4 gb), a notebook and a pencil to class. Ages 10+. Instructor Merrill Thompson has a degree in Computer Modeling and Animation and over 18 years of experience. Registration deadline: January 15. Min. 5. Max. 11.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143055-A1	1/20-3/24	Sa	9-11 am

#Sessions/Fee: 10/\$72

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Video Game Maker 101

Learn how to design and modify your own exciting arcade-style video games. You'll learn how to control characters, objects and outcomes in your game, then increase the difficulty level and add more features. Graphic Design and Graphic Animation topics will also be covered. Note: each student needs their own flash drive of any size and valid email address before the first class. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 5. Max. 11.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143050-M1	1/15-2/26	M	5:30-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$114

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Call 427-6000 to register by phone.

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Winter Outdoor Fun!

Stories in the Snow



Come explore the wintry wonderland at Lindenwood Nature Preserve and find out where our animal friends go when it gets cold. This program will involve a story and a short hike to search for animal tracks in the snow. Be ready to go even if there is no snow! Ages 10 and under. The program is free, however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration deadlines: January 5. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Day	Date	Time
148102-A1	1/14	Su	1-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Winter Walks at the Farm



Friday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

There's more to explore at Salomon Farm Park! On these winter walks you will be led by a farm park staff member throughout the park property. The exact walking route will depend upon the amount of snow in each area at the time of the walk and may include walking thru the small wooded area circling the wetland, past the pastures and thru a portion of the trails in the back farm fields. Sturdy, waterproof footwear is recommended. All ages are welcome and the hikes are free. Please e-mail Edén.Lamb@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6008 to let us know you plan to attend.

Hikes, Bikes, and Birds



Sunday, December 3, January 7, February 4

8:00-9:00am – Nature Walk

9:00-10:30am – Bike Ride



Lawton Park, Clinton & 4th Streets

Riverfront
FORT WAYNE

Join our naturalist for a guided hike along Fort Wayne's beautiful trail system and stick around for a bike ride! We're reveling in nature and will focus on riverine flora, invasive species, water fowl, resident birds, and migratory birds. This program is free to participate in and no reservations are necessary. We welcome all ages and abilities to come celebrate our urban ecology. In the event of inclement weather, please check the Riverfront Fort Wayne Facebook page for cancellations.

Horseback Riding 101



Summit Equestrian Center (www.SummitEquestrian.org) has been in existence since 2010 providing quality instruction as a Premier Accredited Center. The professional staff holds various certifications and will focus on communication with and terminology involving horses, equipment necessary for horseback riding and the opportunity to ride. Note: Please wear closed toe shoes to this class. Ages 4+ (ages 4-7 must be accompanied by an adult). Registration deadlines: January 15 and February 19. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143860-A1	1/20	Sa	1-4 pm
143860-A2	2/24	Sa	1-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46

Location: Summit Equestrian Center, 10808 LaCabreah Lane

Stand Up and Dance

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 5-8. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W3	1/10-2/28	W	5-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 3

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

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: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143306-W1	1/10-2/28	W	5:30-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 3

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

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Let's Flip for It

Gymnastics for Guys



Because it builds 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 5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143303-F1	1/12-3/2	F	6:30-7:15

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 5

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.



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 5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-8

143302-F1	1/12-3/2	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143302-F2	1/12-3/2	F	5-5:45 pm
143302-F3	1/12-3/2	F	5:45-6:30 pm
143302-F4	1/12-3/2	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12

143302-F6	1/12-3/2	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 5

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

Cheer Tumble



Cheerleading today has become very competitive and is much more than just cheering for your special team. In Cheer Tumble, you will learn to execute motions and jumps, as well as tumbling skills required for cheerleading. Ages 5-9. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143308-W1	1/10-2/28	W	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 3

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

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Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

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/scholarship.

The Early Years

On Your Toes, Kiddos



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: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W1	1/10-2/28	W	10-10:30 am
143304-W2	1/10-2/28	W	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 3
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: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143305-W1	1/10-2/28	W	10:30-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 3
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

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

Pre-School Open Gyms



*Adult/Child

School has started back up, the weather is cooling down, and you need somewhere for your little ones to run off some energy and meet new friends, right? Bring them to the Community Center for Friday morning open gym! We have room to run around and lots of play equipment to keep your little ball of energy entertained. It's a full hour of unstructured play. Drop in and stay as long as you like! Drop-in fee is \$5/child or purchase a pass for \$15 that gets you into all 4 open gym sessions. No pre-registration required. Ages 1½-5 years.

Dates	Day	Time
12/22, 1/12, 2/2, 2/16	F	9-10 am

Drop-in Fee: \$5/child 4 Session Pass: \$15
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Pre-School Gymnastics



*Adult/Child

Children who participate in gymnastics tend to have better control over their bodies, have better hand-eye coordination and better stability than other children the same age. 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 5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)			
143300-F1	1/12-3/2	F	4:30-5 pm
143300-F2	1/12-3/2	F	5:15-5:45 pm
143300-F3	1/12-3/2	F	6-6:30 pm

Ages 3-4

143301-F1	1/12-3/2	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143301-F2	1/12-3/2	F	5:15-6 pm
143301-F3	1/12-3/2	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after January 5
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

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Balls and Tunnels



***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 1½-3. Registration deadline: January 12. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143035-F1	1/19	F	10-10:45 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 1½-3. Registration deadline: January 30. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143032-T1	2/6-2/20	T	9-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Playful Preschoolers

***Adult/Child**

It's time to get your little ones up and moving! We have a morning full of fun physical activities planned for your toddler, including running, jumping, throwing, and dancing! Amidst all the fun, we will also be helping to get your little one prepared for the future by introducing things like following directions, taking turns, and waiting in line. Ages 1½-3. Registration deadline: January 10. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143029-A1	1/17-1/31	W	9-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 2-4. Registration deadline: December 8. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143047-F1	12/15	F	9-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Always Learning



Now I Know My ABC's!

***Adult/Child**

Learning the alphabet is not only essential to the development of literacy and writing skills, it can also be lots of fun! In this basic introduction of the alphabet, we will focus on a different set of letters each week. Your child will learn what each letter looks like, what sound it makes and practice writing it. This will be done through games, crafts, and yummy letter snacks. Ages 2-4. Registration deadline: January 25. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143045-R1	2/1-3/8	Th	9-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Garden Preschool: Winter Fun

***Adult/Child**

Come explore the wonder of winter! Children will discover winter through hands-on, garden-related activities side by side with their parent or other adult. This two-session class teaches both how to explore nature with fresh eyes. Each week will be a new adventure! Master Gardener Kay Musgrave has years of experience working with children in natural settings. Ages 3-5. An adult must participate (no registration required) for the duration of the class with their child. Registration deadline: January 30. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127100-T1	2/6-2/13	Tu	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 2/\$12

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$10

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Got the Music in Me



Zumbini

*Adult/Child

Moving, grooving, and growing for Mom or Dad and ME! Created by Zumba and BabyFirst for kid's ages 0-4 (children not yet walking can be carried and sit in caregivers lap), the Zumbini program combines music, dance, and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, learning and FUN! Each session includes a Zumbini bundle -- an original songbook, access to the Zumbini app with all of the music and a CD to continue the fun at home! Comfortable clothing and bare feet or tennis shoes are recommended. Ages 0-4. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143052-A1	1/15-3/12	M	9-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 9/\$84

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Song, Rhythm & Rhyme

*Adult/Child

Join Heartland Sings in a musical, family experience that will be both fun and rewarding for you and your toddler. Learn new songs, rhythms, and rhymes for playtime with your child. This fun experience with your toddler will help you to discover new ways to engage your imaginations in music. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 10. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 2-3

143054-A1	1/18-2/15	Th	9-9:45 am
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Ages 4-5

143054-B1	1/18-2/15	Th	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 5/\$75

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Musical Conexion

All of life is music! The highs, the lows, the fasts, and slows. Musical Conexion is a music and movement program that connects heart to heart with the universal language of music. Kelsie Lee has multiple years of musical experience and will introduce little ones to world music while cultivating cognitive development, inspiring creative expression, and nurturing a sense of social inclusion, confidence, acceptance, and enhanced listening. Each class brings engaging and fun music, short stories, finger-plays, dancing, and simple songs. A huge bonus is that these classes nurture an important head-start on language learning and empathy for diversity with an early immersion in Spanish! Ages 3-5 (adults are welcome but not required to participate). Registration deadlines: January 9 and February 19. Min. 8. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143053-A1	1/16-2/20	T	9:30-10:10am
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143053-A2	2/24-3/31	Sa	10:30-11:10am
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$66

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Almost Artists

Preschool Art & Activity

*Adult/Child

We have some fun mornings 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)! Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Age	Date	Day	Time
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Bugs

443045-F7	1½-3	12/1	F	9-9:45 am
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443045-F8	3-5	12/1	F	10-10:45 am
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Winter Wonderland

143048-B1	1½-3	12/21	Th	9-9:45 am
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143048-B2	3-5	12/21	Th	10-10:45 am
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Dinosaur Day

143048-C1	1½-3	1/5	F	9-9:45 am
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143048-C2	3-5	1/5	F	10-10:45 am
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Princes and Princesses

143048-D1	1½-3	1/26	F	9-9:45 am
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143048-D2	3-5	1/26	F	10-10:45 am
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Pirate Party

143048-E1	1½-3	2/23	F	9-9:45 am
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143048-E2	3-5	2/23	F	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Fee for each additional class (must register for all classes at the same time): \$12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Preschool Paint Party

***Adult/Child**

Make room on the refrigerator, because you will have many masterpieces to add to it after this class! We will be making all kinds of paint projects ...and we won't always be using a paintbrush! You may want to wear old clothes; it could get a little messy! Registration deadline: November 28. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 1½-3

143024-T1	12/5-12/19	T	9-9:45 am
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Ages 3-5

143024-T2	12/5-12/19	T	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$28

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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? Clean up is on us! Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 1½-3

143040-A1	1/9-1/23	T	9-9:45 am
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Ages 3-5

143040-A2	1/9-1/23	T	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$28

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

So Many Holidays!

Breakfast with Santa!

Yes, Santa eats breakfast and you can join him! Sign up for a special VIP breakfast before he makes his final list of who has been naughty and nice. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausages and eggs, milk or juice for the kids and coffee for adults. There will be children's activities and time allotted to take pictures of your little ones in our "Snow Days" exhibit before we open to the public. Your admission to this event will also allow you to return and visit with Santa's reindeer from 12-4 pm. Children under two are free, but they and their paying adult must be registered in the minimum/maximum. Limited booster/high chairs available; please indicate at registration if one is required. Registration deadline: November 21. Min. 24. Max. 64.

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127101-S1	12/2	Sa	9-10 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$13

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S.

Calhoun St.

It's Turkey Time!

All you little turkeys are invited to join us for some Thanksgiving fun! You'll make crafts, play games, and enjoy a Turkey Time snack. Registration deadline: November 10. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Ages 1½-3

443052-F1	11/17	F	9-9:45 am
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Ages 3-5

443052-F2	11/17	F	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 . . . milk and cookies . . .before you leave! Registration deadline: December 1. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Ages 1½-3

443039-F1	12/8	F	9-9:45 am
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Ages 3-5

443039-F2	12/8	F	10-10:45 am
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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! Registration deadline: February 2. Min. 8. Max. 12.

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Ages 1½-3

143104-F1	2/9	F	9-9:45 am
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Ages 3-5

143104-F2	2/9	F	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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/scholarship.

Youth Centers

Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch St. • 427-6700
Supervisor: Michael Ayers

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm
When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

Through December 21 and January 16-May 5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-4:00	Study Club	Study Club	Study Club	Study Club	Free Play Recreation
4:00-5:00	Everlasting Fitness	Everlasting Fitness	Everlasting Fitness	Everlasting Fitness	
5:00-6:00	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Cafe
6:00-7:00	Etiquette Jennings Jewels Boys to Men	Sisterhood Lakeside MS Basketball Ages 8-12 JC Fitness	Boys to Men Jennings Jewels	Sisterhood Show Time Lakeside MS Basketball JC Fitness	JC Fitness is a FREE class! Children may participate in youth programs while parents get fit
7:00-8:00	Open Project	Crafting Around	Open Project Crafting Around		

A registration form must be completed for each youth program participant. Registration forms may be picked up at the Center.

Study Club

Staff provides homework guidance and assistance.

Ms. Lovie Kids Café

Children ages 5-18, are served a FREE healthy, nutritious meal each weekday. Served 2:00-3:00 p.m. when FWCS is closed.

Jennings Creative Dance



Student learns a variety of dance style, including hip hop breakdance in this fun, interactive program. The dedication and commitment required of students and parents is evident in the performance showcase.

Boys to Men/ Sisterhood

These life skills programs are designed to teach elementary through high school youth etiquette, mannerisms, respect for self and others, social skills, positive behavior and decision making. They will work together on community service projects and more to help them become successful and productive young adults.

Etiquette

Youth learn acceptable social behavior.

Crafting Around

Youth will create fun crafts for gifts and display.

Basketball Program/Leagues



Our basketball program is designed to help youth (8-16) develop basketball skills. This program also helps build self-confidence, develop leadership ability and promote sportsmanship.

Everlasting Fitness



Everlasting Fitness is an exercise and nutrition program for children of all ages. Youth enjoy a variety of health and nutrition related field trips within the community and learn how to prepare simple, healthy meals and snacks.

Show Time

Opportunity for youth to showcase their talents!

JC Fitness Studio - Fitness Class



Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This free exercise class is for adults of all fitness levels and taught by a certified instructor.

Coming Soon Planting Healthy Seeds

Powered by Parkview

Girls on the Run

Powered by GOTR of Northeast Indiana

Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart Street • 427-6780

Supervisor: Zynette Paige

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm

When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

Through December 21 and January 16-May 5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-3:30	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation
3:30-4:30	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Power Hour	Ananse (4-5)
4:30-5:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation Ivy Tech (4-5)	Show Time (4-6)
5:00-6:00	Kids Café Simba	Kids Café	Kids Café Simba	Kids Café	Kids Café
6:00-7:00	Akoma Dance Crew Basketball (6:00-7:30)	SBA Academy (6:15-7:15) Goddess Aset	Akoma Dance Crew Basketball (6:00-7:30)	Goddess Aset Jump for Life	Coming Soon Planting Healthy Seeds Powered by Parkview
7:00-8:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	

A registration card and Pick-Up Procedure form must be completed for each program participant. Forms are available at the Center.

Power Hour

Staff provides homework assistance for students in pre-K through 12th grade.

Kids Café

Children age 5-18, are served a FREE healthy, nutritious meal each weekday. Served 2:00-3:00 when FWCS is closed.

SBA Academy

Children ages 5-18 learn African and African-American history and culture and career options, the value of having a positive identity, sense of culture, unity, self-determination and making good career choices. They also visit with career professionals in a variety of fields.

Simba Rites of Passage

Boys ages 10-18 learn the skills necessary to transition into healthy, productive and positive young men; they learn the value of brotherhood, community service, exercise, good nutrition, etiquette, having respect and making positive choices. They also enjoy fieldtrips and exposure to professionals, businesses, agencies, civic leaders and cultural events.

Show Time

Opportunity for youth to showcase their talents!

Goddess Aset Rites of Passage

Girls ages 10 – 18 learn the skills necessary to transition into healthy, productive and positive young ladies; learning the value of sisterhood, community service, exercise, good nutrition, etiquette, having respect and making positive choices. They also enjoy fieldtrips and exposure to professionals, businesses, agencies, civic leaders and cultural events.

Jump for Life

Children ages 5-9 learn the skills necessary to transition into positive, healthy and productive adolescents; learning the value of friendship, exercise, good nutrition, good hygiene, respect, manners and helping to keep our community safe and clean.

Akoma Dance Crew

Boys and girls ages 5-18 learn the art of performance and competition of a variety of dance styles and stepping; learning the value of unity, discipline, being focused and committed to excellence in performing arts. They participate in public performances throughout the year.

Akoban Basketball League

Boys and girls ages 5-11 learn the value of sportsmanship, being a scholar athlete and community service while learning the games basic skills, rules and playing competitively. Participants must be enrolled in the SBA Academy, Simba, Jump for Life or Goddess Aset programs.

Cooper Community Center

2300 Clinton & Creighton • 427-6733

Supervisor: Matthew Morgan

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm

When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

Through December 21 and January 16-May 5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-4:00	Power Hour and Snack	Power Hour and Snack	Power Hour and Snack	Power Hour and Snack	Recreation Free Time
4:00-5:00	CoopFit Fun Exercise	CoopFit Fun Exercise	CoopFit Fun Exercise	CoopFit Fun Exercise	CoopFit Fun Exercise
5:00-6:00	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café
6:00-7:00	What's Cooking Puzzle Time	Self Expression Lakeside Basketball	Building Bridges (Life Skills)	Imagine Design Create Show Time Lakeside Basketball	
7:00-8:00	What's Cooking	Games, Puzzles, Reading			

Parents must complete a registration form for each youth program participant. Registration forms may be picked up at the Center.

Power Hour

Homework assistance.

CoopFit Fun Exercise

Children have fun learning the skills necessary to live a healthy and fit life. This program is fun and interactive for all youth.

Building Bridges (Life Skills)

These life skills programs are designed to teach elementary through high school youth etiquette, mannerisms, respect for self and others, social skills, positive behavior and decision making. They will work together on community service projects and more to help them become successful and productive young adults.

Kids Café

Children age 5-18, are served a FREE healthy, nutritious meal each weekday. Served 2:00-3:00 when FWCS is closed.

What's Cooking

Easy, mouth-watering and fun recipes are prepared from scratch by the youth to eat and share with the community!

Show Time

Opportunity for youth to showcase their talents!



Self Expression

Children work on various projects in art, poetry, stories, singing, dancing and drumming as a way to express themselves.

Arts and Crafts and Balloon Sculpting

Make fun, creative crafts for gifts or to keep and display!

Lakeside Basketball League

Our basketball program is designed to help children and teens (ages 8-16) develop basketball skills. This program also helps build self-confidence, develop leadership ability and promote sportsmanship and teamwork!



Recreation

Students enjoy leisure time with board games, TV time, computers, billiards, ping-pong, foosball, playground and more!

Coming Soon Planting Healthy Seeds

Powered by Parkview
Call 427-5966 for information.

COMMUNITY UNITY

NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

November 8, 6-8 pm
Jennings Center
1330 McCulloch St.

November 15, 6-8 pm
Faith United Methodist Church
207 E. Dewald
(hosted by Cooper Center)

Neighborhood Meal Games, Crafts, Door Prizes Entertainment

Neighborhood Forum on Public Safety

Pre-events begin at 5:30 p.m.

Community United Nights provide opportunity for "Real Talk" with our own FW Police officers regarding topics such as protecting your home and family from crime and the difference between snitching and being a citizen that helps protect the community.



This program was funded in part by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Optimist Club.

65th Annual Wassail Celebration

Sunday, December 3, 4:00 p.m.
Jennings Recreation Center
1330 McCulloch St.

Join us as we kick off the holiday season with youth performances in dance, music and poetry! The Wassail History will be recited and light refreshments will be served, including the traditional Wassail punch. The Wassail Celebration is free and open to the public.

History of the Wassail Celebration

In 1952 a young adult men's group at the McCulloch Recreation Center (now Jennings Recreation Center), was looking for a project for the Christmas season which would involve the whole community. They developed a family style Christmas party and called it the Wassail. The first program was a success and has been held at the Center every year for 64 years.

Please join us!



Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration

Thursday, December 28, 6:00 p.m.
Weisser Park Youth Center, 802 Eckart St.

Music • Dance • Poetry
Kwanzaa Feast • Commercial Vendors
Live Band Performance

★ Free and Open to the Public ★

Youth programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne

McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

3901 Abbott Street • 427-2420
Supervisor: Andre Patterson

Winter Hours

Mon/Fri, 12-3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Tues/Wed/Thur, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Sat/Sun, 12-5 p.m.

Admission

Youth from 3-8 p.m. FREE;
(Must be registered in After-School Program)
All others \$1

Pickleball

M-F, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come play the fastest growing sport in America on our climate-controlled indoor courts. Drop in fee: \$1 with photo ID.



Wellness Mall

Monday & Friday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Enjoy our indoor walking track and fitness equipment in the comfort of a clean, spacious facility.



Computer Lab

Monday & Friday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Computer Lab is open to public for personal use. Drop-in fee: \$1 and a picture ID.

Fun and Games

Monday & Friday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Board games are available for your use or you can bring your own.

Zumba

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

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music and dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting workout based on the principle that a workout should be "fun and easy to do." The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Drop-in fee: \$1 with photo ID



Cardio Fit

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

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Cardio Fit includes strength training, and stretching as well as cardiovascular exercises. No pre-registration is required. Drop-in fee: \$1 and a picture ID.



Youth Programs

Kids' Café

Monday-Friday, 5:00 p.m.

A nutritious meal is served daily for youth ages 5-18.

Jump for Life

Mondays & Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Gets children moving! Physical fitness for all ages!



Planting Healthy Seeds

Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Powered by Parkview, this program teaches children about nutrition and balanced eating.



Her

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

This rites of passage program is for girls ages 11 and older.

Little Lady Bugs

Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

Little Lady Bugs is a rite of passage program for girls ages 5-10.

Project Alert

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.

Project Alert is a drug and alcohol awareness program for ages 5-18 designed to prevent drug abuse.

McMillen Music Academy

Music program powered by Sweetwater Sound will teach free guitar and choir lessons to students ages 5-18. Please call 427-6460 for more information.

Little Ballers

Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., begins January 20

Little Ballers is skills, drills and shooting fundamentals for ages 5-7.



Dance Collective

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Drums Not Guns

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Participants learn drumming and discipline while also learning the dangers of gun violence.

Passage to Manhood

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

This life skills program is designed for elementary aged boys and gives them the tools that will help them be successful in their life endeavors.

Project Ready

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Project Ready provides enhanced academic and social support for middle and high school students as they prepare for post-secondary success. Jason Jordan from the Fort Wayne Urban League facilitates this teen program.

Movie Night

Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy popcorn and child appropriate movies every Thursday night.

Sisters of the Cloth

Thursdays through November 30, 6:00 p.m.

Master quilters work one-on-one with youth on quilting basics and a community quilting project. Call 427-2420 for more information.



McMillen Kickers

Saturdays beginning November 4

9:00-9:45 a.m. ages 5-7

10:00-10:45 a.m. ages 8-10

This soccer program will cover the fundamentals and basic skills. The program is free. Sign up when you arrive for the first session.

Jr. NBA 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 Saturday mornings at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. Team registration fee: \$60. Registration deadline: December 15. Call 427-2420 for more information or to register your team.

Jr. NBA Skills Clinics

November 15, December 15, January 8, & February 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

These skill development clinics are open to boys and girls in 3rd-8th grades and are powered by the Mad Ants. The clinics are FREE and no pre-registration is necessary.

Jr. NBA Skills Competition

Monday, February 26, Time to be determined

Mark your calendar for February 26 and plan to compete in this basketball skills competition for boys and girls in 3rd-8th grade. Winners advance to the state competition in Indianapolis.

Youtheatre

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

Students will learn the play "Young Harriet Tubman."



Kids' Korner Indoor Playground

M/F 12-3 & 6-9 p.m. • T/W/Th 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. • Sat/Sun 12-5 p.m.

The Kids' Korner Indoor Playground is located inside McMillen Park Community Center and is open to boys and girls ages 13 and under during all regular hours of operation. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Children must wear gym shoes while on the playground. The playground is not supervised by Community Center staff, so parental supervision is advised.

Children's Zoo

School's Out!!

Winter Break Camps

Liven up your winter vacation with a special program at the Zoo. Pre-registration is required and must be completed online at kidszoo.org. Questions? Call 260-427-6808.

Down on the Farm

Discover what the Zoo's Farm animals do in the winter: waddle like a pig, hop like a bunny and dance like our chickens do! Dress to go outside and join us for some Farm Fun!

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
3 w/adult	12/26	T	10-11:30 am	\$18

Wild in the Winter Water

A lot of our animals like to swim in the water all year long. Explore the Zoo with us as we look for and learn about our winter swimmers. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
4-5	12/27	W	9 am-12 pm	\$20

Home Sweet Home

What are the four things that animals need in their habitat to make it a great place to live? Discover what they are as we search the Zoo to find the answers. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	12/26	T	8:30 am-3 pm	\$35

What Do Animals Do in the Winter?

How do our Zoo animals and the native animals in your backyard make it through the cold of winter? We will look for signs of wildlife both outside and inside the Zoo to discover the answers. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	12/27	W	8:30 am-3 pm	\$35

Slither, Slink and Slide into a Zoo Year

Ring in 2018 zoo-style as we slither, slink and slide our way into a New Year! We will count down to noon and celebrate with a lot of noise as we party with the animals across the Zoo. Dress to go outside.

Ages	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	12/28	Th	8:30 am-3 pm	\$35

Summer Day Camp registration begins in February.

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 or call 260-427-6800 weekdays to order by phone. Membership benefits are subject to change at any time.



Join Our Team

Volunteer Information Fair

Friday, February 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Zoo Education Center

Discover volunteer opportunities available at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo for adults and teens ages 13 and older at our annual Volunteer Information Fair. Registration is not required. For more information, visit kidszoo.org or contact the Volunteer Office at volunteer@kidszoo.org or 427-6828. (Note: Applications for the summer Z-Team program for ages 13-17 open January 1 and are due by February 28.)



Salomon Farm Park

Salomon Farm Park

817 W. Dupont Rd.

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

Salomon Farm Park is a true historic gem and a perfect location for walking, biking, bird watching and much 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. Please park in the first gravel parking lot after you enter the park.

Historic Barn Rentals

The peaceful setting of Salomon Farm makes this magnificent structure perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances and many other special events. Booking for 2019 begins January 2, 2018! For more information visit www.fortwayneparks.org and click on Facilities>Salomon Farm Park>Rental Opportunities or contact Kellie at kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6005.

Winter Walks at the Farm



Friday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

There's more to explore at Salomon Farm Park! On these winter walks you will be led by a farm park staff member throughout the park property. The exact walking route will depend upon the amount of snow in each area at the time of the walk and may include walking thru the small wooded area circling the wetland, past the pastures and thru a portion of the trails in the back farm fields. Sturdy, waterproof footwear is recommended. All ages are welcome and the hikes are free. Please e-mail Eden.Lamb@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6008 to let us know you plan to attend.

Photography at Salomon Farm

Salomon Farm has become a popular spot for both professional and amateur photographers alike. If you plan on taking photos at the park and haven't completed our Photography Registration document, please contact Kellie Adkins at kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org or 260-427-6005 to register. You only need to complete the form one time and there is no cost.

Christmas on the Farm

Saturday, December 2, 2017

1:00-5:00 pm

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



Horse Wagon Rides ★ Dog Sled Demos ★ Father Christmas ★ Live Animals
Holiday Market ★ Food Vendors ★ And More!

The last car will be admitted at 4:30. Admission is just \$5/car.
For more information please call Eden Lamb at 427-6008.



Enjoy winter fun on the farm!

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The Great Outdoors

Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave.

Open daily, dawn until dusk

Lindenwood Nature Preserve is a 110-acre dedicated nature preserve featuring 4 hiking trails of varying length (one is wheelchair and stroller accessible), a pond, and an open-air pavilion. Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking, and just relaxing are a few of the activities you'll enjoy at the preserve. Admission is free. Sorry, no pets or bikes allowed!

Hiking with Your Hound



Enjoy a wintry walk in the woods with your pup! Meet fellow dog owners and make new friends as we explore the trails in Franke Park. Dogs must be well behaved, up to date on their shots, canine social and kept on a leash (no longer than 8 feet and not retractable). Please come prepared to pick up after your pet. We will meet at the Pond Pavilion parking lot. The hike is free, however, pre-registration is required. Registration deadlines: January 3, February 7 and March 7. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148101-A1	1/10	W	6-7 pm
148101-A2	2/14	W	6-7 pm
148101-A3	3/14	W	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.



Stories in the Snow



Come explore the wintry wonderland at Lindenwood Nature Preserve and find out where our animal friends go when it gets cold. This program will involve a story and a short hike to search for animal tracks in the snow. Be ready to go even if there is no snow! Ages 10 and under. The program is free, however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration deadline: January 5. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148102-A1	1/14	Su	1-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Intro to Winter Hiking



Don't go into complete hibernation this winter. Stay in touch with the great outdoors! The secret to enjoying a winter hike or winter workouts is dressing properly for the conditions. Join us for a guided hike through Lindenwood followed by a fireside lecture and hot dog roast. (Please bring your own hot dogs. We will provide the roasting sticks and the fire.) Participants will receive a special coupon from local outdoor retailers, Earth Adventure Unlimited and Fort Wayne Outfitters & Bike Depot. The program is free, however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448105-S1	11/11	Sa	10am-12 pm
148105-S1	12/9	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Whimsical Winter Hikes and Bonfire Socials



1st & 3rd Fridays, December-February
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600
Lindenwood Ave.

Bundle up and join other outdoor enthusiasts for a winter hike and bonfire social every first and third Friday of the month from December through February. We'll explore the Trail of Reflection, Maple Spur, Oak Paradise and Trilium Trails before warming up at the campfire. Layered clothing and proper footwear is recommended. There is no charge and no pre-registration is required, so stop in and join the fun. Please contact Eden at 427-6008 or eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org for information.

Parks on Tap!



Parks on Tap! is a competitive trivia event featuring local parks and pubs. Your team of 2-5 players (all team member must be 21+) will attend a guided hike in a local park where you will learn about local plants, trees, wild-life, history and alcohol before moving to a pub where the trivia competition will determine how closely you were paying attention on the hike. Prizes will be awarded and fun will be had! Get your team together and sign up today. Space is limited.

Wednesday, December 6

6 pm hike at Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

7:15 pm trivia at Deer Park Irish Pub, 1530 Leesburg Rd.

Code: 148106-A1, sign up by November 29

Saturday, January 20

3 pm hike at Foster Park, 3900 Old Mill Rd.

4:15 pm trivia at Village Inn, 4205 Bluffton Rd.

Code: 148106-A2, sign up by January 12

Fee: \$10 per team



Wild Walkers Kick-Off Carry-In

Friday, January 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Metea Park, 8401 Union Chapel Rd.



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 preserve, etc.) and carpooling is available when necessary. Join us at Metea Park for this kick-off carry-in style breakfast and first walk of the New Year. We will have the 2018 hiking schedules available. Please call Eden at 427-6008 or e-mail eden.lamb@cityof fortwayne.org by Tuesday, January 2 if you plan to attend.

Lawton Skate Park Clean Ups

2nd Sunday of every month, 1:00 p.m.
Lawton Skate Park, 1600 N Clinton St.

Girls Skate Fort Wayne is leading a skate park clean up initiative. Join them on the 2nd Sunday of each month, weather permitting. Participants are encouraged to bring work gloves. GSFW will provide trash bags, buckets, and other supplies needed to spruce up the skate park. GSFW is a local initiative of creating a safe, inclusive environment for all skaters. So despite the name, dudes can come out and help as well! For more information please contact Kellie at 427-6005 or kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org.

Chili Challenge Bike Ride



Monday, January 1, 1:00 p.m.
Psi Ote Lower Pavilion, Bob Arnold Park,
Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.

Start the New Year with a chilly (chili) and challenging cycling adventure! Follow the mountain bikers out to Franke Park for a rugged off-road adventure or opt for a smoother but challenging ride on city streets and Greenway paths. We will depart from the Psi Ote Lower pavilion inside Northside / Bob Arnold Park shortly after 1:00 pm. Route maps will be provided. You can then return to the pavilion for a steaming bowl of chili to help you warm up. This FREE program is co-sponsored by the Fort Wayne Velosport Club and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET! For more information about the ride please call Mona Wills at (260) 750-2426 or visit the Velosport Club website at www.3rvs.com.



Sports & Fitness

Work In a Workout

Tai Chi in the Garden I & II **F4**

Learn to relax your body and focus your mind with the ancient art of Tai Chi, a gentle, graceful exercise to improve health and fitness. It is especially effective in reducing stress, thereby relieving arthritis, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Weekly sessions include a meditative walk in the garden. The class focuses on the basics of the Sun form and is great for new students or those wishing to continue their studies. Instructor Sandy Gebhard is certified by renowned master Dr. Paul Lam, and has 30+ years experience practicing and teaching Tai Chi. **Note:** If we meet our registration minimum, additional students may drop in for \$10 per session, up to the class maximum. Drop-ins should call ahead to make sure class will be in session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min.10. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Tai Chi I - Beginners

127002-T1	1/9-2/27	T	5-6 pm
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Tai Chi II - Continuing

127002-T2	1/9-2/27	T	6-7 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$69

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$59

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Yoga for Everyone **F4**

The benefits of Yoga are almost too numerous to count and you don't have to be an expert to experience them. Yoga helps improve flexibility, strength, balance and endurance and it is a great stress reliever. Bring a blanket and/or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Instructors Joanne Snow (M, T) and Christine Hill (Th) have over 55 years of combined teaching experience. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before the start of class. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning

142300-A1	1/18-3/22	Th	7:15-8:45 pm
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142300-A2	1/16-3/20	T	4:30-6 pm
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Continuing

142300-C1	1/15-3/19	M	5:30-7 pm
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142300-C2	1/18-3/22	Th	5:30-7 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 10/\$55/\$60 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Core Conditioning **F4**

This 30-minute exercise focuses on strengthening your core and increasing your cardiovascular endurance. Instructor provided by Sud'n Impact. Min. 5. Max. 10. Registration deadline: January 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142313-A1	1/25-3/1	Th	5:30-6 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$46/\$51 after January 18

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Boxercise



Boxercise is a boxing inspired workout that includes many of the conditioning exercises used by boxers: push-ups, jumping rope, shadow boxing and pad work. Boxercise helps develop muscular endurance, aerobic fitness, coordination and balance. It is also an effective calorie burner. Instructors are provided by Sud'N Impact. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142362-A1	1/10-2/28	W	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$49 /\$54 after January 3
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Aqua Zumba



Aqua Zumba is a fun and challenging water workout in which various Latin American rhythms and dances are modified and adapted to the aquatic environment. It is perfect for healthy adults, older adults, pregnant women, and/or adults rehabilitating from an injury. It's a "pool party" for all ages! Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142319-R1	1/11-2/15	Th	6:45-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$61/\$66 after January 4
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Zumba



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

McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music and dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting workout based on the principle that a workout should be "fun and easy to do." The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. No pre-registration is required. Just drop in and join the class when it is convenient for you. Drop-in fee: \$1 with photo ID.

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See You on the Court

Recreational Volleyball



Volleyball is one of the top three most-played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how old you are, how fit you are or how athletic you are. This high-energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play at, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational Volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for 2 hours. Registration deadline: December 28. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144800-T1	1/9-2/27	T	7-9 pm

Location: Northwood MS, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.
144800-W1 1/10-2/28 W 7-9 pm
Location: Lakeside MS, 2100 Lake Ave.
Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24

Recreational Basketball



As exercise goes, it doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, your muscles, your bones, your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And, it's FUN! Who needs more convincing than that? Pick a night and join us for a few games of basketball in an informal, yet structured setting. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: December 28. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144000-M1	1/8-3/5	M	7-9 pm
144000-W1	1/10-2/28	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$26
Location: Blackhawk Middle School, 7200 E. State Blvd.



Golf Memberships
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gift of golf!

Operation F4 – Fight for a Fitter Fort

F4 is a fitness for life implementation program sponsored by Mayor Henry and the City of Fort Wayne. Its goal is to improve and sustain the health of every citizen. F4 identifies and/or creates community health, nutrition, and fitness resources. F4 then promotes the coordinated use of those resources through the F4 website, employers, churches, public and private agencies. Programs in the Fun Times that meet these guidelines are designated with the F4 logo.



Riverfront Fort Wayne

Hikes, Bikes, and Birds



Sundays, December 3, January 7, February 4

8:00-9:00 a.m. Nature Walk

9:00-10:30 a.m. Bike Ride

Lawton Park, Clinton & 4th Streets

Join our naturalist for a guided hike along Fort Wayne's beautiful trail system and stick around for a bike ride! We're reveling in nature and will focus on riverine flora, invasive species, water fowl, resident birds, and migratory birds. This program is free to participate in and no reservations are necessary. We welcome all ages and abilities to come celebrate our urban ecology. In the event of inclement weather, please check the Riverfront Fort Wayne Facebook page for cancellations.

Riverfront Clean Ups

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Meet at Guldlin Park (425 Van Buren St.)

Volunteers will clip honeysuckle limbs from bushes, cut down the remaining trunks with handsaws and carry the brush to an area in the park. All tools and work gloves will be provided. The honeysuckle stems are not prickly and the brush isn't heavy. This is a family-friendly activity so children are welcome, too. Please dress for the weather! Close-toed shoes, like tennis shoes, are recommended. Individuals, as well as groups of 4-40 volunteers, are encouraged to sign up for one of the Riverfront cleanups listed above by calling 260-427-6026.



Riverfront
FORT WAYNE

www.RiverfrontFW.org
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A "Winterval" Event
Saturday, January 27, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Headwaters Park West

Celebrate Winterval the Riverfront way as we indulge in hygge (pronounced "hoo-guh"), a Danish term which refers to a feeling of contentment or well-being. With Riverfront, winter doesn't have to mean icy roads and sidewalks to shovel. We'll have a heated tent, cozy furniture, warm cocktails and food for purchase, live music and games, ice sculptures, and drink luges. Join us as we remember what winter used to be: fun! Admission is \$10 at the door. This event is 21+. More information is available at www.RiverfrontFW.org or by calling Megan Butler at 427-6248. Sponsored by Alt 99.5.



Riverfront Educational Series

Hop River Brewing Company
1515 N. Harrison St.

Riverfront Fort Wayne is offering three opportunities to meet the team involved with Riverfront development and learn more about plans for the future. Each evening will feature a different topic and panel discussion at the new Hop River Brewing Company located near the St. Marys River. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Hop River will offer free tours of the brewery before and after the event. Each event is limited to the first 200 people, so plan to arrive early.

River Water Quality: What's New
Monday, February 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Riverfront Development: Beyond Phase I
Monday, March 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Riverfront is Here: Get Involved
Monday, April 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

More information, including parking information, is available at www.RiverfrontFW.org or by calling Megan Butler at 427-6248. Sponsored by WANE TV and Hop River Brewing Company.



Around the Parks

Historic Old Fort

1201 Spy Run Ave.
www.oldfortwayne.org (260) 437-2836

Christmas at the Fort

Saturday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année! Jump in your car, hop on the Holly Trolley (sponsored by the Downtown Improvement District) or hitch up your sleigh and welcome the holidays with fun and festivities at the Old Fort. Revel in a time when French speaking habitants celebrated Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année, Christmas and New Years on les trois rivières (the three rivers). Artisans present hand crafted gift ideas and the Bakers of the Old Fort offer their wares! Warm up by the fire as we deck the halls. History and the holidays come to life at the Old Fort.

Nouvelle Année: A French Garrison 1758

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Experience a winter with the French of Fort Miamis. Re-enactors from “Les Habitants et Marines du Post ed Miamis” will spend the weekend living in the Fort, which will be open for visitors on Saturday. Their goal is to recreate actual events which occurred in and around what is now Fort Wayne in the year 1757. They do so by examining letters written by the French commanders of what was then known as Fort Miamis and then attempt to recreate those events. Mail call, military drills, scouting, cooking and sewing will be some of the events taking place during the event.

Swinney Homestead

1424 W. Jefferson Blvd.
www.settlersinc.org (260) 424-7212

Victorian Christmas ‘At-Home’ with the Swinney Sisters

Friday, December 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The Settlers cordially invite you to the Swinney Homestead to celebrate the Christmas spirit and take refreshment of syllabub, tasty savories and sweets. The historic Swinney House will be decorated in Victorian Christmas grandeur. A Gift Shoppe on the second floor will be laden with unique gifts and “stocking stuffers” for Christmas shoppers. Reservations will be taken at (260)747-1229 and (260)747-1501. Fee \$20. This event is a fundraiser to help support the maintenance of Fort Wayne’s historic Homestead.



Admission is free to all Historic Fort Wayne events, however, freewill donations are gratefully accepted and help fund future events and activities at the Fort. Parking is available at Headwaters and Lawton Parks.



Headwaters Park

Clinton & Superior Streets
(260) 425-5745

Headwaters Ice Skating Rink

Clinton & Superior • 422-7625



Headwaters Ice Skating Rink will open for the 2017-18 season at 11:00 a.m. on November 19.

Regular Hours

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

Extended Holiday Hours December 18 - January 9

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

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
Closes at 6 pm on Christmas Eve

Admission

Age 13 and under..... \$3
Age 14 and over..... \$5
Skate Rental \$2
Spectators & ParkingFREE
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 \$2.

The Headwaters Park Ice Rink also offers concessions, skate sharpening services, and private ice rentals (during non-public skating hours).

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
- Foellinger Theatre Concert Tickets
- Conservatory Gift Shop & Sales Garden
- Greens Fees • Golf Memberships
- Botanical Conservatory Memberships
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Golf Course Membership Foster • McMillen • Shoaff • 3-Way

Botanical Conservatory Membership

Pawster Park Membership

Camp Canine 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 a Xerox copy.
- We reserve the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment.
- We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

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
Hurshtown 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

Photo/Video Image Use Consent and Release

Participation in or attendance at programs or events sponsored by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") constitutes the voluntary consent of the participant or attendee to be photographed, filmed or videotaped by a Department representative and the reproduction and use of all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses for publicity purposes in publications, brochures, advertisements, promotional and marketing materials and all other media venues including the World Wide Web, all without further notice or compensation to participant or attendee who hereby releases to the Department all proprietary rights and copyrights in all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses (including negatives, positives and prints) which shall be and remain the property of the Department.

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.

This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the US Department of the Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental Federally Assisted Programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap.

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



1) On-Line

You may register on-line with your MasterCard, Visa or Discover at www.fortwayneparks.org and selecting "Register/Reserve Now." Available 24 hours a day!

2) By Phone

You can register over the telephone with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover. 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.-4:00 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
				\$
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				\$
				\$
				\$

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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Fun for the whole family in
multiple downtown locations!

Community Center • Botanical Conservatory
Headwaters Park • Science Central
The Old Fort • Allen County Public Library
Lawton Park • First Presbyterian Church

Details on pages 30-31.

