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

Life on the Farm

Blacksmithing Workshops

While blacksmithing was once considered a dying trade, today's blacksmiths produce anything from stunning works of art to the tools we use daily by combining contemporary technology with age-old smithing methods. Learn new techniques and practice your forging skills while working on simple projects. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and long 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. Registration deadlines: March 28 and April 18. Min. 3. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Blacksmithing for Women

Class meets 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

253820-S1	4/5-6/21	Sa	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30

Blacksmithing (Open to all)

253820-S2	4/26, 5/24, 6/28	Sa	9-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$30

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



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Over the Moooon!



Highland Cow Meet & Greet

Brush, pet, play and take pictures with Mickey, our friendly Highland cow. Each Meet & Greet session provides 30 minutes of exclusive interaction for up to 4 people. It makes a wonderful family outing and photo opportunity. Closed toe shoes are a must. Park in the lot near the windmill. Registration deadlines: March 10, April 11 and May 2. Ages 10+.

Dates: March 16, April 19, May 10

Times: 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$65

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

Sheep Snuggles with the Valais Blacknose

These sheep originated in Switzerland and are known for their stuffed toy appearance and docile nature. They are rare in the U.S., so being able to snuggle up close and personal is a treat! Your private session will include 30 minutes of exclusive interaction with the two sheep for up to 4 people. Parking is in the lot near the windmill. Plan to walk on uneven ground. Registration deadlines: April 14 and May 5.

Dates: April 20, May 11

Times: 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$55

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



Yes, goat yoga is a real thing . . . and you can give it a try at Salomon Farm Park this Spring! Be prepared to have goats snuggle beside you, nibble on your hair, climb on your back, and above all else, melt your heart. Space is limited so register early! Ages 18+. Instructor Laura Kahn has been practicing yoga for 20 years and teaching since 2017. Registration deadline: May 10. Min. 10. Max. 20. (This class will be held outdoors and will be cancelled in the event of rain.)

Code	Date	Day	Time
253865-S1	5/17	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd. in the lot by the windmill.

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Grab an Apron

The Art of Baking

Anyone can bake, but what makes a great baker? Join Jessica Waggoner of The Hazelnut Baking Co. as she shares the secrets of successful baking. The menu includes fresh pasta, sourdough bread and macarons. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class.

Fresh Pasta 101

Learn all about making a simple noodle, getting comfortable with the dough, how to sauce it correctly and the rich flavors you can create "outside the box." Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253839-W1	3/12	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Sourdough

Sourdough is the oldest form of leavened bread, likely discovered by accident over 6,000 years ago. It has a cult following for good reason! Learn how to make a "starter" and a wonderfully tangy loaf of sourdough bread. Ages 12+. Min. 7. Max. 14.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-W3	4/23	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Spring Macarons

Be transported to the streets of Paris as you master these classic delectable little cookie bites in their perfect pastel spring colors. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
253847-W1	5/28	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

A Taste of Thai

We'll be making and eating two Thai favorites this evening: Pad Thai and fresh Spring Rolls, all vegetarian or with meat, your choice! Once you learn the basic process, making your own at home will be a snap. Bring a container to take home leftovers. Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: March 20. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253835-R1	3/27	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Sip and Savor: Tea Essentials

Join us on a fun and educational journey to learn about this aromatic beverage enjoyed all around the world. You will experience multiple tea tastings, savor foods that pair well with the teas, and receive tea samples to take home, all while learning the origins of tea, differences between tea varieties, how to ensure tea quality, health benefits of tea and more! Your guide on this journey is Lori Berndt, owner of The Olive Twist, a local retail olive oil store. Ages 12+. Registration deadlines: April 29 and May 7. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253858-T1	5/6	T	6-7:30 pm

253858-W2	5/14	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center,

817 W. Dupont Rd.

Instructors Wanted

Salomon Fam Park is looking for cooking instructors. Interested persons should contact DeAnna at Salomon Farm Park at 427-6790 ext. 2 or deanna.harris@cityoffortwayne.org.



Polish Paczki

Paczki are Polish deep-fried donuts with sweet fillings such as jam, custard, lemon curd or chocolate. They are usually covered with powdered sugar, icing or glaze, and they are utterly delicious. Join us this evening and walk away with recipes, hints for success, and most importantly – your own paczki! Bring a container to take home any leftovers! Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: February 24. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253857-M1	3/3	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Nutritional Greens, p. 6

Join us in the kitchen!

Gardening and Growing

Presented by Milan Center Feed and Grain

Milan Center Feed and Grain's mission is to serve the community as the premier feed dealer and farm supply store. Their experts enjoy sharing about livestock production, care of companion animals, and property maintenance, including pasture, lawns, and ponds. Join us for two free seminars this spring!

Urban Birding

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced birdwatcher, this free seminar will provide valuable insights into bird identification, behavior, and conservation. We'll even share tips on how to attract certain birds to your yard. Open to all ages, however, those under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: February 25. Min. 5. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253613-T1	3/4	T	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

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

Urban Gardening

It's not too early to start thinking about your garden! What plants should you grow? How can you improve your garden? What do you need to do now to prepare for spring planting? We'll answer these questions and more, so you can start planning your amazing garden now! All ages are welcome, however, those under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: April 22. Min. 5. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253612-T1	4/29	T	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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



Basic Seed Collection

Pollinator Partnership is working with a coalition of partners and an amazing team of dedicated volunteers (that's you!) to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of pollinator habitat across the Midwest and Great Lakes Region to support imperiled native pollinators and the vital habitat on which they depend. As a volunteer, you'll be taught the basics of collecting regionally native seed. The trainer will be Indiana Project Wingspan Coordinator, Maraiah Russell. The training is free. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: March 17. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253617-M1	3/24	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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

Growing Nutritional Greens Indoors

Did you know you can grow nutritious greens indoors in as little as 7-10 days? Our Master Gardener from "C's Greens" will share tips on how to grow microgreens and how to sprout seeds for eating and wheat grass for juicing. You'll be enjoying homegrown greens every week year-round. A starter kit is included. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: March 13. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253618-R1	3/20	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

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

Farm Kids

Storytime on the Farm

Develop your child's love of reading with stories, songs, and maybe even some animal sounds as you and your little one have fun learning together. Register for free with the Allen County Public Library. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver. After Storytime, join us for a wagon ride (\$5/person, 2 and under free).

Date	Day	Time
4/11	F	10:30 am

Register at acpl.libnet.info/event/12213628

Date	Day	Time
4/25	F	10:30 am

Register at acpl.libnet.info/event/12213629

Location: 817 W. Dupont Rd, follow paved road back to the windmill.



Animal Playdates

***Adult/Child**

Salomon Farm Park is home to chickens, goats and pigs that love playdates with children! In these hands-on, interactive sessions boys and girls ages 3-6 learn all about the animals at Salomon Farm Park and enjoy a fun animal related craft. Ages 3-6. Registration deadlines: March 11 and March 13. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253915-T1	3/18	T	9:30-10:30 am
253915-R1	3/20	Th	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/fee: 1/\$10

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

Field Trips on the Farm

Salomon Farm tours make a great field trip for any group. Offered in 1-2 hour increments on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from March 11-May 15, tours feature visits with goats, pigs and chickens, a stop in the garden, and talk about life on the farm. Wagon rides are also available upon request for farm tours of 1½ hours or more. All ages welcome! The cost is \$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 a 1:10 chaperone to student ratio is recommended. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Please contact DeAnna Harris at Salomon Farm Park at 427-6790 ext. 2 or SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org for questions and scheduling.

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! Each participant must be accompanied by one adult. 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: February 26, April 5 and May 14. Min. 7. Max. 17.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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St. Patrick's Day

Today's menu is Leprechaun hats and rainbow fruit salad made with kid-approved ingredients!

253909-W1	3/5	W	10-11 am
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Fruit Pizza

Fruit pizza is an easy, fun and delicious creation your preschool chef can easily master.

253909-A4	4/22	T	10-11 am
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Banana Sushi & Chopped Veggie with Ranch Dip

The fun and quick snacks have endless possibilities to satisfy the fussiest eaters.

253909-W2	5/21	W	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

Roots: Culinary 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. We've partnered with Wholesome Roots Cooking Classes to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on learning and cooking! Each class offers hands-on cooking and time for taste testing at the end! Ages 6-14. Instructor: Meghan Hauser. (Note: This class accommodates participants only. Please plan to drop your child off and return to pick up after class.) Registration deadlines: February 26, April 5 and May 14. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Irish Cuisine

253917-A5	3/5	T	6-7:30 pm
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Mexican Fiesta

253917-A6	4/22	T	6-7:30 pm
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Famous Viral Recipes

253917-A7	5/21	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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

See the Farm by Moonlight

Full Moon Night Hike

Join us for a peaceful night hike under the light of a full moon! We'll meet at the Learning Center and take a short trek through the woods. All ages welcome; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: May 5. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253615-M1	5/12	M	8-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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



Garden Volunteer Orientation

Monday, April 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Volunteers are an integral part of Salomon Farm Park, completing tasks such as preparing beds, planting, weeding, working with garden tools, minor maintenance and combating unwanted bugs. Volunteers also harvest and sell produce at the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays (June-September) and do garden documentation in spreadsheets and word documents. Garden volunteers meet every Monday and Thursday morning from April through September and receive a share in the garden produce. You do not have to commit to the whole season, or for every scheduled work day, and no previous gardening experience is required. An orientation will be held at the farm in the Learning Center on Monday, April 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by a guardian. To sign up for the orientation, email salomonfarm@cityoffortwayne.org or call (260) 427-6790 by April 14.

Vendors & Volunteers

Salomon Farmers' Market Vendor Call Out

We are now accepting applicants for the 2025 Salomon Farmers' Market season. Vendors must produce their goods within a 75-mile radius of Salomon Farm Park and are required to grow their own fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. We strive to find vendors who embrace sustainable and organic growing practices. The market also may include baked goods, honey, maple syrup, hand-made crafts, food, entertainment and children's activities. The Farmers' Market operates every Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. from June 4-September 3. If you are interested in receiving a vendor application, please call 260-427-6790 ext.2 or email deanna.harris@cityoffortwayne.org.

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Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

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Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Thursday 10 am-8 pm

Sunday 12-4 pm

Closed Mondays



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Admission

Adults \$7

Youth (ages 3-17) \$5

Infants (2 & under) Free

Thursdays 5-8 pm \$1

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 the Conservatory Shop.



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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 & Sales Garden

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. Beginning May 23, the outdoor Sales Garden offers a selection of perennial flowers, herbs, tropical plants, flowering baskets and patio containers. Conservatory admission is not required to shop during public hours Tuesday through Sunday.

Plant yourself at the Conservatory!

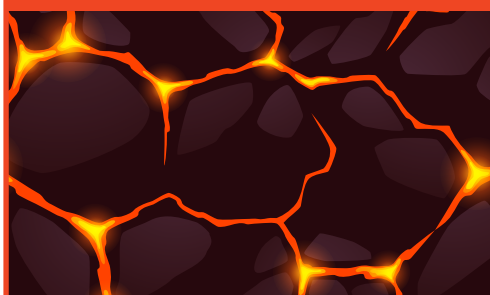
What's Showing this Spring?



Showcase Exhibit Through April 6, Public hours

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

It's the hottest garden around as visitors to the Botanical Conservatory experience the daring feats of your favorite childhood game! This winter, don't miss your landing, as you navigate a challenging set of obstacles for all ages and abilities. Fiery hues of reds and oranges flood the challenge course amidst towering tropical plants under the shadows of a roaring volcano. Don't fall in – the FLOOR IS LAVA! Sponsored by the Magee-O'Connor Foundation, English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, PNC Charitable Trusts, and 103.9 FM.



Questions? 427-6440

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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, please submit your artwork for consideration to Botanical.Programs@cityoffortwayne.org.

Lisa Heintzman: Innovative Abstractor

January 11-April 5

"My paintings are inspired by the energy and emotions that I draw around me. I am very observant in how one motion affects the next and how simple daily life has so many moments all compiled into one day. I paint my abstract art with these emotions and perfect imperfections of each moment. In my paintings, time is suspended, as we are all dealing with chaos. I believe beauty is necessary and my intent and purpose is to help you view the imperfect world in bringing you calmness, joy and serenity of the movements you see in my paintings."

Grace Yencer: Gentle Turning

April 15-June 22

Grace Yencer has been creating art for as long as she can remember, inspired by a childhood dream of becoming an artist or art teacher. Her love for snail mail sparked an early career in greeting cards, but she soon shifted focus to art as self-expression. With roots in the Midwest, her style reflects both a sense of nostalgia and a playful exploration of the world around her, making her pieces as heartfelt as they are visually engaging. Her work invites you to pause, look closer, and maybe catch a hint of sorrow in the details. "To create one's world takes courage," Georgia O'Keeffe.

Botanical Conservatory Rental

The Botanical Conservatory is the perfect site for your wedding & reception, corporate event and other special occasion. A variety of spaces are available on weekdays or weekends during or after public hours. Call (260) 427-6442 or email RentBotanical@cityoffortwayne.org for more information.

**Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 7.**

COLOR IN MOTION

Live Butterfly Exhibit

April 15-June 22, Public hours

Live butterflies have landed at the Botanical Conservatory bringing with them an array of natural beauty and wonder. Watch in awe, their wings in flight, as they flash with color pigments and refracted light. Observe exotic butterflies emerging from their chrysalides right before your eyes! An epic display of multicolored flowers and foliage elevates this annual spring exhibit. Sponsored by the English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, "In memory of Jo Ann and William Wyatt," 21Alive and 97.3 WMEE.



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Today's Best Variety

Become a Butterfly Attendant

Did you know the Botanical Conservatory recruits and relies on volunteers to assist during its live butterfly exhibit each spring? Having completed the required training, each volunteer is equipped to interact with visitors, prevent butterfly escapes and cover routine shifts in the greenhouse display tent. To become a Butterfly Attendant, complete an online volunteer application found on the Botanical Conservatory's website. Email Amanda. Amstutz@cityoffortwayne.org or call (260) 427-6443 for more information.



Breakfast with Butterflies

Reserve your spot for an unforgettable experience at the Botanical Conservatory! As a VIP guest, this special occasion includes a personalized visit with exotic butterflies, a youth-oriented craft and breakfast, too. Enjoy French toast sticks, bacon, hash browns, fruit and a beverage of your choice. You will also receive a souvenir and Painted Lady Butterfly Kit to continue the transformative fun at home. All attendees must register including adults and children under 2. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Please reserve highchair or booster seat during registration. Registration deadlines: May 23 and May 30. Min. 20. Max. 48.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327200-U1	6/1	Su	10 am-12 pm
327200-U2	6/8	Su	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

Age 2 years & under, Free

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Color in Motion: Spring Artisan Market

Sunday, April 27, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Spring has sprung and butterflies have returned to the Botanical Conservatory. On the last Sunday in April, join in the fun by also taking part in a Spring Artisan Market during the Color in Motion Butterfly Exhibit! This new indoor/outdoor market features local crafters, artists and unique vendors selling great gifts for Mother's Day and any other occasion. Garden admission is not required to shop the Spring Market or the Conservatory Shop. Present your validated admission ticket for free parking in the Civic Center Garage.





Spring Bonsai Show

Saturday, May 17, Public hours

Embrace peace and harmony while immersed in a bonsai display presented by the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club. Members are present and pleased to discuss this art form while answering any questions you may have. For those who would like to cultivate tranquility at home, a selection of beginning bonsai specimen and pots are available for cash-only purchase. Show entry included with general admission.

Iris Flower Show

Sunday, May 25, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Revel in the beauty of showy spring blooms. Members of the Northeast Indiana Iris Society display a sublime array of prized blooms in various varieties. Be sure to vote for your favorite! Members are also happy to offer helpful growing advice. Show entry included with general admission.

Special Events

National Public Gardens Week

Tuesday-Saturday, May 9-16, Public hours

All are invited to explore diverse plant collections while touring indoor and outdoor destinations at the Botanical Conservatory. As part of Fort Wayne's downtown revitalization efforts since 1983, our mission is to "provide a unique botanical venue for quality public education and enjoyment." Visit during National Public Gardens Week to learn, celebrate and discover all there is to see and do at your local public garden! Also take advantage of a special giveaway while supplies last. Regular admission fees apply.

String Jams Spring Jam

Thursday, May 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Believe In A Dream presents the String Jammers performing in the Botanical Conservatory's Terrace Garden. Representing students from across the city, string musicians of this youth orchestra share their youthful taste while playing contemporary music on classical instruments. Enjoy this Spring Jam concert included as part of a \$1Night. No reservations required. Outdoor seating provided. Lawn chairs welcome.



Guitar Lessons, p. 40

The Fort Wayne HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Feb 27 - Mar 2, 2025 • Memorial Coliseum

Thu & Fri 11a-8p | Sat 10a-8p | Sun 11a-5p

Visit the Botanical Conservatory at Garden Gallery Booth #855
Garden Essentials | Spring Bulbs | Houseplants | Air Plants | Bonsai | Seeds



The Great Train Connection

Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, Public hours Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

All aboard the Botanical Conservatory's Great Train Connection! As part of this special event, journey through the profuse railroad history of Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana, maneuver trains via timesaver switching puzzles and imagine yourself the conductor of various model train sets ranging from tiny N scale up to G scale. A "freight time" for the whole family especially the littlest engines. General admission fees apply. Sponsored by US 93.3.



Bunny Tales

in the Garden

Friday & Saturday, April 18 & 19
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m..

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Hop from one garden to the next as part of "Bunny Tales" at the Botanical Conservatory. Every-bunny is invited to share in festive fun while interacting with live animals and encountering cheerful blooms along the way. Discover the tale's ending when visiting the Easter Bunny! Bunny goes on break from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:30-2:00 p.m.

General admission fees apply.
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Fox55 and Koester's Body
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You Need More Plants



Mother's Day Plant Sale

Friday, May 9, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 11, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

Just in time for spring planting, the Botanical Conservatory offers over 700 varieties of plants at the annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Shop masses of locally grown herbs, vegetable starts, flowering perennials and native plants joining a host of annuals, mixed containers, hanging baskets, bonsai and houseplants. Essentials like potting soil and compost worms are also available. A team of knowledgeable plant advisors are even ready to answer questions and offer suggestions! This annual fundraiser supports Fort Wayne's very own Botanical Conservatory. Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI, Fox55 and Koester's Body & Frame Shop.



Spring Plant Swap

Swap quality, established plants with fellow plant enthusiasts and bring home the same amount of plants, if not more! Vegetables, annuals and houseplants are preferable this spring. 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 (260) 427-6000. Registration deadline: June 5. Min. 10. Max. 45.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327701-S1	6/7	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: FREE

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Slightly Used Bulb Sale

March 26-May 4, Public hours

This annual sale features slightly used tulips, daffodils and hyacinths from the Botanical Conservatory's winter exhibit. Located in the outdoor Sales Garden, bulbs are \$1.95/pot and are ready to plant in preparation for next year's bloom! Purchases are made through the Conservatory Shop while supplies last. Admission is not required to shop.



Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11
Public hours

Plan a special outing to the Botanical Conservatory where Moms get in FREE during Mother's Day weekend. Together, browse the Conservatory Shop, visit live butterflies and admire lovely garden displays. Mothers receive a free plant while supplies last! Sponsored by Aunt Millie's, Majic 95.1 WAJI and 21Alive.



Being Creative



Pysanky: Ukrainian Eggs

The historic tradition of Pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter Eggs, can be traced all the way back to 20th century BC. Throughout Eastern Europe, these symbols of hope combine intricate geometric patterns, multiple colors and folk motifs into amazing pieces of art. Create your own unique pysanka with mother and daughter Carol Ann Eckrich and Karen Glotzbach as they guide you through the process of drawing with melted wax then coloring with dye baths. Each participant receives a toolkit consisting of a kistka stylus, beeswax and six color dyes to continue their egg creations at home! Garden admission is also included. Ages 15+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: March 27. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227502-R1	4/3	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$29

Member Fee: \$24

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Bonsai for Beginners

Learn the basics of bonsai in this workshop covering essential pruning and care of these miniaturized trees. With expert guidance from members of the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club, prepare a container for your own small specimen and see up close a demonstration on forming a beautiful bonsai showpiece! In addition, learn about proper soil, successful repotting and techniques to give it a long and healthy life. Garden admission is included plus participants are provided a return pass to the Spring Bonsai Show on May 17. Ages 15+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: April 26. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227503-S1	5/3	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$42

Member Fee: \$39

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

T'ai Chi Tuesdays

T'ai Chi PM

Instructor Liz Monnier, well versed in the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong and certified in the practice of Feldenkrais®, invites students to learn the practice of form and movement to center oneself and improve overall health. Students will have opportunity to refresh and recharge. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included same day prior to each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 24. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
227400-T1	3/4-4/1	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$48

Member Fee: \$43

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

T'ai Chi AM

Instructor Sandy Gebhard, experienced in the instruction of the Sun Style Forms, welcomes students to join her in the long-lived Chinese practice of T'ai Chi. Sandy will guide movements to promote relaxation, balance and strength. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included to continue meditation following each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 14. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
227401-T1	4/22-5/20	T	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$48 Member Fee: \$43

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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.



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.

Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

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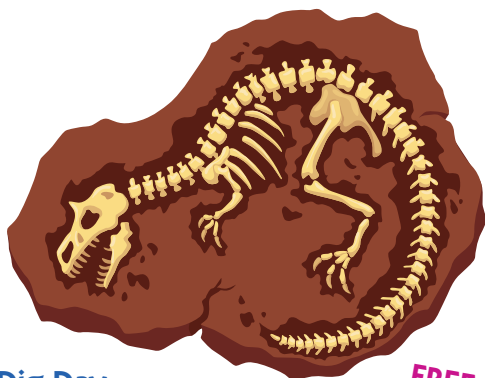
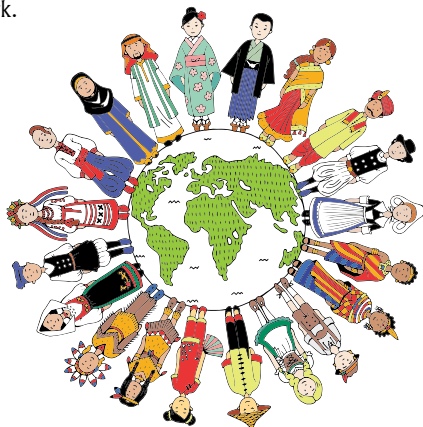
Spring Celebration

FREE

Saturday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Celebrate the start of spring in Promenade Park by exploring various cultural traditions from around the world! This year, we are highlighting cultural spring celebrations from Thailand, the Middle East, Germany, and Bulgaria. We will have food trucks, music, informational tables, a plant walk with special prizes, and crafts to enjoy throughout the park. All park activities are free. Special thank you to our sponsors: Plant Center Nursery, Tres Beaux Inc., Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Lawton Greenhouse, and Salomon Farm Park.



Dig Day

FREE

Calling all dino enthusiasts and earth explorers! Join us in the Park Foundation Pavilion for our second annual Dig Day at Promenade Park! Become a paleontologist for a day and join us for an afternoon of delightful discovery learning about dinosaurs and the earth! Activities include a dinosaur fossil dig bin, fossil dating activities, and more! Perfect for youth elementary through middle school age who are interested in discovering our planet's past. Pre-registration is required by April 11. Min. 25. Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290204-S1	4/26	Sa	12-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE
Location: Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Riverfront Fitness Fun

5K Virtual Challenge

May 26-30

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior & Headwaters Parks, 333 S. Clinton

Explore Promenade and Headwaters Parks while completing a 5K walk, run or crawl (you choose your speed). You can be active, enjoy the parks' art installments, connect with the community, and have the opportunity to win prizes along the way! Join our first 5k Virtual Challenge on the My Virtual Mission app, where you will complete a 5k on your own time, anytime between May 26-30. You can run or walk the course alone or team up with friends and family, and use the app to connect with the community! A prize will be awarded at the end of the week to the person or team who completed the challenge with the best time according to tracking on the app. Within the My Virtual Mission app, you can snap and share photos at sculptures and other landmarks for the opportunity to win a second prize for best landmark photos! Questions about the event or the app should be directed to jesus.rosario@cityoffortwayne.org. Register by May 12 at fortwayneparks.org (code #290400-A1) Fee: \$5/children under 17, \$10/adults; Min. 15. Max. 150.

Kickboxing with 9Round

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

March 9, April 13, May 11

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

FREE

Kick and punch your way through a great workout with 9Round! At this FREE monthly exercise class, instructors will lead you through a full body, calorie-burning journey like no other. Drop in and join the fun! It's free!

Yoga on the Riverfront

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

March 9, April 13, May 11

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

FREE

Bring your yoga mat to Promenade Park for FREE yoga on the Riverfront. 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 not have your own.

Dragon Boat 101

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

FREE

Interested in taking part in this year's Fort Wayne Dragon Boat Races but not sure where to start? Attend this informational session where we will be covering all things Dragon Boats – what it is, how to create a team, event schedule, and more!



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Sweet Breeze CANAL BOAT

Experience Fort Wayne's rivers on an authentic 1840 canal boat replica!
2025 tours begin Memorial Day weekend.

Tickets go on sale May 1.

RideSweetBreeze.org



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.

Take A Hike

Spring Wildflower Hike

Witness the wide variety of beautiful spring wildflowers that bloom at Lindenwood! Learn how to identify them, how they reproduce, and how they are connected to other life in the forest ecosystem. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248110-S1	4/12	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Mother's Day Picnic and Wildflower Hike

Bring Mom to the preserve for a lovely picnic and hike among the forest wildflowers! Meet at the campfire circle with your picnic basket. After lunch, follow the naturalist through a carpet of beautiful blooms! Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248111-U1	5/11	Su	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

ACPL Storytime Hikes

We've teamed up with the Allen County Public Library to bring you Friday afternoon Storytime Hikes. Enjoy a nature-related story followed by a hike in the woods! Sign up on the library's website or by calling your local ACPL branch. You do not need a library card to sign up and the program is free! Ages 8-12.

Date	Day	Time
Animal Tracks		
3/28	F	4-5 pm
Spring Flowers		
4/25	F	4-5 pm
Birdsong & Healthy Brains		
5/23	F	4-5 pm

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Retiree Rambles

Thursday, March 6, April 3, May 1, 10:00 a.m.
Lindenwood Nature Preserve,
600 Lindenwood Ave.

Come make new friends and enjoy an easy mid-morning hike at Lindenwood. We'll meet by the office at the park entrance every first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and pick a trail. No registration is necessary, there's no fee and you don't have to be retired. Just drop by and join in.

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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 schedule is posted on our website at fortwayneparks.org.

Astronomy & Entomology

Stargazing Nights

Come learn all about the cosmos from local astronomer, Dale Ruppert. Meet in the parking lot, take a walk in the dark, look through a telescope over the pond, and find out what is currently happening in the night sky! Min. 5. Max 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Constellations

248001-F2	3/14	F	8-9 pm
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Lyrids Meteor Shower

248001-T2	4/22	T	9-10 pm
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Flower Moon

248001-M1	5/12	M	9-10 pm
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Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



All Bugs Go to Kevin

The weather is warming up, which means the bugs are back! Go on a Spring bug hunt with arthropod expert and photographer Kevin Wiener from All Bugs Go to Kevin! Get first-hand tips on macro wildlife photography right in the field, and learn fascinating facts about the under-appreciated but extremely important animals of the arthropod world. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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248112-S1	3/29	Sa	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



Biology



Pond Study

Did you know that juvenile dragonflies live under water? Follow the naturalist to the pond for a closer look at Lindenwood's aquatic life! Discover macro invertebrates and learn which species serve as indicators of healthy vs. polluted water. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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248113-S1	5/3	Sa	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

iNaturalist City Nature Challenge

Come help Fort Wayne compete in the 10th Annual City Nature Challenge! Participate in this citizen science BioBlitz by taking pictures of organisms and uploading them on the free iNaturalist app to help document urban wildlife. Hikes are self-led and encouraged to spread out, but volunteers will be on site to answer questions. All ages are welcome. No registration necessary. Carpooling is encouraged.

Date	Day	Time
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4/26	Sa	10-11 am
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Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

INPS Native Plant Swap

Join the Indiana Native Plant Society in supporting local biodiversity! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, this is a great opportunity to exchange native plants and seeds with fellow enthusiasts. Bring your extras and take home something new for your garden, all while fostering a healthier ecosystem. Nothing to share? INPS will have free plants and seeds to get you started! We will set up on the picnic tables in the campfire circle. No registration necessary. Carpooling is recommended.

Date	Day	Time
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5/17	Sa	10 am-12 pm
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Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



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May 1

and enjoy the great outdoors!

Sports & Fitness

See You on the Court!

Recreational Basketball

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 and your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And it's FUN! Pick a night and join us for a few games of basketball in an informal, yet structured setting. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: February 24 and Feb. 26 Min. 10. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244000-M1	3/3-5/5	M	7-9 pm
244000-W2	3/5-5/7	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$47/\$52 after deadlines

Location: Jefferson Middle School, 5303 Wheelock Rd.

Recreational Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the top three most-played sports in the world. It doesn't matter 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, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for 2 hours. Age 18+. Registration deadline: February 26. Min.10. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244800-W1	3/5-/5/7	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$40/\$45 after February 26

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

Winterval Amazing Race Thank You

The Amazing Winterval Race 2025 was a blast, thanks to our 2025 location partners:

Allen County Public Library, Parkview Field, The Pearl, Pufferbelly Ice Cream, Fort Wayne Curling Club, Gracey's Goodies, First Presbyterian Church, Summit City Climbing Gym, 95.7 WELT and the Botanical Conservatory.



Pickleball Lessons

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: March 24. Min. 6. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

244802-M1	3/31-5/5	M	5-6 pm
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244802-M1	3/31-5/5	M	6:05-7:05 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30/35 after March 24

Location: Lakeside Park, 1401 Lake Ave.

Intermediate

244802-M3	3/31-5/5	M	5-6 pm
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244802-M4	3/31-5/5	M	6:15-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30/35 after March 24

Location: Hamilton Park, Cherokee St.

Adult Tennis Lessons

Stay on top of your game this fall. Adult tennis lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for adults (ages 13 and over) beginning April 19. These tennis classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Registration deadline: April 12. Min. 4. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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244500-S1	4/19-5/10	Sa	12-1:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$50/\$55 after April 12

Location: Bob Arnold Northside Park, Parnell Ave.

Work In A Workout

T'ai Chi

Reduce stress through a T'ai Chi series that modifies the Sun Style form for beginning to advanced students. Instructor Sandy Gebhard promotes the benefits of this ancient Chinese practice acknowledged as a gentle exercise to relax the body and focus the mind. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 16. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242332-W1	4/23-5/14	W	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$38/\$43 after April 16
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

T'ai Chi PM at the Conservatory

Instructor Liz Monnier, well versed in the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong and certified in the practice of Feldenkrais®, invites students to learn the practice of form and movement to center oneself and improve overall health. Students will have an opportunity to refresh and recharge. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included same day prior to each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 24. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
227400-T1	3/4-4/1	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$48

Member Fee: \$43

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Yoga

Yoga's combination of exercise, breathing and meditation techniques help build concentration and poise, improve stamina and even relieve insomnia. Please bring a blanket and/or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Modifications allow the classes to accommodate all skill levels. Drop-ins are welcome (\$10 per 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. Min. 8. Max. 30. There will be no class Monday, May 26.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242300-M1	4/21-6/16	M	5:30-6:45 pm
242300-T1	4/22-6/10	T	4:30-5:45 pm
242300-R1	4/24-6/12	Th	6-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$52/\$57 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Drums Alive®

Experience the transformative power of cognition, drumming, movement, music and rhythm! Drums Alive® is an evidence-based wellness program that improves physical, mental, social-emotional well-being. Using drumsticks, a stability ball, and fun rhythmic music, you will perform both standing and seated routines that will help improve mobility, core strength, balance and coordination while providing aerobic exercise. The exercise is appropriate for all abilities as modifications and progressions are provided for each routine. No musical experience is necessary or expected! Check it out at drums-alive.com and come join the fun! Registration deadline: April 7. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242328-M1	4/14-5/19	M	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$66/\$71 after April 7
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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: March 17. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242319-M1	3/24-4/28	M	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$64/\$69 after March 17
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

**Register on-line at
fortwayneparks.org**

Get strong and fit this spring!

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:

- Season passes at all courses
- Group and individual golf instruction
- Junior and Pee Wee Golf Tours
- The Lifetime Sports Academy
- Certified PGA Pro/Managers
- Tournament and group outings
- Special promotions and discounts

Tee times can be made by calling the golf course. Call the Manager of Golf Operations at 427-6016 to make league reservations or to arrange tournaments or outings. Be sure to take advantage of the great golf deals listed on page 23.

Parkview Sports Medicine Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour

Open to boys and girls ages 3-18, this program consists of a series of golf tournaments at various courses throughout the city. Tournament formats and fees vary for each event. Please visit our website at fortwayneparks.org in early March to download a schedule of events, deadline dates and registration forms. If you do not have internet access, please call 427-6000 to request the forms by mail. Many thanks to our corporate sponsor Parkview Sports Medicine.



Courses Open for the Season Mid-March, As Weather Permits

	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 \$8 18 holes \$16 Punch Card 20/\$145	
Shoaff Park Golf Course & Driving Range 6401 St. Joe Road 427-6745 shoaffgolfcourse.com	9 holes \$12 18 holes \$20	9 holes \$13 18 holes \$22	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	small bucket \$6 large bucket \$10 Punch Cards 10 small/\$50 10 large/\$80
McMillen Park Golf Course & Driving Range Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14	9 holes \$8 18 holes \$16	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	small bucket \$6 medium bucket \$8 Punch Card 10 small/\$50 10 medium/\$65
Mad Anthony III's Short Course Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	Adults \$5; Youth \$4 Lifetime Sports Academy Certified Players FREE!		9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	

Season Passes

	Individual	Family (2 people)	Junior	Senior
McMillen or Shoaff	\$550	\$700	\$200	\$450
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 a reduced fee for 9 holes on Mondays at Foster and Fridays at Shoaff before 3:00 p.m.. (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 \$60 McMillen \$35

• Weekday Combo

Play 18 holes with a cart for just \$26 at Foster, \$25 at McMillen and \$28 at Shoaff 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.



Senior Men's Golf League

The Senior Men's Golf Association is open to men ages 55 and over. Membership dues are \$10/year. Benefits of membership include reduced golf fees, special events, scrambles and the opportunity to compete in the Senior Men's Golf League. The association will meet at Franke Park Pavilion #1 at 9:00 a.m. on April 16 to discuss league schedules, membership, finances and other business. Attendance is not required to join the league which begins April 21. For more information please contact Jim Taper at 260-479-7770.

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.

A Different Kind of Golf

Disc Golf Courses

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains five 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 fortdiscgolf.com/courses.

Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. & E. State Blvd.

Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Tillman Park, 600 Tillman Rd.

Weisser Park, 3000 Hanna St.



and get on the golf course!

Trips & Travel

Springtime in Southern Indiana: French Lick & Jasper

March 24-26

Catching colors of spring whether it be in flowers, flowering bushes or even green grass is a reminder to us all that winter is on its way out. What better way to be encouraged than a trip to southern Indiana? On this color-filled trip, we first head to Jasper for a stop at a store that offers 80 different flavors of popcorn and home-made chocolates, followed by lunch (at your expense) at a German restaurant, a visit to Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels and then to French Lick Resort, our "home" for 2 nights. During our time there, you will have included a breakfast each morning and a historical tour of West Baden Hotel. This "getaway" offers enough free time to have a good look around town, enjoy the spa at West Baden Hotel, and try your luck at the casino. On the drive home we make a stop in Martinsville at Cedar Creek Winery, Brewery, Distillery, and eatery, to wet your whistle and/or fill your tummy. Reservation deadline: February 10. Min. 35. Max. 50.

Departs: 7:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park,
2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 5:00 p.m.

Trip code #: 175211-A1

Double \$510/person, Single \$679/person,

Deposit \$100/person, balance due February 10

Into the Woods: A Lapine & Sondheim Musical

Venture deep Into the Woods, where "happily ever after" takes a detour. Familiar fairy tale characters Little Red, the Baker and his wife, a Witch, and Cinderella all invade one another's stories with wicked consequences in Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical. They realize they must work together to set everything straight in the kingdom and their humorous and touching journey features a sophisticated score with favorites such as "Into the Woods," "Giants in the Sky," and "No One Is Alone." Our destination is the LaComedia Dinner Theatre in Springboro, Oh, where we'll enjoy a brunch buffet (included) before the performance begins. Registration deadline: March 17. Min. 25. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275218-A1	4/13	Su	\$197

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park,
2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 3:00 p.m.



Chicago in the Spring

Our first trip to Chicago in 2025 is filled with possibilities. We provide the transportation and you choose how you want to spend the day! You will have approximately 5 hours to do whatever you like. Here are some suggestions:

- Attend the One of a Kind show
- Participate in the Chicago Rum Fest
- Take in a Phillies vs Cubs game
- Shop
- Attend The Marketplace
- Go to the performance "River Dance"
- Check out the current exhibits at the Art Institute of Chicago or head over to the Museum of Science and Industry and/or the Shedd Aquarium.

We recommend calling our office before purchasing any tickets to ensure we've met the minimum number of travelers for the trip. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 30. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275219-A1	4/26	Sa	\$125

Departs: 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park,
2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 7:00 p.m.

Visit to Sauder Village & Quilt Show

Attention quilters, admirers of fine art quilting, home schooling teachers and students, and anyone that enjoys visiting a living history museum. Do we have a day planned for you! Admission to the quilt show and the village are included in the price of this trip, along with a bountiful buffet lunch with beverage and gratuity to the servers. We plan to arrive at Sauder Village close to opening time of 10:00 a.m. and will leave approximately 3:00 p.m. Please do not order a "guest speaker" ticket for the quilt show until you know this trip is a definite go. All trips must meet a minimum number of passengers. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 30. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275220-A1	5/1	Th	\$165

Departs: 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park,
2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 4:00 p.m.

Questions? 427-6000

Tulip Time in Holland, MI

If you haven't been to the Tulip Festival in a few years or this is your first time, then you are in for a treat. Enjoy a Dutch lunch and dance performance by local dancers, a 2-hour narrated tour of Holland from a local guide that will share stories, talk about the history of Holland and the significance of historical buildings and landmarks. After the tour we head to Windmill Island to get photos and enjoy the beauty of thousands of colorful tulips. There will be adequate time to take it all in. Once we are back on the motorcoach and heading home, a boxed meal with beverage will be served. Registration deadline: March 24. Min. 30. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275221-A1	5/6	T	\$225

Departs: 7:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, 2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 9:00 p.m.



Tea Party in Maumee, OH

Calling all tea lovers! It is time to sit down and enjoy a proper tea. There is a delightful tea house and shop in Maumee, OH that is just waiting for us to arrive. The proper tea menu, which is a British tradition, includes a seasonal assortment of teas and food items. Each guest will have two hot teas and 1 iced tea from a curated list of teas, a warm scone, and share a tea tray that consists of Devonshire cream, lemon curd and strawberry jam. Each guest will have nine items on a tray: three savory appetizers, three finger sandwiches and three sweet treats. The servings are small yet comfortably filling. Afterwards, there will be 60-90 minutes of free time to shop at the tea house for almost everything tea related or the Quilt Foundry for those that need to add to their quilting addiction. A nearby candy store has about every kind of candy imaginable and the Sunshine Studio around the corner offers artwork created by community members with developmental disabilities. There are also a few coffee shops within walking distance to sit, sip, and people watch. Registration deadline: March 31. Min. 20. Max. 36.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
375220-A1	5/14	W	\$160

Departs: 8:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, 2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 4:00 p.m.

Cubs vs Reds at Cincinnati

It's Memorial Day weekend and what better way to kick off the summer season than a classic baseball game between two rival teams! What colors are you going to wear to the game? Who are you going to cheer for? Bring your sunglasses and sunscreen and enjoy a day at the ball park. First pitch is at 4:10 p.m. A boxed lunch will be served en route. The motorcoach will not stop on the way home. Registration deadline: April 11. Min. 30. Max. 54.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
375221-A1	5/24	Sa	\$215

Departs: 11:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, 2510 Parnell Ave.

Returns: 11:00 p.m.

Travel Program Payment Policies

Day trips require full payment at time of registration. Multi-day trips require a non-refundable deposit of \$100/person with final payment due 30-45 days before departure. Refer to the specific payment schedule for each trip. These deadlines are non-negotiable. There is no refund after payment has been made unless we can fill your seat.

Phone reservations are accepted during business hours or you may register online any time. Each trip requires a minimum number of travelers. Trip fees are refunded only if a trip is cancelled due to insufficient travelers. We strongly suggest trip insurance for multi-day trips and are happy to recommend travel insurance companies.

Extended Tours

Nova Scotia & Canada's Maritimes

July 11-19, 2025

Embark on an unforgettable adventure to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, where history, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture await. Explore iconic sites like the historic Citadel in Halifax, the famous lighthouse in picturesque Peggy's Cove, the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site and stunning Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island. You'll cross the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island, where you'll explore Charlottetown, the birthplace of Canada, and the beloved home of Anne of Green Gables. Enjoy a scenic cruise in Shediac Bay with its unique Hopewell Rocks. The trip concludes at the breathtaking Bay of Fundy.

Tour Highlights:

- Round trip airport transfers
- Narrated tour of Halifax including The Citadel National Historic Landmark
- Port towns of Lunenburg and Peggy's Cove
- Alexander Graham Bell Museum
- Drive along the scenic Cabot Trail
- Ferry to Prince Edward Island for narrated tour of Charlottetown
- Musical performance at the Confederation Center for the Arts
- Tour home of Anne of Green Gables
- Travel the nine-mile-long Confederation Bridge across Northumberland Strait
- Narrated cruise on Shediac Bay
- Hopewell Rocks and Fundy National Park
- Sail across the Bay of Fundy aboard the MV Fundy Rose
- Tour Grand-Pre National Historic Site

9 days, 14 meals

\$4,599/person Single supplement add \$1,169
(includes airfare from FWA)

Optional Travel protection \$349/person



NEW DATE!

From Black Hills to Badlands

July 22-27, 2025

Explore the wild wonders of South Dakota with a Black Hills & Badlands tour! Witness the grandeur of Mount Rushmore, delve into the otherworldly rock formations of Badlands National Park, and discover hidden gems like historic Deadwood or mysterious caves. Tours offer expert guides, transportation between sights, and the chance to truly experience the Black Hills' unique blend of history, nature, and adventure. Gear up for an unforgettable South Dakota expedition!

Tour Highlights:

- Round trip airport transfers
- 5 nights in Rapid City, at the heart of the Black Hills
- Tour the Black Hills Gold Factory and visit Dahl Chainsaw Art
- Mount Rushmore, the world's largest sculpture
- Learn about Native American culture at the Journey Museum
- Ride the Black Hills Central Railroad 1880 Train to Keystone
- Drive through Spearfish Canyon to Tatanka, Story of the Bison
- Visit Deadwood, see Boot Hill Cemetery
- See the fossil remains of woolly mammoths
- Jeep ride through Custer State Park to see bison
- Travel to base of Crazy Horse Memorial
- Visit Chapel of the Hills and shop at famed Wall Drug Store
- Guided tour of Badlands National Park with its beautiful formations
- Special farewell dinner featuring the entertainment of a Native American dance, storyteller and flute player

6 days, 9 meals

\$3,299/person Single supplement add \$699
(includes airfare from FWA)

Optional Travel Protection \$349/person

Sedona & The Grand Canyon

September 21-26, 2025

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Sedona's red rocks and the majestic Grand Canyon on an unforgettable Arizona adventure. Explore the ancient Montezuma Castle National Monument, shop the Tlaquepaque Arts and Crafts Village and visit the Chapel of the Holy Cross and take a scenic ride on the Grand Canyon Railway, where you'll marvel at stunning vistas of the South Rim. Enjoy a leisurely day in Sedona, where you can relax, visit art galleries, or take an optional jeep tour through the beautiful backcountry. Your adventure continues aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad, winding through stunning landscapes, ancient ruins, and a fascinating historic mining town.

Tour Highlights

- Round trip airport transfers
- 1 night in Scottsdale with a welcome dinner at Rustler's Roost Steakhouse
- Rail excursions on the Grand Canyon Railway and the Verde Canyon Railroad
- 4 nights in Sedona, the heart of Red Rock Country
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Montezuma Castle National Monument
- Narrated trolley tour of Sedona
- Chuckwagon supper and entertainment at the Blazin' M Ranch and Western Stage Show
- Relaxing day in Sedona for shopping and exploring on your own, or take an optional Jeep tour
- Tour of the old mining town of Jerome

6 days, 8 meals

\$3,249/person Single supplement add \$869
(includes airfare from FWA)

Optional Travel Protection \$349/person



Greece: Athens, Mykonos & Santorini

October 15-23, 2025

Embark on the journey of a lifetime with our Greece Island-Hopping Adventure! From the ancient wonders of Athens to the breathtaking beauty of Mykonos and Santorini, this immersive tour offers the perfect blend of history, culture, and stunning landscapes. Walk in the footsteps of ancient gods as you explore the iconic Parthenon and the Acropolis in Athens, then sail across the Aegean Sea to the charming island of Mykonos, known for its whitewashed buildings, traditional windmills, and vibrant nightlife. Finally, experience the postcard-perfect beauty of Santorini with its cliffside villages, crystal-clear waters, and legendary sunsets. Whether you're marveling at ancient ruins, savoring local olive oils, or simply relaxing in a café by the sea, this unforgettable Greek escape promises memories that will last a lifetime.

Tour Highlights

- Round trip airport transfers
- Panoramic city tour of Athens
- Visit to the ancient Parthenon with a local guide
- Discover antiquities at the Acropolis Museum
- High-speed ferries between Athens and the islands of Mykonos and Santorini
- Orientation tours on the islands of Mykonos and Santorini
- Learn the art of olive oil tasting on Mykonos
- Free day on Santorini for relaxation or independent exploration

9 days, 11 meals

\$4,999/person Single supplement add \$1,775
(includes airfare from FWA)

Optional Travel Protection \$399/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.

Pre-school Play Time

Just for Fun

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

St. Patty's Day Party

*Adult/Child

It's your lucky day! We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day with fun games, crafts and a tasty green treat. Make sure you wear green for good luck. Ages 1½-5. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243029-F1	3/14	F	10-10:45 am

Session/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after March 7
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Bluey Party

G'day mate! Let's go down under to Australia and spend some time pretending with Bluey-themed crafts and games inspired by Bluey episodes like Dance Mode and Magic Asparagus. Bring your imagination and giggles to party with friends. Ages 1½ -5. Registration deadline: March 21. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243130-M1	3/28	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20/\$25 after March 21
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

*Adult/Child

We have some egg-stra special activities planned for you today! Join us for crafts, bunny games and an Easter egg hunt! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: April 18. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243041-F1	4/25	F	10-10:45 am

Session/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after April 18
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-2420



Flower Power Celebration

Spring is here so bring on the flowers! In our first session, you'll plant flowers, fruits and veggies in the Community Center's raised gardens to commemorate Earth Day. Next, you'll create paper flowers and paint rocks for May Day. Finally, In honor of Mother's Day, you'll decorate a vase and plant a flower for mom or grandma. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: April 14. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243218-M1	4/21-5/5	M	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$28/\$33 after April 14
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Preschool Arts and Crafts

Come join us for a morning of arts, crafts and activities! Choose your favorite theme or try them all for even more fun (and a discounted fee). Ages 1½-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Paw Patrol			
243015-F5	3/7	F	10-10:45 am
Spring Time			
243015-F2	3/21	F	10-10:45 am
Under the Sea			
243015-F3	4/11	F	10-10:45 am
Superheroes			
243015-F4	5/2	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after deadlines
(Sign up for all 4 sessions at once for \$56.)
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 17:

- Must present most recent tax return upon registration
- Participant household must qualify based on income
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship toward one program/camp only



427-6000

Fancy Footwork

Mommy and Me Dance

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. Tennis shoes are required. Ages 2-3 years with an adult. Registration deadline: March 5. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class April 2.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243321-W1	3/12-5/7	W	10-10:30 am
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 5			
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest			

Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. It encourages effort, requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. It helps develop teamwork, cooperation, and a sense of belonging, all while providing a 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. Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on April 1 due to Spring Break

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243304-T1	3/11-5/6	T	4:30-5 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 4			
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest			

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 songs used at Starz Dance Academy is closely monitored. Age appropriate words, messages, and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN!! Ages 4-5. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on April 1.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243306-T1	3/11-5/6	T	4-4:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 4			
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest			

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Little Athletes

Preschool Gymnastics

Olympic gold doesn't have to be your goal. Children of all ages can benefit from the physical exercise, 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 keep your child focused on the activities provided. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on April 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3			
243300-F1	3/14-5/9	F	4:30-5 pm
243300-F2	3/14-5/9	F	5:15-5:45 pm
243300-F3	3/14-5/9	F	6-6:30 pm

Ages 3-4

243300-F4	3/14-5/9	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243300-F5	3/14-5/9	F	5:15-6 pm
243300-F6	3/14-5/9	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Session/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 7
Location: Gymnastics in Motion 5728 Maplecrest Rd.



Tennis for Tots

Tennis for Tots focuses on building all the skills which form the foundations of tennis (and pretty much all other sports). So, running, jumping, twisting, turning, hopping, balancing, receiving, sending, coordination, agility . . . with a racket and tennis balls. Please bring your own junior tennis racket and come ready for fun on the court! Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: April 12. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
245700-S1	4/19-5/10	Sa	9:15-9:45 am
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$37/\$42 after April 12			
Location: Bob Arnold Park, 2510 Parnell Ave.			

Gymnastics and Dance Class Attire

It is important to be properly dressed for any activity. Proper clothing can reduce the possibility of injury and allow freedom of movement. No jewelry, belts, or jeans are allowed in the gym. Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be pulled back into a ponytail. Leotards, bike shorts, and stretch pants are acceptable articles of clothing and bare feet or gymnastic shoes are appropriate in the gym.



Take a Sensory Hike!

Begin Spring Break with a short hike to experience all 5 senses and games that heighten the awareness of your surroundings. Create sounds and smell new things. Touch and taste differences in objects and foods. Then we'll move into the Sensory Clubhouse for a time of sights, sounds, and interaction with calming activities. Ages 1½-5. Registration deadlines: March 3 and March 24. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243018-M1	3/10	M	10-10:45 am
243018-M2	3/31	M	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$18/\$23 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

We Like to Move it, Move it!

***Adult/Child**

These fun-filled Friday mornings are sure to keep you on your toes! We'll move it, move it with balls, scooter boards, a parachute, dancing, games and other fun activities that help develop motor and social skills. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: May 2. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243047-F1	5/9-5/30	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$23/28 after May 2
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

ACPL Storytime Hikes

We've teamed up with the Allen County Public Library to bring you Friday morning Storytime Hikes. Enjoy a nature-related story followed by a hike in the woods! Sign up on the library's website or by calling your local ACPL branch. You do not need a library card to sign up and the program is free! Ages #-#.

Date	Day	Time
Animal Tracks		
3/28	F	4-5 pm
Spring Flowers		
4/25	F	4-5 pm
Birdsong & Healthy Brains		
5/23	F	4-5 pm

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

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! Each participant must be accompanied by one adult. 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: February 26, April 5 and May 14. Min. 7. Max. 17.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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St. Patrick's Day

Today's menu is Leprechaun hats and rainbow fruit salad made with kid-approved ingredients!

253909-M1	3/5	W	10-11 am
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Fruit Pizza

Fruit pizza is an easy, fun and delicious creation your preschool chef can easily master.

253909-A4	4/22	T	10-11 am
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Banana Sushi & Chopped Veggie with Homemade Ranch Dip

The fun and quick snacks have endless possibilities to satisfy the fussiest eaters.

253909-W2	5/21	W	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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



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Youth Centers

Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch St. 427-6700

Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart St. 427-6780

FREE

Youth After-School Program

Through May 21

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • When FWCS are Closed 9:00-5:00

Children and teens ages 5-17 Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

(Centers will be open 9:00-5:00 on May 22-23 then closed until June 2.)

Homework Help Character & Leadership Health & Life Skills Arts/Crafts
STEM Sports & Fitness Programs Snacks / Kids' Café Meal Kids in the Kitchen

Outreach at Jennings

- **Allen County Public Library**
Literacy and crafts on 3rd Thursdays
- **Erin's House**
Youth learn ways to process loss and grief,
Jan 21, Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, 18, Apr 8
- **Scouting America Career Readiness**
Assists youth in determining career interests
Tues, March 11, 25. April 15, 22, 29, May 6

Friday, March 14, 12-3 pm
End of Spirit Week Celebration!

Friday, April 4, 12-3 pm
Spring Break Celebration

Wednesday, May 14, 5-7 pm
End of School Celebration

Outreach at Weisser

- **Center for Nonviolence FACES of Leadership**
Youth learn to develop self-confidence, critical thinking and nonviolent leadership skills.
- **Turner Chapel AME Ubuntu Learning Lab**
4th grade through middle school youth and their parents are encouraged to grasp a true sense of community while learning their connection to African people, the continent, history, culture and heritage.
- **Allen County Public Library**
Youth enjoy literature and crafts.
- **Erin's House**
Youth learn ways to process loss and grief.
- **Scouting America Career Readiness**
Assists youth in determining career interests

DrumFun at Jennings

Drummers meet Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.,
Feb 19-May 14; Performance May 14

Drumming is culturally-rich fun and educational for children. Beating out rhythmic patterns is naturally what children do. DrumFun at Jennings Center is designed to harness child-like improvisational energy, giving it a traditional West African village drumming focus. Student selection is through an audition process. Instructors Kétu Oladewa and Tyrone Cato co-founded the Three Rivers Jenbé Ensemble and currently teach with Identity Counts Cultural Collective. All are invited to the performance on May 14. Call 260-427-6700 for additional information.

Kids in the Kitchen

Youth at both Jennings and Weisser Centers will learn kitchen basics and take on such tasks as preparing and cleaning the kitchen and serving area, and helping prepare and serve Kids Café and simple healthy snacks. They will learn how to use kitchen utensils, measuring devices and more.



FOLLOW US

Jennings Recreation Center
Weisser Park Youth Center

Adult Programs at Jennings Center

Yoga

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Join us for yoga with certified instructor Meghan from Three Rivers Foundation.

Lunch and Games

Every other Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Feb 7, 21, March 7, 21, April 11, 25, May 9, 23

Bring your lunch (and a friend) to enjoy board games and other activities. Some Fridays will feature guest speakers various topics of interest

Join in the FREE after-school fun!

McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

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

Spring Public Hours

Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm and 6-8 pm

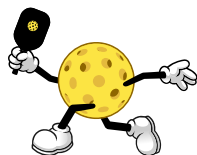
* **Saturday Open Gym, 9 am-2 pm**

* Hours subject to change based on facility rentals.

Admission

\$1, Photo I.D. required

Adult Programs (\$1/photo ID required)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Gym Kids' Korner 5:30-6:30 pm Essential Steps 6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Volleyball 6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Gym Kids' Korner 6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Badminton	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Gym Kids' Korner 6-8 pm Essential Steps Adult Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Gym Kids' Korner 6-9 pm Men's Basketball League 6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Gym Kids' Korner 

Essential Steps

Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m. &

Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Line dance fun with choreographed, sequenced steps to improve memory, coordination, and balance! Drop-in fee: \$1. Photo ID required.

Cardio Fit

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

Fun, aerobic fitness for all levels! Drop-in fee: \$1. Photo ID required.

Pickleball Open Courts

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

Come play the fastest growing sport in America! Indoor pickleball courts are available weekday mornings. Drop-in fee: \$1. Photo ID required.

Men's Adult Basketball League

Thursdays, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

The league begins March 6 and runs for 8 weeks followed by a single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team. Team fee: \$250

Men's 40+ Basketball League

Sundays, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The league begins March 9 and runs for 8 weeks followed by a single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team. Team fee: \$250

Parents Night Out

Saturdays, March 15, April 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Easter Seals Arc and the Autism Society offer free care for individuals with special needs and their siblings while caregivers enjoy a night out. Children ages 5+ (including adult children with special needs) enjoy dinner, games, crafts and indoor playground fun while you enjoy a night out. For more details and to sign up visit eventbrite.com.

Spartans C.A.R.E. Wellness Fair

Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Students with the Manchester University C.A.R.E. program will check blood pressure, vital signs, blood glucose, and cholesterol levels while interactive booths provide information on a variety of wellness topics and resources for raising healthy kids. Enjoy free snacks and giveaways, and a raffle drawing with great prizes. The indoor playground will be available for kids.

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Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • Children and teens ages 5-17
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
3-6 pm Open Gym	3-6 pm Open Gym	3-6 pm Open Gym		3-6 pm Open Gym
4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe	4:30 pm Kids' Cafe

Kids' Cafe

Monday-Friday, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Youth are served a nutritious meal daily. Each meal includes protein, grain, vegetables, fruit and milk. Ages 5-17.

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.



Community Extravaganza

Saturday May 17 12-4 pm

FREE FAMILY FUN

Games | Activities | Prizes

Register on site for the summer youth program!



FOLLOW US

McMillen Park Community Center

Just for Kids

Mother & Son Sports Spectacular

Friday, May 9
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Center
233 W. Main St.



Come join us for mother/son sporting fun on Mother's Day weekend! Put on your favorite team jersey and enjoy a night of sports and games with your mom (or step-mom, grandma or aunt). There will be a casual meal served during the evening. Ages 4-10. \$30 per son/\$35 after May 3. Sign up at 427-6000 or fortwayneparks.org (#243048-F1) Min. 20. Max. 40 boys.

Register on-line at
fortwayneparks.org

Fancy Footwork

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. Participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on April 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243303-F1	3/14-5/9	F	6:30-7:15 pm
# Session/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 7			
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.			

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. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on April 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 5-8			
243302-F1	3/14-5/9	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243302-F2	3/14-5/9	F	5-5:45 pm
243302-F3	3/14-5/9	F	5:45-6:30 pm
243302-F4	3/14-5/9	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12			
243302-F5	3/14-5/9	F	6:30-7:15 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 7			
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.			

Gymnastics and Dance Class Attire

It is important to be properly dressed for any activity. Proper clothing can reduce the possibility of injury and allow freedom of movement. No jewelry, belts, or jeans are allowed in the gym. Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be pulled back into a ponytail. Leotards, bike shorts, and stretch pants are acceptable articles of clothing and bare feet or gymnastic shoes are appropriate in the gym.



Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. It encourages effort, requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. It helps develop teamwork, cooperation, and a sense of belonging, all while providing a 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. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on April 1 due to Spring Break

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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243304-T2	3/11-5/6	T	5-5:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 4

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

I Love Tennis

Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth tennis lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for children ages 5-12 years beginning April 19. 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: April 11. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-7

243701-S1	4/19-5/10	Sa	10-10:45 am
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Ages 8-12

243701-S2	4/19-5/10	Sa	11-11:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$45/\$50 after April 12

Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

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. Ages 9-14. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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243201-S1	3/8-4/5	Sa	9-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 5/\$69/\$74 after March 1

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Children's Book Swap & Sale

Tuesday-Thursday, April 1-3

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Books, books and more books! From pop-ups to paperbacks and every book in between, there's something to please every child and teen. Youth of all ages may swap up to 5 books while purchasing is unlimited and open to everyone. Books start at 25¢ and are no more than \$1 unless specifically marked. We accept new and gently used books for the Swap and Sale. The books may be dropped off at the Community Center (233 W. Main) anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have a large quantity of books, please call Caleb at 427-6467 and arrangements will be made to have the books picked up.

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Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 17:

- Must present most recent tax return upon registration
- Participant household must qualify based on income
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship toward one program/camp only



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Summer Day Camps

Registration for Summer Day Camps Begins March 24.

Our summer camp brochure will be available beginning February 24.
Watch for it online at fortwayneparks.org or on Facebook @ FortWayneParks.

Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp, the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department's longest-running children's program, has been a source of outdoor summer fun for area youth since 1946! With an emphasis on basic camping skills and nature education, Franke Park Day Camp seeks to foster cooperation through learning, playing, working, problem solving and socializing together. Watch for more information at fortwayneparks.org beginning February 24.

Location

Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Ages

4-17 years (as of June 1, 2025)

Camp Hours

Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

AM Camp Care, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

PM Camp Care, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sessions

Session 1 June 9-13

Session 2 June 16-20

Session 3 June 23-27

Session 4 July 7-11

Session 5 July 14-18

Session 6 July 21-25



Farmin' Fun Day Camp

Come spend a week on the farm! Our Famin' Fun Day Camp provides a stimulating, healthy, and beautiful environment where you will learn about plants, animals, and life on the farm. Campers will be able to continue the cycle of farm-to-table in our teaching kitchen. The camp integrates activities such as light gardening and animal care, cooperative games, wagon rides, nature exploration, and more for a memorable and diverse summer camp experience. You will care for farm animals; hike in the woods; play in the creek; wash, dye and felt wool from one of our sheep; enjoy hayrides around the farm and much more.

Location

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Ages

4-17 years (as of June 1, 2025.)

Camp Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

AM Camp Care, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

PM Camp Care, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sessions

Session 1 June 9-13

Session 2 June 16-20

Session 3 June 23-27

Session 4 July 7-11

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Register on-line at fortwayneparks.org beginning March 24. A detailed camp brochure will be available online February 24 or you may request a copy by mail or e-mail. Please direct any questions to the Parks and Recreation Department at (260) 427-6000.



Camp ACTiVenture

The Botanical Conservatory's Camp ACTiVenture engages campers in active, adventurous fun! This exciting day camp incorporates off-site excursions to city and state parks, rivers, trails and other recreation destinations where campers experience northern Indiana adventures such as biking, bouldering, zip lining, kayaking, fire building, hiking, orienteering or cooling off in freshwater sources in a small-group setting. Camp ACTiVenture integrates values exploration and nature play to foster individual accomplishment, community belonging and character development. Natural elements of earth, air, water and fire are also explored through safe, outdoor challenges that educate and thrill.

Registration for summer camps begins March 24. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each session. Space is limited to 12 campers per week.



Park & Play

Coming this summer to a neighborhood park near you! Park & Play is a staffed, mobile recreation unit fully-stocked with fun activities for kids ages 5+. Park and Play is free to attend, and no registration is required – simply show up and have fun! Our 2025 season will begin June 9th and last through August 1st. Times and locations to be announced in the summer Fun Times edition – stay tuned!

Location

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is the basecamp of Camp ACTiVenture at 1100 S. Calhoun Street in downtown Fort Wayne, IN. Staff-led excursions to other Northeast Indiana destinations are within walking distance or a 1-hour driving range.

Ages

Ages 9-13 (as of June 1, 2025)

Camp Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

AM Camp Care, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

PM Camp Care, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sessions

Session 1	June 9-13
Session 2	June 16-20
Session 3	June 23-27
Session 4	July 7-11
Session 5	July 14-18
Session 6	July 21-25

PODS

Summer PODS are weeklong 1/2-day programs designed to keep children ages 5-13 active and engaged in a fun safe environment. Crafty Kids, Artsy Antics, Animal Planet, Busy Brainiacs and Splash Zone are just a few of the fun PODS to choose from. Locations vary. Watch for details in the summer Fun Times or online after May 7.

River Camp

July 28-August 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Shoaff Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

In this one-week camp you will learn about our rivers through hands-on exploration and leave with an enthusiasm for our waterways. Water activities, outdoor games, fishing, science experiments, canoe and kayaking, hiking, river clean-up and water safety are all part of the fun! Ages 8-12. Registration will begin March 24. Min. 20. Max 40.

Lifetime Sports Academy

The Lifetime Sports Academy will be held in McMillen Park June 2-July 18. The Academy features group lessons in swimming, golf, and tennis for boys and girls ages 7-17. Program hours will be Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Watch for more details in the Summer Fun Times booklet or online at fortwayneparks.org in mid May. The Lifetime Sports Academy is a FREE program.

Join us for a unique summer adventure!

Community Center



The Community Center

233 W. Main St. Open daily, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Community Center first opened its doors to the Fort Wayne Community almost 50 years ago as a senior citizens center catering exclusively to adults over 50. Today the Community Center is host to an ever-expanding roster of programs for people of all ages scattered throughout the pages of this brochure. In addition to organized programs, the Center offers many amenities for public use and is also available for private rental. The Center is fully accessible to those with disabilities and is conveniently located downtown with parking off Berry Street.

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Amenities

Computer Lab Billiard Room AARP FitLot
Shuffleboard Courts Raised Garden Beds
Exercise Equipment Sensory Room

Community Center Rental

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

**The Community Center will be CLOSED
Monday, May 26, Memorial Day**

Sensory Clubhouse

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Time spent in a sensory room may reduce distress and agitation and improve visual, auditory and tactile processing and cognitive awareness. Check it out!



Special Interest

Dance 'Til You Can't

Intro to Irish Dance

The most notable characteristics of Irish dance are posture and footwork. It is traditionally performed with a straight back and stiff upper body with arms down by the sides while the feet engage in light, energetic steps. In this introductory class you will learn foot placement, body alignment and fundamental steps of soft shoe dances such as the Beginner Reel, Light Jig and Slip Jig. Ages 5 and up. No prior dance experience is necessary. Registration deadline: March 20. Min. 8. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242209-R1	3/20-5/8	Th	4:30-5:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$57/\$62 after March 20
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Clogging

Clogging is a style of dance very similar to tap dancing, but you dance on a flat foot rather than the balls of your feet. It is fun for all ages and will give you a great aerobic workout! Please wear flat soled shoes or gym shoes that clogging taps can be glued to. The continuing class is for those who have learned basic clogging steps while advanced students have experience with combination steps. Ages 13+. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for over 20 years. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 6. Max. 15. There will be no class May 26.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242200-M1	4/7-6/16	M	6:15-7 pm

Location: Franke Pond Pavilion, Sherman Blvd.

Advanced

242200-T2	4/8-6/10	T	6-6:45 pm
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Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.
Sessions/Fee: 10/\$50/\$55 after April 2

Folk Dance

Have an international affair . . . with folk dance! Learn traditional dances from 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 Gordon have decades of experience. Please wear flat, secure shoes. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: March 13. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242202-R1	3/20-5/22	Th	7:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$26/\$31 after March 13
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise for the mind and body. You'll be introduced to a variety of dances like Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, and Rumba, giving you a solid base for social dancing. The Social Foundation class requires some ballroom dance experience. **You must register with a partner.** Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 21. Min. 14. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242203-M2	3/24-4/28	M	7-7:45 pm

Social Foundation

242203-M1	3/24-4/28	M	7:45-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$42/\$47 after March 21
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

This class is designed to accommodate beginners and also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. You will learn basic steps that can be incorporated into popular dances. Music includes pop, classic rock, country and Latin and funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba and cha-cha will be taught in a line dance format. No special shoes or clothing are required. Ages 13+. Instructor: Philip Fretz. Registration deadline: March 18. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242204-T1	3/25-5/13	T	7-8 pm
242204-R1	3/27-5/15	Th	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$38/\$43 after March 18
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Adult Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn tap dance technique and performance skills. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Ages 16+. Instructor: Jordan Yarde. Registration deadline: March 19. Min. 5. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning Tap

242207-W1	3/26-5/14	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginning Plus Tap

242207-W2	3/26-5/14	W	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced Tap

242207-W3	3/26-5/14	W	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$29/\$34 after March 19

Location: Community Center 233 W. Main St.

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String Art?

Knitting for Beginners

Learn to knit Continental style and get hooked on a new hobby. You will learn how to cast on, knit, purl stitch and bind off. You will also learn about gauge, how to measure and why it's important. The class project will be a simple dish cloth. Please bring to class two #7 knitting needles and a skein of 100% cotton yarn. "Sugar and Cream" and "Lion's Brand Cotton" are recommended brands. Registration deadline: March 20. Min. 2. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242036-R1	3/27-5/15	Th	1:30-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after March 20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Macramé

Make your own BoHo wall hanging. We'll show you 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 supplies are included and no prior experience is necessary. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: March 13. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242028-R1	3/20-3/27	Th	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 2/\$45/\$50 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Strum Along With Us



You Can Play the Ukulele

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 out of any book of ukulele music. We'll start slow, and using lots of repetition, work up to playing real tunes. Your handouts will have chords and lyrics for a variety of songs. A ukulele is included with the tuition for this class and is yours to keep at the end of the class. Ages 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: March 15. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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242208-S1	3/22	Sa	9:30 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$74/\$79 after March 15

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Guitar

If you've reached the point where just listening to your favorite songs is no longer enough . . . and you want to actually start PLAYING those songs . . . on a real guitar, start right here! 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: March 11.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242413-T1	3/18-4/8	T	6 pm
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242413-T2	3/18-4/8	T	6:30 pm
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242413-T3	3/18-4/8	T	7 pm
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242413-T4	3/18-4/8	T	7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$66/\$71 after March 11

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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For the Artist in You

Watercolor

Painting with Alcohol Inks

Whether you are an artist or not, painting with alcohol inks is freeing and downright fun! Learn to playfully release “control” and see lovely results! You will paint three 6” x 6” squares of ceramic tile or special paper you’ll be proud to display at home. There will be ethyl-alcohol fumes. Supplies (and occasional laughter) included. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: May 12. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242001-M1	5/19	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$44/\$49 after May 12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day! You’ll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to your finished painting. Learn how to load the brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: March 1, April 19 and May 10. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242035-S1	3/8	Sa	10 am-12 pm
242035-S2	4/26	Sa	10 am-12 pm
242035-S3	5/17	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$41/\$46 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Acrylic Pour

The defining characteristic of this brushless painting technique is the use of gravity to move the paint across the canvas. The result is 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. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines March 11, April 8 and May 5. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242018-M1	3/17	M	6-8 pm
242018-M2	4/14	M	6-8 pm
242018-M3	5/12	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$44/\$49 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Watercolor painting can be challenging for artists of any experience, however learning simple techniques can help to improve your ability and alleviate any anxiety involving the materials. We will learn about color theory, layering, negative painting, wet-on-wet, and more through the course of the class. All supplies will be provided. Registration deadline: March 2. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242013-W1	4/9-5/14	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$79 after March 2.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Intro to Drawing

Putting pencil to a blank sheet of paper can be daunting. Let us help remove that barrier of doubt. Each week you’ll follow along with guided drawings and practice different drawing techniques in a variety of art mediums. A sketchbook and daily creative challenges will help you improve upon the skills learned in class as you focus on the seven elements of art: line, shape, color, form, space, texture and value. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 10. Min. 4. Max. 12. There will be no class on March 31.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242045-M1	3/17-4/28	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$77 after March 10

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Easter Card Making

Card making is one of the most popular and meaningful crafts in the paper crafting world. A variety of techniques such as stamping, die cutting, embossing, patterned papers, embellishments and others can be incorporated into card design. Learn a few basic design techniques and create six Easter Cards you can use to bring joy to another. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Instructor Kathe Madsen has over 16 years of paper crafting experience. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 6. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242048-T1	4/8	T	6-8 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 1/\$24/\$29 after April 1

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Practical Hobbies

Chair Recovery

Why give up your comfortable chair when a new exterior will 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 Celeste Rosales has been reupholstering furniture for over 11 years. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 8. Max. 12. Class will not meet on May 26.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242902-M1	4/7-6/16	M	6-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$105/\$110 after April 1			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Chair Caning

You can pay someone to fix the cane seat in your grandmother's favorite chair or . . . you can do it yourself! Painting or varnishing should be done in advance, if needed, and your chair must be stripped of cane and have holes around the seat area. We'll provide enough cane and instruction for you to complete your project by the end of the 5-week class. A supply list will be provided with your registration receipt or you may visit our website: fortwayneparks.org. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 33 years and operates his own shop. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 7. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242903-M1	4/14-5/12	M	5:30-7 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 5/\$51/\$56 after April 7			
Location: Build Guild, 1025 Goshen Rd.			

Beginning Pottery

Learn both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design and various glazing techniques. You will create several unique pieces to take home. All pottery 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 deadlines: February 28. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242004-R1	3/6-4/10	Th	6-9 pm
242004-M1	3/10-4/14	M	6-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$102/\$107 February 28			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			



Stained Glass Creations

Stained glass isn't just for church windows. It is used extensively in home décor such as doors, cabinetry, light boxes, sun catchers, wall hangings and more. Learn this beautiful art and begin a new hobby of your own. You will learn glass cutting, grinding and soldering. All necessary tools and materials will be provided, including a selection of patterns. If we don't have the colors you prefer, you may go to a local supplier to purchase glass at your own cost. Please wear closed-toe shoes and a long sleeve shirt. Ages 16+. Instructor: James Lupkin. Registration deadlines: March 11 and April 29. Min 4. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginner			
242009-T1	3/18-4/15	T	6-8:30 pm
Intermediate			
242009-T2	5/6-6/3	T	6-8:30 pm
# Sessions: 5			

Beginner: \$108/\$111 after March 11
 Intermediate: \$116/\$121 after April 29
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Upcycled Silhouette Art

This creative, eco-friendly workshop is fun for all ages and skill levels! Come explore the art of crafting stunning silhouettes using recycled fabrics, cords, strings and upcycled frames. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or new to the world of arts and crafts, you'll learn how to transform everyday materials into beautiful, one-of-a-kind art pieces. Perfect for individuals or families looking to get crafty while embracing sustainability. Registration deadline: April 10. Min. 4. Max 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242049-R1	4/17	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30/\$35 after April 10			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Open a Window

Microsoft Windows 11 (50+)

Our Windows classes are designed for those with little or no computer experience. You will learn very basic terminology, hardware, components of 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 get misplaced. Knowledge of the Windows operating system is a pre-requisite for most of our other computer classes. You should have access to a computer outside of class for practice. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadline: March 19. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242100-W1	3/26-5/21	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 19			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

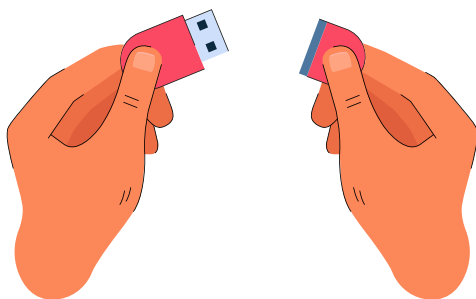
Microsoft Excel 2019

Learn to apply your existing Excel skills to real situations. You will create formulas for needed calculations and produce charts and graphs with your data. Some prior experience with Excel and Windows is required. Registration deadline: April 2. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242109-W1	4/9-5/14	W	10 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after April 2			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

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USB Flash Drive

Whether you call it a jump drive, a thumb drive, a USB stick, a flash drive or a “thing-a-ma-bob” . . . you will learn how to save information (including photos) to it and how to organize that information into files and folders. Experience with Windows, file management and cut/copy/paste tools is required. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadline: May 21. Min.4. Max.8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242123-W1	5/28	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after May 22			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Getting to Know Your Android System

Do you feel like your smart phone or tablet is smarter than you are? From batteries, to signals, to apps and games ... you will learn all about your handy little device. We'll cover texting, settings, maintenance, trouble shooting and even what to do if you lose your phone. You'll learn how to use Google calendar and many other free, user-friendly applications. Bring your phone to class and show it who's boss. Note: This class is not for Windows phones/tablets or iPhones/iPads. Registration deadline: March 11. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242120-T1	3/18-4/22	T	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$77 after March 11			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Computer Lab

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

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

Fun After Fifty

A Fun Day Out

Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for our traditional Monday Luncheons. We will begin serving at 12:00 p.m. but you can come at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy the Relaxation Station to color and socialize with others. Paid reservations of \$5 are required by the previous Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Reservations fees cannot be refunded. At each luncheon there will be a short presentation by the sponsor. Ages 50+.

Monday, March 17, 12:00 pm

"March Madness"

Supporting Sponsor:
Canterbury Health and Rehabilitation

Reservation fee: \$5

Monday, April 21, 12:00 pm

"April Showers"

Supporting Sponsor: Coventry Meadows

Reservation fee: \$5

Monday, May 19, 12:00 pm

"Hello Sunshine"

Supporting Sponsor: Indiana Donor Network

Reservation fee: \$5

Library at Home

Every 3rd Monday, 1:30 p.m.

March 17, April 21, May 19

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us on the third Monday of each month for a FREE engaging exploration of a new fun topic led by Peg Heinze. Each month's theme is designed to spark curiosity and creativity. For details on this month's topic, check out the Community Center's monthly calendar! Ages 50+.

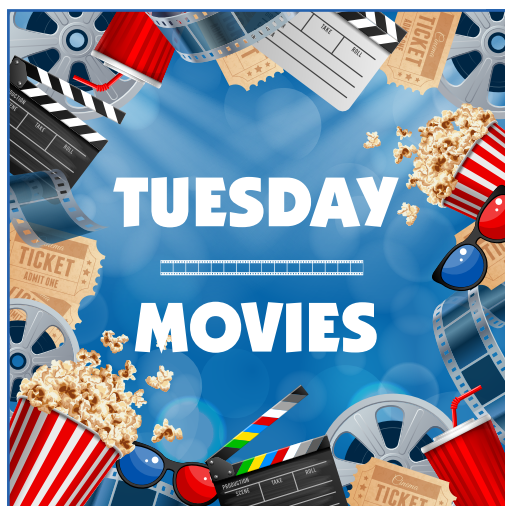
Book Sales

March 11-13, April 1-3, May 13-15

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, paperbacks, magazines, CD's and DVD's at low prices. Donations are always welcome, so bring in your old and gently used books!



Join us at the Community Center for an afternoon at the movies! Admission is FREE; however, space is limited, so please call 427-6440 by the Monday prior to the movie to reserve your seat. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday movies are sponsored by American Senior Communities & Absolute Angels.

March 4 Remember Me:

The Mahalia Jackson Story

March 18 Which Brings Me to You

April 1 Adrift

April 15 Run

May 6 The Wheel

May 20 Harriet

Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 7.

Questions? 427-6460

Get in the Game

Fun & Games

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join organized Fun & Games or play on your own anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center. You may bring your own equipment or borrow ours from the information desk. There is no pre-registration for these ongoing programs. Just drop in and join the fun. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

Game	Days	Time
Billiards	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Scrabble	M	1-4 pm
Bingo	2 nd -4 th F	1 pm
Cornhole	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Call 427-6441 to check availability		
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm/1-3 pm
Euchre	W	12 pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Scrapbooking	T	1-3 pm
Wii Bowling	T	1-3 pm

Dabble in Scrabble

Mondays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W Main St.

Join our Scrabble drop-in group at the Community Center every Monday from 1-4 pm. Test your wordplay skills and have fun with fellow enthusiasts. There is no need to call ahead. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

Bingo

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

March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Prizes include snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Sponsored by American Senior Communities. Fee: 3 cards/\$2

Euchre

Wednesdays, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us every Wednesday for Community Center Euchre. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just learning the ropes, there's always a seat at the table! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, March 25-April 29, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well! Join us for fun and friendly competition at the Community Center. Call 427-6441 by March 18 to sign up. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 players. Min. 6. Drop in fee: \$2

Community Cornhole League

Wednesdays, April 16-May 21, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

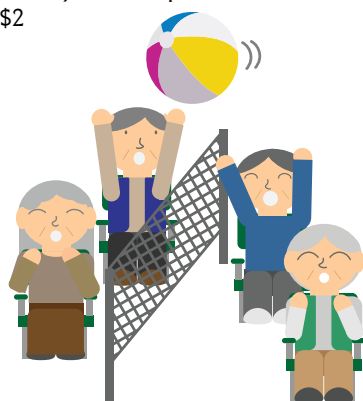
Toss your cares away and join us for some friendly cornhole competition! Men, women, beginners and experts . . . all are welcome! Play continues for 6 weeks, with prizes awarded at the conclusion of the league. Please do not sign up if you will miss more than two weeks of the league. Sponsored by Oak Street Health. Call 427-6441 by April 9 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

Recreational Shuffleboard League

Wednesdays, April 16-May 21, 10:00 & 11:00 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 fun! Set up and sign-in begins at 9:45 with play beginning at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top 3 places at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 by April 9 to sign up and get ready to push your way to the top! Min. 6. Max. 16. Drop in fee: \$2



Chair Volleyball New

Chair Volleyball is played seated and can help enhance your upper body mobility and joint flexibility. It is also good for your muscle tone, reflexes, hand-to-eye coordination, and endurance. The game is played with a beach ball and a five-foot net. You must remain seated during the game, but all other rules are the same as regular volleyball. Registration deadline: March 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241215-M1	3/17-5/5	M	3-4 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$21/\$26 after March 10			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

2025 Senior Games

June 2 – July 2

Save the date! Nearly 550 active senior adults participated in the 2024 Senior Games. Mark your calendar and start "training" now for the 2025 Senior Games. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list.



Senior Yoga

Regular exercise helps slow the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. Our Senior Yoga program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of their 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: March 18 and March 20. Min. 8. Max. 45.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241200-T1	3/25-5/13	T	12-1 pm
241200-R1	3/27-5/15	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after deadlines

Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for a reduced rate of \$78 (16 sessions)

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Yoga

Move your whole body through a complete series of seated and standing Yoga Poses. Chair support is offered to safely perform a variety of postures designed to increase flexibility, range of motion, balance and build endurance. Registration deadline: March 10. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241216-M1	3/17-5/5	M	9:45-10:30 a.m.

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 10

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 done to rhythmic music in the water. Aerobic movements are performed with the use of resistance and buoyancy equipment. Some of the benefits include:

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

Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: April 11. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241209-W1	4/16-6/18	W	11:30-12:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$72/\$77 after April 11

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Indoor Circuit Training

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.

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 Tuesday and Thursday mornings for this instructor-led circuit training class. Pre-registration is not required. Just drop in! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2/class



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ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

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

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. It is specifically designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. No pre-registration is required for this drop-in program. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2/class

Cardio Flex

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Senior Tap Class

Tap dancing is fun at any age! Whether you've tapped before or just want to try something new, you are invited to join the fun! It is great exercise and a great way to spend a Thursday afternoon. You'll learn dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard sole shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 13. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Advance

241210-R1	3/20-5/8	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
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Beginner

241210-R2	3/20-5/8	Th	3:30-4:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$39/441 after March 13

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a 10-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women 50 and over. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To participate with the troupe or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 427-6441 or email Joshua.Ogle@cityoffortwayne.org.

Senior Line Dancing

Line Dancing is a fun way to get your exercise. You don't need a partner or prior dance experience. Just come enjoy the music and movement! Instructor: Johnnie Parish. Registration deadline: March 26. Min. 8. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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241217-W1	4/2-5/21	W	3:30-4:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 26

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get Hooked

Curious About Crochet

Crochet is a great hobby! There are always new stitches to achieve and fresh projects to undertake. We'll supply a variety of patterns ranging from easy to pro skill level. Please bring a 5, 5.5 or 6 mm crochet hook and a medium weight (size 4) worsted yarn of your choice. You will be supplied with beautifully illustrated instructions, patterns and hands on guidance. Ages 50+ Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 4. Max. 8. There will be no class on April 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

241304-F1	3/21-5/16	F	11 am-1 pm
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Intermediate

241304-F2	3/21-5/16	F	1-3 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$70/\$75 after March 14

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. Drop-in fee: \$2



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For the Artsy

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

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

March 17, April 21, May 19

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Visit with your neighbor and color until your heart's content using colored pencils. Pre-registration is not necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$2. (Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans for lunch.)

Behind the Easel: Oil or Acrylic

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oils, acrylic or watercolor. The instructor will guide you through different short lessons and independent studies during each class, helping you to improve your skills and understanding in all areas of visual art. Bring a reference photo and painting supplies. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241301-M1	3/10-4/14	M	1:30-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$77/\$82 after March 4

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Crop 'til You Drop

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Discover the joy of scrapbooking and paper-crafting! As a hobby, it is as relaxing as it is creative and it preserves memories to look back on for years to come. When crafters get together to scrapbook it is called "cropping." Whether you are a seasoned pro or just thinking about creating your first scrapbook, come join the fun! Just bring your supplies (some supplies will be made available) and your imagination and we'll provide any help you need to pull your project together. Ages 50+. There is no need to call ahead just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$2

Community Center Rental

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

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Check Out the Downtown!

Downtown Walkers

Wednesdays, April 16-October 29

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: \$2

Tour "The Pearl"

Wednesday, April 16, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Community Center, W. Main St.

Join us for a walking tour of The Pearl, located at 248 W. Main St. This \$82 million, newly constructed 7-story, mixed-use building includes commercial space, event space for up to 200 guests, 76 apartments, and 5 live-work units. The tour may include stops at Amore' Italian Steak & Seafood Restaurant, Crescendo Coffee & Café and Ducky's Restaurant, all located in The Pearl. Keith Hood is our historical walking tour guide. Please wear comfortable shoes. We thank Reagan Mahoney, Guest Experience Coordinator of The Pearl for helping us coordinate the tour. Fee: \$2. Call 427-6460 by April 9 to sign up.

Pearl Art Center Tour

Tuesday, May 20, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for a tour of the new Pearl Arts, located at 234 W. Pearl St. The newly constructed 37,000 sq. ft. Pearl Arts Center includes the June E. Enoch 400 seat capacity auditorium, 16 music practice rooms, 96 lockers for performers, 2-mirror-lined dressing rooms, technical facilities such as a recording center with feeds from performers, and 3 artist suites for featured performers. Please wear comfortable shoes. We thank Dr. Scott Humphries, Director of Education at Pearl Arts, for helping us coordinate the tour. Fee: \$2. Call 427-6460 by May 13 to sign up.

Need Advice?

Legal Counseling

Beers, Mallers Attorneys at Law are at the Community Center on the morning of the first Wednesday 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
Wed	3/5 4/2, 5/7	9 am-11 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Home, Sweet Home



First Time Homebuyer

Wednesday, April 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This First Time Homebuyer seminar will cover all the basic information you will need to purchase your first home. We will cover everything from income calculations to down payment assistance and everything in between. We will provide check-lists of items needed prior to meeting with a mortgage professional and tips to help you choose the right "team" to help you navigate the purchasing process. Presenter: Dawn Cook. Call 427-6460 by March 26 or April 30 to sign up.

Chaos to Comfort: Mastering Downsizing

Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Downsizing can be a stressful and complicated process . . . physically and emotionally. Each situation is unique and so are the challenges. Join this discussion with Kurt Ness as he breaks down the do's and don'ts of downsizing. Get your questions answered and your concerns addressed before you take the next step. Please call 427-6460 by May 7 to sign up for this FREE seminar.

Screen Time

Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone & iPad

Monday, March 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 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 individual assistance between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. (20-minute sessions). Please know your Apple ID and password if you need individual help. Dave Collins will be providing the assistance which is free, however, you will need to call 427-6460 to register by March 17 and April 9.

Introduction to Internet Use

Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn how to access web browsers, how to navigate reliable sources of information, conduct a Google search, correspond through email, access social media and more. This free seminar is designed for those with little to no computer experience. Call 427-6460 by April 9 to sign up.

Green Thumbs

Choosing Gardening Flowers

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There is much to consider when selecting flowers for your garden: color, texture, fragrance, seasonal interest, location and more. Master Gardener Pam Snyder will discuss all of these elements just in time for the planting season. Call 427-6460 by May 10 to sign up.

Beneficial Insects and other Garden Friends

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn about the role of beneficial insects in the garden, who they are, why they are needed and how to attract them. Pam Snyder, a 20-year Master Gardener, will be the presenter. Call 427-6460 by April 2 to sign up.



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Information you can use . . . and it's all FREE!

Live Well



Eating Smart and Moving More

Wednesdays, March 19-May 7, 11:00 a.m.-12:00
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More consists of 8 weeks of free lessons on food, nutrition, and exercise. This class 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! Call 427-6460 by March 12 to sign up.

Sleep and Be Well

Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 pm
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Denise Hughes, Health Educator for Aging & In-Home Services will share information about sleep and how it can benefit your health as well as tips for getting better sleep. Call 427-6460 by April 8 to sign up for this free seminar.

Importance of Preventative Care

Wednesday April 23, 2:00 pm
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Prevention is the key to early detection of health problems and may include vaccines, laboratory tests, screenings and education. Speaking with your physician about preventative care allows them to develop individualized treatment plans to improve your quality of life. This seminar will review preventative care for older adults and information on how Medicare Part B covers the cost. Call 427-6460 by April 9 to sign up.

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Planning Ahead

Retirement Readiness

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

It is never too early to begin planning for retirement. Create a savings plan now and learn about investment vehicles that allow you to grow your wealth. We will discuss how to set financial goals and how to manage them. This seminar is presented by representatives from Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union. Call 427-6460 by April 2 to reserve your seat. The seminar is free.

Estate Planning in Today's World

Wednesday, April 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Estate Planning is important for people of all ages – now more than ever. Get the latest information, learn about various planning options and get your questions answered by an attorney specializing in elder law. Call 427-6460 by April 9 to sign up for this free seminar.

Medicare & Medigap Supplemental Seminar

Monday, April 7, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Is there anything more confusing than Medicare coverage? This seminar will cover the basics of Medicare from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Learn how Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D Medicare coverage works together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. You'll also learn where to find help with your personal Medicare decision-making process. Presenter: Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 by March 31 or May 7 to register.



**Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 7.**

Help for Caregivers

Dementia Friends Indiana

Tuesday, March 18, 2:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Dementia Friends Indiana initiative, an outreach of Dementia Friendly America, seeks to educate communities across the state about dementia. They want to break down the stigma surrounding dementia and implement practical changes that make life easier to navigate for those with dementia and for their loved ones. Aging and In-Home Services will present this free seminar. Call 427-6460 by March 11 to sign up.



Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behavior

Monday, May 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Behavior is a powerful form of communication. It is one of the primary ways people living with dementia 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 triggers, and learn strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease. Please call 427-6460 by May 12 to sign up.

Aging & In-Home Services Intro

Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get to know your Area Agency on Aging. Learn about services that will help preserve your independence, such as home-delivered meals, family caregiver support, Medicare/Medicaid counseling and more! We will dive into each of the programs available through AIHS and discuss how to enroll. A SHIP counselor will also discuss Medicare options and ways that Medicaid and Extra Help may assist with Medicare Benefits. The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) seeks to prevent Medicare fraud, errors and abuse by educating so that individuals are able to detect and report these issues. Call 427-6460 by May 13 to sign up for this free seminar.



Advance Care Planning

Monday, March 24, 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 the process of planning for the type of medical care you would want should you not be able to speak for yourself. We encourage you to bring the person you think you would like to make decisions for you, if needed, and start the conversation. Call 427-6460 by March 17 to sign up.

Cemetery/Funeral Home Workshop

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Find out what you need to know before making pre-arrangements with cemeteries and funeral homes. Helpful information for veterans is also included. Presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillan has 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry. Call 427-6460 by April 1 to sign up for this informative seminar. It's free.

Fort Wayne History

The Bones of Kekionga

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 West Main St.

Local historian and author, Jim Pickett, will present information he found while researching for his historical fiction adventure 'You Are There' trilogy! Also known as Harmar's Defeat, this conflict took place in and around the Lakeside neighborhood of today's Fort Wayne. Come learn a little Fort Wayne history! Call 427-6440 by April 8 to sign up. It's free!

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Questions? 427-6460

Greenways & Trails



Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228

Bike to Work Day

Friday, May 16, 6:30-9:00 a.m.

The Porch Off Calhoun (next to Pint 'N Slice)

Celebrate active commuting and the physical/environmental benefits that it provides. Leave your car behind and ride your bike to meet us for a free light breakfast and coffee. The Porch is located in the parking area next to the alley on the west side of Calhoun between Wayne and Berry Streets.

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In Your Neighborhood

Explore the Trails!

Find fitness, fun, and new friends on the trails! The City of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. offer free, family-friendly trail exploration events where you can get to know the 144 miles of trails within the Greater Fort Wayne Trail Network. Starting locations vary, and all skill levels are welcome. Individuals are responsible for their own safety at all Trail events.

Trek the Trails: These guided group bicycle rides take place every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.. Helmets are strongly encouraged. Ride lengths vary and routes are posted on the Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. Facebook page. Participants should come prepared with water. Trek the Trails dates (Bicyclists ONLY) are listed below in **black**.

Tread the Trails: Fort Wayne Running Club has joined the City of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. to provide guided 1-mile & 5k walks/runs beginning at different locations throughout the area. All speeds and ability levels are encouraged to attend, including those with mobility devices. Tread the Trails events take place every other Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Tread the Trails dates (Walkers, Runners, Mobility Device Users ONLY) are listed below in **green**.

For more information about either program, call the City of Fort Wayne Greenways Department at 260-427-6228 or Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. at 260-969-0079. Follow Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation or Fort Wayne Trails, Inc., for weather-related updates.

Trek Date	Tread Date	Meeting Location	Length
4/29	4/29	Tread/Trek Kick-Off Event Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.	1 mi or 5k / 8.5 mi
5/13		Cookie Cottage, 620 W. Washington Center Rd.	8.13 mi
	5/15	Cookie Cottage, 620 W. Washington Center Rd.	1 mi or 5k
5/27		Rockhill Park, Catalpa at W. Jefferson Blvd.	8.74 mi
	5/29	Rockhill Park, Catalpa at W. Jefferson Blvd.	1 mi or 5k

Historic Fort Wayne



Historic Fort Wayne

1201 Spy Run Ave. 260-437-2836
oldfortwayne.org FB: HistoricFortWayne

Revolutionary War Garrison

Saturday, March 1, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Harsh temperatures and snow make daily life difficult during the winter months! Continental soldiers and militia will be performing daily duties and work details. Civilian refugees and local inhabitants will be plying their trades, cooking, sewing, and mending. Military drills and training will take place weather dependent. Come warm yourself by the fire. Witness how an army survives the winter months on the frontier.

Civil War Garrison

Saturday, March 29, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Civil War soldiers will be on garrison duty this weekend at The Old Fort. Come and talk to the soldiers about their daily life. Observe the daily duties and responsibilities as the regiment maintains its watch on the surrounding area. Morning parade, drills, and guard mount will occur throughout the day, weather permitting.

Parking is available in the lot across the street from the Fort. (Please use caution when crossing Spy Run Avenue!) Admission to Historic Fort Wayne events is a freewill donation.

Muster on the St. Mary's – A Timeline Event

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

Sunday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Transport yourself back in time! What was life like in a French Post in the 17th and 18th centuries? How did weapons change from war to war? What were military uniforms like? What did soldiers eat? How did they cook their meals? Find answers to these questions and more as historical reenactors converge on the Old Fort this weekend. Observe demonstrations on period cooking, gardening, military life, and experience first-hand the life and activities of people from across the ages.

The Old Fort Restoration Project

The Old Fort has been an iconic landmark in Fort Wayne for almost fifty years! Time and weather have taken their toll. Major repairs and reconstruction are needed. A Capital Campaign to raise funds for a total "Ground Up Reconstruction" of the buildings has been established. Phases I and II are complete! Historic Fort Wayne, Inc. does not receive state or federal funding but relies on generous donations from members of the community like you. Help "Keep the Fort in Fort Wayne" for another fifty years! **Go to oldfortwayne.org to donate.**

Fort Wayne Zoo



Fort Wayne Zoo

3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6800 • fwzoo.com

Opens for the 2025 season March 28, 12-5 pm

Summer Hours 9 am-6 pm beginning in May.

Spring Camp 2025

Zoo Tots
Pre-K (4+) & K

Zoo Buddies
1st & 2nd

Zoo Explorers
3rd & 4th

Tuesday-Thursday, April 1-3
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Spring into a new season with the Fort Wayne Zoo! Our Kids for Nature Spring Camp lets your campers in Pre-K (age 4+) through 4th grade discover the natural wonders that the new season has to offer. Campers will explore the Fort Wayne Zoo and learn about the plants, pollinators, and animals that return with the warmer weather. Animal encounters, engaging Zoo tours, and more await each camp day! Register online and see complete program details at fwzoo.com. No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Call the Education Department at 260-427-6800 ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com. Fee: \$140

All campers should dress to go outside, snow, rain, or shine. Campers must bring a lunch and drink. A snack will be provided for all camp groups.



Age Policy

Children must be in the camp for their grade (no exceptions). When registering for spring and summer camp, select the grade your child is currently enrolled in. Example: If your child is currently in third grade then you will enroll them in a third grade level camp.

Volunteer at the Zoo!

Be a part of the excitement and volunteer at your nationally recognized, AZA accredited Zoo! Teens for Nature Volunteer and Leadership Program applications are accepted January 1 through February 28, 2025. Visit fwzoo.com to apply online or contact us at (260) 427-6800, ext. 302 or e-mail volunteer@fwzoo.com for more details.

Kids for Nature Summer Camp 2025

Spend a WILD week at the Fort Wayne Zoo! You'll explore the Zoo, visit friendly animals, meet Zoo Keepers and make new friends in this unique summer camp adventure. Register on-line starting February 4th and see complete program descriptions at fwzoo.com.

Pre-K & K (4+) (1/2 day)

Zooper Senses

M-F / \$150

8:30-11:00 am or 12:30-3 pm

6/2-6/6 6/16-6/20

6/30-7/4* 7/14-7/18

* morning session only

Animals in Action

M-F / \$150

8:30-11:00 am or 12:30-3 pm

6/9-6/13 6/23-6/27

7/7-7/11 7/21-7/25

Pre-K & K (4+) (full day)

Animal Tales

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

5/26-5/30 6/9-6/13

6/16-6/20 6/30-7/4

7/7-7/11 7/21-7/25

7/28-8/1

Animal Builders

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

5/26-5/30 6/2-6/6

6/16-6/20 6/23-6/27

6/30-7/4 7/7-7/11

7/14-7/18

Nature's Artists

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/9-6/13

6/23-6/27 6/30-7/4

7/14-7/18 7/21-7/25

7/28-8/1

Grades 1st & 2nd

Ecosystem Explorers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/9-6/13

6/16-6/20 6/30-7/4

7/7-7/11 7/14-7/18

7/21-7/25

Animal Acrobats

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/9-6/13 6/16-6/20

6/23-6/27 7/7-7/11

7/14-7/18 7/21-7/25

Creative Critters

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

5/26-5/30 6/2-6/6

6/16-6/20 6/23-6/27

6/30-7/4 7/14-7/18

7/21-7/25

Wild Kitchen

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/9-6/13

6/23-6/27 6/30-7/4

7/7-7/11 7/14-7/18

- All campers should dress to go outside, rain or shine.
- Campers must bring a lunch and drink.
- A snack will be provided for all camp groups.

Grades 3rd & 4th

Animal Olympics

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/9-6/13

6/16-6/20 6/23-6/27

7/7-7/11 7/21-7/25

Animal Legends

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/9-6/13 6/16-6/20

7/7-7/11 7/14-7/18

7/21-7/25

Zoo Sleuth

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/16-6/20

6/23-6/27 6/30-7/4

7/14-7/18 7/21-7/25

Exhibit Engineers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/9-6/13

6/23-6/27 6/30-7/4

7/7-7/11

Grades 5th & 6th

Zoo Careers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/2-6/6 6/16-6/20

6/30-7/4 7/14-7/18

Junior Zoologist

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$200

6/9-6/13 6/23-6/27

7/7-7/11 7/21-7/25

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To Register

Register online and see complete program details at fwzoo.com. No phone registrations will be accepted for camp. Questions? Call the Education Department at 427-6800 ext. 301 or email education@fwzoo.com.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), all staff working youth activities, including camp programs, are required to complete training for Epi-pen administration. The Zoo coordinates with the American Red Cross for this training and will cover the cost of the training for employees required to complete the training.



Swinney Homestead



Swinney Homestead

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

Swinney Homestead Open House & Plant Sale

Friday May 2, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Historic Swinney House, Country Store Gift Shop, and Herb Garden will be open to the public for this event. Settlers, Inc. membership renewals, new member sign up, and registration for 2025-2026 Historic Hand-Art Programs begins. A perennial plant sale will take place on the back lawn.

Historic Hand Arts Programs

Enjoy refreshments, a history lesson, and a historic hand art activity. Ages 14+.
Prepaid reservations required. Space is limited, so call (260) 432-7314 today to sign up.

Bicentennial of Allen County

March 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Guest re-enactors, David Rousculp (General “Mad” Anthony Wayne) and Rachel Walker (Mary Penrose Wayne) will share first person interpretations of these historical figures and a morning of local history. Fee: \$20

A Stitch in Time-Embroidery & the Education of Women

April 10, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Early American samplers, embroidery techniques and how this figured into the educational culture at that time. Participants with antique samplers are welcome to bring them for display. Fee: \$20

Chief Richardville House

May 8, 9:00-11:30 a.m., 5705 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne

Now a national historic landmark, this 1827 Greek Revival house was built for Miami Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville. Dani Tippman will be our host and, after a tour of the home, will give us some history of the Miami. We'll start with coffee at the Richardville House at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to carpool, be at the Swinney Homestead parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Fee: \$20

Things to Know

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.

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 Procedure

Any program changes, facility closures or other weather-related adjustments will be posted to the FWPRD social media pages, website, and text alerts will be sent (to those that have opted in to this service). If the Mayor declares an emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled.

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.

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.

Watch your mailbox for the Summer Fun Times on May 7.

6 Ways to Sign Up

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.



1) On-Line

Register for programs online at fortwayneparks.org. Select "Register/Reserve Now."

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

Download a registration form at fortwayneparks.org 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. (enter park off 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.-4:30 p.m.

5) Drop Box

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

6) Use Our App

Use our Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation App to register with your mobile device. Go to your app store or use the QR code at left to download the app.

Questions? 427-6000

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.**



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