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Fall 2023
Sept-Nov

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Week

"An Herban
Garden"

Intergenerational
Fishing Derby

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Salomon Farm Park



Salomon Farm Park

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

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

Concert on the Farm



Sunday | 2-7
Aug 20 | pm

Salomon Farm Park
817 W. Dupont Rd.



Bring lawn chair or a blanket • Limited seating inside the barn
Food and alcohol (Shigs in Pit / Mad Anthony) available for purchase.
Gates open at 1:45 / Music begins at 2:15 • Admission: \$5/person

HANDMADE HOMEMADE SALE



SUNDAY 12-5 PM
OCTOBER 15

SALOMON FARM PARK
817 W. DUFONT RD., FORT WAYNE

It's not too early to start your holiday shopping! Crafters and artisans will be selling their handmade homemade goods in the Wolf Family Learning Center and the Old Barn. (Non-shoppers can enjoy an afternoon at the farm or walk the trail.) Interested in being a vendor? Contact DeAnna at 427-6790 Ext. 2 or DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org to request an application.



Seeking 2023 Fall Harvest Festival Vendors

We are now accepting vendor applications for the 2023 Fall Harvest Festival which will be held on Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Items of interest include baked goods, honey, maple syrup, fruits and vegetables and hand-made crafts. We also consider demonstrations, entertainment and/or children's activities. All goods must be produced within a 75-mile radius of Salomon Farm Park. We strive to find vendors who embrace sustainable and organic growing practices. If you are interested in participating in the Fall Harvest Festival, please call 260-427-6790 ext. 2 or email DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org to request an application.

Fall Harvest Festival

Friday, September 22, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park. 817 West Dupont Rd

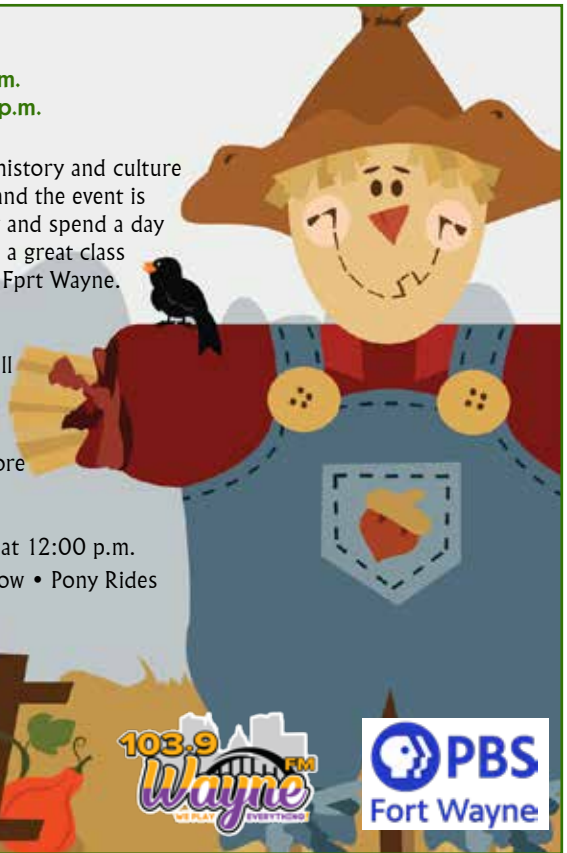
Join us for this two-day celebration of the history and culture of the American Farm. It's fun for all ages and the event is free so bring the whole class or your family and spend a day at the farm. The Fall Harvest Festival makes a great class field trip! Sponsors: Wayne 103.9 and PBS Fort Wayne.

Friday & Saturday

Wagon Rides • Barrel Train Rides • Saw Mill
Farm Animals • Wheat Threshing
Corn Shredding/Shelling • Rock Crushing
Blacksmith Demos • Children's Maze & More

Saturday Only

Farmers Market • Antique Tractor Parade at 12:00 p.m.
Cloggers 10:30 & 12:30 • Frisbee Dog Show • Pony Rides



High on Highlands

Kiddie Canvas Cows

If you've met Frankie and Mickey, Salomon Farm's two Highland cows, you know how cute they are. Here's your chance to take one home with you -- on canvas! All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Ages 5-12. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: October 12. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453930-T1	10/19	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

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

Highland Cow Paintings

Obsessed with Highland cows? So are we! Here's your chance to take one home with you . . . on canvas! You will be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to finished work of art in just 2 hours and have your very own whimsical Highland to hang on your wall! All necessary materials will be provided. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: October 20. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453850-F1	10/27	F	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Highland Cow Welcome Sign

Welcome your guests with this unique sign or make it as a gift for someone who loves Highland cows. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Ages 18+. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: November 3. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453850-F2	11/10	F	6:00-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

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

Meet the Instructor

Angela Esselburn is an art educator with almost 20 years of experience. She has a passion for art and believes that every person should have the opportunity to explore their creativity. She also loves Highland cows!



2023 Salomon Farm Park Farmers' Market

Wednesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. through September 6
Salomon Farm Park Old Barn

Our 19th season is coming to a close! Stop in on Wednesday evenings through September 6 for fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, homemade pies and artisan goods.

In the "mood" for painting!



U-Pick Flowers

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Sunflowers make beautiful centerpieces for your table or a bouquet to brighten someone's day. When you see the flowers blooming, check our website or Facebook page for U-Pick days and times. Follow the signs within the park to be directed to the U-Pick flower fields. Park in the grass on the south side of the Heritage Barn. Remember to bring a jar or vase to hold your flowers.



Summit City Music Theatre Presents
A Christmas Carol
 November 30-December 10
 at Salomon Farm Park

For years, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol has captivated, entertained, and changed the hearts of people all over the world, and now it's time for Fort Wayne to join in this beloved tradition of Christmas. Join us for our 2nd annual presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by Summit City Music Theatre's artistic director.

Bring your blankets and coats and witness this story of redemption in the historic Salomon Farm Park Old Barn with the entire family. Salomon Farm Park Old Barn is not heated so please plan accordingly to stay cozy and warm during this new family tradition. Seating is general admission, so arrive a half hour early to ensure the best seats and to take advantage of the vendors involved in this experience! Tickets go on sale September 15 and may be purchased by calling 427-6000 or purchased online at fortwayneparks.org/facilities/salomon-farm-park.

Auditions for this production will be held Sunday, November 5. Details at summitcitymt.com.

*Dinner
in the
Flower Field*

Treat yourself to a beautiful experience in the flower fields at Salomon Farm Park. Dine amongst the blooms while enjoying a farm focused dinner. In partnership with Mad Anthony, you will enjoy a 4-course meal, adult beverage, soft music, flowers and interesting conversation. After dinner, pick a bouquet of flowers to take home. (Mason jars will be provided.) Ages 21+. Two dinners will be held this fall. Reservation deadlines: September 6 and September 18. No refunds for cancellations.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453856-S1	9/16	Sa	7-9:30 pm
453856-R1	9/28	Th	7-9:30 pm

Fee: \$70
 Location: Salomon Farm Park
 817 W. Dupont Rd.

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Farm Kids



Storytime on the Farm

***Adult/Child**

Storytime is an interactive and energetic way to develop your child's love of reading. Listen to stories, sing songs, and make animal sounds as you and your little one have fun learning together. Ages 2-6. Register online for these FREE programs with the Allen County Public Library.

Date	Day	Time
9/8	F	10:30 am

Sign up at: acpl.libnet.info/event/8563536

Date	Day	Time
9/15	F	10:30 am

Sign up at: acpl.libnet.info/event/8563529

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

After Storytime, stay for a hay wagon ride around the farm. The cost is \$5/person (age 2 and under free). No pre-registration is necessary for the wagon ride.

Animal Playdates

***Adult/Child**

Salomon Farm Park is a great place for the whole family, including your youngest! In this hands-on, interactive session, participants will learn about the animals at Salomon Farm Park. The chickens, goats and pigs are all excited to meet you. Each session will focus on a different animal, so be sure to pick your favorite, or visit each one to meet them all! Ages 3-6. Registration deadlines: September 4 and September 7. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Playdate with the Pigs

453915-M3	9/11	M	9:30-10:30 am
453915-M4	9/14	Th	9:30-10:30 am

Playdate with the Chickens and Goats

453915-R1	9/11	M	11 am-12 pm
453915-R3	9/14	Th	11 am-12 pm

#Sessions/fee: 1/\$10

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



KIDS' MENU

Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

***Adult/Child**

Empower your little one to create his/her own healthy snacks. We've partnered with Wholesome Roots Cooking to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on learning and cooking! Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-6. Instructor provided by Wholesome Roots. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Apples, Apples, Apples

453920-W5	9/27	W	10-11 am
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Halloween Party

453920-R2	10/24	T	10-11 am
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Kabob Appetizers

453920-W6	11/8	W	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

Roots: Culinary Cooking Classes for Youth

Designed to help children feel confident and comfortable in the kitchen, our Roots classes allow students to grow in their culinary skills. Classes are kept small so that recipes can be catered to the ability of the student! Each class offers hands-on cooking and time for taste testing at the end! Ages 6-14. Instructor provided by Wholesome Roots. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Greek

453921-W2	9/27	W	6-7:30 pm
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Halloween Party

453921-A2	10/24	T	6-7:30 pm
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Chinese

453921-W3	11/8	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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

Come visit with the animals!

Meet Our Salomon Farm Chefs

Patrick Whetstone

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

Suzi Hanzel

Suzi is a retired teacher who has taught many cultural food classes. She travels often, has taken classes from cooking experts around the world, and loves to share her knowledge of their culture. She recently co-edited the "Taste of Sister Cities" cookbook that highlights international recipes from Fort Wayne's Sister Cities. Suzi has learned to create many delicious dishes not only from these Sister Cities, but from the more than 30 countries she's visited over the years.

Meghan Hauser

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

Jessica Waggoner

Jessica is a lifelong Fort Wayne native with degrees in both pastry arts and psychology. After spending the last 10 years in the corporate world, she stepped away to focus solely on baking. Owner of The Hazelnut Baking Co., a cottage bakery named after her young daughter, Hazel. She loves how food connects cultures, communities, and the joy good quality baked goods brings to people.

Grab an Apron!

German Holiday Desserts

Learn how to make two of Germany's favorite holiday desserts as you observe and help Dana during her visit from Fort Wayne Sister city, Gera, Germany. Be sure to bring a container to take home any leftovers from your culinary experience! Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: September 26. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453853-R1	10/5	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Traditional Polish Pierogi

These delicious filled dumplings are easier to make than you think. You will never buy frozen grocery store pierogi again! Instructor Suzi Hanzel shares tried and true techniques for making mouthwatering pierogi using two different fillings. Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: November 9. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453852-R1	11/16	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Greek Cuisine 4.0

Greek cuisine is known for its freshness, color and, most importantly, its flavor! This evening you will create three dishes under the direction of Chef Patrick Whetstone that represent the best of this region: Horiatiki Salad, Briam with Lemon Chicken and Greek Meatballs. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 6. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453845-W2	9/13	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

French Cuisine 4.0

Bring an open mind and a palate that is ready to be revived and alive. You will help create three separate dishes (Lyonnais Potatoes, Coq Au Vin, Crepes) that can be served at one dinner and or as individual dishes. Experience of France without leaving the comfort of our kitchen. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 13. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453844-W3	9/20	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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



Thai Cuisine 6.0

Warm up this winter with some delicious and moderately spicy Thai food. Think Coconut Soup, Thai Fried Rice with Pineapple and Chicken, and Spicy Basil Chicken . . . true classics from a flavorful region! Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: October 4. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453846-W4	10/11	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Seasonal and Fresh 3.0

The garden has been harvested and frost is starting to cover the ground. It's time to feast on the fruits of your labor and plan meals that are warm and satisfying. Chef Patrick Whetstone will guide you through the preparation of a three-course meal that accomplishes both with Spiced Pumpkin Soup, Seared Pork and Fried Biscuits. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: October 18. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453836-W1	10/25	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Sushi Made Simple

Discover how fun and easy it is to make your own sushi - all vegetarian or with meat! Once you learn the basic process, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to create your own sushi. Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: August 31, October 19. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453848-R1	9/7	Th	6-8 pm
453848-R2	10/26	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Quick Dinner Solutions 3.0

With the hustle and bustle of our lives today, a home cooked meal can be more dream than reality. If you can free up a Wednesday evening, we'll introduce three delicious meals that can be prepared start to finish in just 30 minutes: Campanelle Pasta, Cauliflower Fried Rice and Chicken Risotto. Come hungry! Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 27. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453806-W1	10/4	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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



Great British and European Bake Series

Satisfy your sweet tooth with delicious European treats. This new series is presented by Jessica Waggoner of The Hazelnut Baking Co. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class.. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 14

Code	Date	Day	Time
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French Macarons

Master these classic delectable little cookie bites and be transported to the streets of Paris.

453854-F1	9/15	F	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Crème Brulee and Flan

These rich custards have been served in France, Spain and England for hundreds of years.

453854-T1	9/26	T	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Sticky Toffee Pudding and Scottish Shortbread

Learn to make these tasty desserts from the British Isles just in time for the holidays.

453854-F2	10/6	F	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Tiramisu and Panna Cotta

These decadent desserts are a true love letter from Italy.

453854-F3	10/20	F	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Baklava and Kourabiedes

Surprise your holiday guests with flaky and delicious baklava and scrumptious butter cookies with roots in Turkey and Greece.

453854-F4	11/17	F	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

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Farm Work

Putting Your Garden to Bed

We all need our rest – including our gardens! They have worked hard all summer and deserve being put to bed appropriately. While some people advocate just leaving everything until spring, research indicates that some chores are better done in the fall. Learn what to do to give your garden (and equipment) the best treatment. Presenter Marlene Purdy is a Purdue Master Gardener and an OAGC Flower Show Judge in Ohio. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: August 30. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453860-W1	9/6	W	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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

Blacksmith Skills Workshop

Learn new techniques and practice your forging skills while working on simple projects. No previous forging experience is required. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Ages 15+. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during class session. Class meets at the Blacksmith Shop on the 4th Saturday of the month. Registration deadline: October 21. Min. 3. Max 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
453819-S2	10/28, 11/25, 12/23	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

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

Advanced Blacksmithing for Women

Advance your blacksmithing skills by learning new decorative techniques to create functional items. Previous forging experience is required. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Ages 15+. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during each class session. Class meets at the Blacksmith Shop on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Registration deadline: September 30. Min. 3. Max. 6. Note: Class will not meet on December 2.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
453819-S1	10/7-12/16	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$30

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

Dirt Wain Community Composting

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

Photography at the Farm

Beautiful barns, rolling meadows, quaint gardens, and acres of cheery sunflowers make Salomon Farm Park an attractive place for photography. Professional photographers using Salomon Farm Park and charging for their services must purchase an annual photography pass (\$50) at the Parks and Recreation Office, 705 E. State Blvd. The pass is valid for the calendar year. Photography passes are not required of hobbyists or professional photographers hired to photograph events in rented facilities. For more details, call 260-427-6000 or email SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org.

Salomon Farm Volunteer Opportunities

Salomon Farm Park relies on volunteers to help maintain the park and provide various amenities and services to our community. If you are interested in becoming a garden volunteer or getting involved in farm park operations indirectly through the Tractor Club, Flax and Fleece Guild or Gardeners of America, please plan to attend any of the clubs' meetings. All meetings are held at Salomon Farm Park. Please direct any questions regarding volunteering or possible service projects for your group to Larry at 427-6005 or email SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org.

Field Trips on the Farm

August 8-Mid October

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Salomon Farm offers field trip tours from August 8 through mid-October in 1- or 2-hour increments. Farm tours feature goats, pigs and chickens with general animal bios, visits to the garden and discussions of general farm life. A wagon ride is available upon request for farm tours of 1½ hours or more. All ages welcome! Field trip fees are \$4/participant/hour. Teachers, caregivers, and adult chaperones are free. A minimum fee of \$30/hour applies to all groups. We can accommodate up to 30 students per tour and 1:10 chaperone to student ratio is recommended. Field trip scheduling is subject to availability and reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Please contact Salomon Farm Park at 427-6790 ext.2 or DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org for questions and scheduling.

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SALOMON FARM PARK

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Available August thru May

Capacity 150

Fully enclosed building

Full kitchen with Ice machine

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Chairs/tables included

Surround sound capability



SALOMON FAMILY HOMESTEAD

Available August thru May

Capacity 25

Antiqued interior

ADA accessible

Perfect bridal suite, small family reunion,
baby shower or for a book club, etc..

SALOMON FARM COVERED BRIDGE

Available May thru October for
wedding ceremonies and pictures.

Capacity 50

May be reserved in two-hour increments
beginning as early as 9:00 a.m.



Booking for 2023 & 2024!

Reserve one or take advantage of our multiple-facility package.

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The Great Outdoors



Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave. Open daily from dawn until dusk

Lindenwood Nature Preserve is 110-acres of beauty in the heart of Fort Wayne. Explore the park on one of 4 hiking trails: Trillium Trail (.5 miles), Oak Paradise (.75 miles), Trail of Reflection (1 mile) and Maple Spur (.25 miles). Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking, and just relaxing are a few of the activities you'll enjoy at the preserve. Portable restrooms are available onsite; however, the nature preserve does not have running water, so please plan accordingly. Follow us on Facebook for nature news, updates, and announcements! Pets, bikes, fishing and camping are not allowed in the preserve. Admission is free.

Invasive Plant Removal Day

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Can you spare a couple of hours to help improve the habitat for native plants and animals at Lindenwood Nature Preserve? The Indiana Native Plant Society (INPS) will be at Lindenwood on October 15 to oversee the removal of invasives such as multiflora, honeysuckle and burning bush. Volunteers (ages 16+) are needed to accomplish the task. A limited amount of hand tools such as loppers and saws will be provided. If you have these items at home please bring your own.

Invasive Plants ID Hike

Learn to identify invasive plant species in North-eastern Indiana in preparation for Invasive Removal Day in October. This hike is free and has a recommended age of 10+. Pre-registration is required. Call 260-427-6000 to sign up. Registration deadline: September 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448004-S1	9/16	Sa	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Cómo identificar las diferentes especies de plantas invasoras.

Ven a la Reserva Natural Lindenwood y aprende a identificar las diferentes especies de plantas invasoras en la zona Noroeste de Indiana. La caminata nos ayudará a prepararnos para el día de limpieza de plantas invasoras en la reserva programado en octubre. Esta caminata no tiene costo y es recomendada para edades de 10+. Es necesario registrarse con anticipación. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 12 de septiembre. Llame a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 260-426-6764 para registrarse.

Español

sábado 16/9 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicación: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



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Lindenwood Nature Preserve

Wild Walkers

2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

Explore some of northeast Indiana's finest outdoor areas with this nature-oriented group. Wild Walkers is an adult hiking group that meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month for a walk on the wild side. Each hike features a different natural area in the region (parks, wetlands, nature preserves, etc.) and carpooling is available when necessary. The 2023 schedule is posted on our website at www.fortwayneparks.org.



Fungi Fun

On the trees, on the ground, growing all around, but not a plant? It's fungi, and we invite you to learn all about it on our Fungi Fun hike. The hike is free and open to all ages. Call 427-6000 by October 6 to sign up.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448006-S1	10/14	Sa	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Todo sobre los hongos

Los hongos crecen en los árboles, en el suelo, por todas partes. Queremos invitarte a que conozcas todo sobre los hongos en esta caminata. La caminata no tiene costo y es recomendada para todas las edades. Es necesario registrarse con anticipación. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 6 de octubre. Llame a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 260-426-6764 para registrarse.

Español

sábado 14/10 10:55-11:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicación: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Fall Foliage Final Friday Fun Hike

Join us on the final Friday of October for a final peak at fall foliage and some time outdoors before the winter cold arrives. Our hike departs from the parking lot promptly as scheduled and is open to all ages so bring the whole family. There is no charge; however, pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Call 427-6000 to sign up. Registration deadline: October 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448006-F1	10/27	F	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



Hunter's Moon Night Hike

There's nothing like hiking under a full moon. Join us for a special moonlit adventure and experience nature from a completely different perspective. We'll meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the preserve and hike the Trail of Reflection for a scenic stop at the pond. The hike will last approximately one hour. There is no charge; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6000 to sign up. Registration deadline: October 2.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448008-S1	10/28	Sa	9-10 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Hibernation Hike

Squirrels, raccoons, birds, and everything in between. Who is getting ready to hibernate, and who is not? Come on out to learn what different animals at Lindenwood are doing to prepare for winter, whether that is migrating, hibernating, or getting their homes ready to stay nice and warm! This hike is free and open to all ages. Call 427-6000 by November 14 to sign up.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448005-S1	11/18	Sa	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

¿Quiénes hibernan?

¿Cuáles son los animales que se preparan para hibernar? ¿Ardillas, mapaches, aves? ¿Hibernan, migran a otros lugares o preparan sus espacios para estar calentitos? Ven a aprender que hacen los animales que viven en Lindenwood para prepararse para recibir el invierno. La caminata no tiene costo y es recomendada para todas las edades. Es necesario registrarse con anticipación. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 14 de noviembre. Llame a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 260-426-6764 para registrarse.

Español

sábado 18/11 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicación: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Feather Fest

Saturday, September 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Lindenwood Nature Preserve
600 Lindenwood Ave.

Join us for Feather Fest, our FREE family-fun birding festival! Lindenwood Nature Preserve has 4 hiking trails and over 70 identified bird species. The event includes:

- Guided Hikes on the Hour
- Crafts and Activities for Kids
- Live Birds from Soarin' Hawk

This day is
for the birds!



Outdoor Kids

Nature Storytime

Enjoy a nature-themed story and a short hike on one of the beautiful trails at Lindenwood Nature Preserve. The program is FREE; however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Ages 10 and under. Call 427-6000 or register online at fortwayneparks.org. Registration deadlines: September 5 and October 2. Min. 5. Max 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448114-S1	9/9	Sa	1-1:30 pm
448114-S2	10/7	Sa	1-1:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave

Kids' Halloween Hike

Celebrate the spookiest time of year with a sunset hike in the woods. Trail-friendly costumes are encouraged, but be sure to wear shoes that are safe and comfortable for hiking. The hike is free; however, pre-registration is required for planning purposes. Ages 4-11. Registration deadline: October 24. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448003-S1	10/28	Sa	7:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Watch your mailbox for the
Winter Fun Times on Nov 1.

DID YOU
KNOW?



Parks on Tap!

It starts in the park and ends at the pub! Your teams of 2-5 players (21+) will attend a guided hike in Memorial Park where you learn about wildlife and park history. The fun then moves to a JK O'Donnell's where a trivia competition determines how closely you were paying attention during the hike. Prizes will be awarded. Get your team together and sign up today! Registration deadline: October 11.

Code	Date	Day	Time
448305-W1	10/18	W	5:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10 per team

Locations: Memorial Park, 2301 Maume Ave.

JK O'Donnell's, 121 West Wayne St.

Hursttown Reservoir

16000 Roth Road, Grabill, IN
Open through October 15

Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Hursttown Reservoir may be the best fishing spot in Allen County. It also features a 2.75-mile walking path, area for picnics, kayak rentals and row boat rentals. Admission is \$5/ car or \$1 to walk or bicycle in. Season passes are available to purchase at the reservoir. Call (260)627-3390 during hours of operation.

On the Riverfront



Promenade Park

202 W. Superior St., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6000 • www.RiverfrontFW.org

Park Hours

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

Teds Snack + Bar Hours

Check Facebook for hours

Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

Open for RFW Programs



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FORT WAYNE

Always moving.

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Riverfront Entertainment

Dance Promenade: West Coast Swing

Join us at the Park Foundation Pavilion to learn West Coast Swing with Melissa Culbertson. This is a beginner progressive class that builds on each lesson so you do not want to miss any of the sessions! On November 15 there will be an open West Coast Swing dance party with modern and classic music to dance the night away. All ages are welcome. For questions, contact Jesus Rosario at Jesus.Rosario@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6216. Register in advance to guarantee your spot. Drop-ins are welcome (\$12, credit card only) if space is available. Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Dance Lessons			
490120-W1	10/18	W	6:30-8 pm
490120-W2	10/25	W	6:30-8 pm
490120-W3	11/1	W	6:30-8 pm
490120-W4	11/8	W	6:30-8 pm

Dance Party

490120-W5 11/15 W 6:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10/\$12 drop-in

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

Dance Promenade and Tulip Tree Present: Intro to Hula Hoop Dance

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

September 10, October 8

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

Join Julia Hyndman in this hula hoop workshop for beginners and first-time hula hoopers. These FREE all ages classes will cover the basics you need to know to begin your hula hoop journey. If you need to borrow a hula hoop, please email Julia in advance at julia@tuliptreehac.com. For more details visit RiverfrontFW.org or contact Jesus Rosario at Jesus.Rosario@cityoffortwayne.org or 260-427-6216.



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Meet me at the Riverfront!



Experience an up close and personal concert with local musicians and musical groups in the Park Foundation Pavilion and Auer Lawn this fall. Concerts are free and open to all ages. Seating inside will be on a first come/first served basis and varies by performance. Watch Facebook for the schedule of performers and additional event details.

September 10

Bobcat Opossum Duo

High energy Irish and American Trad

October 8

American Legion Band of Fort Wayne

Polka Fest Concert

November 12

American Legion Band of Fort Wayne

Veteran's Tribute

Open Mic Nights With Kyla J

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

September 21, October 19, November 2

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

Take your turn on stage and share your poetry, spoken word, tunes, or music in a welcoming, inclusive environment this fall at Open Mic Nights hosted by Kyla J Walters. The general theme for these sessions will be "CHANGES." Come out and share or just enjoy the creativity and talent within our community. To sign up for a guaranteed time slot contact Jesus Rosario at Jesus.Rosario@cityoffortwayne.org.

Rollin' at the River Comedy Show

Friday, September 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

We are partnering with the Maumee, Mary, and Joseph Comedy Festival for an entertaining night that will have you rollin' with laughter! Stop by Teds Snack + Bar beforehand to grab a drink to bring to the show. For the complete show lineup visit RiverfrontFW.org. Show is ages 18+ and tickets are \$20 in advance at fortwayneparks.org or 427-6000. Max. 150. Material is at the discretion of the comedian and does not reflect the views of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation.

Don't Act Your Age: Adult Game Nights

It's grown-up game night at Promenade Park with Fort Wayne favorite, Mike Moses! Grab some snacks and beverages from our friends at Teds Snack + Bar and head over to the Pavilion to take part in the fun. Ages 18+. Min. 40. Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Tincture of Trivia			
490130-F1	9/29	F	7-9 pm
Music Maestro Bingo			
490130-F2	11/17	F	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

Calming & Relaxing

Yoga on the Riverfront

2nd Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 10, October 8, November 12

Park Foundation Pavilion, 202 W. Superior St.

Bring your yoga mat to Promenade Park for FREE yoga on the Riverfront once a month either inside the Park Foundation Pavilion looking over the St. Mary's River or the Ambassador Enterprise Amphitheatre along the St. Mary's River (weather dependent). This relaxing, 1-hour flow is for all skill levels and led by instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga. Yoga mats can be provided if you do not have your own.



Sensory Expo

Sunday, September 17, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Learn about sensory processing disorders, connect with local organizations that offer sensory and adaptive services, play with sensory toys, and meet therapy dogs at this FREE community event. Open to all ages.

October Fun



Confluence Kitchen: Oktoberfest Continued!

We are taking Oktoberfest into October for Confluence Kitchen! Spend an evening learning about German culture through different activities. Visit Teds Snack + Bar to indulge in some German beverages. Food will be available for purchase.

Code	Date	Day	Time
490100-F2	10/6	F	5-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

Be Your Own Artist: Mask Making

Come and unmask the artist in you! We'll be making full face masks with Carole Gordon, a studio artist who specializes in fabric-based mixed media collages. Carole will guide us through the experience of revealing one of our varied faces - step by step using an array of fabrics in different colors, prints and embellishments. All materials will be provided for you to create your fabric collage mask. Ages 18+. Min. 13, Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
490206-R1	10/15	Su	1-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

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

Riverfront Halloween Hunt

Start your Fright Night fun at the riverfront! Children ages 5-12 are invited to join in the Halloween Hunt for eerie eggs filled with treats. Every egg is a winner at this not-so-spooky Halloween program. Pre-registration is required by October 13. Min. 35. Max. 50.



Code	Date	Day	Time
490205-S1	10/21	Sa	12-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown

Sunday, September 10, 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Come see why Riverfront is Always Moving! Express yourself with sidewalk chalk in the Ambassador Enterprises Amphitheatre. Purchase branded merchandise under the blue Riverfront tent. Stop on the Parkview Tree Canopy Trail for a photo opportunity. Enjoy food and beverages at Teds Snack + Bar. Play cornhole, ping pong, and foosball in the Outdoor Games area. Splash around in the Doermer Kids Canal. Have fun in the PNC Playground and relax on the urban swings overlooking the St. Marys River. Be a tourist!

Riverfront Volunteers/Sponsors

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring an event for Riverfront Fort Wayne e-mail Riley.Hollenbaugh@cityoffortwayne.org or call Riley at (260) 427-6248.

Headwaters Park

Headwaters Park

Clinton & Superior Street 427-6000

Headwaters Park, located just north of the central city business district, is home to many festivals and community events. The pavilions on the East and West side of Headwaters Park are available for public rentals and makes a wonderful setting for festivals, weddings, receptions, company picnics and Family reunions. For more information on or to book Headwaters Park for your event email headwaterspark@cityoffortwayne.org.

Fall Events at Headwaters Park

September 4

Labor Day Picnic, Lincoln Financial Pavilion

September 9

Brewed in Fort Wayne, Lincoln Financial Pavilion

September 24

Out of the Darkness Walk, Lincoln Financial Pavilion

Headwaters Ice Skating Rink

Opening Mid- November! Check back for the Winter Fun Times for more updates for the schedule and operating hours!

Sweet Breeze



2023 Tour Schedule

History Tours

Saturdays & Sundays thru Oct 8

1:00 pm	90 min	\$30
2:45 pm	45 min	\$20
3:45 pm	90 min	\$30
5:30 pm	45 min	\$20

Thursdays, thru August 31

6:00 pm	60 min	\$23
7:15 pm	60 min	\$23

Tour Sponsors



Fall Specialty Tours

Aug 11	Fri	River Ecology Tour
Aug 18	Fri	Wine Tasting Tour
Aug 20	Sun	Open Streets Tours
Aug 25	Fri	Kekionga Arts Open House
Sept 1	Fri	Bird Watching Tour
Sept 8	Fri	Beer Tasting Tour
Sept 10	Sun	Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown
Sept 16/17	Sa/Su	Johnny Appleseed Tours
Sept 23/24	Sa/Su	World Rivers Day Tours
Oct 14	Sat	Kid's Pirate Tour
Oct 14	Sat	Murder Mystery Tour
Oct 15	Sun	Fall Colors Brunch Tour

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown

Thanks to Podlaski Attorneys, five free 45-minute tours will run on the hour on Sunday, September 10 starting at 12:00 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance! No tickets available at the dock. Call 427-6000 to claim your seats! Each ticket must be reserved for a specific guest. Limit one free tour per person.



Go to RideSweetBreeze.org for details and tickets!

Schedule may be altered due to weather, water levels, demand, etc.

Special Interest

Let's Dance!

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. Intermediate Clogging is for those who have a basic knowledge of clogging, terminology and combinations. Advanced students should have 4 years of Clogging experience as well as knowledge of steps, combinations and follow clogging clues. Ages 13+. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for 20+ years. There will be no class on October 23, 24 and 30. Registration deadline: September 19. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning

442200-W1	9/25-12/4	M	5:30-6:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 9/\$39/\$44 after September 19

Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Intermediate

442200-T2	9/26-12/5	T	6-6:45 pm
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Advanced

442200-T3	9/26-12/5	T	6:45-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 9/\$39/\$44 after September 19

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn various tap dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required for the beginner class. The advanced class requires previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: August 16 and October 25. Min. 5. Max. 10. There will be no class on November 22.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginners

442206-W1	8/23-10/11	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginner Plus

442206-T2	8/23-10/11	W	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced

442206-T3	8/23-10/11	W	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after August 16

Beginner 18+

442206-T1	11/1-12/13	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginner Plus

442206-T5	11/1-12/13	W	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced

442206-T6	11/1-12/13	W	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$21/\$26 after October 25

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Folk Dance

Have an international affair with folk dance! Learn dances from such places as the Balkans, Israel, Germany, Bolivia and Turkey. Folk dancing is stimulating for mind, body and spirit. No partner is required. Some dance background (tap, contra or line dancing) is helpful but not necessary. Instructors Jeanette Thompson, Anna Nagel and Rachel Gorden have decades of combined experience. Please wear flat and secure shoes. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: September 7. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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442207-R1	9/14-11/16	Th	7:30-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 10/\$24/\$29 after September 7

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Beginning Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging, and good exercise for the mind and body. Classes will focus on the Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Polka and American Tango and will give you a solid base for social dancing. You must register with a partner. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: September 18 and October 30. Min.14. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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442203-M1	9/25-10/30	M	7:30-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40 per person

\$45 after September 18

442203-M2	11/6-11/27	M	7:30-8:30 pm
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Sessions/fee: 4/\$27 per person

\$32 after October 30

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Space is limited. Register early!

Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

This class is designed for the beginner but will also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. We will cover the basic steps and terminology while incorporating them into popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country, and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba and cha-cha will be included and taught in a line dance format. No special shoes or clothing are required. Ages 13+. Instructors: Philip and Carol Fretz. Registration deadline: September 19. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442204-T1	9/26-11/14	T	7-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 after September 19			
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd			

Just Strumming Along

Beginning Guitar

Want to learn to play the guitar? Learn proper playing posture, left- and right-hand placement/technique, notes, chords and strumming patterns. Our lessons also cover fundamental music theory, guitar tablature and standard staff notation. These are individual lessons with only four times available, so don't put it off! Sign up today. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: September 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442417-T1	10/3-10/24	T	6 pm
442417-T2	10/3-10/24	T	6:30 pm
442417-T3	10/3-10/24	T	7 pm
442417-T4	10/3-10/24	T	7:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$52/\$57 after September 27			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

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 play from 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. Age 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: September 25. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
442211-S1	10/7	Sa	9:30 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$72/\$77 after September 25			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Try This Yarn

Beginning Macramé

Make your own BoHo wall hanging. You will learn how to begin a macramé piece, how to work a few different basic knots and create a design, texture and pattern within your piece by varying the knots as you work. All necessary supplies are included and no prior experience is necessary. Ages 14+. Instructor: Michelle Russell. Registration deadline: October 12. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442049-R1	10/19-10/26	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 2/\$43/\$48 after October 12			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Knitting for Beginners

Learn to knit Continental Style and get hooked on a new hobby. You will learn how to cast on, knit and purl stitch and bind off. You will also learn about gauge and how to measure and why it is important in knitting. You will be making a dish cloth. Please bring to class a set of two #7 knitting needles and a skein of 100% cotton yarn. "Sugar and Cream" and "Lion's Brand Cotton" are the brands the instructor recommends. Registration deadline: September 13. Min. 3. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442033-W1	9/20-11/8	W	1:30-3:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8 /\$21/\$26 after September 13			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			



Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Pencils, Pens, Paints

Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day! From blank canvas to finished painting, you will be guided step-by-step as you learn to load a brush, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: 5 business days before the start of the class. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
442044-S1	9/16	Sa	10 am-12 pm
442044-S2	10/7	Sa	10 am-12 pm
442044-S3	11/11	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$37/\$42 after deadlines
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Acrylic Pour

The defining characteristic of the technique of pouring acrylics is that you don't apply the paint with a brush or palette knife but rather use gravity to move the paint across a canvas. The results are unlike anything you can get with a brush: fluid flows of paint without any brush marks or texture. Choose your technique – dirty cup, swipe or strainer – and learn to create amazing and beautiful works of art. Instructors are provided by Build Guild. Registration deadlines are 5 business days prior to each class. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
442018-M1	9/18	M	6-8 pm
442018-M2	10/16	M	6-8 pm
442018-M3	11/13	M	6-8 pm

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

Introduction to Brush Lettering

Learn how to create beautiful hand lettered stationery, art and other decorations! In this introduction to the art of brush lettering, we will be covering the basics of brush style calligraphy. You will learn about the basics of modern brush lettering, starting with the main strokes and then going through the whole alphabet. With this new skill, you will be able to turn your handwriting into projects that can be given as gifts, sent as snail mail or used within your home décor! You will leave class with the brush calligraphy pen, paper and alphabet exemplar needed to continue your new hobby at home. Min. 10. Max. 20. Registration deadline: October 3. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
442430-S1	10/11	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$36/\$41 after October 3
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Introduction to Drawing **NEW**

The basic foundation of drawing employs seven elements of art: line, shape, color, form, space, texture and value. Each week you will practice drawing techniques with a variety of art mediums. You will also be challenged with keeping a sketchbook and doing daily creative activities to improve upon the skills learned in class. You will need to bring a 9x12 sketchbook to class. Registration deadline: September 11. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442020-M1	9/18-10/23	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$70/\$75 after September 11
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

A Perspective in Watercolor **NEW**

This introductory course will teach you three basic watercolor techniques which you will put into practice while creating a one-point perspective brick architecture painting. We will cover brush anatomy, water to pigment ratios, one-point perspective, and tips on what to avoid. Interested in learning watercolors? Join us this fall! Registration deadline: September 28. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442013-R2	10/5-11/9	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$70/\$75 after September 28
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Practical Hobbies

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 cutting, grinding and soldering. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. You will choose from a selection of 6 basic patterns. If we don't have the colors you prefer, you may go to a local supplier to purchase glass at your own cost. Wear closed-toe shoes and a long sleeve shirt. Ages 16+. Instructor: James Lupkin. Registration deadline: September 27. Min 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442009-T1	10/3-10/31	T	6-8:30 pm

Sessions: 5/\$87/\$92 after September 27

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 both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design, and various glazing techniques. Every student will create unique pieces to take home. 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+. Registration deadline: September 6. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442025-W1	9/11-10/16	M	6-9 pm
442025-R1	9/14-10/19	Th	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$96/\$101 after September 6

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Chair Recovery

Don't give up your comfortable chair just because it is a little worn. Give it a new exterior and bring it back to life! Bring your chair (no recliners, sofas or love seats) to the first class with fabric intact, if possible. We'll determine the amount of material needed for your project and discuss fabric selection. You will learn basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion styles and furniture styles. In most cases, you will be able to reupholster your chair in the 10 weeks of class. No experience is necessary. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 34 years and operates his own shop. Call Larry at 260-426-5010 for more information or to determine if your chair is right for this class. Age 18+. Registration deadline: October 2. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442902-M1	10/9-12/11	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$101/\$106 after October 3

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

You Need to Relax

Sound Meditation

Clear your mind and deepen your meditation practice through the use of sound. You will lie on the floor while Tibetan singing bowls are placed on and around you, creating an immersive sound experience that will leave you feeling relaxed, calm and centered. Please refrain from wearing metal, as it may interfere with the process. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to lie on, pillow, warm clothes, and anything else you may need to be comfortable while lying on the ground. This is an experience, not a how-to class. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: October 2. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442366-M1	10/9-11/13	M	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after October 2

Location: Lakeside Pavilion #2, Vermont Ave.

Let's Get Technical

Microsoft Excel 2019

Excel is a powerful, yet relatively easy-to-master tool for organizing, analyzing and displaying information such as personal finances or an inventory. You will learn how to enter data, create formulas and display charts. Experience with windows, file management, word processing and the cut, copy and paste tool is required. Registration deadline: September 27. Min. 5. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442109-W1	10/4-11/8	W	10 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after September 27			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

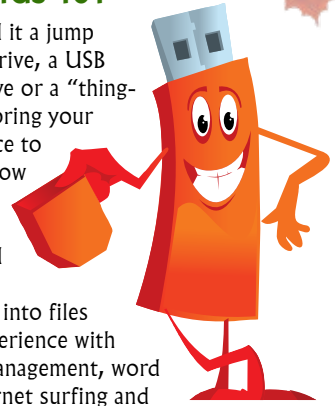
Microsoft Windows 10 (50+)

Our Windows classes are designed for those with little or no computer experience. You will learn very basic terminology, hardware, components of a window and how to manipulate a window. You will then learn how to cut, copy and paste text, graphics and files. These tasks are common to just about every computer program. Finally, you will learn how to organize your files so they are easy to locate and tricks for finding files when they do get misplaced. Knowledge of the Windows operating system is a pre-requisite for most of our other computer classes. You should have access to a computer outside of class for practice. Instructor: Keith Herring. Registration deadlines: September 6. Min 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442100-W1	9/13-11/8	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 after September 6			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Jump Drives & Memory Cards 101

Whether you call it a jump drive, a thumb drive, a USB stick, a flash drive or a "thing-a-ma-bob" . . . bring your handy little device to class and learn how to save information (including photos) to it and how to organize that information into files and folders. Experience with Windows, file management, word processing, internet surfing and cut/copy/paste tools is required.



Instructor: Keith Herring. Registration deadline: November 8. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Date	Day	Time
442125-W1	11/15	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after November 8			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Computer Lab

The Community Center Computer Lab is open to the public daily and staffed by a volunteer on Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lab Fee.....	\$1/hour
B/W Copies	10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies	15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints35¢ for 4" x 6"
.....	\$1.50 for 8.5" x 11"



Sports & Fitness

See You on the Court



Intro to Pickleball

What's the big "dill?" Come see for yourself why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It's social, it's great exercise and, most of all, it's FUN! Learn basic technique and rules of the game and you'll be ready for hours of fun on the court. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 4. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
444801-W1	9/11-11/16	M	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$22

Location: Lakeside Park, 1401 Lake Ave.

Tennis Lessons

Stay on top of your game this fall. Beginning and Intermediate lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for adults (ages 13 and over) beginning September 7. Beginning classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Intermediate classes focus on consistency of strokes and volleys and the introduction of more advanced strokes. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Registration deadline: September 1. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
444500-S1	9/9-10/7	Sa	11:30 am-12:30 pm
444500-S2	9/9-10/7	Sa	12:30-1:30 pm

Beginning

444500-S1 9/9-10/7 Sa 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Intermediate

444500-S2 9/9-10/7 Sa 12:30-1:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$59/\$69 after September 1

Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave.

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: September 4. Min. 10. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
444000-M1	9/11-11/13	M	7-9 pm
444000-W1	9/13-11/15	W	7-9 pm

444000-M1 9/11-11/13 M 7-9 pm

444000-W1 9/13-11/15 W 7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45

Location: Blackhawk Middle School, 7200 E. State Blvd.

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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 two hours. The program runs for 10 weeks. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 6. Min. 10. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
444800-W1	9/13-11/15	W	7-9 pm

444800-W1 9/13-11/15 W 7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45

Location: Northwood Middle School, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.

Outdoor Fitness Parks

Outdoor fitness parks are located downtown at the Community Center (233 W. Main St.) and Kreager Park (North River Rd.) Both are open to the public, free of charge, like all city parks and playgrounds. Check them out!

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

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Making Fitness Fun!

Aqua Dance

This high energy class is a total body aqua workout with cardio, weights and core exercises. Fun music will bring waves to the beat and the warm water takes the stress off the joints. It's a "pool party" for all ages! Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: September 4. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442318-R1	9/11-10/16	M	6:15-7 pm

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

Bones for Life®

Improve the health and strength of your bones with gentle movements that enhance posture and decrease pain. This four-part series is guided by Liz Monnier, a certified Bones for Life® instructor and Feldenkrais® practitioner. Using natural movements to best aid in the fight against osteoporosis, effective practice includes standing, walking, sitting and lying on the floor. Modifications are offered to accommodate restrictions during class. Removing shoes is recommended for best results. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat or blanket, long scarf and small hand towel. Upon registration, all new participants must provide an email address to complete a required memorandum of understanding prior to class. Visit movementintelligence.org for more information. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: August 29. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327404-T1	9/5-9/26	T	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$59
Member or Volunteer Fee: \$54
Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Eating Smart & Moving More

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm.

September 7-October 26

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More is a series of FREE lessons on food, nutrition and exercise. These classes will help you plan nutritious meals, be active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can also earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! This program is free, however, pre-registration required. Please call 427-6460 to sign up by September 1.



Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of regular yoga practice, from muscle toning and limbering to managing stress. Yoga's combination of exercise, breathing and meditation techniques will help you build concentration and poise, improve your stamina and even relieve insomnia. Please bring a blanket and a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. The classes are open to all skill levels. Drop-ins are welcome (\$10/class). Ages 16+. Instructor: Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200 hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before the start of each class. There will be no class October 19 and November 23. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
442300-M1	9/18-11/20	M	5:30-6:45 pm
442300-T1	9/19-11/21	T	4:30-5:45 pm
442300-R1	9/21-11/30	Th	6-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$62/\$67 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

T'ai Chi in September

Find flow in your movement and develop confidence in your balance with the ancient Chinese practice of T'ai Chi. Certified instructor, Liz Monnier guides movement in the method of Qigong to induce relaxation, healing and internal harmony. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Class will be held outdoors in the shade, weather permitting and with class consensus. During public hours, participants are invited to meditate in the gardens prior to the session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: August 29. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
327403-T2	9/5-9/26	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$42
Member or Volunteer Fee: \$37
Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Family Friendly Golf

Family Friendly Golf

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department provides a family-friendly golf atmosphere at four distinctly different public golf courses and two driving ranges. We offer:

- Membership Packages
- Group and Individual Golf Instruction
- Junior and Pee Wee Golf Tours
- The Lifetime Sports Academy
- Certified PGA Pro/Managers
- Tournament and Group Outings
- Women's Beginning Golf Lessons
- Special Promotions and Discounts

Contact the golf course clubhouse to reserve weekend tee times, make league reservations or to arrange tournaments or outings. Take advantage of the great golf deals listed on page 27 and **PLAY MORE GOLF.**

Golf Leagues

Senior Men's Golf League

The Senior Men's Golf Association is open to retired men at least 55 years of age by July 1. Benefits of membership include reduced golf fees, gift certificates, special events, scrambles and the opportunity to play the city's finest public golf courses. For more information, please contact Jim Taper at 479-7770.

Ladies Golf Leagues

Ladies Golf Leagues are offered at Shoaff, McMillen and Foster Park Golf Courses. Please call the course of your choice for information or to sign up.

Reduced Fall Fees begin September 18!

Golf Course	Weekday	Weekend/Holiday	Cart	Driving Range
Foster Park Golf Course Rudisill Blvd. & Old Mill Road 427-6735 fostergolfcourse.com	9 holes \$12 18 holes \$20	9 holes \$13 18 holes \$24	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14	
	Daily Fall Fees Beginning Sept 18 9 holes/\$10 18 holes/\$18		Punch Card 10/18h 20/9h \$126	
Shoaff Park Golf Course & Driving Range 6401 St. Joe Road 427-6745 shoaffgolfcourse.com	9 holes \$10 18 holes \$18	9 holes \$11 18 holes \$19	9 holes \$6 18 holes \$12	small bucket \$5 large bucket \$9
	Daily Fall Fees Beginning Sept 18 9 holes/\$8 18 holes/\$14		Punch Card 10/18h 20/9h \$108	Punch Cards 10 small/\$40 10 large/\$75
McMillen Park Golf Complex Oxford St. at Hessen Cassel 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	9 holes \$6 18 holes \$12	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14	9 holes \$6 18 holes \$12	small bucket \$5 medium bucket \$7
	Daily Fall Fees Beginning Sept 18 9 holes/\$5 18 holes/\$10		Punch Card 10/18h 20/9h \$108	Punch Card 10 Small/\$40 10 Medium/\$50
Mad Anthony III's Short Course Oxford St. at Hessen Cassel 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	Adults \$5; Youth \$4 Lifetime Sports Academy Certified Players FREE!		9 holes \$6 18 holes \$12	
			Punch Card 10/18h 20/9h \$108	

Membership Packages

	Individual	Family (2 people)	Junior	Senior
McMillen or Shoaff	\$515	\$675	\$190	\$415
Foster	\$650	\$820	\$225	\$490

Individual Season Pass valid at all four municipal courses – \$750!

What a Deal!

• Kids Play Free

One child (age 14 and under) plays FREE with each paying adult after 6:00 p.m. daily at Foster, Shoaff and McMillen and any time during public play at the Mad Anthony III's.

• Student Discounts

All students receive \$2 off greens fees at Shoaff and Foster Park Golf Courses. College and high school students must show a current school I.D.

• Ladies Day

Women pay 1/2 price before 3:00 p.m. on Mondays at Foster and Fridays at Shoaff. (League play not included.)

• Frequent Player Card

Purchase a 5-round/9-hole card at regular rates (cart not included) and receive a 6th 9-hole round FREE. The free round is valid at Foster, Shoaff or McMillen Park Golf Course (your choice).

Foster \$60 Shoaff \$50 McMillen \$30

• Weekday Combo

Play 18 holes with a cart at Foster for just \$24, at Shoaff for \$22 and at McMillen for \$20 weekdays from opening until 12:00 p.m.

• Weekday Twilight Special

Enjoy reduced greens fees after 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday at Foster (\$8) and Shoaff (\$7). Not valid for leagues, outings or tournaments.



A Different Kind of Golf



Disc Golf Courses

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains four disc golf courses in city parks. The courses are available for open play at no charge. For course descriptions and league/tournament information please visit www.fortdiscgolf.com/courses.

Bob Arnold Northside Park, State & Parnell

Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Tillman Park, 600 Tillman Rd.

FootGolf at Mad Anthony III's

FootGolf combines soccer and golf into a fun and fast growing new sport. FootGolf originated in the Netherlands and has spread to over 16 countries throughout the world. Similar to golf, the players' intent is to kick a ball into the hole with the least amount of strokes possible. There is a tee box, a green, bunkers, hazards and 18 holes of play (just 9 holes at MA III's). There is par for each hole, mimicking golf's scorecard, and you still play as a twosome, threesome or foursome. The main differences are the cups, which are 21 inches in diameter, shorter holes (most people cannot kick a soccer ball further than 50 yards) and the lack of equipment needed (no need to carry around heavy golf clubs in FootGolf). Come try this exciting new sport at the Mad Anthony III's in McMillen Park.

Adult 9 holes \$5; Youth 9 holes \$4

Soccer Ball rental \$2

Children 14 and under play free with a paid adult.

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Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6440 • www.botanicalconservatory.org

Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Thursday 10 am-8 pm

Sunday 12-4 pm

Closed Mondays



BOTANICAL
CONSERVATORY

Admission

Adults \$7/Children age 3-17 \$5

Ages 2 and under Free

\$1 Thursdays 5-8 pm

Admission fee not required
for the café or gift shop.

Parking

The Admission Desk validates tickets for FREE parking across from the entrance at Calhoun Street and Jefferson Boulevard in the Civic Center Parking Garage; its third-floor skywalk bridge provides indoor access to the Botanical Connector through the Hilton Hotel, Grand Wayne Center and Embassy Theatre. Metered parking is available on surrounding streets and is free on evenings and weekends. Bus and handicap-accessible parking is available in the circle drive off Calhoun Street near Conjure Coffee.

Conservatory Membership

Enjoy annual membership to the Botanical Conservatory. Members receive free garden admission anytime during public hours, a 10% discount in the Conservatory Shop and reciprocal benefits at more than 330 gardens around the country. Visit shop.botanicalconservatory.org to become a member today!

Conservatory Shop

The Conservatory Shop offers a boutique-style atmosphere filled with houseplants, home & garden essentials, unique toys & books, trendy apparel and fashion accessories along with seasonal merchandise perfect for souvenir-taking and gift-giving! Local vendors are also featured from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area. Conservatory admission is not required to shop during public hours Tuesday through Sunday.

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**CONJURE
(COFFEE)** Tue-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun 12-4 p.m.

Enjoy thoughtful hospitality and hand-crafted beverages featuring local ingredients in addition to fresh pastries and gelato. Coffee is hand-roasted at Conjure's Columbia Ave location as a uniquely fresh experience. More details at conjurecoffee.com. Order in person or through the Odeko app for pick-up and contactless payment. Catering options are available to Conservatory renters and downtown businesses.



BConservatoryFW

On Display

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown

Sunday, September 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Celebrate all Fort Wayne has to offer with FREE admission to your favorite hometown attractions including the Botanical Conservatory! Get your event passport stamped having explored diverse plant collections and toured this destination in the heart of downtown. Be sure to also leave your mark when visiting "An Herban Garden" seasonal exhibit. Go to visitfortwayne.com for details.

Fall Bonsai Show

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Stroll through a miniature forest of familiar trees as the focus of conversation. Members of the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club are eager to share about this fascinating art form! Cultivate your interest when choosing from a selection of bonsai specimen and pots that are available for cash-only purchase. Show entry included with general admission.

Art Displays

Enjoy works of art by local and regional artists on display at the Botanical Conservatory. General admission fees apply. If interested in exhibiting, submit your work for consideration to Botanical.Programs@cityoffortwayne.org.

Daniel Dienelt: Relearning to Draw My Judgement

Through November 12

Daniel Dienelt draws creative inspiration from his reading of public space in the city. Dienelt is a deaf multi-disciplinary artist who applies recognizable day-to-day elements to unfamiliar situations in which the viewer is confronted by their own conditioning and perception. Growing up in Fort Wayne, listening through Beltone hearing aids and lip reading the phrase "don't go downtown" was confusing especially considering where his grandparents lived and the street his audiologist was located on. Dienelt further recalls his experience touring the city via a JJR disability van service when he found himself spying on wonders of architecture and landscape. He later experienced the urban environment through skateboarding, which offers a whole new perspective allowing one to engage differently with architecture in a contemporary landscape. Relearning to draw his own judgement, Dienelt is retracing the steps of these profound moments and creating pieces that exalt experiences within them. This collaboration between natural and man-made environments creates compositions with questionably sublime messages.

AN HERBAN GARDEN



Thru November 12
Public hours

Digest the community impact of urban gardening and see for yourself herbs that flourish, mushrooms that thrive and rooftops that grow. Forage some more as you take to the streets to discover dynamic graffiti art and container gardens accompanying uptown views from your local stoop. It's a beautiful season in the neighborhood at the Botanical Conservatory's own herban garden. Sponsored by the English Bontier Mitchell Foundation, Waterfield Foundation, and WANE 15.



An Herban Garden, Showcase Reception

Friday, August 25, 5:15-7:45 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Hang out in 'An Herban Garden' where friends and neighbors come together at the Botanical Conservatory. Vibe to Sankofa's live performance and savor a sense of community in a downtown full of garden-to-table herbs with a trendy streetscape. Also meet local artist Daniel Dienelt who is exhibiting pieces with a unique perspective on public space in the city. Herb-centric appetizers and bar catered by Bluspoon. Two drinks/person included. Ages 21+. Fee: \$70 or \$125/couple. Sign up at fortwaneparks.org with code # 327702-F1.

Watch your mailbox for the
Winter Fun Times on Nov 1.

October Fun for the Whole Family!

Coffee Tea Cider Beer Wine

• • • Food • Local Artisans • Buskers • • •

Botanical Brew



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 4-9

at the Botanical Conservatory • All Ages • \$10 Admission



Pumpkin Path Display

October 3-29, Public hours

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Enjoy fall surroundings in the outdoor Exploration Garden decorated in its seasonal best. Throughout this scenic display, you are invited to pose as part of festive photo ops! Also, help yourself to a fall-inspired activity where there is more to discover along on the way. Included with regular Conservatory admission. Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI.



Rocky Horror Picture Show

Saturday, October 21

Doors open 7:00 p.m., Movie starts 9:15 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Join the Botanical Conservatory in its 15th season screening of the time warp! Weather permitting, this cult classic movie is enjoyed outdoors in the Terrace Garden in conjunction with the Downtown Improvement District's Fright Night. Lawn chairs welcome and encouraged. Food and beverage available for purchase from Mad Anthony Brewing Company; no outside food or beverage permitted. Please no rice or confetti during this participatory movie event. Rated R with content not suitable for younger audiences. Attendees 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Admission: \$10 for all ages. Sponsored by ALT 99.5 FM & 102.3 FM and Mad Anthony Brewing Company.

Garden Trick-or-Treat

Saturday, October 28, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Just in time for Halloween, round up the kiddos for family-friendly festivities at the Botanical Conservatory! All are invited to wear their favorite costumes while scouting out tricks and treats in the garden. Also, snap boo-tiful photos together, as you make your way through the tricked-out Pumpkin Path Display. Regular Conservatory admission applies.

Sponsored by
Majic 95.1 WAJI
and Fox 55.



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Botanical Field Trip & Outreach

Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Botanical Conservatory is an ideal field trip destination for public, parochial, private and home school students. Teachers may choose the standards-based curriculum that best meets their students' needs while engaging them in experiential learning about plants, scientific methods, data collection and more! Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance having submitted an online Field Trip Request Form available at botanicalconservatory.org.

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DYI Décor

Kokedama: The Art of Moss Balls

Design a living planter as a natural, green element for your living space. This hands-on workshop is inspired by the Japanese art of kokedama through the creation of a jute-wrapped ball of soil and moss that fits harmoniously in the palm of your hands. Ornamented by a piece of the Botanical Conservatory's plant collection, learn care and maintenance in addition to what types of arrangements can be made at home. Such a special occasion to register together and also visit the gardens! Conservatory admission included. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: September 7. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427508-R1	9/14	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$19

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Succulent Pumpkins

What is cuter than succulents paired with pumpkins? Sign up for this popular returning workshop, and create your own living décor to enjoy this autumn! Arrange individual succulent cuttings on miniature pumpkins and also learn expert tips on how to maintain and multiply your new plant babies once the season is over. Make time to visit the gardens too, as Conservatory admission is included. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: October 12. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427503-R1	10/19	Th	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$19

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$16

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Pumpkin Macramé

Accompanied by boho macramé, go home with a trendy wall hanging holding a baby pumpkin topped with a baby succulent cutting! Join master of knots, Laurie Higi, in this beginner's level workshop that offers step-by-step instruction on simple knotting techniques with naturalized cotton rope and wooden beads. Such a fun occasion to sign up with friends when Conservatory admission is included and Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop are within reach. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: October 13. Min. 10. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427504-S1	10/21	Sat	10 am-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$28

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$25

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Cornucopia Centerpiece

Prepare your table during a bountiful harvest workshop at the Botanical Conservatory. With gratitude, invite your guests to assemble an overflowing centerpiece with recommended floral designer, Dennis Bowman. Both fresh and faux autumn imagery is provided, though you are welcome to incorporate your own festive accents. Admission to the gardens is also included. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 2. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427506-R1	11/9	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$49

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$46

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Plant Material

Fall Plant Swap

Swap quality established plants with fellow plant enthusiasts and perhaps garner one or two more! Perennials, bulbs and houseplants are preferred this fall. Please label ahead of time and bring a carrier for transporting. Swaps are FREE, though space is limited; registered participants are given priority. Reserve your spot by calling 427-6000 by September 1. Min. 10. Max. 45.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327703-S1	9/2	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Foraging Wild Edibles

Learn how to forage for food in your own backyard! Identify common edible plants and learn how they can be used as well as when and how to harvest them. Take advantage of this opportunity to not only learn about, but taste wild edibles with Carrie Vrabel. A known wild food forager, Carrie is certified by the state of Indiana as a Wild Mushroom Identification Expert and is the founder of Wild Edible Indiana. Conservatory admission is included. Ages 8+. All minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadlines: September 23 and October 5. Min 10. Max 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427105-S1	9/30	Sa	10 am-12 pm
427105-R1	10/12	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$19

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Simple Salads with Local Flavor

Make and take your own vinaigrette with freshly prepared spices and herbs straight from the garden! Perfect for flavoring salads or meats, learn what simple ingredients blend together for the most delightful taste. Presented by local owner of The Olive Twist, Inc., Lori Berndt demonstrates her specialty while sharing favorite recipes along with tips for creating colorful combinations on every plate. Taste for yourself as part of this participatory workshop, then savor the flavor while also enjoying a visit to "An Herban Garden" exhibit. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: October 26. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
427106-R1	11/2	Th	10-11:30 am
427106-R2	11/2	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$33

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$30

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Fitness in the Garden

Bones for Life®

Improve the health and strength of your bones with gentle movements that enhance posture and decrease pain. This four-part series is guided by Liz Monnier, a certified Bones for Life® instructor and Feldenkrais® practitioner. Using natural movements to best aid in the fight against osteoporosis, effective practice includes standing, walking, sitting and lying on the floor. Modifications are offered to accommodate any restrictions. Removing shoes is recommended for best results. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat or blanket, long scarf and small hand towel. All new participants must provide an email address to complete a required memorandum of understanding prior to class. Visit movementintelligence.org for more information. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: August 29. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
327404-T1	9/5-9/26	T	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$59

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$54

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

T'ai Chi Tuesdays

Revive your energy levels with a T'ai Chi series for beginning and continuing students. This is a great opportunity to build upon your skills with experienced instructor, Sandy Gebhard, who promotes the benefits of this gentle exercise that relaxes the body and focuses the mind. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: September 19. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
427402-T4	9/26-10/31	T	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$52

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$47

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

T'ai Chi in September

Find flow in your movement and develop confidence in your balance with the ancient Chinese practice of T'ai Chi. Instructor Liz Monnier guides movement in the method of Qigong to induce relaxation, healing and internal harmony. Please bring water and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Class will be held outdoors in the shade, weather permitting and with class consensus. During public hours, participants are invited to meditate in the gardens prior to the session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: August 29. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
327403-T2	9/5-9/26	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$42

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$37

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Foellinger Theatre

Foellinger Theatre Fall Concerts

The Foellinger Theatre summer concert season is coming to a close. Don't miss your final opportunity to enjoy live music in this unique atmosphere. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd. during regular office hours or at the Foellinger Theatre Box Office 6:00-10:00 p.m. on concert days.



Tuesday, September 5, 7:30 p.m.

AN EVENING WITH CAKE



Monday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.

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The battle for the galaxy intensifies in the fifth episode of the Star Wars saga. Imperial Forces launch an all-out attack on the Rebel Alliance and Darth Vader captures Han Solo and Princess Leia. Luke Skywalker learns the ways of the Force from Jedi Master Yoda, and Luke and Darth Vader join in a life and death duel. Experience it all projected on the big screen as the Fort Wayne Philharmonic performs John Williams' epic score live!

Saturday, September 16
7:30 p.m.

Pre-school Play Time

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

Little Athletes

Sports Sampler

***Adult/Child**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of sports training programs for children. Sports Sampler provides an opportunity for your little athlete to sample soccer, t-ball and basketball in one exciting program. Don't miss out on the fun! Ages 2-4. Registration deadline: September 27. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443008-W1	10/4-10/25	W	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35/\$45 after September 27

Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

Little Kickers

***Adult/Child**

This may be the only pre-school class where kicking is not only allowed, but encouraged! Basic soccer skills and terminology are the focus of this non-competitive, instructional program. Soccer is an active sport that will help your child develop social skills and hand-eye coordination. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games. Scrimmages are not part of the program. At least one parent or other adult is required to participate with each child. Ages 2-4. Registration deadline: August 29. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443700-T2	9/5-9/26	T	4-4:30 pm
443700-R2	9/7-9/28	Th	4-4:30 pm

Location: Foster Park West, 5113 Winchester Rd.

Location: Kreager Park, North River Rd.

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35/\$45 after August 29



Tennis for Tots

Tennis for Tots focuses on building the skills which form the foundations of tennis (and pretty much all other sports). So . . . running, jumping, twisting, turning, hopping, balancing, coordination, agility . . . all that good stuff. Please bring your own junior tennis racket and come ready for fun on the court! Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: September 2. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
445701-S1	9/9-10/7	Sa	9-9:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$39/\$49 after September 3

Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

We Like to Move It, Move It!

***Adult/Child**

Join us for three action-packed Tuesday mornings! Each "Move It" session features fun activities using balls, scooter boards, a parachute and much more! It's all about moving and even more about fun! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: October 23. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443042-M1	10/30-11/13	M	9:30-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20/\$30 after October 23

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.

Fancy Footwork



Pre-School Gymnastics

***Adult/Child**

Olympic gold doesn't have to be your goal. Children of all ages can benefit from the physical exercise, the strength, flexibility and self-esteem that comes from participating in gymnastics. Basic skills will be taught in tumbling and on gymnastics equipment. Parents participate to help keep your child focused on the activities. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadlines: September 1 and October 20. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on November 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)			
443300-F1	9/8-10/20	F	4:30-5 pm
443300-F2	9/8-10/20	F	5:15-5:45 pm
443300-F3	9/8-10/20	F	6-6:30 pm
443300-F4	10/27-12/15	F	4:30-5 pm
443300-F5	10/27-12/15	F	5:15-5:45 pm
443300-F6	10/27-12/15	F	6pm-6:30 pm

Ages 3-4

443301-F1	9/8-10/20	F	4:30-5:15 pm
443301-F2	9/8-10/20	F	5:15-6 pm
443301-F3	9/8-10/20	F	5:45-6:30 pm
443300-F4	10/27-12/15	F	4:30-5:15 pm
443300-F5	10/27-12/15	F	5:15-6 pm
443300-F6	10/27-12/15	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

Mommy & Me Dance

***Adult/Child**

Mommy & Me is designed to introduce toddlers to the fun of dance along with a parent or guardian until they are comfortable learning to dance independently. Soft ballet, jazz, hip hop or tennis shoes are **REQUIRED**. Clothing style is at your discretion; however, jeans are **NOT** recommended. Soft ballet, jazz, hip hop or tennis shoes are **REQUIRED**. Ages 2-3 with an adult. Registration deadlines: August 31 and October 26. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class November 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443316-F1	9/7-10/19	Th	4:30-5 pm
443316-F2	10/26-12/14	Th	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. It encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. It helps develop teamwork, cooperation and a sense of belonging, and it provides physical activity. Each 30-minute session 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. Soft ballet shoes, jazz shoes, hip-hop or tennis shoes are **REQUIRED**. Ages 3-4. Registration deadlines: August 30 and October 25. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443304-W1	9/6-10/18	W	4:30-5 pm
443304-W2	11/1-12/13	W	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

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Storytime on the Farm	7
Story Time at the Zoo	60

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Awesome Arts

Messy Movin' Munchkins

*Adult/Child

You'll get a little messy with awesome art projects using paint, glue, sculpting materials and even some edible mediums then get moving with fun activities afterward. Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: October 25. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443049-W1	11/1-11/15	W	9:30-10:15 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$29/\$39 after October 25
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St

Snack Time!

Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

*Adult/Child

Empower your little one to create his/her own healthy snacks. We've partnered with Whole-some Roots Cooking to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on learning and cooking! Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-6. Instructor: Meghan Hauser. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Apples, Apples, Apples

453920-W5	9/27	W	10-11 am
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Halloween Party

453920-R2	10/24	T	10-11 am
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Kabob Appetizers

453920-W6	11/8	W	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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



My Favorite Holiday!

Halloween Fun

*Adult/Child

Boo! We want all you little goblins to join us for a special Halloween party! We will make crafts, play games and go trick-or-treating right here at the Center, so wear your costume! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: October 20. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
443047-F1	10/27	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after October 20
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



It's Turkey Time!

*Adult/Child

Attention, Pilgrims! We would be very grateful if you would join us for a Thanksgiving party! We'll make a couple of turkey day crafts, play games and enjoy a yummy snack! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: November 10. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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443052-F1	11/17	F	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after November 10

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Holiday Fun

*Adult/Child

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we want to celebrate it with you! Make holiday crafts that you can give as gifts, play fun games and enjoy Santa's favorite treat . . . milk and cookies! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: November 24. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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443039-F1	12/1	F	10-10:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after November 24

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Just for Kids

Clay Play

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 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. Age 9-14. Registration deadline: August 26. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
443201-S1	9/2-9/30	Sa	9-11 am

Session/Fee: 5/\$66/\$71 after August 26
Location: Community Center, 223 W. Main St.

All Sorts of Sports

Sports Sampler

***Adult/Child**

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Code	Dates	Day	Time
443008-W3	10/4-10/25	W	4:45-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$39/\$49 after September 27
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

Kickin' Kids

Soccer has never been so much fun! Your child will learn fundamental soccer skills and terminology in a fun and non-competitive environment. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games only, no scrimmages. Ages 5-8. Registration deadlines: August 29 and August 31. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Codes	Dates	Day	Time
443701-T3	9/5-9/26	T	4:45-5:30 pm
443701-R3	9/7-9/28	Th	4:45-5:30 pm

Location: Foster Park West, 5113 Winchester Rd.
Location: Kreager Park, North River Rd.
Sessions/Fee: 4/\$39/\$49 after deadlines

Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth beginning tennis lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for children ages 5-12 years beginning September 9. Beginning classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Classes are designed for children with little or no prior tennis experience. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Class sizes are limited so register early! Registration deadline: September 2. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 5-7			
445700-S2	9/9-10/7	Sa	9:30-10:30 am
Ages 8-12			
445700-S3	9/9-10/7	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$59/\$69 after September 3
Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

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Fancy Footwork

Gymnastics

You don't have to be an aspiring Olympian to participate in gymnastics. You can benefit from the physical exercise it provides, as well as the strength, flexibility and self-esteem it promotes. In this introductory class you 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 deadlines: September 1 and October 20. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on November 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-8

443302-F1	9/8-10/20	F	4:30-5:15 pm
443302-F2	9/8-10/20	F	5-5:45 pm
443302-F3	9/8-10/20	F	5:45-6:30 pm
443302-F4	9/8-10/20	F	6:30-7:15 pm
443300-F6	10/27-12/15	F	5-5:45 pm
443300-F7	10/27-12/15	F	5:45-6:30 pm
443300-F8	10/27-12/15	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12

443302-F5	9/8-10/20	F	6:30-7:15 pm
443302-F10	10/27-12/15	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

Gymnastics for the Guys

Because it builds overall body strength, increases coordination and agility, and teaches mental focus, gymnastics provides excellent training for other sports. Participation in gymnastics also promotes a positive learning attitude which some educators believe leads to higher math and reading scores. Best of all – gymnastics is FUN! You will learn to perform front and back rolls and handstands as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar and trampoline. All participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadlines: September 1 and October 20. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on November 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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443303-F1	9/8-10/20	F	6:30-7:15 pm
443303-F2	10/27-12/15	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 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. Soft ballet, jazz, hip hop or tennis shoes are REQUIRED for this class (NO bare feet). Ages 5-8. Registration deadlines: August 31 and October 26. Min. 4. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on November 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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443306-W1	9/7-10/19	Th	4:30-5 pm
443306-W2	11/2-12/14	Th	4:30-5 pm

Session/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.

Beautiful Ballet

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Code	Dates	Day	Time
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443304-W7	9/6-10/18	W	5-5:30 pm
443304-W8	11/1-12/13	W	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$47/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

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Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Fax your registration to 427-6020.

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Youth Centers

Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch St
427-6700

Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart St
427-6780

Supervisor: Zynette Paige

Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • Children and teens ages 5-18
Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

Jennings Recreation Center Fall Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-3:45	Snack / Homework / Reading				Snack
3:45-4:15	Table Games & Recreation				Recreation/ Games/Youth Choice
4:15-4:55	JC Youth Fitness				
5-5:30	Kids' Café				
5:30-6:30	Monday Matters	Ice Breakers	STEAM	Character Building	Recreation/ Games/Youth Choice
6:30-7	Youth Choice til closing at 7				6 pm Closed

Weisser Park Youth Center Fall Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-3:45	Snack				
3:45-4:15	Group Recreation & Games				
4:14-4:45	+Energy (Physical and Mental)				Rec/Games
5-5:30	Kids Café				
5:30-6:30	Monday Matters	STEAM	Ice Breakers/ Challenges	Character Development	Kids' Choice
6:30-7	Kids' Choice (Youth decide) til closing at 7				6 pm Closed



Outreach Programs

In addition to the above activities, the below listed agencies come in throughout the year to provide additional activities for our youth:

- Parkview Healthy Seeds (health, nutrition, healthy snack preparation and exercise)
- Allen County Public Library (literacy and crafts)
- Erin's House (processing loss and grief)
- Ivy Tech (meal preparation instruction)

Vaccination Clinic & Health Fair

September 13, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Weisser Park Youth Center, 802 Eckart Street

The Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative will be at Weisser Park Youth Center on September 13 to offer FREE vaccines (Shingles, Pneumonia, COVID, Flu, etc.) for adults 18+. No registration is required, however you will need your ID and insurance information. Drop in and get free vaccinations and information regarding your health. While you are in the building, stay and enjoy cards, board games, bingo, snacks and refreshments.



Revised Hours When Fort Wayne Community Schools are Closed

When Fort Wayne Community Schools has a scheduled closing, Jennings and Weisser Centers will combine and host daily programs and activities at Weisser Park Youth Center 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ALL REGISTERED YOUTH ARE WELCOME. When Fort Wayne Community Schools have unscheduled closings (weather, etc.) youth centers will be open 12:00-5:00 p.m.

How to Register

Registrations may be completed via the online registration form. You can find the link at www.fortwayneparks.org, our Facebook page (Jennings, Weisser Youth Centers) or scan the QR code below.



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

Late Pick Ups / Illnesses

Late pick ups cannot be accommodated. The After School Program ends at 7:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays. If your youth is a car rider, you MUST be outside to pick your child up at or before the close of business. If you cannot make an on time pick up- please arrange for someone else to pick your child up on time. Walkers will be dismissed promptly at closing time. If you allow your youth to walk home, please have a safety discussion with them. We request that you keep your contact information updated at all times.

If your child becomes ill, you will be contacted and asked to pick them up within 30 minutes. Not adhering to these guidelines could result in loss of enrollment in the program.

Get Moving!

JC Fit: Total Body Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

Designed to accommodate all fitness levels, JC Fit employs various pieces of equipment as well as one's own body weight to work the entire body. Each class is different so participants stay motivated and focused on becoming healthy and fit on the inside and out. Class is not held when the Center is closed (school closings/holidays or special events). There will be no class the week of Thanksgiving. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chantell Davis. Just drop in! The class is FREE.



Space is limited!

in our youth centers!

McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

3901 Abbott St. • 427-2420 • Supervisor: Andre Patterson

Fall Public & Kids' Korner Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

* Sat 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Admission

\$1, Photo I.D. required

* Hours subject to change based on facility rentals.

Adult Programs (\$1/photo ID required)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 am-2:30 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Fitness 5:30-7:30 pm Essential Steps 6-8 pm Adult Open Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	9 am-2:30 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Fitness 6-7 pm Yoga	9 am-2:30 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Fitness 12-1 pm Yoga 6-8 pm Essential Steps Adult Open Gym	9 am-2:30 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Fitness 6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	9 am-2:30 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Fitness 

Men's Open Basketball League

Thursdays, October 12-December 7

Game Times: 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Our Men's Open basketball league begins October 12 and runs for 8 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team. Ages 18+.

Team Fee: \$225

Men's 30+ Basketball League

Sundays, October 15-December 10

Game Times: 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Our Men's 30+ basketball league begins October 15 and runs for 8 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team.

Team Fee: \$225



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McMillen Park Community Center

Vaccination Clinic & Health Fair

October 26, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative will be at McMillen Park Community Center on October 26 to offer FREE vaccines (Shingles, Pneumonia, COVID, Flu, etc.) for adults 18+. No registration is required; however, you must show ID and provide insurance information. While you are in the building, stay and enjoy cards, board games, bingo, snacks and refreshments.

McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • Children and teens ages 5-18

Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-6 pm Youth Programs
4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe Open	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe



Lil Kickers

Wednesdays, October 18-November 22

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 4-7 learn soccer fundamentals. The program is free. Sign up at the Center or call 427-2420.

Parents Night Out

5:00-8:00 p.m.

September 16 - Disney

October 7 - Halloween

November 4 - Fall & Friends

McMillen Park Community has teamed up with Easter Seals Arc and the Autism Society to offer Free care for individuals with special needs and their siblings while parents and caregivers enjoy a Saturday night out. Bring your children ages 5+ (including adult children with special needs) to the Center for dinner, games, crafts and indoor playground time from 5:00-8:00 p.m. while you enjoy some time out. For more information and to sign up visit www.eventbrite.com.

Questions? 427-2420

Harvest Festival

Games
 Activities
 Family Fun

FREE!

Thursday, October 26, 5:30-7:00 pm
 McMillen Park Community Center



 PBS Fort Wayne

Be cool! Join us after school!

Fun After Fifty

Fit & Fabulous



Downtown Walkers

Wednesdays through October 25, 11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for a fun one-mile walk in downtown Fort Wayne while enjoying the company of others. We will walk different routes through the downtown area. Some of the walks will include a stop at various locations for a quick tour. Please call 427-6460 to sign-up by the Monday before each walk. Drop-in fee: \$2/class

Senior Aqua Fit

Aqua Fit is total body toning with many fun water resistance tools. The instructor will guide the class through various aerobic movements in the water performed to rhythmic music. Aerobic movements are performed with the use of resistant 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

Aqua Fit instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: September 13. Min. 7. Max. 15. There will be no class November 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
441209-W1	9/20-11/22	W	11:30 am-12:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$70/\$75 after September 13
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Senior Yoga

Research shows that exercise can slow down the effects of aging, and in some cases, may help reverse 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: October 10. Min. 8. Max. 40. **Note: There will be no class November 21 or 23.**

Code	Dates	Day	Time
441200-T1	10/17-11/28	T	12-1 pm
441200-R1	10/19-11/30	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$37/\$42 after October 10
Sign up for both the Tuesday and Thursday class at a discounted rate of \$64 (12 sessions)
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 fun 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: August 17. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Advanced			
441210-R2	8/24-10/12	Th	2:45-3:30 pm

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginners			
441210-R1	8/24-10/12	Th	3:30-4:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$15/\$20 after August 17
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a 15-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women ages 50 and over. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To get involved with or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 427-6441.

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ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
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ABC Exercise is a recreational exercise program designed for anyone with arthritis or related rheumatic disease and/or joint problems (hip/knee replacement, stroke, etc.). If you are just beginning to exercise, start with this class specifically designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. No pre-registration is required. Just drop in and join the fun! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2/class

Cardio Flex

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Cardio Flex is for those individuals who desire a more intensive workout than offered in ABC Exercise. It is designed for active seniors and consists of 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise designed to help decrease fat mass and lower resting heart rate and cholesterol levels. Prior participation is not necessary; however, we recommend you consult your doctor before beginning any exercise program. No pre-registration is required for this drop-in program. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2/class

Indoor Circuit Training

Mondays & Fridays
10:00-10:45 am
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Community Center has a 10 station Life Fitness Circuit Series located on the second floor. You are welcome to use the equipment on your own or join us on Monday and Friday mornings for this instructor-led circuit training class. Pre-registration is not required. Just drop in! Ages 50+. Drop in fee: \$2

Fitness After Fifty

Introduction and Drop-In for the Outdoor Fitness Park

Get your outdoor workout in before it is too cold! Stop by to get help from an instructor who can show you the correct way to use the equipment. After you learn how to use it and form a routine, you can continue to come during instructor time or on your own. Pre-registration is not required for this drop-in program but must be completed before class. Please come 15 minutes in advance to register. Both classes are FREE!

Class	Dates	Day	Time
Intro	9/12	T	1:30 pm
Drop-In	9/20-11/1	W	9:30 am

FitLot Fun

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The FitLot outdoor fitness park located at the Community Center features various pieces of outdoor fitness equipment that use one's own body weight as resistance making each piece age, gender and ability based. Our FREE FitLot Fun fitness class begins September 18 and meets twice a week for 7 weeks. Start your own routine practice of physical activity under the guidance of a fitness professional and alongside others who are also working to achieve a more active lifestyle. Ages 50+. Space is limited. Registration deadline: September 11. Min.6. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
441215-M1	9/18-11/1	M, W	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 14/FREE

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Outdoor Fitness Parks

Another outdoor fitness park is located at Kreager Park (North River Rd.) Check it out!



Give our outdoor fitness park a try!

Active Aging Week

October 2-6

Initiated in 2003 by the International Council on Active Aging, the weeklong campaign calls attention to and wholeheartedly celebrates the positivity of aging today. It showcases the capabilities of older adults as fully participating members of society and spotlights the role models that lead the way.

All Active Aging Week events are FREE; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 or stop by the Community Center to sign up. Registration deadlines are two days prior to each event. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each tournament with more than 10 participants. Tournaments with fewer than 10 participants will award the top two finishers. The first 100 participants will receive a free t-shirt.

Sponsored by 41 North Senior Living, PBS Fort Wayne, Scheerer McCulloch Senior Relocation Services, Evergreen Village at Fort Wayne and Silver Birch.

All events are held at the Community Center, 233 W. Main St., unless otherwise noted.

Monday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. **Opening Breakfast**
Sponsored by Silver Birch
- 10:00 a.m. **Vaccine Clinic (see page 51)**
Sponsored by Aging & Disability
Vaccination Collaborative
- 10:00 a.m. **Women's Cornhole Tournament**
- 11:00 a.m. **Men's Cornhole Tournament**
Sponsored by Hearing Aids Plus
- 2:00 p.m. **Kayaking**
1 hour, 12 participant limit
FW Outfitters, 1004 Cass St.

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Pickleball**
McMillen Park, 3901 Abbott St.
- 11:00 a.m. **Women's Golf, 9 holes**
Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.
- 2:00 p.m. **Billiards Tournament**
- 3:30 p.m. **Downtown Mural Tour**
Sponsored by Life Care Center
of Fort Wayne
- 5:30 p.m. **Disc Golf**
9 or 18 holes (specify)
Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Wednesday, October 4

- 9:00 a.m. **Table Tennis**
- 11:00 a.m. **Men's Golf, 9 holes**
McMillen Golf Course,
Oxford east of Anthony Blvd.
- 2:00 p.m. **Connect Four**

Thursday, October 5

- 9:00 a.m. **Bocce**
Kreager Park, North River Rd.
Sponsored by Englewood Health &
Rehab
- 11:30 a.m. **Timed Jigsaw Puzzling**
- 2:00 p.m. **Wii Tournament**
- 6:00 p.m. **Staying Active Trivia**

Friday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. **Shuffleboard Tournament**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Provided for the first 50 Active
Aging Week participants only
Sponsored by Nine Mile Restaurant

We don't stop playing
because we grow old.
We grow old
because we stop playing.



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Fun & Games

Join in these 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 Fun & Games programs. Just drop in and join the fun! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

Game	Days	Time
Billiards	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Bingo	2 nd -4 th F	1 pm
Cornhole	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm
	W	1-3pm
 Euchre	W	12 pm-3pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Paper-crafting	T	1-3 pm
Shuffleboard	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Wii Bowling	T	1-3 pm

Many THANKS to the following for their contributions to the Community Center:

- Heritage Park (Bingo and free Wi-Fi)
- Pro Tint Fort Wayne for providing window covering for our Sensory Clubhouse.

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, September 12-October 17, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well. It is also a great way to meet new friends! Join us for fun and friendly competition at the Community Center! Call 427-6441 by September 5 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

Community Cornhole League

Wednesdays, August 23-September 27, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, October 4-November 8, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Toss your cares away and join us for some friendly cornhole competition! Men, women, beginners and experts . . . all are welcome! Play continues for 6 weeks with prizes awarded to the top 3 finishers at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 at least one week prior to each league to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6.



Recreational Shuffleboard League

Wednesdays, Aug 16-Sept 20, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, Sept 27-Nov 1, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There's a lot of pushing and shoving going on at the Community Center and you can get in on the action! Set up and sign in begins at 10:00 a.m. with play starting right after. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 at least one week prior to each league to sign up. Drop-in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

Learn to Play American Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg is a game of both skill and luck utilizing racks, jokers, "Hands and Rules" score cards and several distinct gameplay mechanics. Learn the rules of the game, how to read the game card and develop a beginning strategy. Once you learn these basic skills, you will be on your way to fun and enjoyment with other Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Registration deadline: September 7. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
441322-R1	9/14-10/5	Th	9:30-11:30 am
441322-R2	9/14-10/5	Th	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$26/\$31 after September 7
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Bingo

2nd and 4th Fridays, 1:00 p.m.
Sept 8 & 22, Oct 13 & 27, Nov 10
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Prizes include snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Sponsored by Manor and Heritage Park. Fee: 3 cards/\$1. There will be NO BINGO on November 24.



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Intergenerational Fishing Derby

Saturday, September 23 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lakeside Park, 1401 Lake Ave.

Bring your favorite “under-50” fishing partner (just one, please) and see who can land the biggest fish. You don’t need a fishing license to participate in this event, but you do need to bring your own bait, gear and good luck. The derby is FREE; however, pre-registration is required. Call 327-6460 by September 15 to sign up and check in by 9:30 on the morning of the event.

Fine Dining



Veterans’ Breakfast & Bingo

Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Community Center will honor men and women who have served our country in the military with a FREE breakfast and bingo. (One guest may accompany each veteran.) The Shepard’s Brass Quintet will provide live music and there will be a Presentation of the Flags. Please call 427-6460 by October 27 to reserve your seat. After breakfast, stay for BINGO and win prizes! It is free and prizes include gift cards from local businesses. Gold Sponsors: American Senior Communities, D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Homes and Park Place Senior Living. Silver Sponsors: Scheerer McCulloch Senior Relocation Services

Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for our traditional Monday luncheon. We will begin serving at noon but you can come at 10:30 and enjoy the Relaxation Station with others. The lunch fee is \$5/person in September and October and \$6 in November. Paid reservations are required before 4:00 p.m. on the previous Wednesday. Ages 50+.

Monday, September 18, 12:00 p.m.

“Comfort Food”

Supporting Sponsor: Lutheran Life Villages

Monday, October 16, 12:00 p.m.

“Franken-Lunch”

Monday, November 20, 12:00 p.m.

“Autumn Leaves and Pumpkins, Please!”

Supporting Sponsor:

Englewood Health & Rehabilitation

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Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Book Sales

**September 12-14, October 10-12,
 November 7-9**
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Book sales are open to the public and feature hardback books for \$1, paperback books for 50¢ and DVDs for \$1. Other items such as magazines, cards, CDs and puzzles are also available. Donations of these items are accepted year-round.

Crafty & Creative

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 comfy place to sit, you can begin enjoying all the benefits this craft provides. In this **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. You will learn stitches to crochet stand-up flowers and make different stitches for afghans and pillows. Bring your "yarn stash" (especially green for the leaves) and hooks. Instructor: Ages 50+. Registration deadline: September 1. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
441304-F1	9/8-10/27	F	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$64/\$69 after September 1
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
& 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. Just drop in! Drop in fee: \$2

Sensory Clubhouse

in the Community Center, 233 W. Main St.
Hours: M-Th 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Unwind your mind in the new Sensory Clubhouse! Sensory rooms are designed to help promote calmness, stimulate positivity and emotional well-being, improve socialization and increase focus particularly for those individuals with dementia or autism spectrum disorder (ADS). Time spent in a sensory room may reduce distress and agitation. It can also improve visual, auditory and tactile processing and cognitive awareness.

Time may be reserved in ½ hour increments and must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling 427-6460.

Drop in fee: \$2



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Take up a new hobby!

I Can Help!

Volunteer and Instructor Opportunities

The Community Center offers numerous opportunities for people of any age to join our family of over 150 volunteers. 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 volunteer on a regular weekly schedule, occasionally as needed or share your skills by teaching a class. Please call 427-6441 for more information. Examples of volunteer positions include:

- Information Desk Staff
- Fitness & Conditioning Coordinator
- Book Sale Assistants
- Senior Games Coordinator
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Volunteer and Paid Special Interest Class Instructors
- Cleaning Assistants
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Special Events Helpers
- Music Education
- Shuffle Board League Coordinator
- Cornhole League Coordinator
- Brain Teaser Leader
- Pinterest Instructor



Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

3rd Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 18, October 16, November 20

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Listen to relaxing music, visit with your neighbor and color till your heart's content using colored pencils or gel pens. No pre-registration is necessary. Drop-in fee: \$2.

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: October 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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441301-M1	10/9-11/13	M	1:30-4 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$73/\$78 after October 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Community Center Rental

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, has WiFi and a full-service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call Billy at 427-6463 for details and the full range of options.

For Your Health

Community Vaccine Clinic

Monday, October 2, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Aging & Disability Vaccination Collaborative will be at the Community Center on October 2 to offer FREE vaccines (Shingles, Pneumonia, COVID, Flu, etc.) for adults 18+. No appointment is necessary. You will, however, need to show ID and provide health insurance information.

**FREE
VACCINES**



Walk to End Alzheimer's

October 7, 9:00 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Help us end Active Aging Week with a bang! Join our team, The Active Agers, and show off what active aging really looks like! We will start at the Community Center and walk to Parkview Field to watch the live opening ceremony at 9:00 am. After that, we will begin our walk through downtown. You can choose to do a 1-mile or a 3-mile walk. Participation is free but you must call 427-6460 by September 25 to sign up. See the "Did You Know" section in this book for free seminars provided by the Fort Wayne Alzheimer's Association.

Diabetic Screening

Diabetes affects approximately 37.3 million people or 11.3% of the U.S. population. While an estimated 28.7 million have been diagnosed, 8.5 million are unaware they have the disease (American Diabetes Association). Oakstreet Health will offer FREE diabetes screenings at the Community Center on the first Thursday of every month. No appointment is necessary.

Day	Dates	Time
Th	10/5, 11/2	9-11 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

How's Your Hearing?

Approximately 28 million Americans have some type of hearing loss and over half of them avoid seeking help. Don't be one of those people! Audiologist Dr. Zach Burkle conducts FREE hearing screenings at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. The screening only takes 15 minutes and can change your life. Please call 427-6460 to make your appointment and arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Ages 50+.

Day	Date	Time
T	9/5	9-11:15 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

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

Day	Dates	Time
Th	9/7, 9/21 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Legal Counseling

Beers and Mallers, L.L.C. attorneys 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 is offered to people age 50 and over.

Day	Dates	Time
Fri	9/1, 10/6, 11/3	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Unwind Your Mind

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

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Downtown Walkers

Wednesdays, now-October 25 11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Would you like to get outside and enjoy a nice walk through Downtown Fort Wayne? Join us for a fun mile walk while enjoying the company of others. We will walk different routes through the downtown area. Some of the walks will include a stop at various locations for a quick tour. Drop-in fee: \$1/class



Bingo

2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:00 p.m.
September 8, 22, October 13, 27, November 10
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Bingo is held at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Prizes are snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Fee: 3 cards/\$1

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Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Money Matters

Preparing for a Financial Emergency

Tuesday, September 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Understand what a financial emergency is, how to prepare for it, and the importance of having an emergency savings plan. Participants will also learn about tools and resources to develop and implement an emergency savings strategy. Lastly participants will develop skills to protect themselves during times of financial emergency or uncertainty. This FREE seminar is sponsored by Fire, Police, City County Federal Credit Union. Call 427-6460 by September 19 or October 10 to sign up.

Hit the Save Icon

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Start saving more for your financial goals! Planning to make a major purchase like a home or car in the near future? Dreaming of your next family vacation? Saving for a wedding, college, or retirement? Need to grow your emergency fund? Whether you've already started building your savings and simply want tips on boosting it or you're stuck not knowing where to begin, 3Rivers can help! Join us as we discuss savings strategies that will help you stay on track and grow your money faster so you can save smarter for the things that matter most to you! Call 427-6460 by September 20 to sign up for this free seminar.

Dos and Don'ts of Downsizing

Wednesday, October 18, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

You have spent a lifetime making a home for your family and now you are thinking about downsizing. Or perhaps you are working with your siblings to relocate your parents and have questions about the process. Whatever the situation, your family is unique and so are the challenges. Join this discussion with Kurt Ness as he breaks down the dos and don'ts of downsizing. Let us help by addressing your concerns and answering your questions about the process. This event is free and will be offered virtually upon request. Call 427-6460 by October 11 to register.

Estate Administration & Planning

Wednesday, October 4, 1:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There have been several changes in the law lately. Even if you already have a will or trust, these changes might affect you. An Elder Law Attorney will answer your questions regarding wills and estate planning. Pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by October 8 to reserve your seat. This informational seminar is FREE.

2023 Write a Will Day

Wednesday, October 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a legacy. You need only to have a cause you care about and the "will" to make a difference. Volunteer attorneys will be at the Community Center on October 25 to discuss your will and charitable bequest. If you choose to make a charitable bequest, a sample will shall be prepared for you, completely free of charge. Call 427-6460 now to make an appointment. This program is an initiative of the Charitable Gift Planning of Northeast Indiana. Max. 12.

Growing Food & Eating It

Vertical Gardening

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Vertical Gardening is a great way to grow more in less space. Learn the whys, wheres and how-tos of vertical gardening in this FREE seminar. Pam Snyder, Master Gardener for 20 years will be the presenter. She inherited her love for gardening from her grandfather. Call 427-6460 by October 3 to sign up.

Eating Smart & Moving More

Thursdays, September 7-October 26

12:00-1:00 pm.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More is a series of FREE lessons on food, nutrition and exercise. These classes will help you plan nutritious meals, be active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can also earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! This program is free, however, pre-registration required. Please call 427-6460 to sign up by September 1.

It's About Your Health

Dementia Conversations

Monday, October 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. This program is designed to help you talk with your entire family, including the person with signs of dementia, about some challenging and often uncomfortable topics related to Alzheimer's and dementia. Topics covered include going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans. The program is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by October 9 to sign up.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Monday, November 13, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways for people with dementia to communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common behavior triggers, and learn strategies to help intervene with some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease. The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 to register by November 6.

Awareness, Resources and 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Monday, September 18, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness of Alzheimer's and dementia, inform the community of Alzheimer's Association resources and engage people in the Association's mission. Learn about common warning signs of Alzheimer's and what symptoms to look for in yourself and others, as well as tips to approach someone who is experiencing changes in their memory, the benefit of early detection and diagnosis, and more. Call 427-6460 by September 11 to register for this free seminar.

Watch your mailbox for the
Winter Fun Times on Nov 1.

Medicare & Medigap Supplements

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Monday, October 2, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

On average, Medicare covers about 80% of the health care charges for those enrolled in Part A and B. The remaining charges must be covered with separate insurance, a supplemental plan or out-of-pocket. Learn what you need to know about Medicare, from Part A to Part D, as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. We will cover how each Medicare plan coverage works together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. You will also learn where you can obtain the information you need to help you in your Medicare decision process. This free seminar is being presented by Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 by September 15 or September 27 to sign up.

Assisted Living Lunch & Learn

Thursday, September 21, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

People often confuse assisted living facilities for nursing homes, but the two senior care options are very different. We will discuss the topic of preparing yourself, or a loved one for an assisted living community. What is an assisted living community? What is the cost? Can spouses live together? Can I leave when I want? Is there financial assistance for assisted living communities? What services are offered in this type of setting? These are all questions that will be answered while you enjoy lunch! The seminar is free; however, space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by September 14 to reserve your place. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, October 25, 11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Have you thought about who would make medical decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself? The Advance Care Planning team from Parkview Health will be here to discuss Advance Care Planning, the process of thinking and talking about what type of medical care you would want should you not be able to speak for yourself. We invite you to attend this session to start the conversation surrounding your wishes. We encourage you to bring the person you think you would like to make decisions for you if needed; however, this is not required to attend the session. This seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by October 18 to register.

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Questions? 427-6460

Funeral/Cemetery Preplanning

Tuesday, October 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

With over 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry, presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillen shares what you need to know before making pre-arrangement decisions. She includes helpful information for veterans, as well. The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required by October 3. Call 427-6460 to reserve your spot.

Technically Speaking

Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This class will cover how to access web browsers, how to navigate reliable sources of information as well as searching Google for information and websites, creating an email, accessing and corresponding through email, and there will also be time allotted for individual needs or desired information, which could include accessing social media. This class will be guided with the instructor and available to anyone with limited to no computer usage background. Call 427-6460 to by September 13 to sign up for this free seminar.

PowerPoint 101

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Create your own basic PowerPoint presentation! We will spend time in this course creating a few slides over a topic of your choice. Think of a hobby you would like to share about, a topic you are passionate about, or just a PowerPoint all about yourself. You will create a title page, use different fonts and colors in the presentation, add information to slides that are short and easy for others to understand, add photos to support your topic, and at the end you will have a short and creative PowerPoint. If time permits, you will have the opportunity to present your PowerPoint to the group! This seminar is free, although you will need to call 427-6460 to register by September 27.

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Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation
Community Center



Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone/iPad

Monday, September 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get the most out of your iPhone, iPad or smart phone. Sign up for an individual 20-minute assistance session and take charge of your device. You will need to know your Apple ID and password if you need individual help. One of the Community Center Volunteers will be providing the assistance which is free, however, you will need to call 427-6460 to register by September 11 or October 11.

History Class

The Taming of Kekionga: 1812-1813

Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 p.m.

Community Center 233 W. Main St.

Jim Pickett, the author of the Kekionga series that covers local and American history from 1790 to 1813 presents the research findings that led to his writing of his fourth book, **The Taming of Kekionga: 1812-1813**. The 'you are there' adventure story narrative follows **The Bones of Kekionga**, **The March to Kekionga** and **The Siege at Kekionga: Tecumseh's Uprising**.

Join the native of New Haven, Indiana, and former school teacher as he makes use of power point to explain and present pictures, maps and illustrations to his audience. Marvel as he shares information he found on the little-known War of 1812 as it pertains to Fort Wayne, the Old Northwest Territory of the United States and the British/Indigenous American movement. The author will allow time for questions as well as book purchasing and signing before or at the end of the program.

The Community Center will be CLOSED
Monday, September 4, Labor Day
Thur/Fri, Nov 23 & 24, Thanksgiving

Going Places

San Francisco & Wine Country

October 1 – 5, 2023

Experience the Napa Valley Wine Train excursion with an included gourmet lunch and local wine. Enjoy a visit and wine tasting at Francis Ford Coppola Winery featuring the Movie Gallery of the filmmaker's memorabilia. Embark on a local guided narrated tour of San Francisco where you will see so many of the landmarks that made the city known throughout the world. See Union Square, Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Park as well as Chinatown and the world's most crooked street. In the afternoon embark on a narrated San Francisco Bay cruise, taking in the city's waterfront, Fort Mason, the Presidio, Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge. Maybe even ride on one of the city's famed cable cars. Travel to beautiful Napa Valley to climb aboard the meticulously restored vintage rail cars of the Napa Valley Wine Train. While on board, your waiter will bring a freshly prepared gourmet lunch while the views of the vineyards and wineries pass by. Sample some of the region's finest wines while touring the Movie Gallery, which displays a vast collection of the filmmaker's memorabilia, including the 1948 Tucker car from the movie of the same name, Don Corleone's desk from *The Godfather* as well as Mr. Coppola's five Oscars. Next, stop in the historic Sonoma Town Plaza with its restaurants and shops. A stroll around the town square will take you past former Mexican barracks, 19th-century hotels, the San Francisco Solano Mission and the site of the Bear Flag Revolt. 5 days, 7 meals, \$2,974/person (includes airfare from FWA) Single Supplement add \$859 Travel Protection Plan \$250/person

Limited
Space
Available



Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine

December 6-14, 2024

\$399 airfare if booked by August 31, 2023!

Visit fortwayneparks.org for details.



Hawaii Three Islands

March 7-16, 2024

Experience America's Pacific paradise, Hawaii. Visit three islands of Kauai, Oahu and Maui, where you can walk the idyllic beaches, venture into the lush tropical forests and be amazed by the stunning waterfalls and exquisite beauty all on one trip. Trip Includes:

- Round trip airport transfers
- Fresh flower lei greeting upon arrival
- 3 nights in ocean view rooms on the island of Oahu, home to Waikiki Beach
- Honolulu city tour including Punchbowl National Cemetery, Iolani Palace and the King Kamehameha statue
- A festive evening at the Magic of Polynesia Dinner Show
- Free day to explore Honolulu at your leisure
- 2 nights in ocean view rooms on the "Garden Isle" of Kauai
- Waimea Canyon, considered the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific"
- 3 nights in ocean view rooms on the "Valley Island" of Maui
- Visit the lush Iao Valley where the famed "Battle of Kepaniwai" occurred
- A relaxing scenic cruise on the Wailua River and a visit to Fern Grotto, a lava rock grotto covered with tropical ferns
- A traditional Hawaiian luau complete with culturally authentic food, music and dancing

10 days, 12 meals, \$3,999/person

(includes airfare from FWA)

Single supplement add \$2,089

Add \$400 for inter-island airfare

Optional Travel Protection \$299/person

Yellowstone and Jackson Hole

July 20-July 26, 2024

FREE AIRFARE IF BOOKED BY 9/30/2023 (\$850 value) Airfare added to price on 10/1/2023.

The beauty of Yellowstone National Park comes to life with the natural wonder Old Faithful, Tower Junction and Mammoth Hot Springs. Tour scenic Grand Teton National Park, take a scenic float trip on the Snake River and discover treasures of the Old West in historic Jackson Hole.

Trip Includes:

- Travel through scenic Idaho, the Gem State
- 2 nights in Yellowstone National Park
- Full day narrated tour of Yellowstone National Park to see the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Inspiration Point, Tower Junction, Mammoth Hot Springs and the famed geyser, Old Faithful
- A Snake River float trip through Grand Teton National Park
- 2 nights in Jackson Hole
- Delicious dinner and lively entertainment at the Bar J Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show
- Jackson Rodeo (Memorial Day - Labor Day) or the Jackson Hole Playhouse
- Tour of Salt Lake City including Temple Square

7 days, 10 meals, \$3,199/person

(free airfare from FWA if booked by 9/30/23)

Single supplement add \$1,329

Optional Travelers Protection \$250/person



For more information or to receive a trip brochure by mail, please contact us at 427-6000 or e-mail fortwayneparkstravel@cityoffortwayne.org. Brochures are also available online at fortwayneparks.org.



Boston City Stay

June 9-June 14, 2024

FREE AIRFARE IF BOOKED BY 9/30/2023 (\$800 value). Airfare added to price on 10/1/2023.

Learn the nation's history in Boston, Lexington and Concord. See Plymouth Rock, Plimoth Plantation and enjoy an exciting whale watching cruise. Tour historic Fenway Park, learn about JFK's connection to the city and visit Salem.

Trip Includes:

- 5 nights in Boston, rich in colonial history
- Tour of Boston Freedom Trail with an expert guide
- Lunch at Cheers Beacon Hill, the inspiration for the hit TV show
- Guided tour of historic Lexington and Concord including Minuteman National Park and the Old North Bridge
- 17th-century Plimoth Patuxet Museums
- Visit to famed Plymouth Rock and Mayflower II replica
- Whale watching cruise to the Stellwagen Bank feeding grounds
- Free afternoon in "Beantown"
- Guided tour of historic Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox
- Visit to John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
- Tour of the The House of the Seven Gables
- Visit to the Salem Witch Museum to learn about the Witch Trials of 1692

6 days, 9 meals, \$2,999/person

(free airfare from FWA if booked by 9/30/23)

Single supplement add \$1,099

Optional Travel Protection \$250/person

We Rent for Your Event

Athletic Fields

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

Botanical Conservatory

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

Bridal Glen/Foster Garden

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

Community Center

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



Foellinger Theatre

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

Freimann Square

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

Lakeside Rose Garden

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





McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

Park Pavilions

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

Promenade Park

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

Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. For more information visit www.fortwayneparks.org or contact our rental coordinator at farmrental@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6790, ext. 1. Rentals at Salomon Farm include the Historic Old Barn, the Wolf Family Learning Center, the Salomon Family Homestead and the Covered Bridge. See page 33 for more details.

Questions? 427-6000



Reserve up to a year in advance.

Children's Zoo



Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6800 • www.kidszoo.org

Hours

Open daily through October 29
9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.



Admission

General Admission (13+) \$18
Child (ages 2-12) \$12
Babies age 1 and under FREE
Zoo Members FREE

Wild Encounters

Get closer than ever before to your favorite animals with a once-in-a-lifetime encounter! An expert Zoo Keeper will be your guide as you venture behind the scenes and experience the animals up close. Wild Encounters make an exciting gift or experience for any animal lover!

Giraffe Wild Encounter

Stand toe-to-toe with our tallest animals and learn how our Keepers care for these gentle giants. You'll help Keepers create special feeders and watch as the treats are gobbled up!

Health and Conservation Wild Encounter

Your adventure begins behind the scenes in Hellbender Conservation Room where you will discover this amazing Indiana amphibian. Animal Care staff will tell you the important conservation work going on behind the scenes at your favorite zoo. Next stop on your Wild Encounter is a tour of the Animal Hospital to learn how the Veterinary team cares for the wide variety of animals that call the Zoo home.

Red Panda Wild Encounter

Spend time hanging out with the original panda during your Red Panda Wild Encounter. Step into a staff-only area to see what goes into their daily care and have a chance to watch Keepers during a Red Panda feeding.

Story Time

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy an animal-themed story paired with nature-themed activities every Tuesday and Wednesday in Central Zoo's Discovery Garden. This fun program is designed for children ages 5 and under with an adult. Story Time is FREE with zoo admission. For more details visit our website at kidszoo.org.

Birthday Parties

Host your birthday party at the Zoo! You and your guests will enjoy our private jungle party room or sea lab. At the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, your birthday party will be the right kind of wild – kids and adults alike will make memories to last a lifetime. Visit kidszoo.org/private-events or contact us at 260-427-6800 ext. 460 for details.

Volunteer at the Zoo!

Be a part of the excitement and volunteer at your nationally recognized Zoo! It's easy- fill out the volunteer application online and attend Adult Basic Training August 22, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Visit kidszoo.org or contact us at 260-427-6800 ext. 302 or volunteer@kidszoo.org for details.

Questions? 427-6800

Historic Fort Wayne



Historic Fort Wayne

1201 Spy Run Ave. • 437-2836 • oldfortwayne.org • [Facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne)

Parking for the Fort is available in the lot across from the Fort. Please use extreme caution when crossing Spy Run Avenue! Visit our website www.oldfortwayne.org, our Facebook page at [HistoricFortWayne](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne), or call (260) 437-2836 for schedule updates and information. All Historic Fort Wayne events are open to the public. Most are free unless otherwise noted. Donations are gratefully appreciated.

Napoleonic Days 1804-1814

Saturday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Napoleonic era was a time of epic land battles, naval engagements, political unrest, and widespread revolution. It was an era defined by one legendary general, Napoleon Bonaparte. Witness the battles that shaped the course of history. See the French and Coalition armies meet on the fields of glory outside the historic Old Fort. Come and experience this dramatic military period! Observe both military and civilian reenactors engaged in daily life, unit displays and drills.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown

Sunday, September 10, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

History comes to life at Fort Wayne's Old Fort! Meet soldiers and civilians and discover the earliest days of Fort Wayne. See demonstrations on blacksmithing, spinning, gardening, period cooking, and baking. Enjoy games for all ages. Check out the Old Fort merchandise and purchase a sweet treat at the Bake Sale! Be sure to stop by the Old Fort as you explore all that Fort Wayne has to offer.

Fright Night Lantern Tours

Saturday, October 21, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5

Tour the Old Fort at night! You will be guided by a historic interpreter who will present the Old Fort as it was in the early 1800s. Hear tales of encounters with the ill-fated Lieutenant Philip Ostrander, the Old Fort's resident ghost. Purchase a sweet treat from the bake sale and enjoy stories by the fire while you wait. Keep an eye out for the Headless Horseman! Ages 9 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Ticket sales begin at 5:30 p.m. No tickets sold after 9:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Old Fort.



Enjoy a bit of history!

Greenways & Trails



Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228

Explore the Trails

Meet at 6:00 p.m., Depart at 6:10 p.m.

Find fitness, fun, and new friends on the trails! Join the City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Trails, and Trek Fort Wayne every Tuesday for weekly **Trek the Trails** bike rides! Returning for its second year, the City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Trails, and the Fort Wayne Running Club are also joining forces to present **Tread the Trails!** These 5k walks/runs are offered every other Thursday. All mobility aids are welcome at Tread the Trails, and participants are encouraged to lengthen/shorten the route as preferred. All skill levels are welcome at all trail events – bring your family, bring your friends, or just bring yourself! Distances and locations vary, ensuring that participants can experience as many of the trail system’s nearly 130 miles as possible. Bicyclists are asked to wear helmets. All participants should bring water. Participants are responsible for their own safety. Trek the Trails is sponsored by TREK Bicycles, Freedom Cycle, UAW Local #2209, and Three Rivers Velo Sport.

For more information, call the City of Fort Wayne Greenways & Trails Office at 260-427-6228 or Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. at 260-969-0079. Follow City of Fort Wayne, FW Parks and Recreation, and Fort Wayne Trails for weather-related updates! Accessibility options are available - please contact either phone number above or email Greenways@cityoffortwayne.org for more information.

Please note – **dates listed in black below are for bicycles ONLY** and **dates in red are for walkers/runners/wheelchairs ONLY.**

Trek	Tread	Start Location	Length
9/5	9/7	Buckner Park, 6114 Bass Road	7.3 mi / 5k
9/12		The Plex North, 1807 E. California Road - northernmost lot	8.6 mi
9/19	9/21	Cookie Cottage, 620 W. Washington Center Rd. Please avoid parking directly in front of the building	8.2 mi / 5k
9/26		Trailhead near 7000 North River Rd. 7 p.m. Night Ride – front light and rear red light/reflector required	8.5 mi



Swinney Homestead



Swinney Homestead

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

Settlers' Log House and Herb Garden Open House

September 9 & 10, 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Log House and the Herb Garden at the Historic 1844 Swinney Homestead will be open free to the public for walk through tours. Members of Settlers, Inc. will share history of the Homestead. For more information, please call (260) 637-8622 or visit our website www.settlersinc.org

Settlers' Log House Candlelight Harvest Dinner

October 13 & 14, 5:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Harvest season with dinner by candlelight in the 1849 Log House at the Historic Swinney Homestead. Reminisce about a bygone era, as costumed Settlers serve butternut squash bisque, sweet and sour cabbage salad, succulent roast pork, seasonal vegetables, Settlers' famous Johnny Appleseed Festival cornbread, cider, sassafras tea, and apple crisp with cream. The cost is \$50/person. Paid reservations must be made by October 1 by calling (260)432-7314 or (260)432-4232. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Each table seats 4. Seating is limited. Proceeds from this event support the maintenance of the Historic Swinney Homestead. Parking is by the tennis courts.

Settlers' Pioneer Village at the Johnny Appleseed Festival

1502 Harry W. Baals Drive

September 16, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

September 17, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Visit the Settlers Pioneer Village at the Johnny Appleseed Festival. Entrance to the festival is FREE; however, there is a charge for parking. Costumed Settlers will be demonstrating a variety of historic hand arts and life skills.



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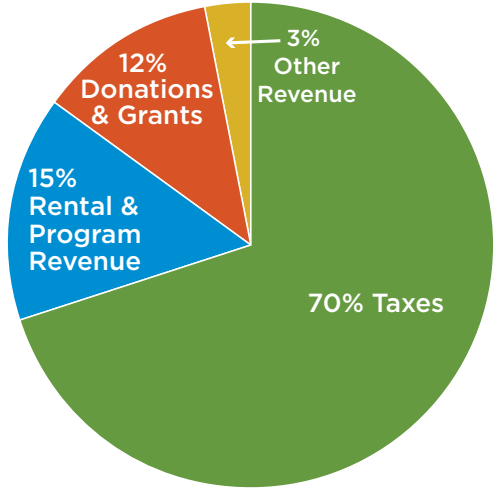
Leave a Legacy

Support Your Parks!

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing safe and enriching experiences through our 87 parks and hundreds of programs throughout our facilities. That commitment is possible because of the generous gifts we receive from our community. While a portion of our budget is covered through your tax dollars (which we also greatly appreciate), we still rely on millions of dollars of additional funding through grants, local organizations and individual donations. On average, we receive over \$3 million annually in gifts and grants which are used to support the programs and services that directly impact our community.

As you are able, we appreciate every dollar that helps us further our mission of improving the lives of our fellow citizens. You can donate today to some of our specific projects, programs and facilities at fortwayneparks.org/donate. If you just love our parks and facilities, you can also give a general donation to the Parks and Recreation Department to assist us in our mission.

Again, we are so appreciative of the generous gifts we have received and we will continue to use your dollars to improve lives in our community. Thank you for supporting our parks!



Facebook.com/YeaParks for more information or to volunteer.

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

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.

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
Hursttown Reservoir	627-3390
Jennings Center	427-6700
Lawton Park Maintenance	427-6400
Lifetime Sports Academy	427-6760
McMillen Park Community Center	427-2420
McMillen Golf Course	427-6710
Salomon Farm Park	427-6790
Shoaff Golf Course	427-6745
Weisser Center	427-6780

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

Register for programs online at fortwayneparks.org. Select "Online Services."

2) By Phone

Register by phone at 427-6000, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Please have all the information requested on the registration form ready before you call.

3) By Mail

Complete the registration form (or a copy) 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

Register in person at 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 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. Available 24 hours a day!

Health & Safety Policy

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to monitor health & safety issues and follow best practices. The information in the Fun Times is subject to change as needed to comply with new guidelines as well as other unforeseen circumstances.

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:
 - 2 or more months before rental date: Refund less 20% OR transfer* one time with no fee (additional transfers will be assessed 20% processing fee)
 - 1-2 months before rental date: Refund less 40% OR transfer with 20% processing fee
 - Less than 1 month before rental date: NO REFUND/NO TRANSFER
6. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing refunds. Credit card refunds are credited to your account immediately, but may take 3-5 days to appear on your account.

* Transfers must be within 364 days of the current reserved date.

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.

Registration Form

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

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

Household Set-Up

Head of Household:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: M / F

Birth date ____ / ____ / ____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ - _____ Work Phone: () _____ - _____

Emergency Phone () _____ - _____ Cell Phone () _____ - _____

Additional Family Members:

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

Registration Information

Household # _____
(if Household Set-Up is complete)

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

Total Due: \$ _____

Method of Payment: Cash Check MasterCard Visa Discover AmEx

_____ / _____
Card Number Exp. Date CVV

Name as printed on card: _____

_____ Please initial to indicate you have read and understand the refund policy on page 66.

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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Halloween Haunt

**Saturday
October 21**

**Community
Center**

233 W Main St

**3:00-6:00
pm**

Downtown Fort Wayne becomes a haven for monsters, ghosts, vampires and zombies on Saturday afternoon. Bring your little goblins to the Community Center for an afternoon of frightful fun with games and activities that are sure to keep you howling for more! Anthony Wayne Lions Club will have concessions available for purchase. Admission is free. Sponsored by Glenbrook Rehabilitation Facilities - American Senior Communities.

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