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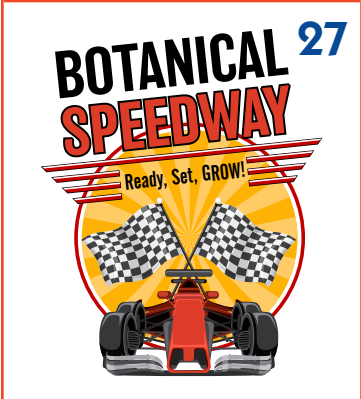
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for All Ages



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Special Interest

Dance Til You Can't

Clogging

Clogging is a style of dance very similar to tap dancing, but you dance on a flat foot rather than the balls of your feet. It is fun for all ages and will give you a great aerobic workout! The only necessary equipment is flat soled shoes or gym shoes that clogging taps can be glued to. The Beginning + class is for individuals who have taken a Beginning Clogging class. Continuing class is for those who know the Basic clogging steps and the Advance Class is for those who know the Basic clogging steps plus combinations. Ages 13+. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for over 20 years. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 6. Max. 15. There will be no class on May 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginning +

242200-M1	4/8-6/17	M	5:30-6:15 pm
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Continuing

242200-T1	4/8-6/17	M	6:15-7 pm
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Location: Franke Pond Pavilion, Sherman Blvd.

Advanced

242200-T2	4/9-6/11	T	6-6:45 pm
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Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Adult Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn tap dance technique and performance skills. No previous experience is required for the beginner class. The advanced class requires some previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 13. Min. 5. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginners 18+

242207-T1	3/20-5/8	W	5:30-6:15 pm
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Beginning Plus

242207-T2	3/20-5/8	W	6:15-7 pm
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Advanced

242207-T3	3/20-5/8	W	7-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$25/\$30 after March 13

Location: Community Center 233 W. Main St.

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Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise for the mind and body. Classes will focus on a variety of dances like Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, and Rumba as well as give you a solid base for social dancing. Prior Ballroom Dance experience is required for the Social Foundation class. **You must register with a partner.** Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 18. Min.14. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Social Foundation

242203-M1	3/25-4/29	M	7-7:45 pm
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Beginner

242203-M2	3/25-4/29	M	7:45-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40 per person/\$45 after March 18

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Folk Dance

Have an international affair . . . with folk dance! Learn traditional dances from the Balkans, Israel, Germany, Bolivia and Turkey. Folk dancing is stimulating for mind, body and spirit. No partner is required. Some dance background (tap, contra or line dancing) is helpful but not necessary. Instructors Jeanette Thompson, Anna Nagel and Rachel Gordon have decades of experience. Please wear flat and secure shoes. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242202-R1	3/21-5/23	Th	7:30-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 10/\$26/\$31 after March 14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

This class is designed for the beginner but will also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. We will cover the basic steps and terminology while incorporating them into popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba, 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: March 19. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242204-T1	3/26-5/14	T	7-8 pm
242204-R1	3/28-5/16	Th	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$38/\$43 after March 19
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.

String Me Along

Beginning Guitar

If you've reached the point where just listening to your favorite songs is no longer enough . . . and you want to actually start PLAYING those songs . . . on a real guitar. Start right here! Learn proper playing posture, left- and right-hand placement/technique, notes, chords and strumming patterns. Our lessons also cover fundamental music theory, guitar tablature and standard staff notation. These are individual lessons with only four times available, so don't put it off! Sign up today. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: March 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242413-T1	3/19-4/9	T	6 pm
242413-T2	3/19-4/9	T	6:30 pm
242413-T3	3/19-4/9	T	7 pm
242413-T4	3/19-4/9	T	7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$66/\$71 after March 12
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

You Can Play the Ukulele

Learn how to hold the ukulele, use a chord chart and strum with confidence. You'll leave the class with the skills necessary to sit at home and work out of any book of ukulele music. We'll start slow, and using lots of repetition, work up to playing real tunes. Your handouts will have chords and lyrics for a variety of songs. A ukulele is included with the tuition for this class and is yours to keep at the end of the class. Ages 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: April 26. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242208-S1	5/4	Sa	9:30 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$74/\$79 after April 26
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Getting Crafty

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 pottery will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for set-up and clean-up and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Ages 13+. Registration deadlines: February 29 and March 4. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242004-R1	3/7-4/11	Th	6-9 pm
242004-M1	3/11-4/15	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$94/\$99 February 29
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Stained Glass Creations

Stained glass isn't just for church windows. It is used extensively in home décor such as doors, cabinetry, light boxes, sun catchers, wall hangings and more. Learn this beautiful art and begin a new hobby of your own. You will learn glass cutting, grinding and soldering. All necessary tools and materials will be provided, including a selection of patterns. If we don't have the colors you prefer, you may go to a local supplier to purchase glass at your own cost. Please wear closed-toe shoes and a long sleeve shirt. Ages 16+. Instructor: James Lupkin. Registration deadlines: February 27 and April 16. Min 4. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242009-T1	3/5-4/2	T	6-8:30 pm
242009-T2	4/23-5/21	T	6-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$89/\$94 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.





Fairy Gardens and Moss Boxes

Make it simple or complex as you can let your creativity run wild! You will select various components, arrange them in an aesthetically pleasing way and learn how to care for the moss in your two unique and beautiful moss boxes. Add them to your home décor or gift them to a loved one. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 12. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242046-T1	3/19	T	12-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$48/\$53

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The Art Scene

Acrylic Pour

The defining characteristic of this brushless painting technique is the use of gravity to move the paint across the canvas. The result is unlike anything you can get with a brush: fluid flows of paint without any brush marks or texture. Instructors are provided by Build Guild. Registration deadlines March 11, April 8 and May 13. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242018-M1	3/18	M	6-8 pm
242018-M2	4/15	M	6-8 pm
242018-M3	5/20	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'll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to finished painting. Learn how to load the brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. Supplies will be provided. Registration deadlines: March 1, April 19, May 10. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242035-S1	3/9	Sa	10am-12pm
242035-S2	4/27	Sa	10 am-12 pm
242035-S3	5/18	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$39/\$44 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Painting with Alcohol Inks

Whether you are an artist or not, painting with alcohol inks is freeing and downright fun! Learn to playfully release "control" and see lovely results! You will paint three 6" x 6" squares of ceramic tile or special paper you'll be proud to display at home. There will be ethyl-alcohol fumes. Supplies (and occasional laughter) included. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: April 15 and May 13. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242001-M1	4/22	M	6-8 pm
242001-M2	5/20	M	6-8 pm

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Art 101

Begin your journey into art by learning a few fundamentals and exploring various mediums as you go. You will be introduced to Oil Pastels, Acrylics, Watercolor and Sketching, practicing skills that will provide a sound foundation as you continue your journey through the medium of your choice. You will have several completed practice paintings to take home upon completion of the class. Please bring two reference photos to the first class. All other necessary supplies are included. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242047-R1	3/21-4/25	Th	1:30-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$82/\$87 after March 14

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Introduction to Drawing

Putting pencil to a blank sheet of paper can be a daunting task. This class will help remove that barrier of doubt. Each week you'll follow along with guided drawings and practice different drawing techniques in a variety of art mediums. A sketchbook and daily creative challenges will help you improve upon the skills learned in class as we focus on the seven elements of art: line, shape, color, form, space, texture and value. Registration deadline: March 11. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242045-M1	3/18-4/22	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$72/\$77 after March 11

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Good As New!

Why Not Try This?



Chair Caning

You can pay someone to fix the cane seat in your grandmother's favorite chair or . . . you can do it yourself! Painting or varnishing should be done in advance, if needed, and your chair must be stripped of cane and have holes around the seat area. We'll provide enough cane and instruction for you to complete your project by the end of the 5-week class. A supply list will be provided with your registration receipt or you may visit our website: www.fortwayneparks.org. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 33 years and operates his own shop. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 8. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242903-M1	4/15-5/13	M	5:30-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$48/\$53 after April 8
Location: Build Guild, 1025 Goshen Rd.

Chair Recovery

Why give up your comfortable chair when a new exterior will bring it back to life? Bring your chair (no recliners, sofas or love seats) to the first class with fabric intact, if possible. We'll determine the amount of material needed for your project and discuss fabric selection. You will learn basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion styles and furniture styles. In most cases you will be able to reupholster your chair in the 10 weeks of class. No experience is necessary. Instructor Celeste Rosales has been reupholstering furniture for over 11 years. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 8. Max. 12. Class will not meet on May 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242902-M1	4/8-6/17	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$105/\$110 after April 1
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Knitting for Beginners

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242043-W1	3/27-5/15	W	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after March 20
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Macramé

Make your own BoHo wall hanging. We'll show you how to begin a macramé piece, how to work a few different basic knots and create a design, texture and pattern within your piece by varying the knots as you work. All supplies are included and no prior experience is necessary. Ages 14+. Registration deadlines: March 14 and May 16. Min. 4. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242028-R1	3/21-3/28	Th	6-8 pm
242028-R2	5/23-5/30	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 2/\$45/\$50 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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Local History

The March to Kekionga / The Siege at Kekionga: Tecumseh's Uprising

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Community Center 233 W. Main St.

Learn more American, Indiana and local history as Jim Pickett, the Kekionga series author, picks up his lecture where he left off last February. Book two in the arrangement, The March to Kekionga, begins a year after the 1790 Battle of Kekionga. Covering President George Washington ordered missions, understand the horrific fate of Arthur St. Clair's US army to the hands of Indian coalition leaders William Wells, Little Turtle and Blue Jacket. Then follow General 'Mad' Anthony Wayne's trek to the building of the crucial Fort Wayne in 1794. The author time jumps to 1811 and book three of his series, The Siege at Kekionga: Tecumseh's Uprising and finishes his discussion with the seven-day 1812 native American seven-day encirclement of Fort Wayne. More information may be found at www.jimpickettbooks.com. This history lesson is free; however, pre-registration is required by April 9. Call 427-6460 to sign up.

Open the Window

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: March 20. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242100-W1	3/27-5/22	W	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 20
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6460

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Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2019

Learn to apply your Excel skills to real situations. You will create charts and graphs and use formulas to calculate needed information. Experience with Excel and Windows is required. Registration deadline: April 3. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242109-W1	4/10-5/15	W	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after April 3
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

USB Flash Drive

Whether you call it a jump drive, a thumb drive, a USB stick, a flash drive or a "thing-a-ma-bob" . . . you will learn how to save information (including photos) to it and how to organize that information into files and folders. Experience with Windows, file management, word processing, internet surfing and cut/copy/paste tools is required. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadline: May 24. Min. 4. Max.8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242123-W1	5/29	W	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after May 22
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Computer Lab

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

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

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Salomon Farm Park



Salomon Farm Park

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

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

Life on the Farm

Full Moon Night Hike

Join us for a peaceful night hike under the light of a full moon! We'll meet at the Learning Center and take a short trek through the woods. All ages welcome; however, children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: April 16. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253615-T1	4/23	T	8- 9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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

Meet the Bees

Get up close and personal with Salomon Farm's bee population. We'll meet at the Learning Center and take a wagon ride to the hives where beekeeper Glenn Hile will show you around and answer any questions. Protective clothing will be provided. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: May 4. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253853-S1	5/11	Sa	1-2:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

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



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Women Can Do It, Too

Beginning Blacksmithing for Women

Advance your blacksmithing skills by learning new decorative techniques 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 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Registration deadline: March 30. Min. 3. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
253862-S1	4/6-6/15	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$30

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

Blacksmith Skills Workshop

Learn new techniques and practice your forging skills while working on simple projects. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and 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: April 20. Min. 3. Max 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
253860-S1	4/27, 5/25, 6/22	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20

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

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The Beginner Huntress

The fastest-growing segment in the hunting community is women. Whether you are hearing the call of the wild to increase your connection to nature, to provide heart-healthy venison for your family or simply want to learn more about hunting in general, begin here. Presenter Charita Niedermeyer, an active hunter for 25 years, will share information on proper equipment, strategies, where to hunt, required licenses and safe practices. The program is free and space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 18. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253614-M1	3/25	M	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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

More Yoga, p. 17, 22, 49



Yes, goat yoga is a real thing . . . and you can give it a try at Salomon Farm Park this spring! Be prepared to have goats snuggle beside you, nibble on your hair, climb on your back, and above all else, melt your heart. Space is limited so register early! Ages 18+. Instructor Laura Kahn has been practicing yoga for 20 years and teaching since 2017. Registration deadline: May 11. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253865-S1	5/18	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20

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

Meet Our Salomon Farm Chefs

Jessica Waggoner

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

Meghan Hauser

Meghan is the founder of Wholesome Roots Cooking. She spends a lot of time cooking and 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.

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 from the more than 30 countries she's visited over the years.



Dinner Time!



Let's Talk Herbs

Home-grown herbs, whether fresh-snipped, dried or frozen can add flavor to your daily cooking. Herbs can also be made into scented packets to soothe your mind. Advanced Master Gardener Jeri Kornegay, former president of The Gardeners of America and lifetime herb harvester, will lead off the conversation of all things herbs. Learn something new or share your own knowledge, tips and recipes! The program is free! Ages 12+. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253616-M1	3/11	M	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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: April 16. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253844-T1	4/23	T	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: April 17. Min. 5. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253849-W1	4/24	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Seeking Vendors for 2024 Salomon Farmers' Market

We are now accepting applicants for the 2024 Salomon Farmers' Market season. Vendors must produce their goods within a 75-mile radius of Salomon Farm Park and are required to grow their own fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. We strive to find vendors who embrace sustainable and organic growing practices. The market also may include baked goods, honey, maple syrup, handmade crafts, food, entertainment and children's activities. The Farmers' Market operates every Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. from June 5-September 4. If you are interested in receiving a vendor application, please call 260-427-6790 ext.2 or email DeAnna.Harris@cityoffortwayne.org

The Art of Baking

Anyone can bake, but what makes a great baker? Instructor Jessica Waggoner of The Hazelnut Baking Co. will share the secrets successful baking in these five classes. Registration deadlines are 7 days prior to each class.

Sourdough

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-T1	3/5	T	6-8 pm
253847-F1	3/8	F	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Hot Cross Buns & Italian Easter Bread

Learn about these delicious Easter bakes and the long history behind them. Delicious hot cross buns and pane di pasqua, similar to challah. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-T2	3/26	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Spring Macarons

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-W1	4/17	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Mother's Day Baking Party

Celebrate you, your mom, or just the great women in your life, with a fun filled evening of wonderful baking. Themed drinks and treats will be served while we bake. Ages 12+. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-F2	4/26	F	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Festive Spring Tarts

Tarts are perfect for a warm or rainy springtime party. Learning the tricks to a delicious tart is a must in any baking toolkit. We will make both savory and sweet tarts. Ages 18+. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253847-W2	5/8	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

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

Fun for the Young'uns

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. Instructor: Meghan Hauser. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Tropical Luau

This tropical fruit salad will give your child a chance to sample fruit they may not have tried before: papaya, mango, kiwi or star fruit.

253909-A3	3/19	T	10-11 am
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Prince and Princess Tea Party

Come dressed for a royal tea party! We will make finger foods that are perfect for a tea party and enjoy them together!

253909-T4	4/16	T	10-11 am
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Encanto & Arepas Con Queso

Let's try some of the Colombian food served in Encanto! We will mix up arepas, do an activity while they cook, and enjoy them together!

253909-T8	5/21	T	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

Roots: Culinary Classes for Youth

Designed to help children feel confident and comfortable in the kitchen, our Roots classes allow students to grow in their culinary skills. Classes are small so 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. Instructor: Meghan Hauser. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. You may drop your child off at 6:00 and pick them up at 7:30. This class is meant for kids to learn amongst peers and not designed for parent involvement. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Pork Ragu and Easy Cannolis

253917-A4	3/19	T	6-7:30 pm
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Breakfast Hand Pies

253917-T1	4/16	T	6-7:30 pm
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Apple Dip and Homemade Tortilla Chips

253917-T9	5/21	T	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

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

Storytime on the Farm

Storytime is an interactive and energetic way to develop your child's love of reading. Listen to stories, sing songs, and make animal sounds as you and your little one have fun learning together. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Register for free with the Allen County Public Library. After Storytime, join us for a wagon ride around the farm. The cost is \$5/person (age 2 and under free).

Date	Day	Time
4/19	F	10:30 am
Register at acpl.libnet.info/event/9573270		
4/26	F	10:30 am
Register at acpl.libnet.info/event/9573271		
Location: 817 W. Dupont Rd, follow paved road back to the windmill.		

Digging for Fossils

Put your paleontologist hat on and create simple clay fossils out of air-dry clay. Next, build a wooden crate out of popsicle sticks for the fossils to be transported to the museum or research lab. Ages 6-12. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253930-M1	4/8	M	6-7:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$18			
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Animal Playdates

*Adult/Child

Salomon Farm Park is home to chickens, goats and pigs that love playdates with children! In these hands-on, interactive sessions boys and girls ages 3-6 learn all about the animals at Salomon Farm Park and enjoy a fun animal related craft. Ages 3-6. Registration deadlines: March 5 and March 7. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253915-T2	3/12	T	9:30-10:30 am
253915-R4	3/14	Th	9:30-10:30 am
# Sessions/fee: 1/\$10			
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			



Mommy and Me Painting

Want to do something special with your kiddos for Mother's Day? Create memories and a beautiful work of art together as you paint flowers on an 8" x 10" canvas. Instructor Angela Esselburn has been an educator for almost 20 years. She will guide you step-by-step. Ages 5-adult. Registration deadline: May 3. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253940-F1	5/10	F	6-7:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20			
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Field Trips on the Farm

Salomon Farm tours make a great field trip for any group. Offered in 1-2 hour increments on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from March 19-May 24, tours feature visits with goats, pigs and chickens, a stop in the garden, and talk about life on the farm. Wagon rides are also available upon request for farm tours of 1½ hours or more. All ages welcome! The cost is \$4/participant/hour. Teachers, caregivers and adult chaperones are free. A minimum fee of \$30/hour applies to all groups. Field trip scheduling is subject to availability and reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Please contact DeAnna Harris at Salomon Farm Park at 427-6790 ext. 2 or SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org for questions and scheduling.

You're the Decorator

Begonias, Begonias, Begonias

Begonias are one of the most popular and highly cultivated house plants. Learn how to grow and maintain your own beautiful begonias with helpful advice and instruction from Advanced Master Gardener Eugena Coate. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 8. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253856-M1	4/15	M	6-7 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22			
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Easter Welcome Sign

Welcome your guests this Easter with a decorative painted bunny sign. Just in time for the holidays, make it as a gift or keep it for your home. Ages 18+. Instructor: Angela Esselburn. Registration deadline: February 27. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253870-F1	3/7	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35

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



Intro to iPhone Basics

Use your iPhone to its full potential! You'll specifically learn how to set up your phone, manipulate settings, send and manage texts, chat with FaceTime, take screenshots, create passwords, download apps and update systems. Please bring your iPhone and charging cord. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 15. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253890-F1	3/22	F	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

Garden Volunteer Orientation

Monday, April 22, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Salomon Farm Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Down and dirty or neat and clean, volunteers are an integral part of Salomon Farm Park, completing tasks such as preparing beds, planting, weeding, working with garden tools, minor maintenance and combating unwanted bugs. Volunteers also harvest and sell produce at the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays (June-September) and do garden documentation in spreadsheets and word documents. Garden volunteers meet every Monday and Thursday morning from April through September and receive a share in the garden produce. You do not have to commit to the whole season, or for every scheduled work day, and no previous gardening experience is required. An orientation will be held at the farm in the Learning Center on Monday, April 22, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or accompanied by a guardian. To sign up for the orientation, email salomonfarm@cityoffortwayne.org or call (260) 427-6790 by April 15.

Salomon Farm Volunteer Organizations

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 at 427-6005 or email SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org

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A beautiful setting for your event!



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Be a Salomon Farm Park volunteer.

The Great Outdoors



Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave. Open daily from dawn until dusk

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

Take A Hike

Amazing Amphibians

It's spring and that means our froggy friends and their relatives are awake after a long winter hibernation! Come learn all about them! All ages are welcome. Each participant must register and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248005-S1	3/23	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Amphibios Asombrosos

¡Es primavera, y eso significa que nuestros amigos rana y sus parientes están despiertos después de una larga hibernación invernal! ¡Dirígete a Lindenwood para aprender todo sobre ellos! Llama a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 426-6764 para registrarse.

Sabado 23/3 10:15-11:15 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicacion: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



Nuts About Squirrels

Learn all about the furry friends who seem to live in every tree and yard you see. Come out to Lindenwood and enjoy a fun hike in the squirrels' natural environment. All ages are welcome. Each participant must register and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248109-S1	4/13	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Tu Amiga La Ardilla

¿Estás interesado en aprender más sobre los amigos peludos que parecen vivir en cada árbol y jardín que ves? Ven a Lindenwood y disfruta de una divertida caminata en el entorno natural de las ardillas.

Llama a la Red de Servicios Lingüísticos – LSN al 26-6764 para registrarse.

Sabado 13/4 10:15-11:15 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicacion: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Hurstown Reservoir

16000 Roth Rd., Grabill

Opens for the 2024 Season

Wednesday, May 1

Wonderful Wildflowers

Can you tell a trillium from a mayapple? Lindenwood will be awash with color this time of year. Join us for a fun and educational walk in the wildflowers.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248100-S1	5/18	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Los Flores Silvestres

¿Puedes distinguir un trillium de una mayapple? ¿Interesado en aprender qué son esas pequeñas flores en tu jardín? Si estás listo para aprender sobre las flores silvestres del bosque, ¡ven a esta caminata de primavera!

Llama a la Red de Servicios Linguisticos – LSN al 426-6764 para registrarse.

Sabado 18/5 10:15-11:15 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Gratis

Ubicacion: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Mom and Me Hike & Craft

Quality time with Mom in the great outdoors makes a wonderful Mother's Day gift. We'll take a short hike then make a craft to give her on her special day. Ages 3-adult. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: May 4. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248107-A1	5/12	Su	10 am-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Full Moon Hikes

There's nothing like hiking at night under a full moon. Join us for a special moonlit adventure and experience nature from a completely different perspective. We'll meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the preserve and hike the Trail of Reflection for a scenic stop at the pond. Youth hike attendees must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadlines: April 12 and May 10. Min 5. Max 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Pink Moon – Youth hike

248008-S1	4/20	Sa	8-9 pm
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Pink Moon – Adult Hike

248008-S2	4/20	Sa	9:15-10:15 pm
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Flower Moon – Youth hike

248008-S3	5/18	Sa	8-9 pm
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Flower Moon – Adult Hike

248008-S4	5/18	Sa	9:15-10:15 pm
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Fee: FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Pancakes at the Park

Interested in learning about the maple trees that give us syrup? Join us for a celebration of this unique harvest season with story time and a pancake brunch. Open to all ages. Each participant must register and children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration deadline: March 8. Min 5. Max 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248800-S1	3/16	Sa	10-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Stargazing

Twinkle, twinkle little star! Lindenwood Nature Preserve is the perfect place for stargazing! From super moons to meteor showers come join us as we learn about the wonders of the night sky. You will be able to use a telescope to locate planets and constellations in our galaxy. There is no charge, however, registration is required for planning purposes. All ages are welcome. Registration deadlines: March 13, April 16 and May 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Spring Equinox

248001-W1	3/20	W	9-10 pm
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Meteor Shower

248001-T1	4/23	T	9-10 pm
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Full Moon

248001-R1	5/23	Th	9-10 pm
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Fee: FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



It starts in the park and ends at the pub! Your team of 2-5 players (age 21+) will meet in Kreaeger Park (at the playground pavilion) for a guided hike where you'll learn about local wildlife and park history. The fun then moves to Kekionga Craft Company where a trivia competition will determine how closely you were paying attention during the hike. Prizes will be awarded. Get your team together and sign up today! Space is limited. Registration deadline: March 14, code #248310-R1. Fee: \$10/team

Thursday, March 21

6 pm Hike

Kreaeger Park

7225 North River Rd.

7 pm Trivia

Kekionga Craft Co.

7328 Maysville Rd.

Sports & Fitness

See You on the Court!



Intro to Pickleball

What's the big "dill?" Come see for yourself why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. It's social, it's great exercise and, most of all, it's FUN! Learn basic technique and rules of the game and you'll be ready for hours of fun on the court. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 25. Min. 6. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244802-M1	4/1-5/6	M	5-6 pm
244802-M2	4/1-5/6	M	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$24/29 After March 25
Location: Lakeside Park Pickleball Courts, 1401 Lake Ave.

Adult Tennis Lessons

Adult tennis lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for adults (ages 13 and over) beginning April 20. These tennis classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: April 12. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244500-S1	4/20-5/11	Sa	12-1:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$55/\$60 after April 12
Location: Bob Arnold Park Tennis Courts, Parnell Ave.

Recreational Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the top three most-played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how fit you are or how athletic you are. This high energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for 2 hours. Age 18+. Registration deadline: February 28. Min.10. Max. 20. Note: Some sessions may be re-scheduled due to school closings. See official schedule at first session.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244800-W1	3/6-5/8	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$45/\$50 after February 28
Location: Northwood Middle School, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.

Recreational Basketball

It doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, your muscles, your bones and your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And it's FUN! Pick a night and join us for a few games of basketball in an informal, yet structured setting. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: March 25 and March 27. Min. 10. Max. 18. Note: Some sessions may be re-scheduled due to school closings. See official schedule at first session.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244000-M1	4/1-6/3	M	7-9 pm
244000-W1	4/3-6/5	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$47/\$52 after deadlines
Location: Jefferson Middle School, 5303 Wheelock Rd.



Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Work In A Workout



Aqua Dance

This high energy class is a total body aqua workout with cardio, weights and core exercises. Fun music will bring waves to the beat and the warm water takes the stress off the joints. It's a "pool party" for all ages! Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: March 18. Min.6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242319-M1	3/25-4/29	M	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$64/\$69 after March 18

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

T'ai Chi Tuesdays

Experienced instructor Sandy Gebhard welcomes both beginning and advanced students to join her in the ancient Chinese practice of T'ai Chi. Modifying the Sun Style Forms, these guided movements promote relaxation, balance and strength. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Individual garden admission is included to continue meditation following each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 15. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
227401-T1	4/23-5/28	T	10-11 am

#Sessions/Fee: 6/\$55

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$50

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Tai Chi

Reduce stress through a Tai Chi series that modifies the Sun Style form for beginning to advanced students. Instructor Sandy Gebhard promotes the benefits of this ancient Chinese practice acknowledged as a gentle exercise to relax the body and focus the mind. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable fitting shoes. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 17. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242332-W1	4/24-5/15	W	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$32/\$37 after April 17

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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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/or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Choose a day and time that works for you. Drop-ins are welcome (\$10 per class). Ages 16+. Instructor Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200-hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before the start of each class. Min. 8. Max. 30. There will be no class Monday, May 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242300-M1	4/8-6/17	M	5:30-6:45 pm
242300-T1	4/9-6/11	T	4:30-5:45 pm
242300-R1	4/11-6/13	Th	6-7:15 pm

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Senior Yoga

Regular exercise can slow the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. This Yoga for Seniors program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of the respiratory, digestive, circulation and nervous systems. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 12. Min. 8. Max. 45. There will be no class on May 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241200-T1	3/19-5/14	T	12-1 pm
241200-R1	3/21-5/9	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 12

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Meditation with Sound Immersion

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 releases stress and tension. Please bring a blanket, wear comfortable, light-colored clothing and remove any metal on your body. Metals have their own frequency and may interfere in the process. Ages 16+. Instructor: Heather Williams MA, LMT, CRMT. Registration deadline: March 11. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242366-M1	3/18-4/22	M	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after March 11

Location: Haven of Healing, 2018 Fairfield Ave.

Family Friendly Golf

Family Friendly Golf

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

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

Tee times can be made by calling the golf course. Call the Manager of Golf Operations at 427-6016 to make league reservations or to arrange tournaments or outings. Be sure to take advantage of the great golf deals listed on page 19.

Parkview Sports Medicine Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour

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



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

	Weekday	Weekend/Holiday	Cart	Driving Range
Foster Park Golf Course Rudisill Blvd. & Old Mill Road 427-6735 fostergolfcourse.com	9 holes \$12 18 holes \$20	9 holes \$13 18 holes \$24	9 holes \$8 18 holes \$16 Punch Card 20/\$145	
Shoaff Park Golf Course & Driving Range 6401 St. Joe Road 427-6745 shoaffgolfcourse.com	9 holes \$12 18 holes \$20	9 holes \$13 18 holes \$22	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	small bucket \$6 large bucket \$10 Punch Cards 10 small/\$50 10 large/\$80
McMillen Park Golf Course & Driving Range Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14	9 holes \$8 18 holes \$16	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	small bucket \$6 medium bucket \$8 Punch Card 10 small/\$50 10 medium/\$65
Mad Anthony III's Short Course Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	Adults \$5; Youth \$4 Lifetime Sports Academy Certified Players FREE!		9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 20/\$125	

Season Passes

	Individual	Family (2 people)	Junior	Senior
McMillen or Shoaff	\$550	\$700	\$200	\$450
Foster	\$650	\$820	\$225	\$490

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

What a Deal!

• Kids Play Free

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

• Student Discounts

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

• Ladies Day

Women pay a reduced fee for 9 holes on Mondays at Foster and Fridays at Shoaff before 3:00 p.m.. (League play not included.)

• Frequent Player Card

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

Foster \$60 Shoaff \$60 McMillen \$35

• Weekday Combo

Play 18 holes with a cart for just \$26 at Foster, \$23 at McMillen and \$26 at Shoaff weekdays from opening until 12:00 p.m.

• Weekday Twilight Special

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



Senior Men's Golf League

The Senior Men's Golf Association is open to men ages 55 and over. Membership dues are \$10/year. Benefits of membership include reduced golf fees, special events, scrambles and the opportunity to compete in the Senior Men's Golf League. The association will meet at Franke Park Pavilion #1 at 10:00 a.m. on April 19 to discuss league schedules, membership, finances and other business. Attendance is not required to join the league which begins April 29. For more information please contact Jim Taper at 260-479-7770.

Ladies Golf Leagues

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

A Different Kind of Golf



Disc Golf Courses

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

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

Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Tillman Park, 600 Tillman Rd.

Weisser Park, 3000 Hanna St.

On the Riverfront



Promenade Park

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

Park Hours

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

Park Foundation Pavilion Hours

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Spring Celebration **FREE**

Birds, Bugs & Blooms!

Saturday, March 23, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Celebrate the start of spring at Promenade Park! Make some new feathered friends from Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation Center at their noon raptor presentation, check out some items from our Explorer's Library and investigate the park while on a blooming scavenger hunt, or create your own "bug hotel" to take home at this FREE community event.



Song & Dance

Dance Promenade: West Coast Swing

Back by popular demand! Join us at the Park Foundation Pavilion to learn and practice West Coast Swing with Dance CoLAB. This is a beginner progressive class that builds on each lesson so you do not want to miss any of the sessions! But the fun doesn't stop with the classes - on May 8 there will be an open West Coast Swing dance party with modern and classic music to dance the night away. All ages are welcome. Purchase tickets by the Tuesday before each session at fortwayneparks.org under Promenade Park Activities. Walk-ins are welcome at the door if space is available (credit card only). Max. 100.

Code	Date	Day	Time
RV240410630	4/10	W	6:30-8 pm
RV240417630	4/17	W	6:30-8 pm
RV240424630	4/24	W	6:30-8 pm
RV240501630	5/1	W	6:30-8 pm
RV240508630	5/8	W	6:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10/\$12 at the door

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

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Fort Wayne Ballet's Firefly Tour

FREE

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Plaza at Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Start your summer with Fort Wayne Ballet's professional company of dancers, great music, and the twinkling lights of evening stars and fireflies. This FREE outdoor tour brings a variety of amazing dance performances into the very heart of your community at Promenade Park. Seating is first come, first served and you are welcome to bring your own seating for the performance.

Sunday Heritage Concerts **FREE**

Sundays, March 10, April 14, and May 12
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion, 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. See the spring lineup on our website at riverfrontfw.org.



Getting Creative



Sweet Spring Cookie Decorating

This hands-on class is where the artistry of baking meets the charm of the season! Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned baker, Country Kitchen SweetArt, a local family-owned baking, decorating, cake, cookie, and candy making supply store, will teach you how to decorate 3 seasonal cookies with your own spring touch. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 9. Min. 20. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290400-F1	4/12	F	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

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

Be Your Own Artist: Fused Glass Flowers

Create your own 4" x 5" spring flower fused glass panel. You choose the colors to incorporate into your design while local artist Emily Simpson of Sol Eye Glass guides you through the process. Your project will then be fired in a kiln and ready to pick up at the Park and Recreation Department (705 E. State Blvd.) beginning May 7. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: April 22. Min. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290201-U1	4/28	Su	2-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

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

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Historical Tie Dye

For most of human history, dyes were derived from nature. People cooked plants until they produced the desired pigment. Explore this fabric dyeing technique with your own tie dye t-shirt. With natural dyes, the color may not be as vibrant as you may be used to (like with modern clothing). All dyes have been pre-tested and there will be fabric samples to help you choose your color or colors. A plain white t-shirt is included. All ages welcome. Registration deadline: May 3. Min. 10. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290402-S1	5/18	Sa	12-2 pm

Sessions/Cost: 1/\$15

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

Green Thumb Garden Tour

Sunday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Do you love plants, have an interest in native gardens, or want to grow your own food? Whether or not your thumb is green, there is plenty to learn at this FREE community event! There will be multiple workshops, activities, and displays from local organizations like the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District and Save the Maumee Grassroots Organization. Listen to a speaker at 1:00 p.m. about planning your own native garden and prepare yourself for a year of gardening and planting!

Get Hooked on Books



Literacy Expo

Saturday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Come celebrate all forms of literacy and learn about reading assistance programs in Fort Wayne at our 2nd Annual Riverfront Literacy Expo! There will be FREE activities for the entire family to enjoy including the Human Library, meeting local authors, a calligraphy station, and a donate or trade Donation Station for books. Come out and learn from others through literature, reflection, growth and experiences.

Getting Fit



Kickboxing with 9Round

**Sundays, March 10, April 14, and May 12
9:00-10:00 a.m.**

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

Have you ever wanted to kick and punch your way through a great workout? 9Round is here to help! At this FREE monthly exercise class, instructors will lead you a full body calorie burning journey like no other. Drop in and join the fun!



Yoga on the Riverfront

**Sundays, March 10, April 14, and May 12
10:30-11:30 a.m.**

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

Bring your yoga mat to the pavilion in Promenade Park for FREE yoga on the Riverfront. This relaxing, 1-hour flow is for all skill levels and led by instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga. Yoga mats will be provided if you do not have one.

Riverfront Kids

Petal Picasso: Crafting Masterpieces for Mom

Craft a heartfelt floral mason jar with or for your mom this Mother's Day! These crafts can be used as flower vases, candle holders and more. One jar is included in your family registration, so multiple kids can work together creating the perfect gift. You are welcome to register for multiple jars. Registration deadline: May 8. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290401-F1	5/10	F	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$8 per family (1 jar included)

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

Do You Dig History?

Saturday, May 4, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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

Do you dig history? Putting puzzles together? Figuring out stories from clues? Kids ages 3-12 are invited to come dig into our past, and join us at the Promenade to learn about history, archaeology (human stuff), and paleontology (dinosaur stuff)! Please note that some activities may be more difficult for younger children, but all are welcome to learn at this FREE program!

Volunteer at Promenade Park!
Contact Riley at 427-6248.

River Rangers: Eclipse Explorers

Learn the science behind the solar eclipse from astronomy and physics students and staff from Purdue Fort Wayne in preparation for the big event on April 8, where Fort Wayne will be just outside the line of totality. Additionally, there will be an interactive craft and solar eclipse glasses for you to take home (while supplies last). Ages 5-16. Registration deadline: March 27. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Date	Day	Time
290210-S1	3/30	Sa	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$5

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

We Rent for Your Event

Located in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne, both Promenade Park and Headwaters Park offer a number of unique venues to consider for your next event. The beautiful, fully enclosed Park Foundation Pavilion, the historic Wells Street Bridge, the expansive Auer Lawn, the Sweetwater Band Shells and the Old National Bank Plaza in Promenade Park can accommodate any number of events. The Rothchild Pavilion in Headwaters Park is a stunning venue for weddings and receptions with 4,000 square feet of outdoor space surrounded by lush greenery ideal for portraits. The large pavilion in Headwaters west side accommodates large festivals and events. For more information or to make reservations please contact us at:

headwaterspark@cityoffortwayne.org
rentpromenade@cityoffortwayne.org.



Sweet Breeze CANAL BOAT

Experience Fort Wayne's rivers on an authentic 1840 canal boat replica!
2024 tours begin Saturday, May 25.
Tickets go on sale May 1
RideSweetBreeze.org



Trips & Travel

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

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



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

Treasures of Tuscany

October 1-10, 2024

Tuscany will win you over with its unique landscapes, cities of art, thousand-year-old history and fantastic food. You'll see world-famous statues in Florence, go truffle hunting in the hills of San Miniato and visit landmarks such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa and more in this cultural immersion into the history, lifestyle, scenery and cuisine of Tuscany.

Trip includes:

- 6 nights in Florence, 3 nights in Sienna
- Visits to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites including San Gimignano, Siena and Piazza Pio II
- Walking tour of Florence including the Accademia Gallery in where you will see Michelangelo's 'David'
- Medieval cities of Lucca and Pisa where you'll walk unique piazzas and see the Leaning Tower
- Truffle hunting in San Miniato
- Italian cuisine cooking class
- Demonstrations of the ancient art of Pienza sheep-cheese making
- Visits to local organic farms
- Locally produced olive oil and wine tasting in the Tuscan countryside

10 days, 13 meals, \$5,249/person

(includes airfare from FWA)

Single supplement add \$1,449

Optional Travel Protection \$299/person



Christmas Markets Cruise on the Romantic Rhine

December 6-14, 2024

Revel in yuletide cheer as you discover European holiday traditions during this 8-day cruise. You'll visit the lovely markets of Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Cologne and Amsterdam as you sail the Rhine from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam.

Trip includes:

- 7-nights aboard the luxurious Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- English-speaking Cruise Director onboard
- Shore excursions with English-speaking guides
- All meals included with a variety of international cuisine
- Onboard Activity Manager will support all emeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary bikes onboard for use ashore

9 days, 20 meals

\$3,535-\$6,135/person + airfare

Optional Travel Protection \$499/person

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

Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

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

Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm
Thursday 10 am-8 pm
Sunday 12-4 pm
Closed Mondays



BOTANICAL
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Admission

Adults \$7
Youth (ages 3-17) \$5
Infants (2 & under) Free
Thursdays 5-8 pm \$1

Parking

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

Conservatory Membership

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



Conservatory Shop & Sales Garden

The Conservatory Shop offers a boutique-style atmosphere filled with houseplants, home & garden essentials, unique toys & books, trendy apparel and fashion accessories along with seasonal merchandise perfect for souvenir-taking and gift-giving! Local vendors are also featured from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area. Beginning May 23, the outdoor Sales Garden offers a selection of perennial flowers, herbs, tropical plants, flowering baskets and patio containers. Conservatory admission is not required to shop during public hours Tuesday through Sunday.

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

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

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What's Showing this Spring?

BOTANICAL SPEEDWAY

Ready, Set, GROW!



Winter Garden Exhibit Through April 7

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 the English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Howard P. Arnold Foundation, Magee-O'Connor Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, WANE 15 and 103.9 Wayne FM.



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.

Kelly Bremer: The Octane Collection

January 13-April 7

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.

Questions? 427-6440

Botanical Conservatory Rental

The Botanical Conservatory is the perfect site for your wedding & reception, corporate event and other special occasion. A variety of spaces are available on weekdays or weekends during or after public hours. Call (260) 427-6444 or email RentBotanical@cityoffortwayne.org for more information.

Dani Kiefer: Wild and Free

April 16-June 22

Public Reception: May 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Dani Kiefer is a teacher, graphic designer, illustrator and fine artist. She received a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design and photography from the University of Saint Francis in 1999. Upon graduation, she moved to Chicago and began designing exhibits and marketing materials for the Field Museum of Natural History. She continued her career in Chicago at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Lincoln Park Zoo where her brand design for the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo was awarded first place by the American Association of Museums. She currently teaches part-time at Concordia Lutheran High School, leads art workshops in her home studio and designs communication materials and illustrations for a variety of clients. "I'm drawn to wildflowers. They thrive in the most unlikely of circumstances. They are strong, resilient, patient, trusting, wild and free."

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Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 8.

COLOR IN MOTION

Live Butterfly Exhibit

April 16-June 23
Public Hours

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



Become a Butterfly Attendant

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

Breakfast with Butterflies

Reserve your spot for an unforgettable experience at the Botanical Conservatory! As a VIP guest, this special occasion includes a personalized visit with exotic butterflies, a youth-oriented craft and breakfast, too. Enjoy French toast sticks, bacon, hash browns, fruit and a beverage of your choice. You will also receive a souvenir and Painted Lady Butterfly Kit to continue the transformative fun at home. All attendees must register including adults and children under age 2. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Please reserve highchair or booster seat during registration. Registration deadlines: May 24 and May 31. Min. 20. Max. 48.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327200-U1	6/2	Su	10 am-12 pm
327200-U2	6/9	Su	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$30

Ages 2 years and under, FREE

Location: Bot. Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun



National Public Gardens Week

Tuesday-Saturday, May 14-18, Public hours
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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

Conservatory Kids

Camp ACTventure

Returning to the Botanical Conservatory for its third year of active and adventurous fun, Camp ACTventure incorporates off-site excursions to city and state parks, rivers, trails and other adventure destinations that aid in the development of camper skillsets, values and self-confidence. See page 37 for details.

Botanical Field Trip & Outreach

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

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

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Spring Bonsai Show

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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

Iris Flower Show

Sunday, May 26
12:00-3:00 p.m.
Botanical Conservatory,
1100 S. Calhoun St.



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

The Fort Wayne HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Feb 29 - Mar 3, 2024 • Memorial Coliseum

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

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



The Great Train Connection

Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, Public hours Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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



Bunny Tales

in the Garden

Friday & Saturday, March 29 & 30,
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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

General admission fees apply.

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You Need More Plants!



Mother's Day Plant Sale

**Friday, May 10, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

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

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Spring Plant Swap

Swap quality established plants with fellow plant enthusiasts and bring home the same amount of plants, if not more! Vegetables, annuals and houseplants are preferable this spring. Please label ahead of time and bring a carrier for transporting. Swaps are FREE, though space is limited. Registered participants are given priority. Registration deadline: May 30. Min. 10. Max. 45.

Code	Date	Day	Time
327701-S1	6/1	Sa	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/Free

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

Slightly Used Bulb Sale

April 4-April 30, Public hours

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



**Saturday & Sunday, May 11 & 12
Public hours**

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Plan a special outing to the Botanical Conservatory where Moms get in FREE during Mother's Day weekend. Together, browse the Conservatory Shop, visit live butterflies and admire all the lovely garden displays. The first 800 mothers to visit receive a free plant! Sponsored by Majic 95.1 WAJI and 21Alive.

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Get your locally grown plants here.

Make Something Beautiful!



Pysanky: Ukrainian Eggs

The historic tradition of Pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter Eggs, can be traced all the way back to 20th century BC. Throughout Eastern Europe, these symbols of hope combine intricate geometric patterns, multiple colors and folk motifs into amazing pieces of art. Create your own unique pysanka with mother and daughter, Carol Ann Eckrich and Karen Glotzbach as they guide you through the process of drawing with melted wax then coloring with dye baths. Each participant receives a toolkit consisting of a kistka stylus, beeswax and six color dyes to continue their egg creations at home! Garden admission is also included. Ages 15+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227502-R1	3/14	Th	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$28

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$23

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

Epiphytic Plant Mount

Create your own epiphytic plant mount! 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 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$37

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$32

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

Tai Chi is on page 17.

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. 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. Garden admission is included. Registration deadline: April 13. Min. 12. Max. 24.

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

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$29

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

Bonsai for Beginners

Learn the basics of bonsai with this workshop covering essential pruning and care of these miniaturized trees. With expert guidance from members of the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club, prepare a container for your own small specimen and see up close a demonstration on forming a beautiful bonsai showpiece! In addition, learn about proper soil, successful repotting and techniques to give it a long and healthy life. Garden admission is included plus participants are provided a return pass to the Spring Bonsai Show on May 18. Ages 15+. Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration deadline: April 26. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227503-S1	5/4	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$42

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$39

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

Try This Exercise

Bones for Life®

Fight osteoporosis with this four-part series guided by Liz Monnier, certified Bones for Life® instructor and Feldenkrais® practitioner. Learn to use natural movements such as standing, walking, sitting and lying on the floor to improve posture, decrease pain and strengthen bones. Please bring a water bottle, yoga mat or blanket, long scarf and small hand towel. You will need to provide an email address at registration and complete a memorandum of understanding prior to class. Visit movementintelligence.org for more information. Participants are invited to enjoy the gardens prior to each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: February 26 and April 8. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
227402-T1	3/5-3/26	T	5-6 pm
227402-T2	4/16-5/7	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$54

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$49

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

Just for Kids

Pens, Pencils & Paints

Watercolor Splatter

Dive into a world of color and creativity! This engaging program combines educational elements with pure fun, as young artists explore the magic of watercolor painting. From guided splatter art to free creative expression, each child discovers the joy of color in a safe and supportive environment. Join us for a vibrant adventure that sparks imagination and leaves your little ones with a masterpiece and a smile! Instructor: Krista Rase. Ages 4-12. Registration deadline: April 4. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243129-R1	4/11	Th	4-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$37/\$42 After April 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Passion for Pottery

Four steps are required to make pottery: preparing the clay, shaping the clay, decorating and glazing the item and firing or baking for a finished appearance. You'll complete these four steps using both hand building and a potter's wheel to shape your clay. When the class is over you will have a passion for pottery and a collection of unique earthenware pieces to take home with you. Ages 9-14. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243201-S1	3/9-4/6	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$69/\$74 after March 1
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Flower Power Celebration

Spring is here so bring on the flowers! For May Day you'll create paper flowers and paint flowers and rocks. For Mother's Day you will decorate a vase and plant a flower for mom or grandma. Finally, for Mother Earth Day you will plant flowers, fruits and veggies in a raised garden at the Community Garden. Come back later in the summer to harvest some of the things you planted. Ages 8-11. Registration deadline: April 22. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243218-M1	4/29-5/13	M	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$30/\$35
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Cartoon Mania

Create your own comic book or character by checking out some celebrated heroes. The first session you'll zoom in on Superman and Wonder Woman. Then do some drawing, crafts and activities to celebrate their strengths. Second session Mario, Luigi, Peaches and Donkey Kong will join us in your comic book to bring games, races and obstacle courses. Third session Hulk, Thor, Wolverine and Storm light up your comic strips to conquer villains. Celebrate your super powers as we wrap up your first comic book. Ages 8-11. Registration deadline: March 11. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243537-T1	3/19-4/2	T	5-6 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$30/\$35 After March 11
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Children's Book Swap & Sale

Tuesday-Thursday, April 2-4 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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



Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 18 with the following conditions:

- Qualify for Federal free lunch/text book program
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship toward camp or program registration

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



That Makes Sense

Do you Hear, See and Smell What I Do?

Experience all 5 senses in games that heighten the awareness of your surroundings. We'll create sounds, smell new things, touch and taste differences in objects and foods. Then we'll move into the Sensory Clubhouse for calming sights, sounds, and interactions. Ages 6-11. Registration deadlines: April 8. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243059-M2	4/15	M	5:30-6:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$20/\$25 after April 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Fancy Footwork

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. Soft ballet, jazz, hip hop or tennis shoes are required. Clothing style is at your discretion; however, jeans are not recommended. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 6. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on April 3. Due to Spring Break

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243304-W3	3/13-5/8	W	5-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 6

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest



Hip Hop Dance

Hip Hop is one of the most popular forms of dance today. The content and language used in the lyrics found in songs used at Starz Dance Academy is closely monitored. Age appropriate words, messages, and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN!! Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 4. Max. 14. Note: There will be no class on April 4. Due to Spring Break

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243306-W1	3/14-5/9	Th	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 7

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

Dress Code for Gymnastics and Dance Classes

It is important that your child is properly dressed for any activity in which they participate. Proper clothing can reduce the possibility of injury and allows the child the freedom of movement that is necessary for their chosen activity. No jewelry, belts, or jeans are allowed in the gym. Shoulder-length hair or longer must be pulled back into a ponytail. Leotards, bike shorts, and stretch pants are acceptable articles of clothing. Bare feet or gymnastic shoes are appropriate in the gym.

Gymnastics

This popular sport not only provides many physical benefits including strength, flexibility, speed, balance, coordination and power; it also promotes non-physical benefits such as discipline, determination, confidence and communication. Plus, it's FUN! Your child will learn to perform front and back rolls, handstands, walkovers and cartwheels, as well as comparable skills on the balance beam, uneven bars, and trampoline. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 5. Max. 12. Note: There will be no class April 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-8

243302-F1	3/15-5/10	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243302-F2	3/15-5/10	F	5-5:45 pm
243302-F3	3/15-5/10	F	5:45-6:30 pm
243302-F4	3/15-5/10	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12

243302-F5	3/15-5/10	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 8

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728

Maplecrest Rd.

Gymnastics for the Guys

You don't have to be an aspiring Olympian to participate in gymnastics. You can benefit from the physical exercise it provides, as well as the strength, flexibility and self-esteem it promotes. In this introductory class you will learn to perform front and back rolls, handstands, and cartwheels as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar, and trampoline. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 5. Max. 10. Note: There will be no class on April 5 due to Spring Break.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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243303-F1	3/15-5/10	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Session/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 8

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728

Maplecrest Rd.

It's All About the Ball

Sports Sampler

Sports Sampler is an opportunity to introduce your child to soccer, t-ball and basketball. They will gain basic skills and learn to play with others. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: March 28. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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243008-T2	4/4-4/25	Th	4:45-5:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$38/\$43 After March 28

Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, 3411 Sherman

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Youth Tennis Lessons (ages 5-12)

Youth tennis lessons will be held at Bob Arnold Park tennis courts for children ages 5-12 years beginning April 20. Beginning classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Classes are designed for children with little or no prior tennis experience. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Class sizes are limited so register early! Registration deadline: April 12. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-7

245700-S2	4/20-5/11	Sa	10-10:45 am
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Ages 8-12

245701-S2	4/20-5/11	Sa	11-11:45 am
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$52/\$57 after April 12

Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

Mother & Son Sport Spectacular

Friday, May 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Come join us for the first annual Mother & Son event at the Community Center the week-end of Mother's Day! Put on your favorite team's sport's jersey for a night of various games and sport activities. Invite your

mother, of course! (Step-mothers, grandmas and aunts are welcome to stand in for moms.)

There will be a casual meal served during the evening.

Ages 4-10. \$30 per son/\$35 after

May 3. Sign up

at 427-6000 or fortwayneparks.org. Min. 20.

Max. 40 sons. Code # 243048-F1



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Summer Day Camps

Registration for Summer Day Camps Begins March 25.

Our summer camp brochure will be available beginning February 26.
Watch for it online at fortwayneparks.org or at [Facebook.com/FortWayneParks](https://www.facebook.com/FortWayneParks).

Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp, the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department's longest-running children's program, has been a source of outdoor summer fun for area youth since 1946! With an emphasis on basic camping skills and nature education, Franke Park Day Camp seeks to foster cooperation through learning, playing, working, problem solving and socializing together. Watch for more information at fortwayneparks.org beginning February 26.

Location

Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Ages

4-18 years (as of June 1, 2024)

Camp Hours

M, T, Th, F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wed, 1:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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



Sessions

Session 1 June 10-14

Session 2 June 17-21

Session 3 June 24-28

Session 4 July 8-12

Session 5 July 15-19

Session 6 July 22-26

Financial assistance is available. Please inquire about the Youth Scholarship Program at the time of registration. Watch online for the day camp brochure available beginning February 26 for complete details and registration information.

The 2024 Franke Park Day Camp supervisor is Chris Freehill. Chris is returning for his forty-seventh year on staff and his thirty-fourth year as the camp's supervisor. Chris has many fond memories of his own childhood summers at Franke Park Day Camp.



Farmin' Fun Day Camp

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

Location

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Ages

4-17 years (as of June 1, 2024.)

Camp Hours

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

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

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

Sessions

Session 1 June 10-14

Session 2 June 17-21

Session 3 June 24-28

Session 4 July 8-12

Session 5 July 15-19

Session 6 July 22-26

Register on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org beginning March 25. A detailed camp brochure will be available online February 26 or you may request a copy by mail or e-mail. Please direct any questions to the Parks and Recreation Department at (260) 427-6000.



Camp ACTiVenture

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

Registration for summer camps begins March 25. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each session. Space is limited to 12 campers per week.



Location

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is the basecamp of Camp ACTiVenture at 1100 S. Calhoun Street in downtown Fort Wayne, IN. Staff-led excursions to other Northeast Indiana destinations are within walking distance or a 2-hour driving range.

Ages

Ages 9-13 (as of June 1, 2024)

Camp Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 AM Camp Care, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
 PM Camp Care, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sessions

Session 1	June 10-14
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Session 6	July 22-26

Questions? 427-6000

Lifetime Sports Academy

The Lifetime Sports Academy will be held in McMillen Park June 3-July 19. The Academy features group lessons in swimming, golf, and tennis for boys and girls ages 7-18. Program hours will be Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Watch for more details in the Summer Fun Times booklet or call 427-6000 in mid May for a brochure which will also be available on our website at www.fortwayneparks.org. The Lifetime Sports Academy is a FREE program.



River Camp

July 29-August 2, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Shoaff Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

In this one-week camp you will learn about our rivers through hands-on exploration and leave with an enthusiasm for our waterways. Water activities, outdoor games, fishing, science experiments, canoe and kayaking, hiking, river clean-up and water safety are all part of the fun! A confirmation letter will be sent out with details a week prior to camp! Ages 8-12. Registration will begin March 25. Min. 20. Max 40.

Pre-school Play Time

Just for Fun

Preschool Arts and Crafts

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

Code	Date	Day	Time
Outer Space			
243015-F1	3/8	F	10-10:45 am
Spring Time			
243015-F2	3/22	F	10-10:45 am
Under the Sea			
243015-F3	4/12	F	10-10:45 am
Superheroes			
243015-F4	5/3	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$17/\$22 after deadline

Sign up for all 4 sessions for \$56

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Do you Hear, See and Smell What I Do?

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Code	Date	Day	Time
243059-M1	3/11	M	10-10:45 am

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

Kids on the Move

We Like to Move it, Move it!

*Adult/Child

These fun-filled Friday mornings are sure to keep you on your toes! We'll move it, move it with balls, scooter boards, a parachute, and other fun activities that help develop motor and social skills. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: May 3. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243047-F1	5/10-5/31	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$33/38 after May 3
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

*Adult/Child

We have some egg-stra special activities planned for you today! We will be crafting, playing bunny games, and going on an Easter egg hunt around the Community Center! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: March 22. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243041-F1	3/29	F	10-10:45 am

Session/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after March 22
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Register on-line at

www.fortwayneparks.org

St. Patty's Day Party

*Adult/Child

It's your lucky day! We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day with fun games, crafts and a tasty green treat. Make sure you wear green for good luck. Ages 1½-3. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243029-F1	3/15	F	10-10:45 am

Session/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after March 8
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Tennis for Tots

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

Code	Dates	Day	Time
245700-S1	4/20-5/11	Sa	9:15-9:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$36/\$41 after April 12
Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State

Sports Sampler

Sports Sampler is an opportunity to introduce your child to soccer, t-ball and basketball. They will gain basic skills and learn to play with others. Ages 2-4. Registration deadline: March 28. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243008-T1	4/4-4/25	Th	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$38/\$43 After March 28
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Mommy and Me Dance

Mommy & Me Dance introduces toddlers to the fun of dance and helps them feel comfortable learning to dance in an academy environment. Parents and guardians are encouraged to dance along with their toddlers. Ages 2-3. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class the April 4 due to Spring Break.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243321-W1	3/14-5/9	Th	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 7
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

Beautiful Ballet

Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. Each session of beautiful ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: March 6. Min. 5. Max. 15. Note: There will be no class on April 3. Due to Spring Break

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243304-W2	3/13-5/8	W	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$58/\$63 after March 6
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

Preschool Gymnastics

Gymnastics is perfect for young children because it helps develop strength, coordination, flexibility, balance, cognitive development and social and emotional learning at a most important time -- while they are growing! Basic tumbling skills such as front and back rolls will introduce your child to this exciting sport. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 5. Max. 12. Note: There will be no class on April 5 due to Spring Break.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3			
243300-F1	3/15-5/10	F	4:30-5 pm
243300-F2	3/15-5/10	F	5:15-5:5:45 pm
243300-F3	3/15-5/10	F	6-6:30 pm
Ages 3-4			
243300-F4	3/15-5/10	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243300-F5	3/15-5/10	F	5:15-6 pm
243300-F6	3/15-5/10	F	5:45-6:30 pm

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



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- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$75
- May use scholarship toward camp or program registration

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McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

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

Spring Public Hours

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

Saturday Open Gym 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

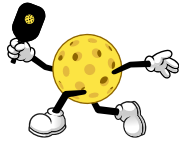
Saturday hours subject to facility rentals.

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
9 am-2 pm Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym	9 am-2 pm Pickleball Kids Korner Open Gym
5:30-6:30 pm Essential Steps	6-7 pm Adult Yoga	12-1 pm Adult Yoga	6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Volleyball	
6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Volleyball	6-8 pm Adult Open Gym/Volleyball	6-8 pm Essential Steps Adult Open Gym /Volleyball	6:30-7:30 pm Cardio Fit	
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Yoga for Adults/Seniors

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

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

Yoga combines stretching, and strengthening postures with deep breathing and relaxation. Those with limited mobility can practice chair yoga from a seated position. Drop in fee: \$1 with photo ID.

Men's Adult Basketball League

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

Begins April 1 and runs for 8 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team. Team Fee: \$225

Pickleball

Come play the fastest growing sport in America! Indoor pickleball courts are available weekdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Admission \$1 with photo ID

Cardio Fit

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

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

Essential Steps

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

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

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

Parents Night Out

5:00-8:00 p.m.

March 16, April 6, May TBD

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 eventbrite.com.



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Youth After-School Program

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

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

Community Extravaganza

Saturday May 18 12-4 pm
 McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

★ ★ **FREE Family Fun** ★ ★
 Games • Activities • Prizes

Registrations will be taken for our free summer youth program!

Kids' Korner Playground
 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.

McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

Youth Centers

Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch
427-6700

Supervisor: Relande Rencher

Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart St
427-6780

Supervisor: Zynette Paige

Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • Children and teens ages 5-18
When FWCS is closed (school breaks, teacher conferences), 9:00-5:00
Register online at 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 Fitness	+Energy Fitness	Group Games Tae Kwon Do	+Energy Fitness	Group Rec Games
5-5:30	Kids Cafe Meal				
5:30-6:30	Monday Matters	STEAM Ice Breakers	Ice Breakers STEAM	Character Development	Kids Choice
6:30-7	Kids Choice				6 PM CLOSED

In addition to the activities listed above, programs are provided throughout the year by Parkview Healthy Seeds, Allen County Public Library and Erin's House.

Embrace the Flow: Adult Yoga

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

Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch

Enjoy the benefits of regular yoga practice, from muscle toning and limbering to managing stress. Yoga is free and open to all skill levels. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 18+. Yoga mats will be provided if you do not have your own. Pre-registration is required. Call 427-6700 to sign up. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Breathe Deep and Relax: Adult Meditation

Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. March 5-April 9
Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch

Enjoy the benefits of this guided meditation, from managing stress to giving you a sense of calm, peace, and balance. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats will be provided if you do not have your own. Ages 18+. There is no fee to participate; however, pre-registration is required. Call 427-6700 by March 1 to sign up. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Bring Your Lunch & Play Games: Senior Social

Fridays, March 8, April 12, May 10
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch

Bring your lunch, play games and socialize with others. We will provide games, popcorn and a great atmosphere at the Jennings Recreation Center. Enjoy social interactions with others from the neighborhood and community. Ages 18+. There is no fee to attend. Just drop in and join the fun.

JC Fit: Total Body Fusion

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Excluding the week of April 1st and holidays

Join this fun, motivating group fitness class that focuses on building and maintaining physical and athletic abilities through strength, endurance, flexibility and other physical training. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Ages 18+.

Inclement Weather Policy

When FWCS is closed due to inclement weather, all youth and adult programming at Jennings and Weisser is cancelled for the day. Registered youth are welcome to attend McMillen Park Community Center 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Here's to Your Health

Eating Smart and Moving More

Wednesdays, March 20-May 8
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More consists of 8 weeks of free lessons on food, nutrition, and exercise. This class will help you plan nutritious meals, be active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can also earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! Call 427-6460 by March 13 to sign up.

Young at Heart

Wednesday March 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Dr. Haris Uzair, Internal Medicine Physician with Luthern Health Physicans, will discuss the aging process . . . why some people live longer, diseases of the elderly and how to prevent them, as well as tips and tricks for healthy aging. Call 427-6460 by March 20 to sign up. The seminar is free.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Monday, April 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. We will also help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Call 427-6460 by April 8 to sign up for this free seminar.

Blood Pressure and Stroke Risk Assessments

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke. Regular monitoring of blood pressure is crucial for predicting and preventing strokes. The Parkview Neuroscience Outreach Nurses will be at Jennings Recreation Center on March 6 to provide blood pressure and stroke risk assessments. The assessment is FREE. Call 427-6700 to sign up.

Have a Plan



Retirement Readiness

Wednesday April 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

It is never too early to begin planning for retirement. Create a savings plan now and learn about investment vehicles that allow you to grow your wealth. We will discuss how to set financial goals and how to manage them. This seminar is presented by representatives from Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union. Call 427-6460 by April 3 to reserve your seat. The seminar is free.

Estate Planning in Today's World

Wednesday, April 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Estate Planning is important for people of all ages – now more than ever. Get the latest information, learn about various planning options and get your questions answered by an attorney specializing in elder law. Call 427-6460 by April 10 to sign up for this free seminar.

The Community Center will be CLOSED
Monday, May 27, Memorial Day



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Home, Sweet Home

Downsizing Tips made Easy

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

Downsizing can be a stressful and complicated process . . . physically and emotionally. Each situation is unique and so are the challenges. Join this discussion with Kurt Ness as he breaks down the do's and don'ts of downsizing. Get your questions answered and your concerns addressed before you take the next step. Please call 427-6460 by May 8 to sign up for this FREE seminar.



First Time Homebuyer

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This First Time Homebuyer seminar will cover all the basic information you will need to purchase your first home. We will cover everything from income calculations to down payment assistance and everything in between. We will provide checklists 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 from PNC Home Lending will be the presenter. Call 427-6460 by March 27 or April 24 to sign up.

There's an App for That



Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone & iPad

Monday, March 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get the most out of your iPhone, iPad or smart phone. Sign up for individual assistance between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. (20-minute sessions) Please know your Apple ID and password if you need individual help. Dave Collins will be providing the assistance which is free, however, you will need to call 427-6460 to register by March 18 and April 10.

Introduction to Internet Use

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 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, correspond through email, access social media and more. This free seminar is designed for those with little to no computer experience. Call 427-6460 by April 10 to sign up.

Choosing Gardening Flowers

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There is much to consider when selecting flowers for your garden: color, texture, fragrance, seasonal interest, location and more. Master Gardener Pam Snyder will discuss all of these elements just in time for the planting season. Call 427-6460 by May 4 to sign up.

Beneficial Insects & Other Garden Friends

Wednesday, April 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn about the role of beneficial insects in the garden, who they are, why they are needed and how to attract them. Pam Snyder, Master Gardener for 20 years will be the presenter for this seminar. She inherited her love for gardening from her grandfather. Call 427-6460 by April 3 to sign up.



About Your Health

Advance Care Planning

Wednesday, March 27, 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 encourage you to bring the person you think you would like to make decisions for you, if needed, and start the conversation. Call 427-6460 by March 20 to sign up.



Medicare & Medigap Supplemental Seminar

Monday, April 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Is there anything more confusing than Medicare coverage? This seminar will cover the basics of Medicare from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Learn how Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D Medicare coverage works together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. You'll also learn where to find help with your personal Medicare decision-making process. Presenter: Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 by April 1 or May 8 to register.

Watch your mailbox for the Summer Fun Times on May 8.

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 (ASD). Time spent in a sensory room may reduce distress and agitation. It can also improve visual, auditory and tactile processing and cognitive awareness.

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

Drop in fee: \$2



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Understanding & Responding to Dementia Related Behavior

Monday, March 18, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways people living with dementia communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage. Join us to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common triggers, and learn strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease. This seminar is free; however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by March 11 to sign up.

Cemetery/Funeral Home Workshop

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Find out what you need to know before making pre-arrangements with cemeteries and funeral homes. Helpful information for veterans is also included. Presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillan has 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry. Call 427-6460 by April 2 to sign up for this informative seminar. It's free.

Fun After Fifty

Social Seniors

Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for our traditional Monday Luncheons. Paid reservations (\$5/person) are required by the previous Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Reservation fees cannot be refunded. Each luncheon features a short presentation by the sponsor. (Note: Come at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy the Relaxation Station to color and socialize with others prior to lunch.) Ages 50+.

Monday, March 18, 12:00 pm
"Leprechaun's Choice"

Sponsor: Canterbury Health and Rehabilitation

Monday, April 15, 12:00 pm
"Garden Party"

Sponsor: Coventry Meadows

Monday, May 20, 12:00 pm
"Taco Bout' It"

Sponsor: Indiana Donor Network

Greet & Eat

Wednesday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

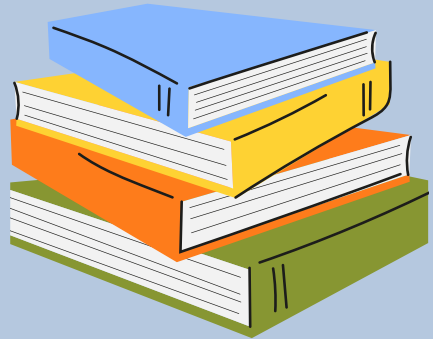
Join us at the Community Center for a little socialization and continental breakfast sponsored by Waters of Fort Wayne. After breakfast, stay for ABC Exercise, Cardio Flex or play a game of pool. Call 427-6460 by April 17 to sign up for the Greet & Eat. Space is limited.

Book Sales

March 12-14, April 2-4, May 14-16
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!



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JOIN US FOR

TUESDAY
MOVIES

SHOW TIME
1:30 PM

FREE

Community Center,
233 W. Main St.

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

March 5.....Family Switch
March 19.....Maybe I Do
April 2.....About My Father
April 16.....Flamin' Hot
May 21.....Supercell

Come Out and Play



Fun & Games

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

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

Many THANKS to Heritage Park and Coventry Meadows for their contribution to BINGO.

Scrabble

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

Community Center, 233 W Main St.

Test your word play skills with fellow Scrabble enthusiasts on Monday afternoons. No need to call ahead. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$2

BINGO

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

March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join the BINGO fun on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Prizes include snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Sponsored by Heritage Park & Coventry Meadow. Fee: 3 cards/\$1

Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, April 9-May 14, 1:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Community Cornhole League

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.

March 13-April 17 and May 1-June 5

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Toss your cares away and join us for some friendly cornhole competition on our brand-new boards! Men, women, beginners and experts . . . all are welcome! Play continues for 6 weeks, with prizes awarded at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 by March 6 to sign up. Drop-in fee: \$2. Min. 6.

Recreational Shuffleboard League

Wednesdays, April 24-May 29, 10:00/11:00 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There's a lot of pushing and shoving going on at the Community Center and you can get in on the fun! Set up and sign-in begins at 9:45 with play beginning at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top 3 places at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6441 by April 17 to sign up and get ready to push your way to the top! Min. 6. Max. 16. Drop-in fee: \$2

2024 Senior Games

June 3-July 2, 2024

Mark your calendar and start "training" now for the 2024 Senior Games. Over 500 senior adults participated in the 2023 Games with over 40 individual events to choose from. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list. Pictured are the 2023 champions: Janice Forst and Joe Sowder.



Start practicing now for the Senior Games!

Fitness Over 50 is Fun!



Senior Aqua Fit

Aqua Fit employs water resistance tools for total body toning. You will be guided through various aerobic movements in the water keeping beat with rhythmic music. The benefits of Aqua Fit include:

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

Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline April 10. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241209-W1	4/17-6/19	W	11:30-12:15 pm

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

Indoor Circuit

Mondays & Fridays, March 1-May 31
10:00-10:45 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

FitLot Fitness

Join us at the AARP sponsored FitLot at the Community Center for outdoor fitness fun! You will be guided through a 1-hour fitness routine using the FitLot equipment and your own body weight for resistance. The class is designed to accommodate all ages and abilities. There will be no class on May 27. Registration deadlines: April 8. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241214 -M1	4/15-6/10	M	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$43/\$48 after April 8
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

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

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

Cardio Flex

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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



Try a New Hobby

Curious About Crochet

Whether you are a beginner or a crochet aficionado looking to advance your skills, Curious About Crochet is where you need to be. We'll provide easy to follow instruction and hands-on guidance as well as a variety of patterns ranging from very easy to advanced. Please bring a 5, 5.5 or 6 mm crochet hook and a medium weight (size 4 worsted) yarn of your choice. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 22. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241304-F1	3/29-5/17	F	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$68/\$73 after March 22
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Are you hooked on crochet? Come 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



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.



Senior Yoga

Regular exercise can slow the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. This Yoga for Seniors program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of the respiratory, digestive, circulation and nervous systems. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 12. Min. 8. Max. 45. There will be no class on May 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241200-T1	3/19-5/14	T	12-1 pm
241200-R1	3/21-5/9	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$44/\$49 after March 12

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

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Senior Tap Dance

Tap dancing is great exercise and a fun way to spend a Thursday afternoon! Whether you've tapped before or just want to try something new, come join the fun! You'll learn dance techniques and performance skills and get a good workout in the process. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard sole shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241210-R1	3/21-5/9	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
241210-R2	3/21-5/9	Th	3:30-4:15 pm

Advanced

241210-R1 3/21-5/9 Th 2:45-3:30 pm

Beginner

241210-R2 3/21-5/9 Th 3:30-4:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$16/\$21 after March 14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats

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

Coloring & Painting

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

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

March 18, April 15, May 20

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Behind the Easel

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oil, acrylic or watercolor. 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 your painting supplies. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241301-M1	3/11-4/15	M	1:30-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$75/\$80 after March 4

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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 140 volunteers and become involved in Community Center programs and operations. As a Community Center volunteer, you will find satisfaction in being of service to the community, develop your interests, and make new acquaintances. You may choose to volunteer on a regular weekly schedule or on an occasional basis. Please call 427-6441 or email joshua.ogle@cityoffortwayne.org 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

Volunteer Coordinator

Raised Garden Bed Helpers

Music Education

Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator

Craft Coordinators and Assistants

Special Event Helpers

Shuffle Board League Coordinator

Cleaning Assistants

Brain Teaser Leader

Get to Know Fort Wayne

Downtown Walkers

Wednesdays, April 10-October 30, 11:00 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Would you like to get outside and enjoy a nice walk through Downtown Fort Wayne? Join us for an easy one-mile walk while enjoying the company of others. We will walk different routes through the downtown area. Some of the walks will include a stop at various locations for a quick tour. Drop in fee: \$2

Promenade Apartment Tour

Wednesday, April 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for a tour of some of the non-restrictive areas at the newly constructed Riverfront at Promenade Park, an \$88.7 million six-story, multi-use development with more than 200 apartments, seven town homes, and a 900-space parking garage. Swiss Re, the anchor tenant, occupies 30,000 square feet, and the building has nearly 15,000 square feet of retail space. Keith Hood is our historical walking tour guide. Please call 427-6460 by April 3 to sign up for this free tour.

North Central Neighborhood Tour

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Put on your walking shoes and learn a little about the historical homes and monuments in the North Central Neighborhood with tour guide Keith Hood. We will depart from the Community Center at 3:30 p.m. The tour is free. Call 427-6460 by May 8 to sign up.

Need Some Advice?

Legal Counseling

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

Day	Dates	Time
Wed	3/6, 4/3	9:20-11:30 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Unwind Your Mind

Activities for Those with Signs of Early Dementia
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Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

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Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Eating Smart and Moving More

Wednesdays, March 20-May 8
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Eating Smart and Moving More consists of 8 weeks of free lessons on food, nutrition, and exercise. This class will help you plan nutritious meals, be active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can also earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! Call 427-6460 by March 13 to sign up.

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Questions? 427-6460

Park Partners

Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228



Spring Forward Hike & Bike

Sunday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.

Glendale Rd. Trailhead (near 5510 Glendale Rd.)

Spring Forward on the Trails! Join the City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. and Little River Wetlands Project (LRWP) for a bike ride along the Towpath Trail, followed by a guided hike at Eagle Marsh! This event is FREE and open to all ages and experience levels.

Bicyclists will ride 6.5 miles (including a small section of gravel). Immediately following the bike ride, staff from LRWP will lead a short hike through Eagle Marsh. Anyone interested in only the hike should meet at the Eagle Marsh Barn (6801 Engle Rd.) at 1:30 p.m. This hike may include some grassy areas/gravel. Helmets are strongly encouraged for cyclists. Participation is at your own risk. Follow City of Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Trails, Inc., and LRWP for weather-related updates!

Explore the Trails!

Meet 6:00 p.m., Departs 6:10 p.m.

Find fitness, fun, and new friends on the trails! The City of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. offer free, family-friendly trail exploration events where you can get to know the 130+ miles of trails within the Greater Fort Wayne Trail Network! Starting locations vary, and all skill levels are welcome. Individuals are responsible for their own safety at all Trail events.

Trek the Trails: These guided group bicycle rides take place every Tuesday. Helmets are strongly encouraged. Ride lengths vary – maps will be released day-of on the Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. Facebook page. Participants should come prepared with water. Trek the Trails dates (Bicyclists ONLY) are listed below in **black**.

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

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

Trek Date	Tread Date	Starting Location	Length
4/30	4/30	Trek/Tread Kick-Off Event / After Party (FWTrails.org for info) Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.	8.2 mi
5/7	--	Fellowship Missionary Church 2536 E Tillman Rd., Park at back of lot	7.2mi
5/14	5/16	Buckner Park, 6114 Bass Rd.	7.2 mi
5/21	--	Kreager Park, 7225 N. River Rd., near tennis courts	7.5 mi
5/28	5/30	Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd., Conklin Pavilion	7.3 mi

Swinney Homestead

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

Swinney Homestead Open House

Friday May 3, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Historic Swinney House and Herb Garden are open to the public for this event. Registration opens for 2024-2025 Settlers, Inc. hand-arts programs. New members are welcome.

Settlers, Inc. Annual Herb and Perennial Plant Sale

Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The annual Settlers' Plant Sale will be held at the Swinney Homestead in the basement with perennial diggings on the back lawn. Donations of perennial plants from your garden are appreciated. Contact Norene at (260) 637-8622. The Plant Sale will continue for a second day on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-noon. Proceeds from this event support Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead.



Historic Fort Wayne

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

The Old Fort is located at 1201 Spy Run Avenue. 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, [Facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricFortWayne), or call (260) 437-2836 for schedule updates and information.

Revolutionary War Garrison

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

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

Civil War Garrison

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

It is March of 1864. The men of the 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry are on garrison duty in North-eastern Alabama on the verge of setting off on spring campaigns. Come and talk to the soldiers about their daily life in a garrison. Observe the daily duties and responsibilities as the regiment maintains its watch on the surrounding area. Morning parade, drills, and guard mount will occur throughout the day, weather permitting.

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

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Did you know that the first fort built in the area was a French Post? What was life like in the 17th and 18th centuries? What types of uniforms have soldiers worn throughout history? Why are most uniforms made of wool material? How have weapons changed from war to war? Find out answers to these questions and much more as historical reenactors converge on the Old Fort this weekend. Observe demonstrations on period cooking, gardening, military life, and much more. Experience first-hand the life and activities of the people from across the ages. Each year is unique so be sure to come out!



Enjoy a bit of history!

Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

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

Opens for the 2024 season April 27!



Kids for Nature Summer Camp

Spend a WILD week at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo! You'll explore the zoo, visit friendly animals, meet Zoo Keepers and make new friends in this unique summer adventure. Register on-line starting February 1 and see complete program descriptions at www.kidszoo.org

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

Zooper Senses

M-F / \$140

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

6/3-6/7 6/17-6/21
7/1-7/5 7/15-7/19

Animals in Action

M-F / \$140

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

6/10-6/14 6/24-6/28
7/8-7/12 7/22-7/26

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

Animal Tales

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

5/27-5/31 6/10-6/14
6/17-6/21 7/1-7/5
7/8-7/12 7/22-7/26
7/29-8/2

Animal Builders

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

5/27-5/21 6/3-6/7
6/17-6/21 6/24-6/28
7/1-7/5 7/8-7/12
7/15-7/19

Nature's Artists

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/9 6/10-6/14
6/24-6/28 7/1-7/5
7/15-7/19 7/22-7/26
7/29-8/2

Grades 1st & 2nd

Ecosystem Explorers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/10-6/14
6/17-6/21 7/1-7/5
7/8-7/12 7/15-7/19
7/22-7/26

Animal Acrobats

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/10-6/14 6/17-6/21
6/24-6/28 7/8-7/12
7/15-7/19 7/22-7/26

Creative Critters

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/17-6/21
6/24-6/28 7/1-7/5
7/15-7/19 7/22-7/26

Wild Kitchen

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/10-6/14
6/24-6/28 7/1-7/5
7/8-7/12 7/15-7/19

To Register

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

Grades 3rd & 4th

Animal Olympics

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/10-6/14
6/17-6/21 6/24-6/28
7/8-7/12 7/22-7/26

Animal Legends

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/10-6/14 6/17-6/21
7/8-7/12 7/15-7/19
7/22-7/26

Zoo Sleuth

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/17-6/21
6/24-6/28 7/1-7/5
7/15-7/19 7/22-7/26

Exhibit Engineers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/10-6/14
6/24-6/28 7/1-7/5
7/8-7/12

Grades 5th & 6th

Zoo Careers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/3-6/7 6/17-6/21
7/1-7/5 7/15-7/19

Junior Zoologist

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$190

6/10-6/14 6/24-6/28
7/8-7/12 7/22-7/26

Age Policy

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

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

Volunteer at the Zoo!

Be a part of the excitement and volunteer at your nationally recognized, AZA accredited Zoo! Adult Volunteer Training classes for new adult volunteers begin April 16, 2024. Teens for Nature Volunteer and Leadership Program applications are accepted January 1 through February 29, 2024. Visit www.kidszoo.org to apply online or contact us at (260) 427-6800, ext. 302 or e-mail volunteer@kidszoo.org for more details.

Join Our Team



WORK WHERE YOU PLAY

In the PARK • At the GOLF COURSE
On the RIVER • In the TREES

At the POOL • In the GARDENS • On the TENNIS COURT
At the CONSERVATORY • In the WOODS • At the THEATRE

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Horticulture/Tree Maintenance Theatre Staff Sweet Breeze Deckhands

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SUPPORT OUR PARKS



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OUR MISSION

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

Quality of life means many things. It may be child picking up a new sport or making new friends at summer camp. It may be an older adult enjoying social interactions while participating in games and hobbies. Sometimes, quality of life is just a quiet walk in a park.

**I love taking classes at the Community Center!
I've learned a lot and it's a great creative outlet.**

- Lisa O.

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

That commitment is possible because of the generous gifts we receive from our community. While a portion of our budget is covered through your tax dollars (which we also greatly appreciate), we still rely on millions of dollars of additional funding through grants, local organizations, and individual donations.



Questions? Call 427-6000.

We Rent for Your Event

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, 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, 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.

Lakeside Rose Garden

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

McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

Park Pavilions

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 22 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 \$45 to \$204 per day on weekdays and from \$51-\$276 per day on weekends. Winter prices range from \$191-\$304 per day. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance and can be made online (fortwayneparks.org) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department

Promenade Park

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

Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. For more information visit www.fortwayneparks.org or contact our rental coordinator at RentSalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6790, ext. 1. Old Barn rentals are May-October only. The Wolf Family Learning Center may be rented year round with the exception of June and July. See page 9.

Things to Know

Before you sign up . . .

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

Mission Statement

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

Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices	427-6000
Botanical Conservatory	427-6440
Children's Zoo	427-6800
Community Center	427-6460
Cooper Center	427-6728
Foellinger Theatre	427-6018
Foster Golf Course	427-6735
Hursttown Reservoir	627-3390
Jennings Center	427-6700
Lawton Park Maintenance	427-6400
Lifetime Sports Academy	427-6760
McMillen Park Community Center	427-2420
McMillen Golf Course	427-6710
Salomon Farm Park	427-6790
Shoaff Golf Course	427-6745
Weisser Center	427-6780

Photo/Video Image Use Consent and Release

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

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

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

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

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

6 Ways to Sign Up

REGISTER

1) On-Line

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

2) By Phone

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

3) By Mail

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

4) In Person

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

5) Drop Box

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

6) By Fax

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

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

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

Inclement Weather Procedure

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

Registration Form

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

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

Household Set-Up

Head of Household:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: M / F

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

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

Additional Family Members:

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

Registration Information

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

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

Total Due: \$ _____

Method of Payment: Cash Check MasterCard Visa Discover AmEx

_____ / _____
Card Number Exp. Date CVV

Name as printed on card: _____

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

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

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