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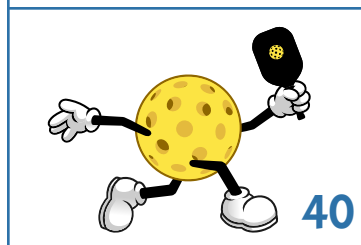
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Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

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Botanical Conservatory Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Thursday 10 am-8 pm

Sunday 12-4 pm

Closed Mondays



BOTANICAL

Admission

Adults (18+) \$7

Youth (3-17) \$5

Infants (2 and under) Free
Thursdays, 5-8 pm \$1 Night

Holiday Hours

Open New Year's Eve, 12-4 pm

Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Parking

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

Conservatory Membership

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



Conservatory Shop

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

CONJURE (COFFEE)

Tue-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun 12-4 p.m.

Enjoy thoughtful hospitality, fresh pastries and hand-crafted beverages featuring local ingredients. Coffee is hand-roasted at Conjure's Columbia Ave. location as a uniquely fresh experience. More details at conjurecoffee.com. Catering options are available to Conservatory renters and downtown businesses.

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The Botanical Conservatory . . . Always in Season!

GNOME



FOR THE HOLIDAYS

\$1 Night Light Display

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

Closed Thanksgiving Day

Thursdays & Fridays, Nov 29-Dec 20

The gardens in light are best seen at night! Find yourself surrounded by festive greenery, stunning poinsettias and enchanted scenery as part of illuminated photo ops at the Botanical Conservatory. Even cross gift buying off your list after stopping into the Conservatory Shop where there is a unique selection of thoughtful gifts. Kick-off the holiday with a stroll through gardens glistening and glowing on the \$1 Night before Thanksgiving. Then, come again to the \$1 Night Light Display every Thursday and Friday evening from Black Friday to Christmas.

❄️ ❄️ **Wednesday, November 27** ❄️ ❄️

In Conjunction with **Night of Lights**

Conjure Coffee Open

Friday, November 29

Special Event 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Thursday, December 5

Special Event 6:30-7:30 p.m.

String Jams Holiday Concert

Friday, December 6

Thursday, December 12

Friday, December 13

Special Event 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PFW Holiday Carolers

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Holiday Showcase Exhibit

November 23-January 5, Public hours

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

There's no place like Gnome for the Holidays. This year, the Botanical Conservatory's seasonal exhibit celebrates the festive culture of holiday homecoming with a whimsical twist. Imaginative displays will warm the hearts of visitors and offer themed opportunities to capture treasured family photos. Cozy accents will tie together a heartfelt display featuring a mythical poinsettia tree along with large fresh cut evergreens and playful touches. Gnome is where the garden is this holiday season. Sponsored by the PNC Charitable Trusts, English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Wilson Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, PBS Fort Wayne and Majic 95.1.



PBS Fort Wayne



Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Friday, November 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

In the spirit of the season, the Botanical Conservatory welcomes Tom Didier and Todd Frymier who are in the holiday mood and singin' with style! Such a wonderful night out to not only see the gardens in light, but to also enjoy live musical entertainment when admission is just \$1 as part of the \$1 Night Light Display. Find them dressed in suits and ties inside the "Gnome for the Holidays" exhibit. Standing room only. No reservations required.

String Jams Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Believe In A Dream presents the String Jammers performing a variety of holiday classics. Made up of alternative string players from across the city, students of this youth orchestra share their youthful taste when playing contemporary music on classical instruments. Enjoy this one-of-a-kind holiday concert included with \$1 admission as part of the \$1 Night Light Display. No reservations required.



Suzuki Strings Performance

Sunday, December 15, 2:00-2:45 p.m.
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

As you enter the “Gnome for the Holidays” garden exhibit, listen for the children of Fort Wayne Suzuki playing holiday favorites on the violin and cello. These accomplished students are familiar with the Suzuki Method of instruction that is the “mother tongue method” based on the premise that music is learned like a language. Hear for yourself as local Suzuki students perform music with holiday ear appeal. Included with regular admission.



PFW Holiday Carolers

Friday, December 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

What better way to enjoy “Gnome for the Holidays” than with a quartet of carolers from the Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Music?! These carols will warm both heart and gnome. Enjoy these festive melodies with \$1 admission as part of the \$1 Night Light Display. Standing room only. No reservations required.

Holly Shopping at the Conservatory

Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

On this Day of Holly Shopping, locally owned and operated shops celebrate small businesses throughout downtown Fort Wayne, the West Main Shops and Wells Street Corridor. This includes the Conservatory Shop in partnership with Downtown Fort Wayne! Meet your holiday shopping needs in the Botanical Conservatory’s own “Artisan Village” consisting of local artisans, crafters and unique vendors. In addition, Cozmé Jewelry is hosting a pop-up shopping experience. Conservatory admission is not required to shop and cross off this year’s gift list.

Breakfast with Santa!

Reserve your place on Santa’s ‘Nice List’ with a legendary breakfast at the Botanical Conservatory. As a VIP guest, this special occasion includes a personalized visit with the man in red! Enjoy pancakes, sausage, hash browns, fruit and a beverage of your choice. A holiday take-away is included along with day-of garden admission. All attendees must register including adults and children under 2 years of age. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please reserve highchair or booster seat during registration. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 20. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127203-S1	12/7	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$32

Age 2 years & under, FREE

Location: Botanical Conserv., 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Santa & Reindeer Saturdays

Saturdays, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

December 7, 14 & 21

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

This December, Santa himself returns to the Botanical Conservatory on all one, two, THREE Saturdays leading up to Christmas! Strike a pose with the man in red while enjoying indoor scenery accompanied by the “Gnome for the Holidays” exhibit. PLEASE NOTE: Santa takes a break from 2-2:30 p.m. While visiting, you also won’t want to miss out on an outdoor appearance with a friendly and majestic reindeer. Regular admission fees apply. Sponsored by PBS Fort Wayne and Majic 95.1.



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Holiday Decorating

Succulent Christmas Tree

Style a 3D Christmas tree full of succulent cuttings as part of this original workshop at the Botanical Conservatory. Standing at one foot tall, your exquisite little tree is sure to be adored throughout the holiday season! You will also learn expert tips on how to maintain and multiply plant cuttings once the season is over. Don't miss out on this social outing when garden admission is included and the Conservatory Shop and Conjure Coffee are also within reach. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: December 1. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127107-U1	12/8	Su	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$59 Member Fee: \$57

Location: Botanical Conserv., 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Evergreen Centerpiece

'Tis the season for this favorite holiday workshop at the Botanical Conservatory. Using a variety of branch tips, design a fragrant evergreen centerpiece complimented by ribbon, pine cones and a festive feature. If you wish, even add some of your own accents from home. Returning instructor and floral designer Dennis Bowman guides participants through step-by-step assembly including how to tie the perfect bow! Afterward, you are also invited to visit the "Gnome for the Holidays" exhibit. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: December 5. Min. 12. Max. 36.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127501-R1	12/12	Th	9:30-11 am
127501-S1	12/14	Sa	9:30-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$54

Member Fee: \$51

Location: Botanical Conserv., 1100 S. Calhoun St.



On Display at the Botanical Conservatory

Orchid Show

February 1, 12:00-5:00 p.m. / Potting Demo 12:30 & 2:30 p.m.

February 2, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Cultivate a passion for Orchids when blooming varieties are beautifully on display by local society members who are ready to answer all your growing questions. You also will not want to miss one of two live potting demonstrations! Plants and potting material are available for purchase. Show entry is included with general admission to the Botanical Conservatory. Presented by the Three Rivers Orchid Society.

Sweetheart Orchid Display

February 1-March 2, Public hours

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Be allured by the colorful mystique of Orchids on display in the Botanical Conservatory's Tropical House. Experience captivating, long-lasting blooms in an intimately devoted space that mirrors the everlasting love shared with those closest to you. Orchids and other noteworthy plants are available for purchase in the Conservatory Shop. Included with general admission.



Art Displays

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

Ben Klinger: Down on Main Street

November 23-January 5

Public Reception: December 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

As a Fort Wayne native, Ben Klinger has always been drawn to bold fonts, neon signs and historic architecture. Ben is a visual artist whose preferred mediums include ink and acrylic paints. He enjoys paying homage to his hometown and the Hoosier state with bright colors and bold lines. "I can remember, as a child, being fascinated by painted ghost signs, old neon and the old buildings from my neighborhood. I grew up a few blocks from the Rialto and the sign out front just called my name. I love creating art with the hope of sparking the same nostalgia for others."

Lisa Heintzman: Innovative Abstractor

January 11-April 5

Public Reception: February 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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.

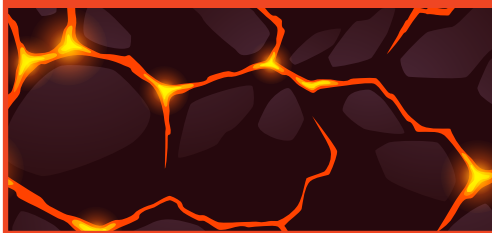


Winter Showcase Exhibit

January 11-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 PNC Charitable Trusts.



Winter Family Fun

Winterval at the Conservatory

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Live Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Celebrate the coolest season and hottest exhibit at the Botanical Conservatory during the Fort Wayne Park Department's Winterval! Festivities at the Botanical Conservatory include a live ice carving being sculpted outdoors and on display near the main entrance. Regular admission fees apply to indoor festivities including a lava-inspired craft, plant giveaway and exploration of the "Floor is Lava!" winter exhibit. You are also welcome to come inside and enjoy the warmth of Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop.



Take a Deep Breath

T'ai Chi for Relaxation

Certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner, Liz Monnier guides students through the meditative movements of T'ai Chi to promote relaxation. Liz instructs in the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong to fully realize the release that each motion allows. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included before each session during public hours. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127401-T1	1/14-2/18	T	5-6 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$60 Member Fee: \$55			
Location: Botanical Conserv., 1100 S. Calhoun St.			

Continuing T'ai Chi

Further your practice with Sandy Gebhard who continues instruction of T'ai Chi for returning students. Focusing on modified Sun Styles of this ancient Chinese practice, beginning students are welcome to join with the understanding that instruction of forms will be at a faster pace. 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: January 6. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127402-T1	1/14-2/4	T	10-11 am
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$42 Member Fee: \$37			
Location: Botanical Conserv. 1100 S. Calhoun St.			

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Questions? 427-6440

Conservatory Kids



Botanical Field Trip & Outreach

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

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

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We Rent for Your Event!

Botanical Conservatory Event Venues

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



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.

Ted's Snack + Bar Hours

Check Facebook for hours

Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

Open for RFW Programs



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Always moving.

Facebook – Riverfront FW

Twitter – Riverfront FW

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Winter Cozy: Fire & Ice

A Winterval Family Event

Saturday, January 25, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.



Winterval 2025 wraps up with our annual Winter Cozy! This year's theme is Fire & Ice. Bundle up the family and join us at Promenade Park for a blend of warm and cool attractions including a live ice carving contest, floating firepits on the St. Marys River, live music in the the Sweetwater Bandshell, interactive games throughout the evening and photo opportunities in a larger than life inflatable igloo! Warm up inside the pavilion at the hot cocoa and s'mores bar or head over to Ted's Snack + Bar to purchase your favorite food and beverage. Winter Cozy is open to all ages this year and it's free (food and beverage is for purchase while supplies last).

Bundle up and get cozy!

Song & Dance

Lunar New Year Celebrates: K-Pop Dance

Saturday, February 1, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park,
202 W. Superior St.

Join us for our SECOND Lunar New Year celebration! We are bringing back many of last year's favorites starting with a costume contest! Join in and show off your moves during Random Dance and then sing your favorite song during karaoke. Afterwards, visit one of our activities including a selfie station, games, calligraphy, and a Tree of Wisdom to place your New Year's wishes. There will be activities for all ages so bring the entire family! We will also be taking music requests where you and your crew can dance to selected songs. Partnered with Korean Fest, this is a FREE celebration of diversity and we invite the entire community to participate.



Masquerade Madness

Join us for Dance Promenade: Masquerade Madness at the Park Foundation Pavilion. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies while dancing the night away to a live DJ. Wear your most creative mask and get ready to delve into a night of mystery, photo ops, and fun with friends! All ages are welcome! Registration deadline: February 7. Min. 35. Max. 150.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190201-S1	2/15	Sa	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

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

Songs of the Season

Sunday, December 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park,
202 W. Superior St.

It's the most wonderful time of the year and what better way to get into the Holiday spirit than with a FREE Christmas Concert! Join us in the Park Foundation Pavilion for a cheerful performance by the American Legion Band.

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

Open Mic Jam Session

Sunday, January 12, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park,
202 W. Superior St.

Bring your instrument, lyrics, poetry or story to the Park Foundation Pavilion for a FREE open mic jam session hosted by a new local band, The Jarr. Come share your talent as they share their new music with us. If you would like to sign up in advance, call 427-6216 or email jesus.rosario@cityoffortwayne.org.

Art in the Park

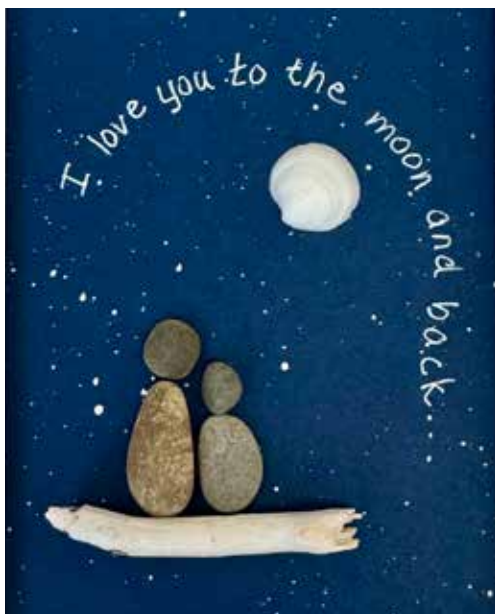
Be Your Own Artist: Pebble Art

Unlock your creativity and craft a heartfelt gift for yourself or a loved one with pebble art. This hands-on class will be led by the talented, Pam Harger. Pam is a retired school counselor and has found herself collecting beach treasures for many years. Her materials consist of pebbles, shells, driftwood, and beach glass found on several different beaches and woodland trails. Each participant will be given a 5" x 7" matted frame, background paper, and natural materials, including pebbles, shells, and beach glass (all carefully sourced by Pam) to create your own work of art. Registration fee is \$20. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 18. Max. 20

Code	Date	Day	Time
190200-U1	1/19	Su	1:30-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20

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



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Kick Back and Relax



Kickboxing with 9Round

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

December 8, January 12, February 9

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

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.

December 8, January 12, February 9

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

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.

Your Riverfront Event Venue

The Park Foundation Pavilion at Promenade Park is a stunning event space that perfectly combines the vibrancy of downtown Fort Wayne with the tranquility of nature. Located alongside the St. Marys River, the pavilion offers floor-to-ceiling windows that flood the room with natural light and provide picturesque views of the river and park. The versatile venue is equipped with tables and chairs included in your reservation, making it convenient for any gathering, from formal events to casual celebrations. Promenade Park features a selection of pre-approved caterers, ensuring variety of delicious dining options tailored to your preferences. Additionally, our exclusive alcohol provider, Ted's Snack and Bar, allows you to curate a beverage menu that perfectly complements your event. Schedule a tour of the Park Foundation Pavilion by calling 260-427-6055 or email rentpromenade@cityoffortwayne.org



for winter fitness fun!

Headwaters Park



Photo credit: Brooke Todd

Headwaters Park

Clinton & Superior Streets (260) 427-6000

Headwaters Park, located just north of the central city business district, is home to an outdoor ice skating rink in winter and many festivals and community events throughout the year. The pavilions on the East and West side of Headwaters Park are available for public rentals and makes a wonderful setting for festivals, weddings, receptions, company picnics and family reunions. For more information, or to book Headwaters Park for your event, e-mail headwaterspark@cityoffortwayne.org.



Headwaters Ice Rink

Clinton & Superior • 427-6000

Opens for the Season November 23 at 12 pm!

Visit fortwayneparks.org, the @HeadwatersParkFW or @RiverfrontFW Facebook pages for schedule updates.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday..... 4-9 pm
(Closed Mondays & Tuesdays after January 6)
Saturday and Sunday..... 12-9 pm

Holiday Hours

Nov 27, 29, Dec 23, 26, 27, Jan 2, 3 ... 12-9 pm
December 31..... 12-6 pm

CLOSED Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day

Admission

Age 3 and older\$6
Age 2 and under FREE
Skate Rental\$3
Punch Pass Admission (10 Punches)\$50
Spectators & Parking FREE

Gift certificates and skating passes available.



Put Your Fun on Ice

Rockin' the Rink

Saturday, January 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

Get ready to lace up your skates and groove to the beat at Rockin' the Rink! Join us for unforgettable night at Headwaters Ice Rink with LIVE music creating the perfect soundtrack for your skating experience. See you on the Ice! General admission and skate fees apply.

Winter Wonderland Meet & Greet

Saturday, January 11, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

The cold never bothered us anyway... especially when it's a magical day at Headwaters Park Ice Rink! We will have special guests (who love ice and snow) available to take photos and sign autographs! Don't miss this special day at Headwaters Ice Rink! General admission and skate fees apply.

Practice Makes Perfect with the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club

Saturday, February 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

Beginner skaters ages 10 and under, this is your chance to learn from members of the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club, and see a demonstration of what you can do with enough practice! Individual attention is not guaranteed as this will be taking place in a group setting. Sign up online or by calling 427-6000 by January 27. Code #: HW2502011030. Fee: \$5. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 20. Max. 50.



Thursday Theme Nights

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

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

Join us at Headwaters Park Ice Rink for our exciting Thursday theme night series, where each night is designed to bring friends, families, and the community together for a night of fun on ice! Follow Headwaters Park Ice Rink for updates and additional information. General admission and skate fees apply.

December 5	80's Night
December 12	Skate it Off (Taylor's Version)
December 19	Holiday Cheer
December 26	Popular Pop
January 2	Skate into the New Year
January 9	School Spirit Night
January 16	Sport Jersey Night
January 23	Broadway Night

Dr. Crawford Days

\$1 Admission/\$1 Skate Rental

January 30	Kick-Off
February 6	Super Hero Night
February 13	Sweetheart Skate
February 20	Skate into Spring



**Headwaters Park pavilions available for private events large and small!
Book up to one year in advance by calling 427-6248.**

Sports & Fitness

I'll See You On Court!



Intro to Pickleball

What's the big "dill?" Come see for yourself why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It's social, it's great exercise and, most of all, it's FUN! Learn basic technique and rules of the game and you'll be ready for hours of fun on the court. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 6. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144802-W1	1/8-2/12	W	1-2 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30/35 after January 2			
Location: McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.			

Recreational Basketball

As exercise goes, it doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, your muscles, your bones, your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And, it's FUN! Sign up for a session or try it out by dropping in. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: November 25 and 27. Min. 10. Max. 18. Due to holidays, there will be no basketball on December 23, 25, 30, January 1 and 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144000-M1	12/2-2/17	M	7-9 pm
144000-W1	12/4-2/19	W	7-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45/\$50 after deadlines			
Drop-in fee: \$7			
Location: Jefferson MS, 5303 Wheelock Rd.			

Recreational Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the top three most played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how old you are, how fit you are or how athletic you are. This high-energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play at, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for two hours. Drop-ins are welcome. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: November 27. Min. 7. Max. 18. There will be no volleyball on December 25 and January 1.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144800-W1	12/4-2/19	W	7-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$43/\$48 after November 27			
Location: Northwood Middle School, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.			

Thinking Ahead . . .



Golf Season Passes make great Christmas gifts!

McMillen /Shoaff

\$550 Individual	\$700 Family (2 people)
\$200 Junior	\$450 Senior

Foster

\$650 Individual	\$820 Family (2 people)
\$225 Junior	\$490 Senior

All Course Pass

\$750 Individual

Prices valid through 2024.

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Take a Deep Breath

Yoga

Enjoy the benefits of regular yoga practice, from muscle toning and limbering to managing stress. Yoga's combination of exercise, breathing and meditation techniques will help you build concentration and poise, improve your stamina and even relieve insomnia. Please bring a blanket and a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. The classes are open to all skill levels. Drop-ins are welcome (\$10/class). Ages 16+. Instructor Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200-hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. There will be no class January 20. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142300-M1	1/6-3/17	M	5:30-6:45 pm
142300-T1	1/7-3/11	T	4:30-5:45 pm
142300-R1	1/9-3/13	Th	6-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$62/\$67 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

T'ai Chi for Relaxation

Certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner, Liz Monnier guides students through the meditative movements of T'ai Chi to promote relaxation. Liz instructs in the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong to fully realize the release that each motion allows. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included before each session during public hours. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127401-T1	1/14-2/18	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$60 Member Fee: \$55

Location: Botanical Conserv., 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Continuing T'ai Chi

Further your practice with Sandy Gebhard who continues instruction of T'ai Chi for returning students. Focusing on modified Sun Styles of this ancient Chinese practice, beginning students are welcome to join with the understanding that instruction of forms will be at a faster pace. 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: January 6. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127402-T1	1/14-2/4	T	10-11am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$42 Member Fee: \$37

Location: Botanical Conserv. 1100 S. Calhoun St.



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 and 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! Min. 5. Max. 10. Registration deadline: January 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142328-M1	1/27-3/3	M	9-10 am
142328-T1	1/28-3/4	T	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$66/\$71 after January 20

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Aqua Dance

Aqua Dance provides a high energy total body 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 ages 13 and older. Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 20. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142314-M1	1/27-3/3	M	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$64/\$69 after January 20

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

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Stay fit this winter.

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The Great Outdoors



Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave. Open every day 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.

Solstice Lights Hike & Food Drive

Saturday, December 21

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Lindenwood Nature Preserve,
600 Lindenwood Ave.



Bundle up, cover yourself with battery operated lights and glow sticks, and come celebrate the Winter Solstice! It's the longest night of the year, so let's light up the woods to welcome back the sun and the return of longer days! In the spirit of giving, bring a non-perishable food item. Donations will be delivered to the Community Harvest Food Bank. No registration necessary.



Bird Food Garland Workshop

Garland made of bird-friendly food items is a beautiful way to help our feathered friends get through the winter! Bring a food item to share (dried berries, plain popcorn, orange slices, apple slices, peanut butter, or bird seed). String and skewers will be provided. We will assemble strands of garland at the picnic tables and hang them in the bird feeder area for all to enjoy! Min 5. Max 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148110-S1	1/11	Sa	1-2 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



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Lindenwood
Nature Preserve

Stargazing Nights

Learn all about the cosmos from local astronomer, Dale Ruppert. There are three opportunities this winter to take a night hike through the woods, peer through a telescope and learn about what is currently happening in the night sky! It's free educational fun for all ages! Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Winter Solstice

148002-F2	12/20	F	8-9 pm
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Mars in Opposition

148002-R2	1/16	Th	8-9 pm
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Snow Moon

148002-W1	2/12	W	8-9 pm
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Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



Chilly Challenge Bike Ride

Wednesday, January 1, 1:00 pm

Psi Ote Upper Pavilion, Bob Arnold Dr,

Northside Park at State Blvd and Parnell Ave.

Start the new year with a chilly (chili) and challenging cycling adventure! The ride on city streets and greenway paths "fits most" with distance options from 5 to 20 miles. The ride departs promptly at 1:00 p.m. Allow ample time to unload your bike/s, sign a waiver form and "gear up" for a winter ride. The longer route will include a stop at Johnny Appleseed Park to watch the polar bear plunge and a small snack will be provided before heading to Shoaff Park. All routes will return to the Psi Ote Pavilion for a steaming bowl of chili and tasty accompaniments. All food items are donated by the Three Rivers Velo Sport Club members. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.** Route maps will be provided at the ride. For more information visit 3rvs.com. The event is **FREE** and open to all ages. Donations to the Velo Sport Club are graciously accepted and much appreciated.



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.

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Winter Hike & Bonfire

Lindenwood Nature Preserve
600 Lindenwood Ave.

9:00-10:30 a.m.

FREE EVENT

Enjoy an early morning self-guided hike in the woods and warm up by the fire before heading out to other winterval events.

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Salomon Farm Park



Salomon Farm Park

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

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

Christmas on the Farm



SAT DEC 7 1-5 PM

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Santa Claus

Farm Animals

Kids Crafts

Holiday Music

Christmas Shopping

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides



Admission: \$5/car
fortwayneparks.org

Follow Salomon Farm Park on Facebook for updates.



Seeking Vendors for Christmas on the Farm

We still have space for craft vendors and artisans to fill the barn with Christmas cheer and handmade gifts and goodies during our Christmas on the Farm event on December 7. For an application please contact DeAnna Harris at DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6790 ext. 2.



Summit City Music Theatre Presents

A Christmas Carol

December 6-15

Join us at Salomon Farm Park for Summit City Music Theatre's 3rd annual production of this adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" by Artistic Director, Gavin Thomas Drew and Chapman Shields. Bring your blankets and coats and witness this story of redemption in the historic Salomon Farm Park Old Barn with the entire family. The barn is heated only with auxiliary heat, so plan accordingly to stay cozy and warm during this new family tradition. Seating is general admission, so arrive a half hour early to ensure the best seats and take advantage of the vendors involved in this experience. Tickets may be purchased online at fortwayneparks.org/facilities/salomon-farm-park or by calling 427-6000.

Cookies with Santa

Enjoy a special morning with Santa before he makes his final list of who's been naughty and nice. Each child will frost and decorate two pre-made cookies before Santa reads 'Twas The Night Before Christmas' and our Valais Blacknose sheep make an appearance so you can capture a one of a kind photo with them and Santa. Ages 3-12. Note: Only registered children (accompanied by one adult) will be able to participate. Registration deadline: December 7. Min. 15. Max. 20. Ages 3-12

Code	Date	Day	Time
153917-S1	12/14	Sa	9-10 am
153917-S2	12/14	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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



Winter Solstice Walk/Ride & Campfire

Saturday, December 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

On the shortest day of the year, let's create the bright! Bring a flashlight, battery-operated lantern or Christmas lights and join us by wheel or by heel as we enjoy the Winter Solstice on the Pufferbelly Trail and Salomon Farm Trail Loop! We encourage all cyclists to light up their bicycles for fun, but require at least a front white light and red, rear reflector for safety. Walkers can deck out with Christmas decorations, lights and bells. The Walk/Ride will kick off at 5:30 p.m. We will gather back at Salomon Farm following the ride for refreshments, a campfire, and activities. This is a free community event sponsored by The City of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation. Follow Salomon Farm on Facebook for updates and weather-related cancellations.

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Salomon Farm Park

Meet the Animals

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 lambs for up to 4 people. During this time, you can pet them and take pictures with them. Parking is in the lot near the windmill. Plan to walk on uneven ground.

Dates: January 26, February 15, March 15

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.



Highland Cow Meet & Greet

Brush, pet, play and take pictures with our friendly Highland cow, Mickey. 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. Parking is in the lot near the windmill. Registration deadlines: December 15, January 18 and February 15. Ages 10+.

Dates: December 22, January 25, February 22

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.

Ewe'll Love This Craft



Needle Felting

In the world of crafting, needle felting produces one of the cutest end products! It looks complex but is actually easy to learn and the results are elaborate wool sculptures. Take one class (or all three) and watch your whimsical creation come to life. All necessary equipment and materials will be provided. Sue Powe of Cousin Susie's Felting is a 10-year member of the Flax and Fleecers Guild and enjoys sharing her love of felting with others. Ages 12+ Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Valais Blacknose Sheep			
153870-W1	12/18	W	6-8 pm
Succulents			
153870-R1	1/16	Th	6-8 pm
Hoppy Little Gnome			
153870-T1	2/4	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

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



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 blacksmithing 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: December 28 and January 11. Min. 3. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Blacksmithing for Women

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

153849-S1	1/4-3/15	Sa	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30

Blacksmithing (Open to all)

153849-S2	1/25, 2/22, 3/22	Sa	9-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$30

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

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Green Thumbs

Planting for Pollinators

A small backyard flower bed can have a significant impact on the health of many pollinators. Learn all the fascinating facts about our local pollinators and how to plant for their benefit. Advanced Master Gardener and beekeeper Glenn Hile enjoys sharing his knowledge of these amazing insects and the plants that attract them. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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153861-W1	1/15	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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

Vertical Gardening

Want to grow a garden but lack space? Vertical gardening is about growing upwards! Join Master Gardener Pam Snyder at Salomon Farm to learn more about this gardening concept. Pam has been a master gardener for 22 years and enjoys sharing her knowledge with the community. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 11. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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153805-T1	2/18	Tu	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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

Kids Painting on the Farm

We're in a painting frenzy at Salomon Farm Park. Grab a brush and express yourself through art. Our winter projects include a Christmas cottage, polar bears and arctic animals of land and sea. All necessary supplies will be provided. You'll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to finished painting by instructor Angela Esselburn. Ages 6-12. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Winter Cottage

153917-R1	1/23	Th	6-7:30 pm
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Polar Bears

153917-R2	2/6	Th	6-7:30 pm
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The Land and Sea

153917-R3	3/6	Th	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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



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What's Cooking in the Salomon Farm Kitchen?



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 are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 17.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Reindeer Rice Cakes

We will prepare special ingredients to create a reindeer face on a rice cake. With the leftovers, students may create a second masterpiece!

153909-A4	12/17	T	10-11 am
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Pizza Creations

Join the fun as we create pizza shaped recipes with ingredients that are sure to please!

153909-A5	1/28	T	10-11 am
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Food Art

Warning: In this class we WILL be playing with our food! In order to promote positivity and fun with food, we will chop and prepare ingredients and create art with our food!

153909-W1	2/26	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. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. This class is drop off only. Students learn and cook in a class with their peers. All experience levels are welcome. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Sweet and Savory Appetizer Wreaths

You will prepare toppings and assemble two appetizer wreaths – one sweet and one savory.

153911-A4	12/17	T	6-7:30 pm
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Choose Your Own Adventure

Create your very own recipe! You will be given a basic recipe and with each step you will choose the next ingredient. You'll discover how recipes can be adapted to allow your creativity to shine.

153911-A5	1/28	T	6-7:30 pm
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Dessert

Tonight's treat is Napoleon puffs! Students will work with puff pastry dough, mix the delicious filling, and slice fruit for the layers! If time allows, we will use the remaining ingredients to create a mini layered mousse dessert!

153911-W1	2/26	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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



Meet Our Salomon Farm Chefs

Meghan Hauser

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

Suzi Hanzel

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

Jessica Waggoner

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



Instructors Wanted

Salomon Farm 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.

Mastering the Baking Classics

Following a recipe is just the first step. Come learn the science and techniques that build the foundation of truly delicious baked goods. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 14.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Chocolate Chip Cookies, Fudge Brownies & More			
153861-W1	12/11	W	6-8 pm

Banana Bread, Muffins and Cinnamon Rolls			
153861-W2	1/29	W	6-8 pm

Cake, Frosting Techniques, Decorating Skills			
153861-W3	2/19	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Czech Holiday Dessert

The Czech kolach is a sweet pastry that holds a portion of fruit or a variety of other fillings surrounded by puffy brioche dough. They can be served as dessert, but also give a donut stiff competition for breakfast. Be sure to bring a container for any leftovers from your culinary experience! Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: December 12. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153863-R1	12/19	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Sushi Made Simple

Discover how fun and easy it is to make your own sushi - all vegetarian or with meat! Once you learn the basic process, making your own sushi at home will be a snap. Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: February 20. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153848-R1	2/27	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Traditional Polish Pierogi

One of the most popular Polish foods is a delicious filled dumpling called a pierogi. As with many traditional foods, recipes are handed down from generation to generation and have as many variations as there are people. In this class you will help prepare pierogi with two different types of fillings under the guidance of instructor Suzi Hanzel. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: October 16. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153852-M1	02/24	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Questions? 427-6000

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Classes fill quickly! Register early!

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Available Upon Request & Availability

Covered Bridge Area Capacity 50

North Flower Garden Area Capacity 150

(only available in combo rental with Wolf Family Center)



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Capacity 25

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Large kitchen space (no working appliances)

First floor occupancy only



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The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, parties, meetings, company picnics and many other special events. Salomon Farm Park venues include the Historic Old Barn, the Wolf Family Learning Center, the Salomon Family Homestead, the Covered Bridge, various outdoor areas and our newest venue, the North Flower Garden.

For more information visit our website fortwayneparks.org or contact our rental coordinator at farmrental@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6790, ext. 1.

Book up to a year in advance!

Special Interest

Life's a Dance

Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise for the mind and body. Classes will focus on a variety of dances like the Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Polka and American Tango, providing a solid base for social dancing. Some prior ballroom dance experience is required for the Social Foundation class. You must register with a partner. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 15. Min.14. Max. 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

142203-M1	1/27-3/3	M	7-7:45 pm
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Social Foundation

142203-M2	1/27-3/3	M	7:45-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40/\$45 after January 15

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Folk Dance

Have an international affair . . . with folk dance! Learn dances from places such as the Balkans, Israel, Germany, Bolivia and Turkey. Folk dancing is stimulating for mind, body and spirit, and no partner is required. Some dance background (tap, contra or line dancing) is helpful but not necessary. Instructors Jeanette Thompson and Anna Nagel have decades of dance experience. Please wear secure, flat shoes. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142202-R1	1/9-2/27	Th	7:30-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$26/\$31 after January 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Clogging

Clogging resembles tap dancing but with double time steps that are executed with a flat foot rather than on the balls of your feet. It is fun for all ages and provides a great aerobic workout. Two different skill levels are offered this winter. Ages 13+. Class will not meet on January 20. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for 20+ years. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142200-M3	1/6-3/17	M	5:30-6:15 pm
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Location: Franke Pond, Sherman Blvd.

Advanced

142200-T3	1/7-3/11	T	6:15-7 pm
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Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$50/\$55 after January 2



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, we will focus on coordination and getting acquainted with the rhythms of Irish music. You will learn foot placement, body alignment, and fundamental steps of soft shoe dances such as the Beginner Reel, Light Jig and Slip Jig. No prior dance experience is necessary. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 8. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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142207-R1	1/9-2/27	Th	4:30-5:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$57/\$62 after January 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Community Center Rental

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

What's That Sound?

Meditation with Sound Immersion

This full-body listening experience uses vibrational tones to invite gentle yet powerful therapeutic and restorative processes to nurture your mind and body. Sound immersion is a simple and direct connect to the powerful benefits of meditation promoting deep restorative relaxation and a quiet mind. The harmonic resonance orchestrates an energetic reset to release stress and tension. Beginners are welcome. Please bring a blanket and wear comfortable, light-colored clothing. It is recommended to remove any metal on your body, as metals have their own frequency and may interfere in the process. Instructor: Heather Williams MA, LMT, CRMT. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 13. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142367-M1	1/20-2/24	M	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$51/\$56 after January 13
Location: Haven of Healing, 2018 Fairfield Ave.

Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

Designed for beginners, this class will also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. We will cover the basic steps and terminology while incorporating them into popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country, and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, etc. will be included and taught in a line dance format. Sign up with a friend if you like, but no partner is necessary. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142204-T1	1/7-2/25	T	7-8 pm
142204-R1	1/9-2/27	Th	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$38/\$43 after January 2
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

Adult Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn various tap dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required for the Beginning class. The Beginning Plus and Advanced classes require some previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 5. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning

142205-W1	1/15-3/5	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginning Plus

142205-W2	1/15-3/5	W	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced

142205-W3	1/15-3/5	W	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$27/\$32 after January 8

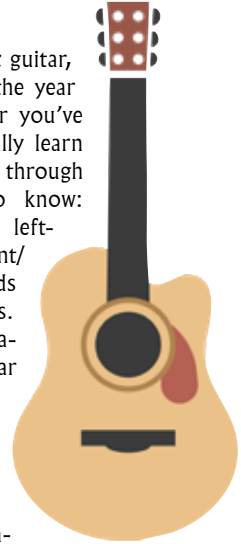
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Guitar

You've got a new acoustic guitar, or maybe your goal for the year is to dust off that guitar you've owned for years and finally learn to play. We'll guide you through everything you need to know: proper playing posture, left- and right-hand placement/technique, playing chords and strumming patterns. Lessons also cover fundamental music theory, guitar tablature and standard staff notation. These are individual private lessons, with only four times available. Sign up today. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: February 11.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142411-T1	2/18-3/11	T	6 pm
142411-T2	2/18-3/11	T	6:30 pm
142411-T3	2/18-3/11	T	7 pm
142411-T4	2/18-3/11	T	7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$66/\$71 after February 11
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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Practical Hobbies

Return of the Rag Rug

Rag rug making is just one of many “forgotten skills of self-sufficiency” used by pioneers on the frontier. Like many others, it has returned more as a hobby than a necessity. The rag rug is made from long strips of fabric that are braided, coiled and sewn into a flat spiral. They can be solid color, multi-colored, circular, square, left with ragged edges, or seamed for a neater finish. They are a great way to use fabric scraps and, as the pioneers can attest, they make great rugs. For a blue jean rag rug, you will need to bring 5 pairs of worn out jeans. For the ordinary rag rug, you will need to bring sheets or long scraps of fabric, scissors and a large needle. We also have large balls of fabric for you to use. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it to class. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: February 13. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142027-R1	2/20	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30/\$35 after February 13

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Knitting for Beginners

Learn to knit Continental Style and get hooked on a new hobby. You will learn how to cast on, knit, purl stitch and bind off. You will also learn about gauge and how to measure, as well as why it is important in knitting. The class project will be a simple dish cloth. Please bring to class a set of two #7 knitting needles and a skein of 100% cotton yarn. “Sugar and Cream” and “Lion’s Brand Cotton” are the brands the instructor recommends. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 3. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142033-R1	1/16-3/6	Th	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Macramé

Make your own BoHo wall hanging! You will learn how to begin a macramé piece, how to work a few different basic knots and create a design, texture, and pattern within your piece by varying the knots as you work. You will complete a wall hanging in just two sessions. All supplies are included and no prior experience is necessary. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: January 16. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142028-R1	1/23-1/30	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 2/\$45/\$50 after January 16

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Intro to Beekeeping

Beekeeping is trendy, and everyone knows how important honey bees are so that the planet can keep producing great fruits and vegetables. There is much to learn, however, before you jump in. This introduction will focus on the hobby hive, and is designed for anyone considering starting a hive or in their first year of beekeeping. You learn about bee biology, hive equipment and basic beekeeping techniques. Ages 13+. Instructor: Glenn Hile. Registration deadline: January 29. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142408-T1	2/4	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after January 29

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Recovery

Don't give up your comfortable chair just because it is a little worn. Give it a new exterior and bring it back to life! Bring your chair (no recliners, sofas or love seats) to the first class with fabric intact, if possible. We'll determine the amount of material needed for your project and discuss fabric selection. You will learn basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion styles and furniture styles. In most cases, you will be able to reupholster your chair in the 10 weeks of class. No experience is necessary. Instructor Celeste Rosales has been reupholstering furniture for over 11 years and works in a local upholstery shop. Age 18+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 8. Max. 15. Note: Class will not meet on January 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142902-M1	1/6-3/17	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$105/\$110 after January 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Art Parties

Beginning Pottery

Pottery is not only a therapeutic activity, but it also provides the perfect solution for enhancing creativity and self-expression. Give pottery a try and tap into your artistic side, unleash your imagination and create unique pieces of art to enjoy. You will learn both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design and various glazing techniques. Every student will create unique pieces to take home. All pieces will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for set-up and clean-up and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 5. Max. 6. There will be no class January 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142004-M1	1/13-2/3	M	6-9 pm
142004-R1	1/16-2/20	Th	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$102/\$107 after January 9
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day. You don't have to be an artist. You'll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to your finished painting, learning how to load brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Ages 13+. Registration deadlines: January 3 and February 7. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142035-S1	1/11	Sa	10 am-12 pm
142035-S2	2/15	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 the acrylic pour is that you don't apply the paint with a brush or palette knife but rather use gravity to move the paint across a canvas. The results are unlike anything you can get with a brush: fluid flows of paint without any brush marks or texture. Choose your technique – dirty cup, swipe or strainer – and learn to create amazing and beautiful works of art. Instructors are provided by Build Guild. Ages 13+. Registration deadlines: January 13 and February 10. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142018- M1	1/20	M	6-8 pm
142018- M2	2/17	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$44/\$49 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Introduction to Drawing

These seven elements compose the basic foundation of drawing: line, shape, color, form, space, texture and value. Learn about each of these elements and practice drawing techniques with a variety of art mediums. You will be challenged to keep a sketchbook and do daily creative exercises to improve upon the skills learned in class. Please bring a 9" x 12" sketchbook to class. Registration deadline: January 20. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142020-M1	1/27-3/3	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$77 after January 20
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 a card design. Learn a few basic design techniques and create nine Christmas or Valentine cards that 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 deadlines: December 3 and January 14. Min. 6. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Christmas Cards			
141308-T1	12/10	T	6-8 pm

Code	Date	Day	Time
Valentine Cards			
141308-T2	1/21	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$24/\$29 after 5 business days before class

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Stained Glass

Stained glass is being used more and more 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 deadline: January 14. Min 4. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142009-T1	1/21-2/18	T	6-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$108/\$113 after January 14
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Watch Your Language!

Intro to Spanish

Prepare to open doors to a whole new world of language and culture! Entry-level students will learn basic words and phrases applicable to everyday situations. This class includes in-class speaking, reading and writing exercises. Some Spanish experience is helpful but not required. An elementary level course book will be provided. Instructor Joshua Peppers has lived in Central America and studied the Spanish language and culture for a number of years. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142603-S1	1/11-3/1	Sa	10-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$78/\$83 after January 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get with the Program

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 a window and how to manipulate a window. You will then learn how to cut, copy and paste text, graphics and files. These tasks are common to just about every computer program. Finally, you will learn how to organize your files so they are easy to locate and tricks for finding files when they do get misplaced. Knowledge of the Windows operating system is a pre-requisite for most of our other computer classes. You should have access to a computer outside of class for practice. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142100-W1	1/8-3/5	W	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after January 2
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Computer Lab

The Community Center Computer Lab is open to the public weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and staffed by a volunteer on Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. No reservation is necessary. Just drop in.

Lab Fee.....	\$2/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"



Microsoft Excel 2019

Excel is a powerful, yet relatively easy-to-master tool for organizing, analyzing and displaying information such as personal finances or an inventory. You will learn how to enter data, create formulas and display charts. Experience with Windows, file management, word processing and the cut, copy and paste tool is required. Registration deadline: February 5. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142109-W1	2/12-3/19	W	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after February 5
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14th Annual Winterval 2025

Saturday, January 25

in Downtown Fort Wayne

Celebrate winter with a visit to downtown Fort Wayne! The 14th Annual Winterval promises a full day of indoor and outdoor festivities for all ages. Watch artists channel their creativity through blocks of ice, shop for unique hand-crafted items, and enjoy special events and activities in partnership with the Botanical Conservatory, Historic Fort Wayne, the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne Curling Club, Lindenwood Park and more!

For complete details and updates, visit fortwayneparks.org.

Winterval Hike and Bonfire

9:00-10:30 am

Lindenwood Nature Preserve,
600 Lindenwood Ave.

Kick off this year's Winterval festivities with a morning hike in the woods, and warm up at the bonfire before you head off to your next location! Free and open to all ages!

The Amazing Winterval Race

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

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Your 2-person team will solve clues and make your way to various locations where you'll perform physical, mental and just-plain-ridiculous challenges to win prizes! Pre-registration is required and begins Friday, January 3. Fee: \$89/team. See full event description on page 32.

Winterval at the Conservatory

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

Live Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the coolest season and hottest exhibit! Watch a live ice carving being sculpted outdoors and on display near the main entrance. Regular admission fees apply to indoor festivities including a lava-inspired craft, plant giveaway and exploration of the "Floor is Lava!" winter exhibit.

Nouvelle Annee

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Historic Fort Wayne, 1201 Spy Run Ave.

The fort is bustling with re-enactors preparing for hard times as rumors of war in Europe spread. See full description of this event on page 55. Free event, freewill donations accepted.



Headwaters Park Ice Skating and Exhibitions

12:00-9:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park East, 333 S. Clinton St.

What better time to enjoy the Headwaters Park ice skating rink than during Winterval! Lace up your skates and join in the fun, or come to watch short exhibitions from the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00. Admission \$4-\$6 (skate rental extra)

Winter Carnival

12:00-3:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beat the winter blahs by bringing the whole family out for snow crafts and activities, a live ice carving, carriage rides and a miniature golf course sculpted from ice. Be sure to bring the kids to our Candy Luge to satisfy your sweet tooth! Best part is it is all FREE!

Warm Heart Market

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Take a break from the outdoor activities and enjoy time spent inside browsing homemade and uniquely hand-crafted items and other merchandise at our market.

Winterval at the Library

12:00-4:00 p.m.

Allen County Public Library 900 Library Plaza

Stop by the Library's main branch to warm up and do a free, Winterval-inspired craft (while supplies last). Free event.

High School Pickleball Tourney

10:00 a.m.

McMillen Park Community Center

3901 Abbott St.

Follow WintervalFW on Facebook or visit the Winterval page at fortwayneparks.org for more details as they become available.

The Sport of Curling

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fort Wayne Curling Club, 3837 N. Wells St.

Come try your hand at this Olympic sport! Liability waivers are required of all participants. Ages 8-adult. Free event.

Heartland Mushers

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton

Visit the Heartland Mushers sled dogs at Headwaters Park, next to the skating rink. Hope for snow and watch the dogs run with sleds in the park. Free event.

Winter Cozy: Fire & Ice

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Winterval 2025 wraps up with our annual Winter Cozy! This year's theme is Fire & Ice. Bundle up the family and join us at Promenade Park for a blend of warm and cool attractions including a live ice carving contest, floating firepits on the St. Marys River, live music in the the Sweetwater Bandshell, interactive games throughout the evening and photo opportunities in a larger than life inflatable igloo! Warm up inside the pavilion at the hot cocoa and s'mores bar or head over to Ted's Snack + Bar to purchase your favorite food and beverage. Winter Cozy is open to all ages this year and it's free (food and beverage is for purchase while supplies last).



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Special Events

Unity LIGHTING

Monday **NOVEMBER 25, 2024** 5:45-6:30 pm
McKinnie Commons, McKinnie Ave & South Anthony Blvd.

Kick off the holiday season with friends, neighbors, and loved ones at one of Fort Wayne's newest parks. Presented in partnership with the Greater Fort Wayne National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Unity Lighting includes free giveaways, entertainment, community speakers, and is culminated by the lighting of the Unity Light Display. Celebrate the Unity of Community!

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Wednesday **NOV 27** | 4:30 until 7:30
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Make-n-Take Crafts Refreshments "Buddy" the Elf
Christmas Shopping Lighting at 6:10 p.m.

Donate a new or gently used bear for a chance to win a giant elf bear.



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14th Annual Winterval 2025

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The Amazing Winterval Race

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Grab a friend and explore Fort Wayne in a new way – with prizes on the line! Teams of two (age 18+) will solve a series of clues and complete physical, mental, or just-plain-ridiculous challenges along the way. The race ends with a victory party where special prize packages will be awarded to the top 3 teams. Teams are responsible for their own transportation. T-shirts will be provided and must be worn by all participants throughout the event. Registration begins Friday January 3 and continues through January 15 or until space is filled (code # 143900-51). Fee: \$89/team. Max. 40 teams.

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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The Community Center will be CLOSED
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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.



Pre-school Play Time

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

Fancy Footwork

Pre-School Gymnastics

***Adult/Child**

Children who participate in gymnastics tend to have better control over their bodies, have better hand-eye coordination, and also better stability than other children in the same age group. In addition to the physical benefits, gymnastics also gives children the opportunity to figure out how to express themselves and interact with other children their own age. Classes will focus on basic tumbling skills and the use of various gymnastics equipment. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Parents participate to help keep your child focused on the activities. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)			
143300-F1	1/10-2/28	F	4:30-5 pm
143300-F2	1/10-2/28	F	5:15-5:45 pm
143300-F3	1/10-2/28	F	6-6:30 pm

Ages 3-4

143300-F4	1/10-2/28	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143300-F5	1/10-2/28	F	5:15-6 pm
143300-F6	1/10-2/28	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 3

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest

It is important to be properly dressed for any activity. Jeans are NOT recommended for gymnastics or dance. Soft ballet, jazz, hip-hop or tennis shoes are REQUIRED.

Mommy and Me Dance

***Adult/Child**

A Mommy & Me Dance 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: January 1. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143316-W1	1/8-2/26	W	10-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 1

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

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Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your pre-school child to dance. It challenges their memory while they learn choreography and dance terms. They learn patterning and how to connect physical and mental patterns. Finally, dance helps them develop focus, concentration and spatial awareness while developing gross and fine motor skills. Each 30-minute session of Beautiful Ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: December 31. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-T1	1/7-2/25	T	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after December 31

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

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Just for Fun

Holiday Fun

*Adult/Child

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
143060-F1	12/6	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after November 27
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Let it Snow

*Adult/Child

No snow . . . no problem! We can make our own snow and enjoy snowy crafts, a snowball fight and a snowy treat that you create. Don't miss the wild and wacky winter fun! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 10. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143061-F1	1/17	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after January 10
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Be My Valentine!

*Adult/Child

We would LOVE for you to join us for our annual Valentine's Day party! There will be Valentine crafts, entertaining games and much more. You'll even get to decorate your own Valentine's Day cupcake! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: February 7. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143104-F1	2/14	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after February 7
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Preschool Art & Activity

*Adult Child

We have some early morning fun planned for you! We'll start with art and end with a fun activity based on sports or pirates to get you moving. Choose your favorite or try them both for more fun. Ages 1½-5. Registration deadlines: January 29 and February 19. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143048-W1	2/5	W	10-10:45 am
143048-E1	2/26	W	10-10:45 am

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

Winter Olympics

Pirate Party

Full of Energy



Open Gym for Preschoolers!

*Adult/Child

Fridays, Nov-Feb, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Each action-packed session of Open Gym will feature activities involving parachutes, tunnels, a balance beam, hula hoops, musical instruments and so many balls! Scooters, bowling, frisbee . . . the list goes on! There is no pre-registration required for this drop-in program. Just check in at the front desk. An adult is required to accompany each child. Ages 1½ -5 Drop-in fee: \$2/child.

Toddlers on the Move

*Adult/Child

Looking for an outlet for that boundless preschooler energy? We have planned fun activities that involve running, jumping, rolling, throwing – moving! That should do the trick. Your child will also learn about playing with others and maybe even make a new friend! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 20. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143032-M1	1/27-2/10	M	9:30-10:15 am

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

Playful Preschoolers

*Adult/Child

Playing with balls and crawling through tunnels . . . what could be more fun? Games and activities this morning will involve a series of tunnels and obstacles and lots of different balls for loads of little kid fun and basic motor skill development. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143029-F1	12/13	F	10-10:45 am
143029-F2	1/10	F	10-10:45 am
143029-F3	1/24	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$13/\$18 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6000

Just for Kids

What's Your Hobby?

Passion for Pottery

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143201-S1	1/11-2/15	Sa	9-11am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$67/\$72 after January 6
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. This class is drop off only. Students learn and cook in a class with their peers. All experience levels are welcome. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Sweet and Savory Appetizer Wreaths

You will prepare toppings and assemble two appetizer wreaths – one sweet and one savory.

1539	12/17	T	6-7:30 pm
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Choose Your Own Adventure

Create your very own recipe! You will be given a basic recipe and with each step you will choose the next ingredient. You'll discover how recipes can be adapted to allow your creativity to shine.

1539	1/28	T	6-7:30 pm
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Dessert

Tonight's treat is Napoleon puffs! Students will work with puff pastry dough, mix the delicious filling, and slice fruit for the layers! If time allows, we will use the remaining ingredients to create a mini layered mousse dessert!

1539	2/26	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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

A Homerun Hit



T-Ball

*Adult/Child

T-Ball is a great sport for developing hand-eye coordination and social skills... and it is just plain fun! Your child will be introduced to throwing, catching, hitting, and base running in this non-competitive, instructional program. T-ball instruction is conducted through demonstrations and drills; scrimmages and competitions are NOT part of the program. Please bring a baseball glove. All other equipment will be provided. Ages 4-6. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143810-R1	1/9-1/23	Th	4-4:45 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 3/\$26/\$31 after January 2

Location: Franke Park, Pavilion #1

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You'll Flip for This!

Gymnastics

This popular sport not only provides many physical benefits including strength, flexibility, speed, balance, coordination and power; it also promotes non-physical benefits such as discipline, determination, confidence and communication. Plus, it's FUN! Your child will learn to perform front and back rolls, handstands, walkovers and cartwheels, as well as comparable skills on the balance beam, uneven bars and trampoline. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-8

143302-F1	1/10-2/28	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143302-F2	1/10-2/28	F	5-5:45 pm
143302-F3	1/10-2/8	F	5:45-6:30 pm
143302-F4	1/10-2/28	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12

143302-F6	1/10-2/28	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 3
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

Gymnastics for the Guys

Because it builds overall body strength, increases coordination and agility, and teaches mental focus, gymnastics provides excellent training for other sports. Participation in gymnastics also promotes a positive learning attitude which some educators believe leads to higher math and reading scores. Best of all – gymnastics is FUN! You will learn to perform front and back rolls and handstands as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar and trampoline. Participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143303-F1	1/10-2/28	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 3

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.



Get on Your Toes

Hip Hop Dance

Hip-Hop is a vibrant form of dance that combines a variety of freestyle movements. It has evolved into on the most popular and influential styles of dance today. Starz Dance Academy closely monitors the lyrics of songs used in the class. Age appropriate words, message and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN! Shoes are required.



Ages 5-14. Registration deadline: December 31. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143306-T1	1/7-2/25	T	4-4:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after December 31

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling, and emotion. Each session of beautiful ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques, and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: December 31. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143304-T2	1/7-2/25	T	5-5:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after December 31

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

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Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 17:

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

Call 427-6000 or visit fortwayneparks.org for more information.

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 23, 2025

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

Children and teens ages 5-18 Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

Program closed for holidays November 28-29, December 24, 25, January and January 20.

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**
Appropriately processing loss and grief with multiple Tuesday visits throughout the year
- **Crochet**
Learn to crochet basic stitches on Mondays
- **Turner Chapel AME Ubuntu Learning Lab**
"Intro to Genealogy"
December 5 & 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
"I Am Because We Are"
February 13 & 27, 5:30-7 pm

DrumFun at Jennings

Drummers meet Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.,
Sept 18-Nov 21 and 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. Instructors Kétu Oladewa and Tyrone Cato co-founded, directed, and managed the Three Rivers Jenbé Ensemble from 1999 to 2015, and currently teach with Identity Counts Cultural Collective. DrumFun at Jennings Center is designed to harness child-like improvisational energy, giving it a traditional West Afrikan village drumming focus. Student selection is through an audition process. At the conclusion of the workshop, students will present skills learned for family and friends at a special program on May 14. Call 427-6700 for additional information.

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**
Literacy and crafts, 3rd Wednesday of the month
- **Erin's House**
Helping children process loss and grief on various Wednesdays throughout the year.

Kids in the Kitchen New

Youth at both Jennings and Weisser Centers will learn kitchen basics by helping prepare and serve Kids Café and other meals and healthy snacks.



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Jennings Recreation Center
Weisser Park Youth Center

Adult Programming at Jennings Recreation Center



Basche's Self-Defense for Women

Saturday, December 14, 12:00 p.m.

Sensei Basche will teach women the basic of staying safe when out alone and danger may be approaching. Ages 10-adult. (Ages 15 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian) It's FREE!

Yoga

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

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



Lunch and Games

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

Bring your lunch (and a friend) to enjoy board games and other activities. Some Fridays will feature guest speakers on topics such as healthy eating, insurance for the elderly, dementia, making a will, Keeping your Blood pressure low, benefits of exercising and more.

November 15Thanksgiving Carry-In

November 29Holiday/No Lunch and Games

December 6DIY T-Shirt

December 20White Elephant Gift Exchange

Our biweekly Lunch and Games schedule will resume January 10, 2025.



71st Wassail Celebration!

Sunday, December 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

Come celebrate with us! If you sing, dance, recite poetry, play an instrument or have a talent you would like to share, please contact Chanell Ridley at 427-6701. We would be happy to add your performance to the program.

McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

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

Winter Public Hours

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

* Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

* 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 Fun & Games Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Fun & Games Open Gym
5:30-6:30 pm Essential Steps	6-7 pm Adult Yoga	12-1 pm Adult Yoga	6-9 pm Men's Basketball League	
6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Volleyball	6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Badminton	6-8 pm Essential Steps Adult Open Gym	6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	
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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.

Open Gym Volleyball

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

The gym is set up for volleyball on Monday evenings. Come test your strength, agility, stamina and flexibility! Drop-in fee: \$1. Photo ID required.

Open Gym Badminton

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

The gym is set up for badminton on Tuesday evenings. Did you know badminton is the fastest racquet sport in the world? How fast are your reflexes? 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 February 6 and runs for 8 weeks followed by a single elimination tournament on April 24. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team. Team fee: \$250

Parents Night Out

5:00-8:00 p.m.

December 7, Holiday Theme

February 15, Valentine Theme

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

Questions? 427-2420



Youth After-School Program

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-7 pm Youth Programs	3-6 pm Youth Programs
3-6 pm Open Gym	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 5-18.

Lil' Ballers

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
February 19-March 26
 Boys and girls ages 4-7 learn basketball fundamentals. The program is free. Sign up at the Center or call 427-2420.

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.

Kids' Korner

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 The Kids' Korner indoor playground is not supervised by staff, so parental supervision is advised. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.



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McMillen Park Community Center

Trips & Travel



London and Paris Discovery

April 30-May 8, 2025

From the history of London's Leeds Castle to the soaring elegance of Paris' Eiffel Tower, this tour is loaded with iconic places to visit while on your dream Europe vacation. **Includes FREE airfare if booked by November 30, 2024!**

Tour Highlights:

- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Panoramic city tour of London
- Excursion to Leeds Castle and the Cliffs of Dover
- High-speed rail journey between London and Paris aboard the Eurostar
- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Learn about life in a château at Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Discover the secrets to French etiquette at a private workshop
- Visit the regal Palace of Versailles
- All excursions with local English-speaking guides

9 days, 9 meals

\$3,999/person Single supplement add \$1,499
(includes free air from FWA)

Optional Travel Protection \$449/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.

From Black Hills to Badlands

June 17-22, 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





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 trips 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

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



More 2025 Tours
(see details at fortwayneparks.org)
Greece | October 15-23

Fun After Fifty

Social Seniors

Monday Luncheon

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 are required by 4:00 p.m. on the previous Wednesday. Reservations fees cannot be refunded. At each luncheon there will be a short presentation by the sponsor. Ages 50+.

Monday, December 16, 12:00 p.m.
"Magical Days"

Supporting Sponsor: Hearing Aids Plus+
Reservation fee: \$6

Monday, January 13, 12:00 p.m.
"Annual New Year's Brunch Lunch"

Supporting Sponsor: Silver Birch
Reservation fee: \$5

Monday, February 17, 12:00 p.m.
"Heart Warmer"

Supporting Sponsor:
Heritage Park-American Senior Communities
Reservation fee: \$5

The Community Center will be CLOSED
November 28 & 29, Thanksgiving
December 23-January 1, Holidays
January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

Mondays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

December 16, January 13, February 17

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Listen to relaxing music, visit with your neighbor and color until your heart's content using colored pencils. No pre-registration is necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$2. (Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to stay for lunch.)

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Tuesday Movies

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for an afternoon at the movies! Most features are recent releases or popular classics. Admission is FREE, however, we do require pre-registration by the Monday prior to the movie. Call 427-6460 to reserve your seat. Tuesday movies are sponsored by American Senior Communities and Absolute Angels. Show time is 1:30 p.m.

December 3	Christmas on the Farm
December 17	12 Pups of Christmas
January 7	The Supremes at Earl's All You Can Eat
January 21	A Million Miles Away
February 4	Origin
February 18	Saving Mr. Banks

Holiday Dinner and Light Tour

Monday, December 9, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for the annual Holiday Dinner and Light Tour! The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner and holiday entertainment at the Community Center. Afterward, we board comfortable motor coaches provided by Excursion Travel and depart for a pre-planned route of downtown Fort Wayne's finest Christmas light displays and The Fantasy of Lights in Franke Park. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: December 2. Fee: \$20/person. Registration code: 141600-M1



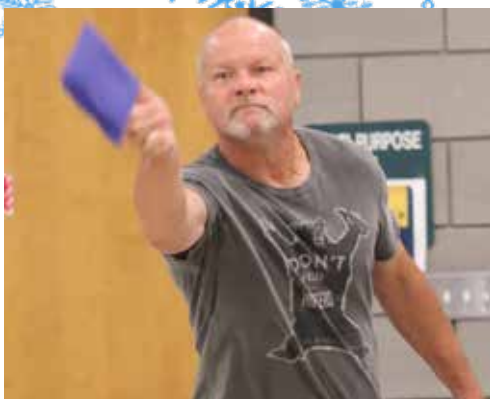
Get in the Game!

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
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm/1-3 pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Paper-crafting	T	1-3 pm
Shuffleboard	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Wii Bowling	T	1-3 pm



Community Cornhole League

Wednesdays, January 8-February 12, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 26-April 2, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Toss your cares away and join us for some friendly cornhole competition! All are welcome! We use the cancellation scoring method. Play continues for 6 weeks, with prizes awarded to the top 3 finishers at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 by January 2 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, February 4-March 11, 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 January 28 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6. Sponsored by St. Anne Communities.

Dabble in Scrabble

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

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Do you dabble in Scrabble? Come put your word play skills to the test with fellow Scrabble enthusiasts. No registration required. Just drop in and join the Monday afternoon fun! Ages 50+. Drop-in Fee: \$2

Bingo

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

December 13, January 10, 24, February 14, 28

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

2025 Senior Games

Begin June 2, 2025

Save the date! Nearly 450 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 427-6000 to be placed on our mailing list.



Book Sales

December 10-12, January 14-16, February 11-13 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!

Fitness After Fifty



ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

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

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

Cardio Flex

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

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

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

Senior Yoga

Research suggests that regular yoga practice can slow down 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 keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 8. Max. 35.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141200-T1	1/14-3/4	T	12-1 pm
141200-R1	1/16-3/6	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$41/\$45 after January 3

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Senior Aqua Fit

Aqua Fit is total body toning with many fun water resistance tools. Our instructor will guide you through various aerobic movements in the water performed to rhythmic music using resistive and buoyancy equipment. Some of the benefits of Aqua Fit include:

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

Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141209-W1	1/15-3/19	W	11:30 am-12:15

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$70/\$75 after January 8

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Senior Line Dancing

Line dancing is a great way to get exercise while socializing and enjoying up-beat music. What better way to spend an afternoon? The class is designed to accommodate all skill levels. Instructor: Johnnie Parish. Registration deadline: January 15. Min. 8. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141203-W1	1/22-3/12	W	3:30-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$42/\$47 after January 15

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Community Center will be CLOSED
November 28 & 29, Thanksgiving
December 23-January 1, Holidays
January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Senior Tap Class

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Advanced

141210-R1	1/16-3/6	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
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Beginner

141210-R2	1/16-3/6	Th	3:30-4:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$15/\$20 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a 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 or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 260-427-6441

Picture Perfect

Behind the Easel: Oil or Acrylic

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oil or acrylic. Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor, will guide you through this independent study. Please bring a photo or art instructional book by your favorite artist. You will receive a supply list when you register. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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141301-M1	1/13-2/17	M	3:30-6 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$73/\$78 after January 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Needles & Threads

Creative Quilting

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

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Creative quilting has much in common with the quilting bee, an extremely popular social event in the mid-nineteenth century. It provides an opportunity to meet other quilters, make new friends, share ideas and express your artistic capabilities. Rather than everyone working on one common quilt, however, you are encouraged to bring your current quilting project to work on. An iron and ironing board will be set up for your use and large tables available for laying out your quilt. Ages 50+. There is no need to call ahead. Drop-in fee: \$2

Curious About Crochet

You don't have to invest in a lot of materials or equipment to take up crochet. With just a simple hook, a skein of yarn, and a comfy place to sit, you can begin enjoying all the benefits this craft provides. In the Beginner Class, we'll get you started with a few basic stitches and show you how to read a pattern. The Intermediate Class is geared for those who have taken Beginner Crochet or already know the basics. You should know how to comfortably create single and double crochet stitches as well as have a basic understanding of reading patterns. Please bring to class a size 5mm, 5.5mm or 6mm crochet hook and a medium weight (size 4 worsted) yarn of your choice for both classes. You will be provided illustrated patterns and guided on how to read through them. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

141304-F1	1/10-2/28	F	11 am-1 pm
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Intermediate

141304-F2	1/10-2/28	F	1-3 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$17/\$22 after January 3

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Hooked on Crochet

Wednesday, 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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We Help . . . You Help

Legal Counseling

Beers, Mallers LLC attorneys 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	12/4, 1/8, 2/5	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Community Center Rental

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

Volunteer and Instructor Opportunities

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

We offer numerous opportunities for people of all ages to join our family of over 150 volunteers and become involved in Community Center programs and operations. As a Community Center volunteer, you will find satisfaction in being of service to the community, develop your interests, and make new acquaintances. You may choose to volunteer on a regular weekly schedule or on an occasional basis. Please call 427-6441 for more information. Examples of volunteer positions include:

- Class Instructors • Tap Dancers
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Gardeners • Music Instructors
- Special Event Helpers
- Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Shuffleboard/Cornhole League Coordinators
- Cleaning Assistants • Brain Teaser Leader
- Senior Games Coordinator

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!



233 W. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN 260-427-6460



Unwind Your Mind

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



Bingo

2nd and 4th Fridays, 1:00 p.m.
December 13, January 10, 24, February 7, 21
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

3rd Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
December 16, January 13, February 17
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., February 4-March 11
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well! Join us for fun and friendly competition at the Community Center! Call 427-6461 by January 31 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6. Sponsored by St. Anne Communities.

Dabble in Scrabble

Mondays, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Test your wordplay skills and have fun with fellow enthusiasts every Monday afternoon. There is no need to call ahead. Just drop in and join the fun. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

Eating Smart and Moving More

Wednesday, January 15-March 5
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More offers FREE lessons on food, nutrition and exercise to help you plan more nutritious meals, be more active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! The program is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 to sign up by January 8.

Dementia Conversations

Monday, February 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss. We will also talk about going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. Reservation deadline: February 10.

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Questions? 427-6460

Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Curious About Computers

Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn how to access web browsers, how to navigate reliable sources of information such as Google for information and websites, create an email address and correspond through email. There will also be time for individual needs or desired information, which could include accessing social media. No computer background is required for this program. Call 427-6460 by February 19 to sign up. The seminar is free.

Technology Talk for Older Adults

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Dave Collins has been sharing his knowledge of technology with seniors since 2015. He can help you better understand the technological world we now live in. He will cover online safety, communication, how to identify scams, how to use apps and more. Call 427-6460 by February 12 to sign up. The seminar is free.

Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone & iPad

Monday, January 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get the most out of your iPhone, iPad or smart phone. Call 427-6460 to schedule your 20-minute individual help. You will need to provide your Apple ID and password if you need specific help with your device. A Community Center volunteer will be providing the assistance, which is free. Please schedule your time by January 20.

Android: One-on-One Help

Tuesday, January 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Android phone users now have the opportunity to have their questions answered. Call 427-6460 to schedule a 20-minute individual help session. You will need to provide the password for your phone. A Community Center volunteer will provide the assistance, which is free. Please schedule your time by January 21.

Green Thumbs



Choosing Gardening Flowers

Wednesday February 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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 February 12 to sign up.

Containers and Backyard Gardening

Wednesday January 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Learn what it takes to grow and enjoy a small garden on your porch or patio. Great for apartment/condo dwellers or anyone who just desires to enjoy growing a few veggies or flowers without the work and hassle of a large garden. Presenter: Pam Snyder, 20-year Master Gardner. Call 427-6460 by February 8 to sign up for this free seminar.

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High Finance

Avoiding Fraud

Wednesday, February 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn about the latest fraud trends and how to ensure that your information is safe. This free seminar is presented by Three Rivers Federal Credit Union staff. Call 427-6460 by January 29 to sign up. Min. 10.

Personal Finance

Wednesday, January 8-February 26, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Do you worry about running out of money before the end of the month? Have you put off understanding investment choices? This seminar covers tracking expenses, modifying expenses, banking/loans, and investment choices. Please call 427-6460 by October 1 to sign up. The seminar is free.

Making Budgets Work

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Identify personal obstacles to budgeting and create and apply a structure to track and analyze spending. You will list short, medium and long-term goals and learn the importance of debt reduction and building emergency savings. Ultimately, you will learn to apply strategies to manage day-to-day spending. This free seminar is sponsored by Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union. Please call 427-6460 by February 11 to register.

On the Homefront

Help for the First Time Homebuyer

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Purchasing your first home can be very stressful, but less so if you go into it prepared and armed with the information you need. In this seminar, we will cover everything from income calculations to down payment assistance, and everything in between. You will receive a checklist 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, Mortgage Loan Officer. The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by February 12 to sign up.

Chaos to Comfort: Mastering Downsizing

Wednesday, February 5, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

You have spent a lifetime making a home for your family. Life has changed now, and you are thinking about downsizing. Or you are working with your siblings to relocate your parents and have questions about the process. Whatever the situation, your family is unique and so are the challenges. Join this discussion of how to break down the do's and don'ts of downsizing. Let us help by addressing your concerns and answering your questions about the process. Call 427-6460 by January 29 to register.



and it's all FREE!



Alzheimer's Educational Presentations

The following educational seminars are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and are free to attend. Call 427-6460 by the deadlines to reserve your space.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Monday, January 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, and the current research and treatments available for some symptoms. We will also discuss the Alzheimer's Association resources available. Reservation deadline: January 13.

Dementia Conversations

Monday, February 17, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program provides tips for breaking the ice with your family so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss. We will also talk about going to the doctor for a diagnosis or medical treatment, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care. Reservation deadline: February 10.

Medicare & Medigap Supplements

Wednesday, January 15 & Monday, February 17
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This seminar will cover the basics of Medicare from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. We will go over how Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D Medicare coverage work together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. The basics of Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Supplemental Insurance plans will be covered. We will also explain where you can obtain the information you need to help you in your Medicare decision process. This free seminar is being presented by Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 to register by January 8 and February 10.

Eating Smart and Moving More

Wednesday, January 15-March 5
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More offers FREE lessons on food, nutrition and exercise to help you plan more nutritious meals, be more active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! The program is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 to sign up by January 8.





Be Prepared!

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

Wednesday, January 15, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, February 19, 11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Have you thought about who would make medical decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself? The Advance Care Planning team from Parkview Health will be here to discuss Advance Care Planning, the process of thinking and talking about what type of medical care you would want, should you not be able to speak for yourself. We invite you to attend this session to start the conversation surrounding your wishes. We encourage you, if possible, to bring the person you would like to make decisions for you if needed. There is no charge to attend the seminar; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by February 12 to register.

Funeral/Cemetery Pre-Planning

Tuesday, February 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Knowing what questions to ask before making decisions at funeral homes and cemeteries can save you both money and mistakes. Presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillan shares knowledge she has gained over her 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry. Helpful information for veterans is also included. The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by January 28 to reserve your spot.

Fort Wayne History

The Taming of Kekionga

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 West Main St.

Local author Jim Pickett shares what he discovered as he researched and wrote his fourth book in the historical fiction Kekionga series: The Taming of Kekionga: 1812-1813. Jim uses PowerPoint maps, pictures and paintings to explain little known facts about the War of 1812 as it pertained to Fort Wayne and the old Northwest Territory as well as Lake Erie and Canada. Time for questions and comments is allowed and the books will all be available for purchase. More information can be found at jimpickettbooks.com. Register for this free seminar by February 4.

Children's Zoo

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

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

Kids for Nature Winter Camp

Have a wild winter at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo! Our Kids for Nature Winter Camp lets your campers discover a wintry world waiting to be explored in two unique camp offerings. In December, campers will discover the "Amazing Adaptations" that help animals survive at the Zoo and in the wild. During January, campers will explore the "Hidden Habitats" below the seas and in the trees that animals call home. Animal encounters, behind-the-scenes learning, engaging Zoo tours, and more await each camp session. Join us for one or both sessions!

Zoo Tots (PreK[4+]-K)

"Hidden Habitats" December 30-31
"Amazing Adaptations" January 2-3

Zoo Buddies (1st-2nd Grade)

"Hidden Habitats" December 30-31
"Amazing Adaptations" January 2-3

Zoo Explorers (3rd-4th Grade)

"Hidden Habitats" December 30-31
"Amazing Adaptations" January 2-3

Zoo Investigators (5th-6th Grade)

"Amazing Adaptations" January 2-3

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

To Register

Space is limited. Register online and see complete program details at kidszoo.org. No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Call the Education Department at 260-427-6800 ext. 301 or education@kidszoo.org. Camp sessions are two consecutive days (Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday) and run from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Two different sessions are available for some grade levels. If you'd like your camper to join us for both sessions, please select each during registration. Fee: \$100 per session.

Age & Cancellation Policy

Children must be in the camp for their grade (no exceptions). Programs are held rain, snow, or shine. Refunds (minus 10% processing fee) are available if you cancel at least 2 weeks in advance. No refund if you cancel less than 2 weeks in advance. The Zoo reserves the right to cancel camps with insufficient registration. In the event of such a cancellation, all your fees will be refunded.

WILD ZOO WONDERLAND

AT THE FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO

Presented by:
3 RIVERS

November 29-December 1, December 6-8, 13-15, 20-23, 26-30
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Wild Zoo Wonderland and make the Zoo a part of your family traditions. Visit the Zoo during December for holiday tales during Story Time, visits from Santa Claus, your favorite animals, and more! Visit kidszoo.org for more information about this family fun event.

Historic Fort Wayne

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Parking for the Fort is available in the lot across Spy Run Avenue. Please use caution when crossing the street! Always visit our website oldfortwayne.org, our Facebook page [@HistoricFortWayne](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne), or call (260) 437-2836 for schedule updates and information.

Christmas at the Old Fort: A Timeline Event

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Have you ever imagined how Christmas was celebrated during war times throughout American History? What was it like in 1812 in Fort Wayne? What did they do in 1770 in Virginia? Talk with soldiers about how they observed the holidays. Visit with the artisans as they present hand-crafted gift ideas. Pick up a sweet treat from the bake sale and check out the Old Fort merchandise. Welcome the holidays with fun and festivities at the Old Fort!



Nouvelle Annee A Winterval Event

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The year dawns anew at Post Miami. It is the early days of 1745 at this French colonial outpost situated beside the great Native American Village of Kekionga of the Myaamia Nation. The new year brings troubling news from the east, a new war has begun with England. On the Atlantic coast battles are being fought and fortresses laid to siege. But at Post Miami, there is trouble of a different kind. The flow of trade goods is being cut off due to the war in the east. The traders have little goods to offer the Native Americans. Unrest grows as the short supply of goods continues to hamper the lucrative trade. Come experience a day in the life of the early inhabitants of Fort Wayne. The Old Fort will host French Colonial reenactors with displays of domestic life, the economics of the fur trade, and military life. See skits illustrating the tension of this time, recreating actual historic events which occurred in 1745 near what would become Fort Wayne, Indiana.

1812 Officer & NCO Training

Saturday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

A winter posting in a frontier fort focuses on military drills and training. This weekend is a gathering of officers and soldiers to learn about the skills needed to lead troops at the company and battalion levels. Soldiers wishing to become an officer, and current officers wishing to become more proficient, will participate in maneuvers and drill sessions. Winter survival also depends on daily duties and work details. Visit with soldiers and witness what it was like to live in a frontier fort during the cold months of winter.

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. Work has already begun! 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.**

Greenways & Trails

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(260) 427-6228

Winter Solstice Walk/Ride & Campfire

Saturday, December 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

On the shortest day of the year, let's create the bright! Bring a flashlight, battery-operated lantern or Christmas lights and join us by wheel or by heel as we enjoy the Winter Solstice on the Pufferbelly Trail and Salomon Farm Trail Loop! We encourage all cyclists to light up their bicycles for fun, but require at least a front white light and red, rear reflector for safety. Walkers can deck out with Christmas decorations, lights and bells. The Walk/Ride will kick off at 5:30 p.m. We will gather back at Salomon Farm following the ride for refreshments, a campfire, and activities. This is a free community event sponsored by The City of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation. Follow Salomon Farm on Facebook for updates and weather-related cancellations.

Chilly Challenge Bike Ride

Wednesday, January 1, 1:00 pm

Psi Ote Upper Pavilion, Bob Arnold Dr,
Northside Park at State Blvd and Parnell Ave.

Start the new year with a chilly (chili) and challenging cycling adventure! The ride on city streets and greenway paths "fits most" with distance options from 5 to 20 miles. The ride departs promptly at 1:00 p.m. Allow ample time to unload your bike/s, sign a waiver form and "gear up" for a winter ride. The longer route will include a stop at Johnny Appleseed Park to watch the polar bear plunge and a small snack will be provided before heading to Shoaff Park. All routes will return to the Psi Ote Pavilion for a steaming bowl of chili and tasty accompaniments. All food items are donated by the Three Rivers Velo Sport Club members. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED.** Route maps will be provided at the ride. For more information visit 3rvs.com. The event is **FREE** and open to all ages. Donations to the Velo Sport Club are graciously accepted and much appreciated.

Swinney Homestead

Swinney Homestead

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

Settlers' Annual Victorian Christmas 'At-Home' with the Swinney Sisters

December 6 & 7, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

The Settlers cordially invite you to the Swinney Homestead to celebrate the Christmas spirit and take refreshment of delicious savories, sweets and a pot of tea. The historic Swinney House will be decorated in Victorian Christmas grandeur. A Gift Shoppe on the second floor will be laden with unique gifts and "stocking stuffers" for Christmas shoppers. Reservations will be taken at (260) 432-4232 and (260) 747-1501. Fee: \$25. This event is a fundraiser to help support the maintenance of Fort Wayne's historic Homestead.

Settlers' Historic Hand Arts Program



Christmas Lore and Syllabub: A Victorian Style House Party

November 14, 9:00-11:30 a.m., \$20



All Things Hearts: Valentines, Hearts, History, and a Woven Heart Piece to Take Home

February 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m., \$20

Enjoy refreshments and a historic hand art activity. Ages 14 years and older. Prepaid reservation are required. Space is limited, so call (260) 432-7314 today to sign up.

Things to Know

Before you sign up . . .

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

Photo/Video Image Use Consent and Release

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

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

Mission Statement

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

Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices	427-6000
Botanical Conservatory	427-6440
Children's Zoo	427-6800
Community Center	427-6460
Foellinger Theatre	427-6018
Foster Golf Course	427-6735
Franke Park Day Camp	427-6725
Hursttown Reservoir	627-3390
Jennings Center	427-6700
Johnny Appleseed Campground	427-6720
Lawton Park Maintenance	427-6400
Lifetime Sports Academy	427-6760
Lindenwood Nature Preserve	427-6740
McMillen Park Community Center	427-2420
McMillen Golf Course	427-6710
Salomon Farm Park	427-6790
Shoaff Golf Course	427-6745
Weisser Park Youth Center	427-6780

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

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

7 Ways to Sign Up

**REGISTER
NOW**

1) Online

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

2) Fort Wayne Parks App

Download the Fort Wayne Parks app in your Google Play or App Store. Use the app to register for programs, book tee times, reserve pavilions and more.

3) 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.

4) By Mail

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

5) In Person

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

6) 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.

7) By Fax

FAX a completed registration form to us at (260) 427-6020. Available 24 hours a day!

Health & Safety Policy

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

Refund Policy

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

1. Full refunds will be made upon cancellation of a class or activity by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Full refunds less a processing and handling fee of \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) will be granted to individuals and/or teams if requested one business day before the program begins.
3. Refunds requested less than one business day prior to the beginning of a program or activity may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase.
4. The outdoor wedding fee is not refundable; however, the event may be rescheduled within 364 days for a charge of 20% of the rental fee.
5. Refunds for cancelled pavilion reservations shall be granted as follows:
 - 2 or more months before rental date: Refund less 20% OR transfer* one time with no fee (additional transfers will be assessed 20% processing fee)
 - 1-2 months before rental date: Refund less 40% OR transfer with 20% processing fee
 - Less than 1 month before rental date: NO REFUND/NO TRANSFER
6. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing refunds. Credit card refunds are credited to your account immediately, but may take 3-5 days to appear on your account.

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

Inclement Weather Policy

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.

Registration Form

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

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

Household Set-Up

Head of Household:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: M / F

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

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

Additional Family Members:

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

Registration Information

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

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

Total Due: \$ _____

Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx

_____ / _____
Card Number Exp. Date CVV

Name as printed on card: _____

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

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

Stop! Register Here!

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