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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

### Holiday Hours

Open New Year's Eve, 12-4 pm  
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

### Admission

Adults (18+) \$7  
Youth (3-17) \$5  
Infants (2 and under) Free  
Thursdays, 5-8 pm \$1 Night

## 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](http://shop.botanicalconservatory.org) to become a member today!



## Conservatory Shop

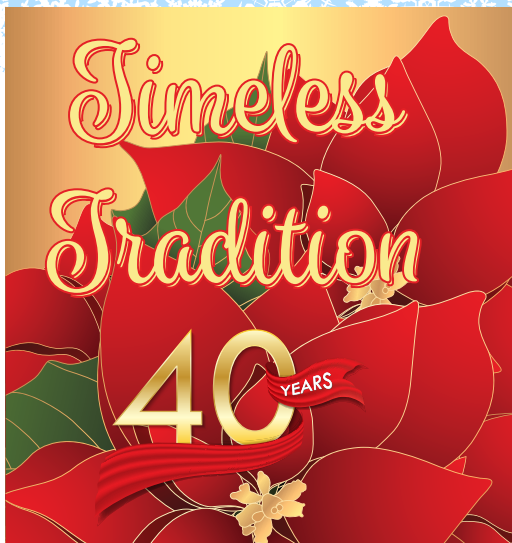
The Conservatory Shop offers a boutique-style atmosphere filled with houseplants, home & garden essentials, unique toys & books, trendy apparel and fashion accessories along with seasonal merchandise perfect for souvenir-taking and gift-giving! Local vendors are also featured from Fort Wayne and the 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 the Columbia Ave location for a uniquely fresh experience. More details at [conjurecoffee.com](http://conjurecoffee.com). Order in person or through the Odeko app for pick up and contactless payment. Seating is available within the Conservatory Café, Atrium or the outdoor patio. Catering options available to Conservatory renters and businesses in the downtown area.

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The Botanical Conservatory . . . Always in Season!



## Holiday Showcase Exhibit November 18-January 7

Holidays at the Botanical Conservatory have delighted the community as a family favorite over the last 40 years. Its gardens in light and scenes of merriment contribute to a warm holiday spirit in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne. Fresh cut evergreens, a lush poinsettia tree and deep ruby undertones are the backdrop to this year's memories. Join us in celebrating an oasis of growth and tradition. Sponsored by the English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Waterfield Foundation, Wilson Foundation, PBS Fort Wayne and Majic 95.1.

### \$1 Night Light Display

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

Closed Thanksgiving Day

Thursdays & Fridays, November 24-December 22

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 your holidays 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 leading up to Christmas.

Wednesday, November 22

In Conjunction with Night of Lights  
Conjure Coffee Open



Friday, November 24

Special Event 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Thursday, November 30

Friday, December 1

Thursday, December 7

Special Event 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
String Jams Holiday Concert

Friday, December 8

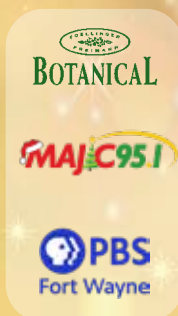
Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15

Special Event 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
PFW Holiday Carolers

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22



### Holiday Entertainment



#### Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Friday, November 24, 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 "Timeless Tradition" holiday exhibit. Standing room only. No reservations required.

#### String Jams Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 7, 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 at the Botanical Conservatory. 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 10, 2:00-2:45 p.m.**  
**Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.**

As you enter the “Timeless Tradition” 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. No reservations required.



## PFW Holiday Carolers

**Friday, December 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.**

What better way to honor “Timeless Tradition” than with a quartet of carolers from the Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Music?! Let timeless holiday carols remind you of memories past as you create new special moments to cherish in holidays to come. Enjoy these festive melodies with \$1 admission as part of the \$1 Night Light Display. Standing room only. No reservations required.

## Santa & Reindeer Saturdays

**Saturdays, 12:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**December 2, 9, 16 & 23**  
**Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.**

This December, Santa himself returns to the Botanical Conservatory on all one, two, three, FOUR Saturdays leading up to Christmas! Strike a pose with the man in red while enjoying indoor scenery accompanied by the “Timeless Tradition” holiday 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.



## 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, scrambled eggs, 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 22. Min. 20. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127203-S1	12/2	Sa	9-10 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$32  
Age 2 years & under, FREE  
Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



## Holly Shopping at the Conservatory

**Saturday, November 25, 11:00 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 gift-buying off your list.

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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 within reach. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 26. Min. 12. Max. 20.

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

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$57

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$52

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 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! While at the Botanical Conservatory, you are also invited to visit the "Timeless Tradition" holiday exhibit. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 24. Min. 12. Max. 36.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127501-R2	12/14	Th	6-7:30 pm
127501-S1	12/16	Sa	9:30-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$49

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$44

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



## On Display at the Botanical Conservatory

### Sweetheart Orchid Display

January 30-March 3, Public hours

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 remarkable plants are available for purchase in the Conservatory Shop. Included with general admission.

### Orchid Show

February 3, 12:00-5:00 p.m. / Potting Demo 12:30 & 2:30 p.m.

February 4, 12:00-4:00 p.m. / Potting Demo 2:30 p.m.

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 three live potting demonstrations! Plants and potting materials are available for purchase. Show entry is included with general admission to the Botanical Conservatory. Presented by the Three Rivers Orchid Society.



## 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](mailto:Botanical.Programs@cityoffortwayne.org).

### Julia Meek: Fort Wayne Traditions

November 28-January 5

Public Reception: December 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Fort Wayne native Julia Meek is a radio host, graphic artist and legendary community volunteer who has contributed to Northeast Indiana Public Radio both on- and off-air for forty years. Besides being WBOI's arts & culture reporter, she currently co-produces and hosts "Folktales" and "Meet the Music." She also hosts live concerts and festival stages in northeast Indiana. Known for her accessible arts and cultural offerings, Julia's list of achievements includes Easter Seals ARC's 26-year Portraits of Pride series and two decades of Cityscapes and Schooldays renderings, countless private commissions, multiple Mastodons on Parade, Canal Society of Indiana co-founder, Three Rivers Festival Millennial Artist and Fort Wayne's 1st Female Muralist designation as well as various works of public art including a recent mural in the Landing neighborhood.

### Kelly Bremer: The Octane Collection

January 13-April 7

Public Reception: February 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Speed, adrenaline, vibrant colors, intense sound, edge of your seat thrills! This. Is. Racing! Nationally recognized artist Kelly Bremer presents "The Octane Collection." Featuring thrilling acrylic paintings and renderings depicting iconic race and road cars spanning the past 100 years of the automobile. Dynamic perspectives pull you into the action while the subject's realism and abstracted backgrounds hold you tight through every twist and turn. Get buckled up for a stunning visual trip through automotive and racing history.

# BOTANICAL SPEEDWAY



Winter Showcase Exhibit

January 13-April 7, 2024

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Racers ready – rev your engines in the Botanical Conservatory's latest winter exhibit. Kids will pedal along and burn some rubber on a tropical racetrack as part of this exciting family outing that will have you strolling down victory lane. Imagine accelerating toward the finish line on this fast, not furious, superspeedway; helmets available. On Your Marks, Get Set, GROW! Sponsored by WANE 15 and 103.9 Wayne FM.



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## Winter Family Fun!

### Winterval at the Conservatory

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

Live Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.



Celebrate the coolest season with the Fort Wayne Parks Department and its Winterval partners! 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 speedy-fun craft, plant giveaway and exploration of the "Botanical Speedway" winter exhibit. You are also welcome to come inside and enjoy the warmth of Conjure Coffee and the Conservatory Shop.

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

## Learn Something New

### Magical Mini Moss Mushroom Terrarium

Design a trendy 4" glass terrarium in the shape of a mushroom that brings a bit of whimsy to any sunny spot! In this guided workshop, your own charming piece comes to life featuring multi-colored layered substrate and shades of green from moss. Enjoy the beauty of indoor plants this winter with minimal care required. Garden admission is included. Ages 10+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: January 14. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127502-A1	1/21	Su	1-2 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$20

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St

### Beat the Winter Blues Blossoms

Beat those winter blues by welcoming spring early! Bring cheer and color indoors with a fragrant floral display made up of vibrant blossoms including tulips, daffodils and other spring beauties that will be your first blooms of the year. Professional floral designer Dennis Bowman will walk you through the process of assembling a springy basket with cheerful trim as part of your own indoor bulb-garden. You will also learn proper care of the plant material that can be planted outdoors for next spring. All necessary materials are provided, though you are welcome to bring your own accents. Garden admission is included so plan a day away! Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 10. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127503-S1	2/17	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$54

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$49

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

### Epiphytic Plant Mount

Create your own epiphytic plant mount in this hands-on, guided workshop. Whether you are an experienced plant parent running out of space for potted plants or a beginner wishing to kickstart your collection with a unique piece, you will learn how to construct and maintain your very own living wall hanging. Also learn about epiphytic plants and what makes them unique. Garden admission is included. Ages 14+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: March 9. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227504-S1	3/16	Sa	10-11:30 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/37

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$32

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

### Cottagecore Moss Mirror

You don't have to have a green thumb to bring cheerful color into your home! The use of preserved moss means your moss mirror creation will have the uplifting effects of natural greenery and will last for years to come with no maintenance. Garden admission during "Color in Motion" is included. Each design will be unique; feel free to bring your own decorative accents from home. Ages 14+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: April 13. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227505-S1	4/20	Sa	10-11:30 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$29

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

## 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](http://botanicalconservatory.org).

## Take a Deep Breath

### T'ai Chi for Relaxation

Relax mind and body with guided T'ai Chi. Feldenkrais® Practitioner and Bones for Life® Certified Instructor Liz Monnier enhances this art with 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 during public hours. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 15. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127401-T1	1/23-2/27	T	10-11 am
127401-T2	1/23-2/27	T	5-6 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$55

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$50

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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# On the Riverfront



## Promenade Park

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

### Park Hours

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

### Ted's Snack + Bar Hours

Check Facebook for hours

### Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

Open for RFW Programs



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## Winter Cozy 80s Après Ski Party

Saturday, January 27, 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park



What better way to wrap up your Winterval Night than at Promenade Park's Winter Cozy, where the pavilion will be taken back in time and transformed into a retro 80's après ski party for the evening. Grab your friends and dance along to the DJ in your best 80's gear (the more neon the better), and visit Ted's Snack + Bar for drinks and food throughout the night (for purchase). Ages 21+. Reserve your space online (code #190400-S1) or by calling 427-6000. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 30. Max. 300. Fee: \$10

## Valentine's Day Doggie Sweater Party

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Park Foundation Pavilion

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Have a Valentine's Day filled with puppy love and sweater snuggles! Bring out your furry valentine in their best winter attire for a FREE photo and sweet treat. Photos will be posted on Riverfront's Facebook page to determine the winner of our Paw-sitively Adorable Pup Contest.



Bundle up and get cozy!



## Song & Dance

### Mocktail Bash

Celebrate sobriety with a mocktail party! Teds Snack + Bar will be mixing up delicious non-alcoholic drinks for the community to enjoy. Dance all night to music from a local DJ, take home a free recipe book to create your own mocktails, and learn about recovery resources available within Fort Wayne. This event is open to all ages. Reservation deadline: November 30. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 10. Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190101--R1	12/7	Th	7:30-9:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

### Dance Promenade: A Night at the Ballroom

We invite local dancers of all skill levels and ages to come participate in a night of Ballroom Dancing! All styles will be played from Waltz to Rumba, Swing to Foxtrot. Local dance studios have been invited to come participate and share their knowledge with you so take advantage and get on their dance card! This is an open dance event, NO PARTNER REQUIRED. Everyone is encouraged to change partners and experience different dance styles. Registration deadline: January 11. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 10. Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190201-R1	1/18	Th	7-9:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

### (Lunar) New Year, New Beats: K-Pop Edition

Saturday, February 10, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Get ready to channel your inner star and dance the night away at our electrifying K-Pop Dance Off, celebrating the Lunar New Year! Compete in a dance off and costume contest with various categories, including Best Group, Best Individual, Most Authentic, and Crowd Favorite. Take a break from dancing at one of our activities including a selfie station, drawing station, crochet bags, and a Tree of Wisdom to place your New Year's wishes. Partnered with Korean Fest, this is a free celebration of diversity and we invite the entire community to participate.

### Sunday Heritage Concert Series

Sundays, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

December 10, January 14, February 11

Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Experience an up close and personal concert with local musicians and musical groups in the Park Foundation Pavilion. Concerts are free and open to all ages. Seating inside will be on a first come first served basis.

December 10: Holiday Program with American Legion Band of Fort Wayne

January 14: Topher Beyer

February 11: Open Jam Session/BYO Instrument

### Karaoke Jam Nights with Teds Snack + Bar

Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

December 1, January 5, February 2

Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Sing, shine, and socialize on first Fridays at Promenade Park's Karaoke Nights! In partnership with Teds Snack + Bar, enjoy snacks and drinks and sing with your friends and the park community. Free event!

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

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## Holiday Cheer

### Holly Trolley Stop at Promenade

**Saturday, November 25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.**

The Park Foundation Pavilion will open as a trolley stop location during the first day of the Downtown Improvement District's Holly Shopping with no admission fee. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and meet two special winter princesses before heading back out on your day of shopping.

### Cheers & Cookies: A Sip and Decorate Soiree

With Christmas right around the corner, join Country Kitchen SweetArt, a local family-owned baking, decorating, cake, cookie, and candy making supply store, to learn how to decorate 3 beautiful cookies using a variety of decorating techniques. These treats will be the stars of your holiday season and will leave you with the inspiration to take your decorating to the next level. Grab a drink from Teds Snack + Bar to bring to class and cheers to Christmas! Ages 18+. Registration deadline: November 25. Min. 20. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190102-R1	11/30	Th	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

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

## Work It Out

### Yoga on the Riverfront

**Sundays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**December 10, January 14, February 11**  
**Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.**

Bring your yoga mat to Promenade Park for FREE yoga on the Riverfront once a month inside the Park Foundation Pavilion. This relaxing, 1-hour flow is for all skill levels and led by instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga. Yoga mats can be provided if you do not have your own.



## Kickboxing with 9Round

**Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**December 10, January 14, February 11**  
**Pavilion at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.**

Kick and punch your way through a great workout! At this FREE monthly exercise class, 9Round instructors will lead you in a calorie burning journey like no other.

## What a Basket Case!



### Be Your Own Artist: Colorful Coil Baskets

Join local artist and educator Diana Cole (former instructor at Weisser Park Arts Magnet School and current PFW instructor) as she leads us in creating a colorful basket from rope and yarn in this beginner class. You will learn the basics of the coiling technique, while being able to add your own color and patterns with a personal design. You will take home your very own colorful basket and all the knowledge and supplies you need to make more at home. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: December 1. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190200-B1	12/3	Su	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

## Riverfront Kids

### River Rangers: Froggy Exploration

The learning doesn't stop over winter break! Science Central will be joining us at the park to use amphibious anatomy and a hands-on frog dissection lab as a learning vehicle to understanding the human body. Grades 4-12. Registration deadline: December 12 at 12 p.m. Min. 20. Max. 32.

Code	Date	Day	Time
190202-R1	12/28	Th	6-7 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20

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

for family fun this winter!



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## 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](mailto:headwaterspark@cityoffortwayne.org).

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



## Headwaters Ice Rink

Clinton & Superior • 427-6000

Opens for the Season November 18!

For extended holiday hours please visit [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org)

### Hours of Operation

Monday ..... Closed  
 Tuesday-Friday ..... 4:00-9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday ..... 12:00-9:00 p.m.  
 New Years Eve ..... 12:00-6:00 p.m.

**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 are available at the rink or the Parks and Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd.



## Put Your Fun on Ice

### Skate It Off

Friday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

It's time to Skate It Off at Headwaters Park! We'll be skating like it's 1989 to Taylor tunes all night long! So, make the friendship bracelets and wear your best Taylor-inspired outfits (including the red scarves, cardigans, and Junior Jewels t-shirts). This is a night you will remember All Too Well. We will be Enchanted to meet you at the Eras Tour (Riverfront's Version). This night is open to all ages. General admission and skate rental fees apply.

### Frosty Flow

Sunday, January 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

Chill out and enjoy a unique yoga experience as we will be nama-staying on the ice during this 1-hour session lead by Chelsea Vona of Discover Yoga. Dress warm, wear your tennis shoes, and bring your yoga mat and a beach towel (to place under your mat) for our first Frosty Flow! Purchase tickets (\$5) online or by calling 427-6000 by January 19. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 25. Max. 50.



### Dancing Through the Decades

Thursday, February 1, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

For one night, and one night only – don't miss Dancing Through the Decades! Get ready to skate, dance, and enjoy music from the 1960s through the 1990s. Grab your friends and dress up in an outfit inspired by your favorite decade! General admission and skate rental fees apply.

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### Practice Makes Perfect with the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club

Sunday, February 4, 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. Purchase tickets online at fortwayneparks.org or by calling 427-6000. Deadline: January 28. Fee: \$5, includes admission to the rink immediately following the program. Skate rental not included. Min. 15. Max. 50.

### Skating with Miracle Sister

Saturday, February 17, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

We don't talk about skating... except for when it's a magical night at Headwaters Park Ice Rink! We will have a special guest (who has a very gifted family) available to take photos and sign autographs, and even skate with you! General admission and skate rental fees apply.

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Questions? 427-6000

# Sports & Fitness

## Jump In!

### Recreational Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the top three most played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how old you are, how fit you are or how athletic you are. This high-energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play at, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for two hours. The program runs for 10 weeks. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: November 29. Min. 10. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144800-W1	12/6-2/7	W	7-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45/\$50 after November 29  
Location: Northwood MS, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd. (enter on north side of gym)

### Recreational Basketball

As exercise goes, it doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, your muscles, your bones, your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And, it's FUN! Who needs more convincing than that? Pick a night and join us for a few games of basketball in an informal yet structured setting. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: November 27 and November 29. Min. 10. Max. 18. Note: There will be no basketball on December 25, January 1 and January 15 due to holidays.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144000-M1	12/4-2/19	M	7-9 pm
144000-W1	12/6-2/7	W	7-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45/\$50 after deadlines  
Location: Jefferson MS, 5303 Wheelock Rd. (enter through door #1)



### Aqua Dance

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142314-M1	1/22-2/26	M	6:15-7 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$64/\$69 after January 15  
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.



## Golf Season Passes make great Christmas gifts!

#### McMillen /Shoaff

\$515 Individual      \$675 Family (2 people)  
\$190 Junior            \$415 Senior

#### Foster

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

#### All Course Pass

\$750 Individual

Prices valid through 2023.

## 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 15. Registration deadlines: January 2 and January 4. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142300-M1	1/8-3/18	M	5:30-6:45 pm
142300-T1	1/9-3/12	T	4:30-5:45 pm
142300-R1	1/11-3/14	Th	6:15-7:30 pm

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Yoga on the Riverfront

**Sundays, December 10, January 14, February 11  
10:30-11:30 a.m.**

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

Bring your yoga mat to Promenade Park for FREE yoga on the Riverfront once a month inside the Park Foundation Pavilion. This relaxing, 1-hour flow is for all skill levels and led by instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga. Yoga mats can be provided if you do not have your own.

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### T'ai Chi for Relaxation

Relax mind and body with guided T'ai Chi. Feldenkrais® Practitioner and Bones for Life® Certified Instructor Liz Monnier enhances this art with 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 during public hours. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 15. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127401-T1	1/23-2/27	T	10-11 am
127401-T2	1/23-2/27	T	5-6 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$55

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$50

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

### 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 16. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142365-M1	1/22-2/26	M	7-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$51/\$56 after January 15

Location: Lakeside Park, Pavilion #1, Vermont Ave.



Stay fit this winter.

# 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.



## Winterval Hike and Bonfire

Saturday, January 27, 9:00-10:30 am  
Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600  
Lindenwood Ave.

The forest may look like it's sleeping in winter, but it's full of life! Bundle up and enjoy a quiet morning hike in the woods and warm up at the bonfire before you head out for other Winterval activities. This Winterval event is free and open to all ages. Also spend time outside with our friends from LC Nature Preserve. They will be present with information and upcoming programs.

## Winter Solstice Sunset Hike

Bundle up and join us for a sunset hike on the shortest day of the year! We'll warm up with hot chocolate by the campfire after the hike (weather permitting). Open to all ages. All family members must register and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 427-6000 by December 15 to sign up. Min 5. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148003-T1	12/21	Th	5:30-6:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/Free  
Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

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## Wild Walkers

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org).

## Winter Tree ID Hike

Learn how to identify the various trees at Lindenwood Nature Preserve, even when they have no leaves! We'll examine the bark, the shape and other clues to determine each tree species. Open to all ages. All family members must register and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 427-6000 by January 8 to sign up. Min 5. Max 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148001-S1	1/13	Sa	10-11 am

#Session/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

## Caminata de invierno: Cómo identificar los árboles

Ven con nosotros a caminar por el estupendo bosque de Lindenwood Nature Preserve! Aprenderas cómo identificar árboles por su corteza y forma. Llame a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 260-426-6764 para registrarse.

Sabado 13/1 11:15-12:15 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicacion: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

## All About Trees Hike

Come discover the amazing world of trees at Lindenwood Nature Preserve. Learn about the age, height, and importance of trees to our environment on this guided hike. Open to all ages. All family members must register and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 427-6000 by February 6 to sign up. Min 5. Max 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
148004-S1	2/10	Sa	10-11 am

#Session/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

## Caminata de invierno: todo sobre los árboles

Ven a descubrir el maravilloso mundo de los árboles en Lindenwood Nature Preserve! Tendrás la oportunidad de aprender sobre la edad, la altura y la importancia de los árboles mientras disfrutas de una caminata guiada. Llame a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 260-426-6764 para registrarse.

Sabado 10/2 11:15 – 12:15 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicacion: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

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Lindenwood Nature Preserve



# Salomon Farm Park



## Salomon Farm Park

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

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

## Christmas on the Farm



**SAT DEC 2 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  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.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 2. For an application please contact DeAnna Harris at [DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org) or call 427-6790 ext. 2.

# Christmas at Salomon Farm

Summit City Music Theatre presents

## A Christmas Carol

November 30 – December 10  
at Salomon Farm Park

For years, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol has captivated, entertained, and changed the hearts of people all over the world, and now it's time for Fort Wayne to join in this beloved tradition of Christmas. Join us for our 2nd annual presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by our Artistic Director, Gavin Thomas Drew, and Chapman Shields.

Bring the whole family along with blankets and coats to bundles up for this story of redemption in the historic barn at Salomon Farm Park. The barn is not heated so please plan accordingly to stay cozy and warm during this new family tradition. Seating is general admission, so arrive a half hour early to ensure the best seats and to take advantage of the vendors involved in this experience! For show dates and times or to purchase tickets, please call 260-427-6000 or visit the website at [fortwayneparks.org/facilities/salomon-farm-park](http://fortwayneparks.org/facilities/salomon-farm-park).



## Breakfast on the Farm with Santa

Enjoy a special VIP breakfast with Santa before he makes his final list of who's been naughty and nice. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fresh fruit along with milk or juice, and coffee. While you're here, take a picture with Santa and make a special ornament for your Christmas tree. Children ages 2 and under are free; however, we ask that you include their name(s) in the registration notes. Every person over age 2 must register. Registration deadline: December 2. Min. 26. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153915-S1	12/9	Sa	9-11:00 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$29

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

## Volunteering at Salomon Farm

Salomon Farm Park relies on volunteers to help maintain the park and provide various amenities and services to our community. If you are interested in becoming a garden volunteer or getting involved in farm park operations indirectly through the Tractor Club, Flax and Fleece Guild or Gardeners of America, please plan to attend any of the clubs' meetings. All meetings are held at the Salomon Farm Park in the Wolf Family Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd. Please direct any questions regarding volunteering or possible service project for your group to Larry Hicks at [SalmonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:SalmonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org) or 427-6005.

Find us on   
Salomon Farm Park

## Meet Our Salomon Farm Chefs

### Patrick Whetstone

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

### 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.



# KIDS' MENU

## Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

### \*Adult/Child

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
Winter Wonderland Snack			
153909-A1	12/19	T	10-11 am
Frozen: Olaf Quesadillas and Elsa Wands			
153909-A2	1/16	T	10-11 am
Peter Pan: Pirate Ships and Fruit Swords			
153909-A3	2/20	T	10-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

## Roots: Culinary Cooking Classes for Youth

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
Hot Chocolate Cupcakes			
153911-A1	12/19	T	6-7:30 pm
Baked Donuts			
153911-A2	1/16	T	6-7:30 pm
Carnival Food: Walking Tacos & Baked Elephant Ears			
153911-A3	2/20	T	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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

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

Mmm! Mmm!



### Winter Handmade Pasta Series

Move over, Creamette! You simply cannot beat homemade pasta! Instructor Jessica Waggoner of The Hazelnut Baking Co. shares the secrets of this classical trade. Homemade pasta is not only delicious, but it is simple and rewarding to make. Please bring containers to take your tasty dishes home with you. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 14

#### Fresh Pasta 101

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
153858-A1	1/12	F	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

#### The Art of Gnocchi and Sauces

Discover the ways a few quality ingredients can create a mouthwatering dish like gnocchi and learn a few different scratch sauces to pair it with.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153858-A2	1/23	T	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

#### Fresh Pasta Ravioli and Tortellini

In this intermediate level pasta class, you'll learn all the beautiful tips and tricks for rolling out and hand shaping the most beautiful and tasty types of filled pasta.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153858-A3	2/6	T	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

#### Pasta Drying and Preserving

Learn how to preserve and dry your homemade pasta for future use. This simple and delicious method will make you second guess purchasing packaged pasta ever again.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153858-A4	2/27	T	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

### Sushi Made Simple

Discover how fun and easy it is to make your own sushi - all vegetarian or with meat! Once you learn the basic process, you'll be amazed at how easy it is to create your own sushi. Ages 16+. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Registration deadline: February 15. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153848-R1	2/22	Th	6-8pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

### Vegetarian Cooking 3.0

Whether it's due to a dietary restriction or by choice, eating vegetarian doesn't have to be boring and bland. Prepare to experience a vegetarian heaven with Shaved Fennel Salad, Asparagus Risotto and Quinoa Stuffed Bell Pepper . . . three dishes that you can make and enjoy at home. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: February 21. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153854-W1	2/28	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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



### Seasonal and Fresh Cooking 4.0

With ingredients straight from the garden, seasonal cooking is one of Chef Patrick Whetstone's favorite things to do. Our task this evening is a light, vibrant and mostly seasonal three-course meal of Spiced Pumpkin Soup, Seared Pork and Fried Biscuits. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 31. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153853-W1	2/7	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Questions? 427-6000



## Holiday Cookie Platter

From truffles and buckeyes, to cutouts, and chocolate delights, come join us for an epic cookie platter class and learn how to make the perfect festive cookie tray. A tray will be provided but please bring a large container to take home extras. Ages 12 +. Registration deadline: November 28. Min. 6. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153910-T1	12/5	T	5:30-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

## Thai Cuisine 6.0

Cozy up this winter with some warm and moderately spicy Thai food. With expert guidance from Chef Patrick Whetstone you will prepare delicious Coconut Soup, Thai Fried Rice with Pineapple and Chicken, and Spicy Basil Chicken – three dishes your family will love. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 14. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153846-W2	2/21	W	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. This class, instructed by Suzi Hanzel, will prepare pierogi using two different types of fillings. Registration deadline: January 24. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
453852-W1	1/31	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

## Cajun Cuisine 4.0

What better way to warm up this winter than a bowl of delicious, moderately spicy Cajun food! Come spend an evening with Chef Patrick Whetstone making Jambalaya, Etouffee and Gumbo – three true classics from a unique and flavorful region! Ages 18+. Registration deadline: November 29. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153838-W2	12/6	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

## Breakfast for Dinner 3.0

If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, wouldn't it also make a great dinner? Come discover the many different ways to prepare an egg – quiche, eggs benedict, a breakfast skillet – that can be enjoyed any time of day. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153830-W2	1/10	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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



## Comfort Soups 2.0

Soups hold a special place in everyone's heart – from the comfort they provide as they warm you up on a cold day to the aroma that fills the house as they slowly simmer. This class will work together to create three delicious soups that you can make at home this winter: Beef Stew, Tomato Artichoke Soup, and Creamy Chicken and Rice Soup. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: January 10. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153832-W2	1/17	W	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

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

Questions? 427-6000

## For 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 17. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153805-W1	1/24	W	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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

### Growing Native Flowers from Seeds

Growing your own native plants can be fun and easy! Marayah Russell will discuss the benefits of growing native plants, demonstrate different methods of sowing native seeds, and provide you with materials to grow your own native plants at home. Adults and school age children are welcome. The presentation is free; however, pre-registration is required by January 15 and space is limited. Min. 5. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153601-M1	1/22	M	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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: January 22. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153805-M1	1/29	M	6-7:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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

## Iron Workers

### Blacksmith Skills Workshop

Learn new techniques and practice your forging skills while working on simple projects. Classes meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in January, February and March. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Ages 15+. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during class session. Registration deadline: January 20. Min. 3. Max 5.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153851-S1	1/27	Sa	9-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

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

### Beginning Blacksmithing for Women

This class is open now to beginners. Learn forging skills to create functional items. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Ages 15+. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during each class session. Class meets at the Blacksmith Shop on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of January, February and March. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 3. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
153859-S1	1/6-3/16	Sa	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30

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

### Dirt Wain Community Composting

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

### Professional Photography at Salomon Farm Park

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

# SALOMON FARM PARK

*A beautiful setting for your event!*

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## WOLF FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Available Year-Round  
Fully enclosed, climate controlled building  
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ADA accessible / restrooms  
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Surrounded by farm animals, wetlands, and green space  
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Climate controlled, antiques interior  
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Owned by same family for over 100 years



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# 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 5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Ages 1½-3

143300-F1	1/12-3/1	F	4:30-5 pm
143300-F2	1/12-3/1	F	5:15-5:45 pm
143300-F3	1/12-3/1	F	6-6:30 pm

#### Ages 3-4

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

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 5

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143304-W2	1/10-2/28	W	4:30-5 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 3

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

### Mommy and Me Dance

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 4. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143316-W1	1/11-2/29	Th	4:30-5 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 4

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

**Youth Dance, p. 28**



**Classes fill quickly! Register early!**

## Mini & Little Kickers Soccer

### \*Adult/Child

This may be the only pre-school class where kicking is not only allowed, but encouraged! Basic soccer skills and terminology are the focus of this non-competitive, instructional program. Soccer is an active sport that will help your child develop social skills and hand-eye coordination. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games. No scrimmages will be held. At least one parent or other adult is required to participate with each child. Registration deadline: January 25. Min. 6. Max. 10.

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

143700-R1	2/1-2/22	Th	9-9:30 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$40/\$45 after January 25

#### Ages 4-6: Little Kickers

143700-R2	2/1-2/22	Th	10-10:45 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$49/\$54 after January 25

Location: Franke Park, Pavilion # 1



## Can't Sit Still?

### Playful Preschoolers

#### \*Adult/Child

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
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143029-W1	12/8	F	9-9:45 am
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143029-W2	1/12	F	9-9:45 am
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143029-W3	1/26	F	9-9:45 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$13/\$18 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### 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 22. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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143032-M1	1/29-2/12	M	10:30-11:15 am
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# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$22/\$27 after January 22

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

## Do-Re-Mi

### First Steps Music

#### \*Adult/Child

The goal of First Steps Music is to encourage musical aptitude in the very young through joyful activities and connecting with others. Children along with a parent or caregiver participate in authentic music activities -- singing, moving and playing simple instruments. Adults are encouraged to continue using the songs, ideas and games at home. The First Steps in Music program was developed by Dr. John Feireabend. Registration deadline: January 9. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Ages Infant-3

143041-T1	1/16-2/6	T	2-2:30 pm
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#### Ages 3-5

143041-T2	1/16-2/6	T	2:45-3:15 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$39/\$44 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 18 with the following conditions:

- Must qualify for free lunches and text books, according to Federal guidelines
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship for program registration fees only

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

## Happy Holidays

### Holiday Fun

\*Adult/Child

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we want you to celebrate with us! You'll make holiday crafts that you can give as Christmas gifts, play fun games and enjoy Santa's favorite treat...milk and cookies! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: November 24. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143060-F1	12/1	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after November 24  
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 and entertaining games, and you'll even get to decorate your own Valentine's Day cupcake! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: February 2. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143104-F1	2/9	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after February 2  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Snack Time!

### Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

\*Adult/Child

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>Winter Wonderland Snack</b>			
153909-A1	12/19	T	10-11 am
<b>Frozen: Olaf Quesadillas and Elsa Wands</b>			
153909-A2	1/16	T	10-11 am
<b>Peter Pan: Pirate Ships and Fruit Swords -</b>			
153909-A3	2/20	T	10-11 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25  
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

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## Art Parties

### Messy Art

\*Adult/Child

Getting messy is not only lots of fun, it's educational too! Your child will enjoy the sensation of different textures and art mediums while creating some beautiful masterpieces! The best part? We do all the clean up! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 26. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143040-R1	2/2	F	10-10:45 am

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15/\$20 after January 26  
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 Dinosaurs or Pirates. Choose your favorite or join us for both! Ages 1½-5. Registration deadlines: January 31 and February 21. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>Dinosaur Day</b>			
143048-C1	2/7	W	10-10:45 am
<b>Pirate Party</b>			
143048-E1	2/28	W	10-10:45 am

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

### More Preschool Fun

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Santa's Workshop.....	32
Zoo Camps.....	55
Winterval.....	30, 31

# Just for Kids

## You'll Flip for This!

### Gymnastics

You don't have to be an aspiring Olympian to participate in gymnastics. You can benefit from the physical exercise it provides, as well as the strength, flexibility, and self-esteem it promotes. In this introductory class you will learn to perform front and back rolls and handstands as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar and trampoline. All participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>Ages 5-8</b>			
143302-F1	1/12-3/1	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143302-F2	1/12-3/1	F	5-5:45 pm
143302-F3	1/12-3/1	F	5:45-6:30 pm
143302-F4	1/12-3/1	F	6:30-7:15 pm

**Ages 8-12**  
 143302-F6 1/12-3/1 F 6:30-7:15 pm  
 # Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 5  
 Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest



### Gymnastics for Guys

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

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

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 5  
 Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest

## 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 one of 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: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143306-W1	1/11-2/29	Th	4:30-5 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 4  
 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: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W3	1/10-2/28	W	5:00-5:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after January 3  
 Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

## Youth Scholarships

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- Must qualify for free lunches and text books, according to Federal guidelines
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship for program registration fees only

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

## A Home Run Hit!



## Shape and Bake

### 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 a pottery and a collection of unique earthenware pieces to take home with you. Ages 9-14. Registration deadlines: January 6. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143204-S1	1/13-2/10	Sa	9-11 am
# Sessions/Fee: 5/\$67/\$72 after January 6			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

### Roots: Culinary Cooking Classes for Youth

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
<b>Hot Chocolate Cupcakes</b>			
153911-A1	12/19	T	6-7:30 pm
<b>Baked Donuts</b>			
153911-A2	1/16	T	6-7:30 pm
<b>Carnival Food: Walking Tacos &amp; Baked Elephant Ears</b>			
153911-A3	2/20	T	6-7:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40			

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

### T-Ball

**\*Adult/Child**

T-Ball is a great sport for developing hand-eye coordination as well as social skills! Your child will be introduced to throwing, catching, hitting, and base running through demonstrations and drills in this non-competitive, instructional program. 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 3. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143810-W1	1/10-1/31	W	4-4:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$30/\$35 after January 3			
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.			

### More Fun For Kids

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Breakfast with Santa.....	5, 19
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Mocktail Bash .....	10
Nature Hikes .....	17
River Rangers .....	11
Santa & Reindeer Saturdays.....	5
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Register on-line at  
[www.fortwayneparks.org](http://www.fortwayneparks.org)

We offer youth scholarships!

# 13th Annual Winterval 2024

**Saturday, January 27**

*in Downtown Fort Wayne*

Celebrate winter with a visit to downtown Fort Wayne! The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Winterval promises a full day of indoor and outdoor winter fun for all ages. Watch ice carvers create wonders from a solid block of ice, shop for unique hand-crafted items, enjoy special events and activities at the Botanical Conservatory, Historic Fort Wayne, the Allen County Public Library, and Lindenwood Park. Go for a carriage ride at the Community Center or ice skating at Headwaters Park.

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

## Winterval Hike and Bonfire

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

Bundle up and enjoy a quiet morning hike in the woods and warm up at the bonfire with our friends from LC Nature Preserve before you head out for other Winterval activities. FREE. All ages welcome!

## 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 fun and outlandish timed challenges to win prizes! Pre-registration is required and begins Friday, January 3. Fee: \$75/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.

Festivities at the Botanical Conservatory include a live ice carving sculpted outdoors and on display near the main entrance. Regular admission fees apply to indoor festivities including a speedy-fun craft, plant giveaway and exploration of the "Botanical Speedway" winter exhibit.

## Nouvelle Annee 1744: Empire on the Eve of Conflict

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 56. Free event, freewill donations accepted.



## Headwaters Park Ice Skating and Exhibitions

12:00-9:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park East, 333 S. Clinton St.

Lace up those skates and make ice skating a part of your Winterval Fun or just come to watch local ice skaters from the Fort Wayne Ice Skating club perform short exhibitions at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Admission \$4-\$6 (skate rental extra)

## Winterval at the Library

12:00-4:00 p.m.

Allen County Public Library 900 Library Plaza

Stop by and watch the live ice carving on the plaza at 12:00 p.m. then come inside for a wintry craft while supplies last. Free event.

## Winter Carnival

1:00-4:00 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

1:00-4:00 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.

## The Antique Road Show

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

What are they worth? Bring in your comic books, coins, pottery, autographs, vintage video games or jewelry and have them appraised by Scheerer McCulloch.

## 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: 80's Après Ski

6:00-10:00 p.m.

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

What better way to wrap up your Winterval Night than at Promenade Park's Winter Cozy, where the pavilion will be taken back in time and transformed into a retro 80's après ski party for the evening. Grab your friends and dance along to the DJ in your best 80's gear (the more neon the better), and visit Teds Snack + Bar for drinks and food throughout the night (for purchase). Ages 21+. Reserve your space online or by calling 427-6000. Walk-ins welcome if space is available, credit card only. Min. 30. Max. 300. Fee: \$10

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# Special Events



**Santa's Workshop**

**Wednesday** | **4:30**  
**NOV 22** | **until**  
**7:30**

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

**Make-n-Take Crafts**   **Refreshments**   **Christmas Shopping**   **Lighting at 6:05 p.m.**

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

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

# The Amazing Winterval Race



**Saturday, January 27, 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 specific locations where you'll perform fun and outlandish timed challenges! You are responsible for your own transportation. The race ends with a victory party where special prize packages will be awarded to the top 3 teams. (Grand prize is a trip for two to the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade, December 29, 2024-January 2, 2025 compliments of Mayflower Cruises and Tours.) Winners of each individual challenge will also receive prizes. T-shirts will be provided and must be worn by all participants throughout the event. Team up with your slyest or most fun-loving friend and join the race. Registration begins Friday January 3 and continues through January 15 or until space is filled (code 143900-S1). Fee: \$75/team. Max. 30 teams.



### More Family Fun Events

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# Youth Centers

## Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch  
427-6700

Supervisor: Relande Rencher

## Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart St  
427-6780

Supervisor: Zynette Paige

Youth Centers will be closed December 27-29.

### 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](http://fortwayneparks.org).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3-3:45	Snack/Homework/Recreation				Snack/ Kids Choice
3:45-4:15	Kids Choice				Group Rec Games
4:15-4:45	Group Games	+Energy	Group Games	+Energy	Group Rec Games
5-5:30	Kids Cafe Meal				
5:30-6:30	Monday Matters	STEAM	Ice Breakers Challenges	Character Development	Kids Choice
6:30-7	Kids Choice				6 PM CLOSED

## Outreach Programs

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

- Parkview Healthy Seeds – health, nutrition, healthy snack preparation and tastings and exercise
- Allen County Public Library – literacy and crafts
- Erin's House – appropriately processing loss and grief
- Healing Kitchen – meal preparation instructions

## Weather Cancellation Procedure

If school is cancelled due to weather:

Weisser Center will be closed for the day and children registered at Weisser Center may attend McMillen Park Community Center where Weisser staff will be in attendance. Hours will be 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Trivia & Karaoke with Aaron Montgomery (AM2Funny)

Thursday, January 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Weisser Park Youth Center, 802 Eckart Street



Please join us for the  
**2023 Wassail Reunion**

Sunday 4-6:30 pm  
DECEMBER 3, 2023

Jennings Recreation Center  
1330 McCulloch St. Fort Wayne, IN

**75 Years**  
Jennings Recreation Center

## JC Fitness

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

Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

No class held on holidays. Note: January 4 class will be at 5:30 p.m.

# McMillen Park Center

## McMillen Park Community Center

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

### Fall/Winter Public Hours

Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. & Mon-Thur 6-8 p.m.

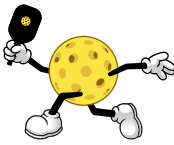
Saturday hours subject to change based on facility rentals.

### Admission

\$1, Photo I.D. required

Youth registered in the After School Program admitted FREE during program hours.

### Adult Programs (\$1/photo ID required)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9 am-2 pm</b> Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	<b>9 am-2 pm</b> Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	<b>9 am-2 pm</b> Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	<b>9 am-2 pm</b> Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	<b>9 am-2 pm</b> Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym
<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Essential Steps	<b>6-7 pm</b> Adult Yoga	<b>12-1 pm</b> Adult Yoga	<b>6-8 pm</b> Adult Open Gym/Volleyball	
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<b>6:30-7:30 pm</b> Cardio Fit				

## Men's Adult Basketball League

Thursdays, February 8-April 25

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

The Men's Open Basketball League begins February 1 and runs for 8 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call 427-2420 to register your team. Ages 18+. Team Fee: \$225

## Men's 30+ Basketball League

Mondays, February 5-April 15

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

The Men's 30+ Basketball League begins February 5 and runs for 8 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call 427-2420 to register your team. Team Fee: \$225

## Pickleball

Come play the fastest growing sport in America! Indoor pickleball courts are available weekday mornings. Fee: \$1 admission and photo ID

## Cardio Fit

Cardio Fit provides fun aerobic fitness for all skill levels. Fee: \$1 admission and photo ID

## Yoga for Adults

Yoga combines stretching and strengthening postures with deep breathing and relaxation. Those with limited mobility can practice chair yoga from a seated position. Fee: \$1 admission and Photo ID

## Essential Steps

Line dancing fun with choreographed sequences. Fee: \$1 admission and photo ID

## Parents Night Out

5:00-8:00 p.m.

December 2, January 6, February 3

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3-7 pm</b> Youth Programs	<b>3-7 pm</b> Youth Programs	<b>3-7 pm</b> Youth Programs	<b>3-7 pm</b> Youth Programs	<b>3-6 pm</b> Youth Programs
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<b>4:30 pm</b> Kids' Cafe	<b>4:30 pm</b> Kids' Cafe	<b>4:30 pm</b> Kids' Cafe	<b>4:30 pm</b> Kids' Cafe	<b>4:30 pm</b> Kids' Cafe

### Kids' Café

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

Students are fed a nutritious meal daily. Each meal includes protein, grain, vegetables, fruit and milk. Ages 5-18.

### Lil Ballers

Wednesdays, February 21-March 27

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 4-7 learn basketball fundamentals. This program is free and held during the After-School program. Sign up at the center or call 427-2420.

### 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 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.

# Special Interest

## Life's a Dance



### Beginning Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise for the mind and body. Classes include the Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Polka and American Tango, providing a solid base for social dancing. You must register with a partner. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 16. Min. 14. Max. 24.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142203-M1	1/22-2/26	M	7:30-8:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40/\$45 per person after January 15

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

This class is designed to accommodate beginners but also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. We will cover basic steps and terminology while learning popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country, and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-Cha, etc. will be included and taught in a line dance format. No special shoes or clothing are required. Ages 13+. Instructors: Philip and Carol Fretz. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142204-T1	1/9-2/27	T	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 beginner class. The advanced class requires some previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 3. Min. 5. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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#### Beginners

142205-W1	1/10-2/28	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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#### Beginning Plus

142205-W2	1/10-2/28	W	6:15-7 pm
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#### Advanced

142205-W3	1/10-2/28	W	7-8 pm
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# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$25/\$30 after January 3

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. Three different skill levels are offered this winter. Ages 13+. Class will not meet on January 15. 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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#### Beginning +

142200-M1	1/8-3/18	M	5:30-6:15 pm
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#### Continuing

142200-M3	1/8-3/18	M	6:15-7 pm
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Location: Franke Pond, Sherman Blvd.

#### Advanced

142200-T3	1/9-3/12	T	6:15-7 pm
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Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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



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## 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, Anna Nagel and Rachel Gorden have decades of dance experience. Please wear secure, flat shoes. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142202-R1	1/11-2/29	Th	7:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$26/\$31 after January 4

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Beginning Guitar

You've got a new beginner 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 13.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142411-T1	2/20-3/12	T	6-6:30 pm
142411-T2	2/20-3/12	T	6:30-7 pm
142411-T3	2/20-3/12	T	7-7:30 pm
142411-T4	2/20-3/12	T	7:30-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$66/\$71 after February 13

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



## What's Your Hobby?



## 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 6. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142603-S1	1/13-3/2	Sa	10-11:30 am

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$78/\$83 after January 6

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## 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 16. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142365-M1	1/22-2/26	M	7-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$51/\$56 after January 15

Location: Lakeside Park, Pavilion #1, Vermont Ave.

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## 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 10. Min. 3. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142033-R1	1/17-3/6	W	1:30-3:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after January 10  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Beginning Pottery

Pottery is one of the most ancient arts. Excavations in the Near East have revealed that primitive fired-clay vessels were made there more than 8,000 years ago. You will learn both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design, and various glazing techniques. Every student will create unique pieces to take home. All pieces will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for set-up and clean-up and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142004-R1	1/11-2/15	Th	6-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$98/\$103 after January 4  
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 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142902-M1	1/8-3/18	M	6-9 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$105/\$110 after January 2  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Intro to Beekeeping

Beekeeping is so trendy and everyone knows how important honey bees are so 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 for anyone considering starting a hive or in their first year of beekeeping. You learn about bee biology, hive equipment and basic beekeeping techniques. Take home reading materials will be provided. Instructor: Glenn Hile. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 30. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142419-T1	2/6	T	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after January 30  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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## I'm an Artist

## Get with the Program!

### 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 16 and February 12. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142018-M1	1/22	M	6-8 pm
142018-M2	2/19	M	6-8 pm

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

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 5 and February 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142035-S1	1/13	Sa	10 am-12 pm
142035-S2	2/10	Sa	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$39/\$44 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 16. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142020-M1	1/22-2/26	M	6-8 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$77 after January 15

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### 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 7. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142109-W1	2/14-3/20	W	10 am-12 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after February 7  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Microsoft Windows 10/11 (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 3. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142100-W1	1/10-3/6	W	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after January 3

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### 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"

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# Did You Know?

## FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

### Curious About Computers?

#### Technology Talk For Seniors

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Dave Collins has been sharing his knowledge about technology with seniors since 2015. Get a better understanding of technology and how it can safely benefit you. Dave will cover online safety, communication and technology, how to identify scams and how to use various popular apps. If necessary, he'll even explain what an "app" is. Call 427-6460 by January 16 or February 15 to sign up. The seminar is free.

#### Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, February 28, 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, conduct a Google search and correspond through e-mail. There will also be time allotted for individual needs or desired information, which could include accessing social media. This class will be guided with an instructor and available to anyone with limited to no computer usage background. Call 427-6460 by February 21 to sign up.

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#### Avoiding Fraudsters

Wednesday February 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

3 Rivers Federal Credit Union staff will introduce you to the current fraud trends and share guidelines to ensure that your information is safe. Call 427-6460 by January 31 to sign up for this free seminar. Min. 10.

### Financial Planning



#### Finding Money

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

January 10-February 28

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Do you find yourself living paycheck to paycheck? Do you want to find financial wellness? Holly Christianson will lead you through this 8-week financial challenge course to learn how to be financially stable. Bring a willingness to learn as well as a sense of humor for this journey. This seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by January 3 to sign up.

#### Preparing for Retirement

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Be prepared for retirement by creating a savings plan and learning about investment vehicles that allow them to grow their wealth. Participants will set financial goals and learn how to manage them. This free seminar is sponsored by Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union. Call 427-6460 by February 13 to register.

#### Community Center Rental

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



### Do's and Don'ts of Downsizing

Wednesday February 7, 1:00 pm  
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 31 to register.

### Tips for the First Time Homebuyer

Thursday, February 22, 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. Dawn Cook Mortgage Loan Officer. The seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by February 15 to sign up.



### Understanding Type 2 Diabetes

Tuesdays, January 9-30, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This 4-week group program for people with Type 2 Diabetes or those who just want more information about the disease. Topics include: understanding diabetes and diabetes treatment, healthy eating, being physically active, taking medicine, checking your blood sugar, reducing your risk for other health problems and learning to cope with stress, depression and other concerns. The goal of this class is to learn skills to better manage your diabetes day-to-day and to learn from each other. Call 427-6460 by January 2 to sign up. There is no fee.

### Eating Smart and Moving More

Thursdays, January 18-March 7, 12:00-1:00 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 11.

### Mind Over Matter for Your Bladder

Tuesdays, February 6-20, 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Did you know that more than half of women over age 50 have bladder or bowel leakage, also called incontinence? MOM is a workshop that helps older women build skills and confidence to adopt exercises and adjust fiber and fluid intake to improve symptoms. This class consists of three 2-hour sessions and is led by a trained female facilitator. Space is limited to 12 women. This program is free of charge; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by January 30 to sign up.

## 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 22, 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 16.

### Dementia Conversations

**Monday, February 19, 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 12.

## Medicare & Medigap Supplements

**Wednesday, January 17 & Monday, February 19**  
**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 go over where you can obtain the information you need to help you in your Medicare decision process. This free seminar is being presented by Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 to register by January 10 or February 12.

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## Planning Ahead



### Assisted Living Lunch & Learn

**Thursday, February 22, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

People often confuse assisted living facilities for nursing homes, but the two senior care options are very different. We will discuss the topic of preparing yourself or a loved one for an assisted living community. What is an assisted living community? How much does it cost? Can spouses live together? Can I leave when I want? Is there financial assistance for assisted living communities? What services are offered in this type of setting? These are all questions that will be answered while you enjoy lunch! The seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by February 15 to register.

### Advance Care Planning

**Wednesday, February 21, 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 think 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 14 to register.

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

Wednesday, January 17, 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 10 to reserve your seat.

## Funeral/Cemetery Pre-planning

Tuesday, February 13, 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 February 6 to reserve your spot.

**The Community Center will be CLOSED**  
November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving  
December 25 & 26, Christmas  
January 1, New Year's Day  
January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## History Lesson



## The Bones of Kekionga

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 West Main St.

Local author, historian and former school teacher, Jim Pickett will present information he discovered while conducting research for his historical fiction, adventure trilogy about Harmar's Defeat, also known as the Battle of Kekionga. This conflict took place in and around today's Lakeside neighborhood. More information on The Bones of Kekionga trilogy may be found at [jimpickettbooks.com](http://jimpickettbooks.com). Sign up by February 6 at 427-6460.

## Greet & Eat

Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 a.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Our quarterly Greet & Eat is your chance to socialize, enjoy a continental breakfast sponsored by Waters of Fort Wayne and maybe even win a prize! (Our exercise classes are held on the same day so you can work up an appetite first or refuel afterward. See ABC Exercise and Cardio Flex.) Greet & Eat is free; however, pre-registration is required for by February 13. Call 427-6460 to sign up. Space is limited.

## Spring and Summer Flowers

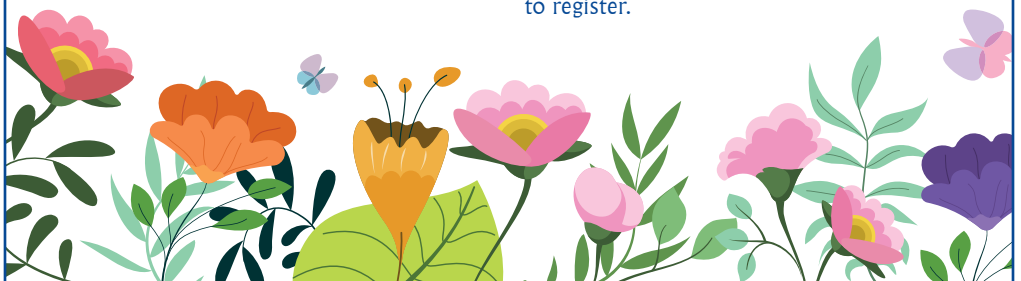
Wednesday January 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Master Gardener Pam Snyder will introduce you to the many spring and summer flowers that can be grown locally. You will also learn about their habitat, place of origin and interesting trivia. Call 427-6460 by January 10 to sign up for this free seminar.

## Gardening for Pollinators

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

It's time to start thinking about spring planting. Do you know who/what pollinates your plants or how to attract pollinators to your garden? Join us for this informative discussion and get tips for creating a healthy garden environment. This seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by January 31 to register.



# Going Places



## Hawaii Three Islands

March 7-16, 2024

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

Trip includes:

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

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10 days, 12 meals, \$5,449/person

(includes airfare from FWA)

Single supplement add \$2,089

Add \$400 for inter-island airfare

Optional Travel Protection \$299/person

## Chicago Cubs

### Arizona Spring Training

March 10-15, 2024

**FREE AIRFARE IF BOOKED BY 1/31/2024**

What could be better than cheering on your favorite ball team under the warm desert sunshine for three exciting spring training games? Get a head start on the baseball season with your Chicago Cubs at the Cactus League in Arizona.

Trip includes:

- Round trip airport transfers
- Five nights in Phoenix, Arizona, the heart of MLB's Cactus League
- Three Spring Training baseball games from reserved seats
- Free time to visit historic Old Town Scottsdale
- Dinner with drinks at Rustler's Rooste Steakhouse
- Narrated sightseeing tour of Phoenix with a local guide
- Leisurely cruise on Canyon Lake aboard the Dolly Steamboat
- Full day trip to Tucson including drive through Saguaro National Park
- The Pima Air & Space Museum featuring nearly 300 aircraft and home to the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame

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6 days, 8 meals, \$2,569/person

(free airfare from FWA if booked by 1/31/2024)

Single supplement add \$1,199

Optional Travel Protection \$250/person



For more information or to receive a trip brochure by mail, please contact us at 427-6000 or e-mail [fortwayneparkstravel@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:fortwayneparkstravel@cityoffortwayne.org). Brochures are also available online at [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org).



## Boston City Stay

June 9-June 14, 2024

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

Trip includes:

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

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

Single supplement add \$1,099

Optional Travel Protection \$250/person

## Yellowstone and Jackson Hole

July 20-July 26, 2024

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

Trip includes:

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

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

Single supplement add \$1,329

Optional Travelers Protection \$250/person



## Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine

December 6-14, 2024

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

Visit [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org) for details.

# Fun After Fifty

## Social Seniors

### Monday Luncheons

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

**Monday, December 18, 12:00 p.m.**  
**"Country Holiday Lunch"**

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

**Monday, January 22, 12:00 p.m.**  
**"Brunchy Lunch"**

Supporting Sponsor: Silver Birch  
 Reservation fee: \$5

**Monday, February 19, 12:00 p.m.**  
**"We Love Soup n' Salad"**

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

The Community Center will be CLOSED  
 November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving  
 December 25 & 26, Christmas  
 January 1, New Year's Day  
 January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

**Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**December 18, January 22 & February 19**  
**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: Monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to stay for lunch.)

## Art Classes, p. 39, 49

### Tuesday Movies

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

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

December 5 ..... Spirited  
 December 19.....White Christmas  
 January 2 .....Paint  
 January 16 .....Hidden Figures  
 February 6 .....Fences  
 February 20 ..... Indiana Jones and  
 the Dial of Destiny

## Holiday Dinner and Light Tour

Join us for our annual Holiday Dinner and Light Tour on December 11. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious dinner and holiday entertainment. We will then board the excursion buses and take off on our planned route of downtown Fort Wayne's finest Christmas light displays and The Fantasy of Lights at Franke Park. Paid reservations required by December 4. Ages 18+. Sponsored by American Senior Communities and 41 North Senior Living.

Code	Date	Day	Time
141600-W1	12/11	M	5:30-8:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20/\$25 after December 4  
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



## 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
Bingo	2nd-4th Fri	1 pm
Bridge	W	12-4 pm
Cornhole	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm/1-3 pm
Euchre	W	12-3 pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Paper-crafting	T	1-3 pm
Scrabble	M	1-4 pm
Shuffleboard	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm

### Wii Bowling League

**Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., February 6- March 12**

**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 The Waters of Fort Wayne.

### Community Cornhole League

**Wednesdays, January 17-February 21, 1:00 p.m.**

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

Join us for some friendly cornhole competition and toss your cares away! Play continues for 6 weeks with prizes awarded to the top 3 finishers at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 by January 10 to sign up. Drop in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

### Scrabble

**Mondays, 1:00-4:00 p.m. beginning November 20**

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

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



### Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Have you ever played Mah Jongg on your computer or hand-held device? Come learn to play the real American Mah Jongg. You will learn the rules of the game, how to read the game card and develop a beginning strategy. Once you learn these basic skills, you will be on your way to a fun and enjoyable time with other Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Registration deadline: January 18. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141322-R1	1/25-2/15	Th	9:30-11:30 am
141322-R2	1/25-2/15	Th	1:30-3:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$29/\$34 after January 18  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Bingo

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 1:00 p.m.**

**December 8, 22, January 12, 26, February 9, 23**

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

Join us for Bingo fun and prizes including snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Sponsored by Heritage Park. Fee: 3 cards/\$1

### 2024 Senior Games

**June 3-July 3, 2024**

Save the date! More than 500 active senior adults participated in the 2023 Senior Games. Mark your calendar and start "training" now for the 2024 Senior Games. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list.

### Book Sales

**December 12-14, January 9-11, February 13-15 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

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

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

## Fitness After 50



### ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

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

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

### Cardio Flex

**Mon, Tues & Thurs, 10:45-11:30 a.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

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

### Indoor Circuit Class

**Mondays & Fridays, December 1-February 26**  
**10:00-10:45 a.m.**  
**Community Center, 233 W. Main St.**

The Community Center has a 10 station Life Fitness Circuit Series, 10 station Life Fitness Circuit Series located on the second floor. You are welcome to use the equipment on your own or join us on Monday and Friday morning for this instructor-led circuit training class. There will be no classes December 25, 29 and January 1. Pre-registration is not required. Just drop in! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2/class

## Senior Aqua Fit

Aqua Fit is a total body toning exercise using water resistance tools and buoyancy equipment. You'll be guided through various aerobic movements performed to rhythmic music. Benefits of Aqua Fit may 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 17. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141209-W1	1/24-3/27	W	11:30 am-12:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$72/\$77 after January 17  
 Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

## Senior Yoga

Regular exercise can slow down the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. This Senior Yoga program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of the respiratory, digestive, circulation and nervous systems. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 8. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141200-T1	1/9-2/27	T	12-1 pm
141200-T2	1/11-2/29	Th	12-1 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after January 2  
 Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for a reduced rate of \$78 (16 classes)  
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Senior Tap Class

Tap dancing is fun at any age! Whether you've tapped before or just want to try something new, you are invited to join the fun! It is great exercise and a 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 4. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
<b>Advanced</b>			
141210-R2	1/11-2/29	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
<b>Beginner</b>			
141210-R1	1/11-2/29	Th	3:30-4:15 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$16/\$21 after January 4  
 Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



## Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a 12-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women ages 50 and over. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To get involved with the troupe or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 427-6441.

## So Creative!

### Curious About Crochet

Learn how to make the infamous granny square. The number of projects you can make with this technique are limitless. Granny squares can range from simple stitches to complex layers of crochet goodness. This is an excellent way to build upon your crochet skills. Even the simplest square is fun to make. We will have plenty of patterns and yarn to choose from, ranging from very easy to advanced. All skill levels are welcome. Come prepared with a size 5mm, 5.5 mm or 6 mm crochet hook and multiple colors of yarn in a medium weight. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 5. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141304-F1	1/12-3/1	F	1-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$68/\$73 after January 5  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Hooked on Crochet

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

### 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



### Behind the Easel: Oil, Acrylic or Watercolor

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oils, acrylic or watercolor! Your instructor Krista Rase, will guide you through different short lessons and independent studies during each class, helping you to improve your skills and understanding in all areas of visual art. Bring a reference photo and painting supplies. There will be no class on January 15. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 2. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141301-M3	1/8-2/19	M	1:30-4 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$75/\$80 after January 2  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

### Crop 'Til You Drop

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

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

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

### Mind Music Movement

Music is a great way to excite both sides of the brain. It is actually the only information that is stored twice in your brain. Join this engaging group that is filled with music designed to cognitively stimulate and challenge your memory. This time together will also be sure to add enjoyment and quality of life in a welcoming environment. Instructor: Kristine Agen. Registration deadline: January 9. Max.8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141213-T1	1/16-2/20	T	2:15-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$15/\$20 after January 9  
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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**Let your creativity shine!**

## We Can Help!

### Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

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

Day	Dates	Time
Thur	12/7, 12/21 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Sensory Clubhouse

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

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

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

Drop in fee: \$2



### Legal Counseling

Beers Mallers, LLP attorneys are at the Community Center on the morning of the first Friday of every month to answer your legal questions. Please call 427-6460 to make an appointment. This FREE service is offered to people age 50 and over.

Day	Dates	Time
Fri	12/1, 1/5, 2/2	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Can You Help?

### 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 Josh Ogle at 427-6441 for more information. Examples of volunteer positions include:

- Information Desk Staff
- Volunteer and Paid Class Instructors
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Daytime Experienced Tap Dancers
- Raised Garden Bed Helpers
- Music Education
- Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Special Event Helpers
- Shuffleboard League Coordinator
- Cornhole League Coordinator
- Cleaning Assistants
- Brain Teaser Leader
- Senior Games Coordinator
- Pinterest Instructor

**THANK YOU!**

Special "thank you" to American Senior Communities, D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home and Park Place Senior Living for being a gold sponsor and Silver Birch Senior Living and Sheerer McCulloch for being a silver sponsor for the Veteran's Breakfast on November 3, 2023.

Special "thank you" to Heritage Park for sponsoring WiFi at the Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Community Center.

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# Unwind Your Mind

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

## Acrylic Painting

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

Date	Day	Time
2/13	T	1:30 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$27

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Bingo

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 1:00 p.m.**

**December 8, January 12, 26, February 9, 23**

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

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

## Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**December 18, January 22, February 19**

**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.

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141213-T1	1/16-2/20	T	2:15-3 pm

# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$15/\$20 after January 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

## Eating Smart and Moving More

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

**January 18-March 7**

**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 11.

## Dementia Conversations

**Monday, February 19, 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. This seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required by February 12.

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**Questions? 427-6460**

# We Rent for Your Event

## Athletic Fields

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

## Botanical Conservatory

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

## Bridal Glen/Foster Garden

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

## Community Center

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



## Foellinger Theatre

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

## Freimann Square

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

## Lakeside Rose Garden

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





## McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

## Park Pavilions

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

## Promenade Park

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

## Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of Salomon Farm Park makes our elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. Reservations may be booked up to a year in advance. For more information visit [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org). The Historic Barn is available May–October only while the Learning Center is available year round excluding June and July for Farm Camp! For more information please contact [FarmRental@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:FarmRental@cityoffortwayne.org).

**Questions? 427-6000**



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

# Greenways & Trails

## Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228



### Winter Solstice Walk/Ride & Bonfire

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

On the shortest day of the year, let's light the night! Bring a flashlight or battery-operated lantern and join us by wheel or by heel as we enjoy the Winter Solstice on the Pufferbelly Trail! 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. The Walk/Ride will kick off at 5:30 p.m. We will gather back at Salomon Farm following the ride for refreshments, a bonfire and activities. This is a free community event sponsored by The City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, and Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. Follow Salomon Farm on Facebook for updates and weather-related cancellations.

### Chilly Challenge Bike Ride

Sunday, January 1, 1:00 pm

Psi Ote Upper Pavilion, Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.

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 from the Psi Ote Pavilion promptly at 1:00 p.m. Allow ample time before the ride starts to unload your bike/s, sign a waiver form and "gear up" for a winter ride. The longer route will include a mid-ride stop at Johnny Appleseed Park to watch the polar bear swimmers plunge into the river and a small snack will be provided before heading to Shoaff Park. All routes will return to the lodge for a steaming bowl of chili and tasty accompaniments to warm you up and entice your taste buds. 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 about the ride please visit the 3RVS bike club's website at [www.3rvs.com](http://www.3rvs.com). The Chilly Challenge is co-sponsored by the Three Rivers Velo Sport (3RVS) bicycling club and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and 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](http://settlersinc.org) (260) 424-7212



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

December 1 & 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30)

The Settlers cordially invite you to the Historic 1844 Swinney Homestead to celebrate the Christmas spirit and take refreshment of delicious savories, sweets, and a pot of tea. The 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. Parking is by the tennis courts. This event is a fundraiser to help support the maintenance of Fort Wayne's Historic Homestead.

# Children's Zoo

## Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6800 • [www.kidszoo.org](http://www.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 wintery world waiting to be explored. Campers will tour the zoo and learn about the amazing animal adaptations that help animals survive in habitats around the world and in their own backyards. Animal encounters, behind-the-scenes learning, engaging Zoo tours, and more await each camp day!

#### Zoo Tots (4+ PreK-K)

"Habitats" ..... December 27-29

"Adaptations" ..... January 3-5

#### Zoo Buddies (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

"Habitats" ..... December 27-29

"Adaptations" ..... January 3-5

#### Zoo Explorers (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

"Habitats" ..... December 27-29

"Adaptations" ..... January 3-5

#### Zoo Investigators (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

"Adaptations" ..... January 3-5

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



Space is limited. Register online and see complete program details at [www.kidszoo.org](http://www.kidszoo.org). No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Call the Education Department at 260-427-6800 ext. 301 or [education@kidszoo.org](mailto:education@kidszoo.org). Camp sessions are three consecutive days (Wednesday-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: \$120 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 or to meet health regulations. In the event of such a cancellation, all your fees will be refunded.

**WILD ZOO**  
**WUNDERLAND**  
AT THE FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S ZOO

December 1-3, 8-10, 15-23, 26-30 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Visit [kidszoo.org](http://kidszoo.org) for more details about this family fun event.

# Historic Fort Wayne

## Historic Fort Wayne

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

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

### Christmas at the Old Fort: A Timeline Event

**Saturday, December 2, 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!



### 1812 Officer & NCO Training Garrison

**Saturday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

A winter posting in a frontier fort focuses on military drills and training. The Officer and NCO Training Garrison is a gathering of 1812 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.



### Nouvelle Annee 1744: Empire on the Eve of Conflict A Winterval Event

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

The winter of 1744 draws ever closer. Rumor is that war has begun anew in Europe. His Most Christian Majesty and the Kingdom of Prussia dispute the succession of the Throne of Austria. Now Britain has been drawn into conflict, which means it is only a matter of time until aggression comes again to the Colonies. The coming of this new war meant shortages, disruption of trade and strained relations with the Native Tribes. What will happen when there are no goods in Le Magasin? Can the new leaseholder of the Post ever regain his investments in trade profits? Scarcity and uncertainty loom on the horizon for Post des Myaamia in 1744!





# 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
Hurshtown 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
Salomomn Farm Park.....	427-6790
Shoaff Golf Course.....	427-6745
Weisser Park Youth Center .....	427-6780

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

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

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

# 6 Ways to Sign Up

**REGISTER  
NOW**

## 1) On-Line

Register for programs online at [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org). Select "Online Services."

## 2) By Phone

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

## 3) By Mail

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

## 4) In Person

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

## 5) Drop Box

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

## 6) By Fax

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

**Register early!**

## 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 you account immediately, but may take 3-5 days to appear on your account.

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

## Inclement Weather Policy

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

# Registration Form

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

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

## Household Set-Up

### Head of Household:

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### Additional Family Members:

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

## Registration Information

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

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

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.

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