

Steve McDaniel – Director

- I have shared with the administration a lengthy list of Parks and Recreation projects to consider for the ARPA Funds. The City has started the process of developing a plan on how to use those funds. City Council has also shown that they would like to be part of the process to build the plan.
- Sandra and I presented the Parks and Recreation's 2022 budget to City Council in October. We answered a few questions that Council had regarding Foster Park and staffing levels.
- Our department's website was down along with the City's and County's for about a week. There was a hardware issue that caused them to not function while the IT department rebuilt the infrastructure to operate those sites. It has been reactivated and some lost data is being uploaded so that it will be fully functional.
- We have partnered with the Board of Works to add electric car charging stations to Foster Park. This is just one of several that are being installed throughout the city with a grant that the BOW was awarded. It is my hope that this is the first of many to be added in our park system over the next several years.
- Our team is working with several city departments on a River Activation Plan. This plan is to shape the future of access and interaction with our citizens to our rivers. A Request for Qualifications was issued by the City and five teams submitted proposals. The team is evaluating those proposals with the hope to short list it to a couple of teams before conducting interviews.
- The Indiana Parks and Recreation Association held their annual conference the first week in November. We are honored to have won two awards celebrating 2020. The first was in the category of *Inclusive Program of Excellence Award* for Confluence Kitchen in which our riverfront programming team brought the community together to celebrate the many cultures within our city. The second award went to Patti Davis for *Outstanding Professional Award*. This award was presented to Patti for her exceptional impact in the field of Parks and Recreation for all that she does.
- Tim and his team at the Theater have started the process to end the season at the facility. He continues to work on next season's lineup.
- Several programs were held this month including but not limited to Fright Night, Halloween Haunt, Harvest Festival, Great Tree Canopy Comeback, invasive plant removal, volunteer planting at Fairfield & Rudisill, and Active Aging Week. The team continues to put together great programming for our citizens.
- Seasonal operations have started switching over. At the end of October, we start to close down and winterize facilities like restroom buildings, some pavilions, shelters, and drinking fountains. Earlier in the month we closed down all of the splash pads and the Doermer Kid's Canal. Shoaff Golf course was the first of our golf courses to close. Foster and McMillen will close after Veterans Day. We will keep an eye on the weather and when conditions are favorable, we will reopen the last two as weather allows.

Chuck Reddinger – Deputy Director, Riverfront, Golf, Outdoor Recreation, Athletics, Special Events, Headwaters Park, Community Center (Downtown), Travel Service & Youth Centers

◆ General

- Attended Indiana Parks and Recreation Association annual meeting November 2-4 in Muncie Indiana. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other Indiana Parks and Recreation Agencies.

- Pattie Davis, Community Center Manger received the 2020 Park Professional of the year and Riverfront received the 2020 Inclusive award for the Confluence Kitchen program.

◆ Outdoor Recreation

- Despite some rain on Saturday we had beautiful weather for our annual Fall Harvest Festival which was Friday, October 1, 2021 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. This was a two-day event celebrating the American Farm. This was a free event and open for all ages. Activities included horse-drawn wagon rides provided by the Dekalb County Horseman’s Association, antique farm equipment demonstrations on Friday and Saturday, kid’s rides, food concessions, clogging performances by the AppleJack Cloggers, music by the American Legion Band, and an antique tractor parade and farmers’ market on Saturday. A new addition to the event his year was the sunflower field. The U-Pick operation occurred during the festival on Friday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For the sunflower u-pick season we collected \$3,897.00. This was down significantly from 2020 sales at \$15,628.17. The majority of our 2021 flower sales were collected during the Fall Harvest Festival. We contribute low sales in 2021 to inclement weather and a later planting and bloom date compared to 2020. We also believe our sales were exceptionally high in 2020 due to COVID-19 and most or if not all activities and events being cancelled.
- Salomon Farm Park Handmade Homemade Sale on October 17, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Our attendance this year was up about 100 people at 435 people in attendance. We had vendors in the Wolf Family Learning Center and the Old Barn. We collected \$755 in booth rental fees.
- Hurshtown Reservoir closed for the season on Friday, October 15, 2021. Fort Wayne Parks crew pulled the docks on Monday, October 18, 2021.
- The Winter water project at Salomon Farm Park started on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. This project will allow us access to winter water for our animals located in the “livestock barn”.

◆ Community Youth Centers

- Jennings and Weisser held their Harvest party on Oct. 27th. It was only for registered youth. Both had a great turnout and the youth enjoyed the fun activities and games the staff set up for them and the food.
- Unfortunately, Cooper will not be ready to open until around the first of the year due to delays in materials.
- The 2 supervisors and Program Coordinator attended the **Great Kids 32nd Annual Conference on Youth – October 7 (virtually)**. All said it was very good and had great takeaways.
- Chantell Davis attended this month's meeting with JDAI (Allen County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative). Discussion on youth being detained, and breaking it down by race as well as discussions on how the numbers are fluctuating and what we can do to help. There was also discussion of youth deaths, guns in homes, etc., and how we can bring awareness to keep youth safe, educate parents, etc.

◆ Food Service

- Jennings
 - Attendance: 249 (down 0.4% from September -250)
 - Snacks served: 149 (down 19.46% from September – 178)

- Meals served: 194 (down 15.28% from September – 229)
- McMillen
 - Attendance: 384 (up 72.20% from September – 223)
 - Snacks served: 157 (up 40.18% from September – 112)
 - Meals served: 286 (up 48.96% from September – 192)
- Weisser
 - Attendance: 434 (up 7.96% from September – 402)
 - Snacks served: 316 (up 4.64% from September – 302)
 - Meals served: 278 (up 9.02% from September – 255)
- Totals
 - Attendance: 1,067 (up 21.94% from September – 875)
 - Snacks served: 622 (up 5.07% from September – 592)
 - Meals served: 758 (up 12.13% from September – 676)

◆ **Community Center (Main & Berry Streets)**

- Programming is remaining consistent throughout the mask mandate for the drop-in and programming.
- Roof -Phase 1 is still going on, most works are completed so we can put up x-mas lights but skylights won't be until December
- HALLOWEEN HAUNT was held Saturday, October 16th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, and the Car Show was held in the parking lot from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm. We had 5 rooms sponsored plus we did two crafts, Ghost Hunt, and Spider guesses. We had 904 visitors in our building during this time with approx. 400 being kids according to bag distribution. It was a good combo holding the two events together.
- ACTIVE AGING WEEK was held October 2nd -8th at various locations
 - **Total Attendance=333**
 - Opening Breakfast – 46
 - Women's Cornhole – 25
 - Men's Cornhole – 12
 - Canoeing – 13
 - Women's Golf – 11
 - Billiards – 7
 - Rescue Mission Walking – 22
 - Disc Golf – Cancelled
 - West Central Walking Tour – 10
 - Men's Golf – 7
 - Connect Four – 10
 - Wii Bowling – 17
 - Timed Jigsaw Puzzle – 12
 - Bocce – Cancelled
 - Staying Active Trivia – 10
 - Shuffleboard – 43
 - Lunch – 47
 - Bingo - 41
 - Active Agers Walk Team-29

◆ McMillen Park Community Center

- Participation in pickleball has increased and players are beginning to play indoors again with the weather changes.
- Cardio fit will resume in November due to the instructor taking personal time.
- The Safe Haven Grab and Go Trunk or Treat were held on October 21st. This social distance event went extremely well. This event was held outdoors for individuals in the community who were not comfortable with indoor events. We had community vendors participate in the event. We had 263 youth participate.
- MPCC Halloween Celebration was held on October 27th. Due to the shortage of staff youth assisted in the Grab and Go and the Harvest Fest. Youth were rewarded with their own Halloween Celebration. Fortunately, Director McDaniel was able to attend and participate as a judge in our Halloween Costume competition. At this event, we were able to have a drawing for prizes for the youth, games and a haunted maze, and a pinata filled with candy. Overall winners from each age group took home a bike and one youth won a television.
- **Annual Harvest Fest was held on October 28th.** This event was for the community youth and parents who were comfortable being in an indoor event. There were games, a haunted maze, and candy. We had 53 youth participate in this event.

◆ Riverfront

- Clean Drains Fest: Be River SmART hosted by Friends of the Rivers was held at Promenade Park in late September to promote “Only rain down the drains.” The activities coordinated by Friends of the Rivers included various musical performances, rain barrel demonstrations, trash-themed obstacle courses, information booths, and photos of the participating painted drains throughout downtown. Friends of the Rivers has already scheduled their event to take place at Promenade Park in September of 2022. Estimated attendance: 4,000
- Community Inclusive Expo was a sensory event that included information booths and vendors from over 15 varying organizations that advocate for disability inclusiveness. The event had media coverage from WANE 15 and the Journal Gazette. The event idea was a combination of two failed sensory events earlier this year. Throughout the past 3 months, Riverfront sensory events have sky-rocketed in attendance. Each of our sensory events, programs, and sensory tent materials has been funded by the AWS Foundation through a grant we were awarded. Attendance for Community Inclusive Expo was 210.
- Downtown Improvement District’s Fright Night Zombie Walk route went through Promenade Park for the first time this October. Overall, it was a success. To participate in Fright Night, Riverfront hosted a Raven Scavenger Hunt where staff hid 11 stuffed and dressed-up ravens throughout the park. Participants that found all 11 ravens were entered into a prize drawing for Riverfront merchandise. Attendance of Raven Scavenger Hunt was 166.

◆ Golf

- Dave Weadock has been working with Gary Whitacre and Jason Smith to put together a Request for Proposal to hire a firm to look at restoration and possible redesign of Foster Park Golf Course during and after the City Utilities “Big Dig” project. This RFP should go out on the first of December.
- Dave Weadock, Bryan Keister, and Jason Smith met on-site at the McMillen Park Golf Maintenance area to discuss replacing the chemical storage barn to make it more secure and animal-proof. The building is in disarray to the point of the elements getting in and possibly

ruining the chemicals as well as animals getting in through holes in the building and destroying the chemicals. Dave is putting together a plan to replace the existing building with one that resembles the Shoaff's. It will be placed on the existing pad to save on costs.

- Troy Bates stated that the first phase of cart path replacement at McMillen Golf Course was completed. The project took longer than expected due to equipment shortage and weather. Also, some mistakes had to be fixed and backfilled.
- Jake Claussen verified that the paving project around the Shoaff Golf Clubhouse was completed. This was a much project due to the deterioration of the asphalt. Also, it leveled the surface to the three doorways taking away existing trip hazards.

◆ **Other Facilities**

- Chad Shaw, Jason Smith, and Randy Rozewicz met at the Franke Park Mountain Bike trails to discuss a water drainage project that would be taking place. The discussion was around the locations of the project, timeline, and various trails that would have to be closed during it. Randy mapped out the locations and made suggestions as to how and which trails would be closed and the signage for it.
- Sgt. Griffith advised Jason Smith that skatepark security has ended for the season. The officer's presence not only helps control the park from trouble makers it also gives the parents of younger participants a sense of security and allows their children to use the facility. The department looks forward to seeing the officers back in the spring of 2022.

Sandra Odisho, CPA – Manager, Finance

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department paid 241 employees (129 full-time, 112 regular part-time, and seasonal for the payroll ending October 23, 2021).
- ◆ We currently have the following permanent positions open or in the process of being filled:
 - Full-time position, Supervisor IV – Neighborhood Programs – Cooper Center (Fund 121)
 - Full-time position, High Range Operator (Fund 121) - Four positions
 - Full-time position, Supervisor Horticulture – Botanical Conservatory (Fund 121)
 - Full-time position, Manager – Program & Events – Riverfront (Fund 121)
 - Part-time position, Recreation Specialist – Preschool Youth and Special Events – Community Center (Fund 121)
- ◆ The Winter Fun Times registration began on November 3rd. December through February programs are covered in this brochure. Breakfast with Santa at the Conservatory has traditionally been the most popular program in the Winter Fun Times!
- ◆ Sears, Franke #1, Pond, Lakeside #1, Hefner, Riverlodge, and Psi Ote Lower and Upper are available year-round. As of November 1st, we are now renting only those eight enclosed and heated pavilions listed above.
- ◆ The eight pavilions that we reserve in the winter are almost completely booked up through December 31, 2021, on Saturdays and Sundays. Just a few options are still available.
- ◆ Sandra, Rhonda, and Destinie attended several virtual classes that were offered by VSI, our recreation software developer, the week of October 11th. Normally these classes are only offered to people that attend their annual symposium in Vermont.
- ◆ Rhonda is working to update the registration/reservation portion of the website. This should be complete by mid-December.
- ◆ The 2022 Budget Process is in full swing:
 - We submitted the 2022 Budget to the City Controller's Office in July.

- We corresponded with the Controller via email and phone calls regarding the 2022 Budget rather than meeting in person for departmental discussions.
- The Official News Conference for the 2022 Budget was on September 22.
- Introduction to City Council was on September 28.
- Departmental budgets are presented to City Council on October 5th and October 12th (Park on this date).
- Budget Cut Proposals by City Council were defended by the affected departments on October 19th. The Park department did not experience any Budget Cuts.
- The Department's 2021 Budget Passage by City Council was on October 26th.
- We are bringing the 2022 Budget to the November Park Board Meeting for Approval
- ◆ We are beginning the process of updating our Park Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual. We will be updating this in sections and bringing each section, as completed, to the Board for review and approval. This process is projected to be completed in 2022.
- ◆ Our entire Finance and Support Services Division (7 employees) is participating in the United Front Initiative. We are hopeful this will help improve our customer service; internally to our fellow employees and externally to our customers.
- ◆ The goal of the United Front Initiative is to bring the community of Fort Wayne together to attain racial healing, equity, education, and organizational transformation by developing shared knowledge and understanding around various topics related to diversity and inclusion.

Steve Schuhmacher – Deputy Director, Facilities, Grounds, Projects Administration, Safety Compliance, Storeroom, Fleet & Mechanical Operations

◆ Facilities Maintenance

- Pavilion rentals totaled: 302 for October. This is up from 298 in September.
- Relief workers pressure washed in the following locations: Foster Park golf course white fence, Swinney Park pavilion, Promenade Park's North and South docks, and patio area as well as the Sweet Breeze canal boat when it was pulled for the season.
- Relief workers also finished the Rockhill Park creek brush removal project.
- Graffiti has been painted over at the following locations: Study Park playground, the Historic Old Fort, Shoaff Park parking lot, McMillen Park's Community center, and the underside of the Martin Luther King Jr Bridge.
- Water is beginning to be shut off for the season at various locations. As facilities are winterized, route workers clean one final time and remove any product for use elsewhere.
- The 13 summer rental facilities will finish the 2021 season on October 31st. This will leave the 9 year-round facilities open until the 2022 season.
- All splash pads were shut down and winterized for the year. These are at Waynedale, Franklin, Memorial, Buckner, Shoaff, Meyer, Kreager, and McCormick Parks. The water rill and Promenade Park were also shut down for the year.
- The fountain at Freimann Square was drained and all fountains had their winter covers set in place.
- Hurshtown Reservoir was shut down for the season. All piers were removed, and the guard shack was winterized.
- Work is in progress to modify the Christmas lights for the downtown Community Center. This entails removing the rotted and damaged plywood as well as re-engineering the bracket support system.
- Winterization of outdoor facilities and drinking fountains has begun which includes turning water supplies off and blowing outlines to prevent freezing.
- Preparations are being made for the upcoming Fantasy of Lights at Franke Park. This includes adding a control switch on the overflow parking lot lights.
- Repair work was done at the Gump Road homestead to repair woodpecker damage and gutter issues.

- 2021 playground inspections have generated repairs that are still ongoing.
- The Maintenance Technicians completed the following:
 - 9 Alarms calls
 - 3 Appliance maintenance repairs
 - 20 Building maintenance repairs
 - 8 Carpentry repairs
 - 17 Electrical repairs
 - 8 HVAC maintenance issues
 - 6 Key core maintenance repairs
 - 16 Light Maintenance
 - 9 Lock maintenance issues
 - 37 Playground maintenance replacement or repairs
 - 21 Plumbing maintenance issues
 - 6 Sign replacements
 - 7 Vandalism issues

Grounds Maintenance

- The mowing cycle is currently at 6 days.
- Crews held off on installing mulching attachments to wide-area mowers.
- Warm temperatures have kept the grass growing steadily.
- Lawton football has finished for the season.
- All in-town athletic fields have been shut down and reseeded.
- Kreager fields have been shut down and renovated.
- Late fall fertilization will begin once the fields are dry enough to drive on.
- Ball diamond crews prepped diamonds for the last time of the season.
- 12 stumps were removed from various parks.
- Bagged ice melt has been stored for the upcoming winter.
- Summer turf equipment was serviced and stored for the winter.
- Snow plows and salt spreaders have been inspected and serviced as needed.
- Playground mulch was added to Franke for a volunteer group to spread.
- 50 tons of gravel were added to the Lawton bullpen to fill ruts and low spots.
- Stone was also added to the Franke theatre overflow lot and Shoaff boat ramp
- Extra straw from the Johnny Appleseed festival was hauled to Salomon for the animals.
- The lower level of the old barn at Kreager was cleaned out to prepare for foundation repairs.
- The glycol tank was delivered to Headwaters Park for ice skating.
- The garbage truck is running every day of the week and still on Sundays.
- Unneeded trashcans were removed from the parks and stored for the winter.
- A large debris blower is being used to remove leaves from the trail system 2-3 times per week.
- Minor flooding on the trail system caused us to close several gates.
- The greenway is still getting mowed on a full rotation once a week.

Project Administration

- Buckner Park LWCF Grant Project – Army Corps permitting completed. Awaiting approvals from IDEM and IDNR.
- Downtown Community Center Roof Project – The roofing portion is nearly complete. Awaiting materials for skylight replacement in December.
- Downtown Community Center Roof Project Phase 2 – Planning in progress.

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- Foster Park Pavilion #3 Construction – Contractor starting on masonry work in November. Material acquisition in progress (12 weeks lead time)
- Foster Park Pavilion #3 I&M Electrical Service – Finalizing cost and schedule with I&M
- Foster Park 2-5-Year-Old Playground Equipment Replacement – Planning in progress.
- Franke Park Playground 5-12-Year-Old Equipment – Awaiting purchase order. The project is planned for early spring 2022.
- Indian Village Sears Pavilion Exterior Wood Repair – Project completed.
- Jennings Center Parking Lot Lighting – Foundations and wiring installed. Waiting on delivery of materials in late December.
- Jennings Center Playground Equipment Replacement – Planning in progress.
- Kettler Pavilion Exterior and Interior Improvements – Exterior chinking completed. Exterior and interior painting underway.
- Kreager Park Softball Fence Repairs – Work is in progress. Completion in early November.
- Kreager Park Barn Structural Improvements – Construction planned to start Nov. 1 with completion planned end of November.
- Kreager Park Taylor’s Dream Playground Surface – Planning for replacement in 2022.
- Lakeside Park Arbors Improvements – Project to begin Nov. 1. Completion is planned for the end of April.
- Lions Park and Swinney Tennis Parking Lots Lighting Replacement – Foundations and wiring installed. Awaiting installation of poles and lights.
- McMillen Golf Course Cart Paths Phase 1 – Project completed.
- McMillen Golf Course Cart Paths Phase 2 – Planning in progress.
- Mechanic St. Bridge Engineering – Engineer has performed an updated inspection. Parks will coordinate the next steps.
- Memorial Park Olen J. Pond Monument – Project has begun, Landscape Department heading project.
- Memorial Park Monument Relocation – Project completed.
- Memorial Park Sons of Glory Monument – Final cleanup is in progress.
- Memorial Park Main Drive Paving – Project completed.
- Northside Park 2-5-Year-Old Play Equipment Replacement: Planning in progress.
- Reservoir Park Cooper Center Roof Replacement – Awaiting work on kitchen improvements to start work.
- Reservoir Park Cooper Center Kitchen Exhaust System – Awaiting exhaust hood materials for installation.
- Salomon Farm Livestock Water Service – Installation in progress. Completion in early November.
- Salomon Farm Rental Barn – Project planned for next year with bidding in early 2022.
- Sheldon Park Site Clearing – Construction starting end of October.
- Shoaff Park Rivergreenway Boardwalk Repair – Purchase order issued. Awaiting contractor scheduled to perform work.
- Shoaff Pro Shop and Trail Paving – Trail project is completed. Pro shop paving is planned for the first week of November.
- Swinney Park Homestead Trim Painting – Touch-up painting in progress. Final walkthrough planned.
- Swinney Park Homestead Log House Roof Replacement – Planning in progress.
- Various Parks 2022 Paving Projects – Planning in progress.
- Various Parks Pickleball Conversion – Planning in progress.
- Various Parks Identification Signs – Fabrication in progress for Cobin, Roosevelt, McMillen, Noll, and Foster West Parks.
- Various Parks Bench Improvements – Project completed.
- Various Parks Pavement Repair Phase 2 – Project completed.
- Weisser Park Playground Replacement – Project completed.
- Wells Street Bridge Truss Improvements – Project completed.
- Other work:

- Various Parks: accessed potential and necessary future project
- Various Parks: updating park site plan bases and building plans.
- Various Parks: underground utility locates were scheduled and performed.
- Various Parks: cost estimates for various projects are being prepared upon request.
- Various Parks: playground inspections being completed.
- Various Parks: park assessments being completed.
- Various Parks: completed project photo documentation for marketing.



Storeroom and Property

- Property Transactions:

Tk 16, 2008 Ford F250 Pickup	Auctioned
Tk 35, 1997 Ford F250 Pickup	Auctioned
Tk 77, 1992 Ford F250 Pickup	Auctioned
TK94, 2001 Ford F250 Pickup	Auctioned
Van 124, 1998 Ford E150 Van	Auctioned
Makita Cordless Grinder (2)	P252, Weld Shop
Makita Cordless Recip Saw	P252, Weld Shop
CTA Glow Plug Tip Puller Kit	P252, Garage
Stihl 261 Chainsaw	From P210 to P250-F
Van 1504, 2021 Ford Transit Midroof Cargo Van	P250, Repair & Construction
Tk 1505, 2021 Ford F150 Pickup w/liftgate	P250-F, Facilities

2021 Vehicle Lease Purchase Updates:

Ford F150 Pickup Truck w/liftgate	Delivered
Toro 1200 Towed Mower (2)	21121067
Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van	21121084
Ford F150 Pickup Truck (non-lease)	21121179

- Garage Operations Highlights:

- Supply shortages continue to plague us. Cars 119 has been down for over two months awaiting an ABS brake module and Car 119, has been down for over a month, awaiting an oil return line.
- Truck 2, a 1995 Ford F800, a non-CDL chip truck, had been permanently down for brakes and frame rust and is scheduled for replacement in 2022. Due to the lack of CDL drivers in Forestry, the truck has been repaired and put back into service.
- We will be taking all Toro 224 and 225 front deck mowers out of service as they are obsolete with no parts availability. Replacement zero turn mowers have been scheduled for demonstration and evaluation in preparation for the 2022 lease purchase.
- Kruckenberg Auctions had their Fort Wayne city auction on October 12. We disposed of 5 vehicles.

- Sweet Breeze was serviced and prepped for winter storage.
- Utility Truck Equipment Company provided an operator class for the new electrician bucket truck to our mechanics and maintenance techs.
- Van 24, a Mercedes cargo van, is beyond economic repair. Its shelving system will be transferred to the new Ford transit replacement van and the van will be destined for auction.

The Safety Committee met on the last Tuesday of the month, with five members in attendance.

- There were three treatable personal injuries this period, for a total of 14 for the year. OSHA recordable incidents total eleven for the year. No restricted days this period, and the annual total stands at 87 for six incidents. Lost days for the year are 0. Worker compensation costs to date are \$14366.
- There was one property damage incident this period, the yearly total is now twelve. Total damages for the year are \$7562.
- Eight employees were trained in the AHA new format CPR curriculum.
- A general safety training class is scheduled for November 16.

Alec Johnson – Deputy Director, **BOTANICAL** CONSERVATORY Planning & Development, Forestry,

Landscape, & Riparian

- ◆ Design work continues for Phase I of the Franke Park Renaissance. The team is working through schematic design for site layout and pavilion concepts.
- ◆ Construction has begun on the Conservatory Front Landscape Project; staff meets with the contractor on-site weekly. Demolition and much of the earthwork were completed in October, with paving, irrigation, electrical, and planting of trees and shrubs to take place in November. The remainder of the project will be completed in Spring 2022.
- ◆ Except for new trees (to be planted in November) and benches (installation in Spring), the Rudisill Park Improvements project was completed. Neighborhood volunteers planted 15 arrowwood viburnum and 300 prairie dropseed in addition to the previously completed paver pad and tree/brush removal.
- ◆ Staff continues to develop their role and spend significant time on the management of the Botanical Conservatory. Facility/ HVAC repairs, budget reviews, and staffing needs are currently prioritized.
- ◆ A prolonged landscape renovation project was completed by contractors at the downtown Community Center; new plantings were installed around the building and along the ROW on Berry Street.
- ◆ Staff completed reviews and shared comments for design development drawings with the Riverfront Phase IIB design team. Coordination continues with AEP and various city departments and permitting agencies.
- ◆ Work continues on the restoration of the Pond Monument at Memorial Park. Our consultant (CSOS) made another visit in October to fit a plaster cast of the replacement head, match stone colors for the final cast, and apply a final terra cotta layer to the urns. Weather will likely force the project into Spring 2022.
- ◆ **Horticulture and Landscape Report- October 2021**

Gardeners delivered pumpkins and helped set up the Pumpkin Path at the conservatory.

Tropical plants from all the parks and the Zoo were brought back to the greenhouse to be pruned and stored for the winter until next year.

Annuals were removed from all the parks except Foster. Mums and other fall décor were installed at Freimann, Courthouse, Community Center, Lakeside, and Foster.

Lakeside staff cut climbing roses down in preparation for the painting of the Arbors in November.

Foster staff edged and mulched beds throughout the gardens with a specific focus on the Lilacs along Old Mill Road.

Landscape staff re-planted shrubs and trees in Bloomingdale to replace dead material and meet IDNR requirements.

The block retaining walls in Taylor’s Dream at Kreager Park were repaired and re-glued. There are still a few stone caps missing, which will be replaced next season. Grasses and perennials were installed to replace plant material that had died over the years.

Landscape staff ground stumps in landscape beds, removed mulch, and turfed areas in Lawton, Swinney, and Shoaff parks to reduce bed sizes.

The Great Tree Canopy Comeback event happened on October 23rd. Many volunteers came out to assist in planting 50 trees total at McMillen Park. In addition to the trees planted at McMillen, volunteers finished clearing two wooded areas of invasive Honeysuckle and Buckthorn.

The layout began for our park trees contract where 360 trees will be planted in assorted parks throughout the city. Shade Trees Nursery will begin planting trees in November.

Eddie Palmer and Sarah Akey both passed their CORE exam, which will allow them to be licensed as Registered Technicians with the Indiana State Chemist Office.

Freimann Square pool was drained and cleaned.

Leepers continued with their annual mowing and fertilizing contract.

Lawnscape continued with their annual mowing and fertilizing contract at Promenade.

Several plant donations were made to the greenhouse. These plants will be used in various Showcase displays through the next year.

◆ **Riparian Management Report**

Riparian work

- Continued maintenance and cleaning docks and ramps
 - Headwaters dock
 - Promenade kayak launch
 - Guldlin dock
 - Shoaff dock
- Finalized foliar treatment of Japanese Knotweed along with Junk Ditch/Swinney
- Removal of fallen trees in Shoaff (assisting forestry department)

Riverfront Planning

- Successful coordination and haul of Sweet Breeze to Rea Property
- Continuing winterization of Sweet Breeze
 - Furniture, Life vest removal, and misc supplies were removed and stored
 - Coordination of engine maintenance and winterization
- Continued assistance of strong-arm planning for Headwaters Dock

Volunteers

- Brookview Riparian Clean-Up Event: 16 people, 4 hours (approx. 1.5 tons of honeysuckle and buckthorn removed)
- Brookview Riparian Clean-Up Event: 7 people, 4 hours (approx. 1.7 tons of honeysuckle and buckthorn removed)

◆ **Forestry Report**

We continue seeking applicants for our four vacant High-Ranger Operator positions.

A level one tree inspection of the entire city is complete. This inspection resulted in 963 trees being identified as candidates for removal. These trees have been prioritized based on the associated risk and will be removed accordingly and within the limitations of available resources.

Inspected and prioritized tree concerns at Foster Golf, McMillen Golf, and Shoaff Golf. Accepted bids and anticipate presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners in December.

Accepted bids for street tree stump removals. Preparing for presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners in December.

Implemented operational adjustments intended to limit the spread of Oak Wilt in Fort Wayne.

Assisted with the Great Tree Canopy Comeback.

Completed 9 tree-related property damage appraisals totaling \$2,725.00 in damages. The vast majority of these are the result of vehicles losing control and striking City-owned trees.

Crews pruned 3 street trees this month, bringing our total to 2,581 for the year. Our goal is to re-establish a 7-year pruning cycle.

Completed 7 ‘out of cycle’ pruning requests to address tree elevation and clearance concerns.

45 trees were identified as presenting an immediate risk and were removed by in-house crews from the right-of-way this month. (2 vehicle damage, 3 storm-related)

Responded to 26 storm-related fallen/hanging limbs.

7 privately owned trees were removed from the roadway in October.

Responded to 4 after-hours calls concerning trees blocking the roadway.

Responded to and resolved 75, 311 call center tickets this month.

Kathryn Pargmann – Manager Lead of Marketing

- ◆ The Marketing Team is continuing to work on various Riverfront Marketing tasks with a special focus this month on promoting fall special events.
- ◆ The Parks Promenade link has received over 2,181 hits and www.RiverfrontFW.org has 5,693 hits to the site this month. The Rental link continues to be a popular source of information and has received over 898 hits this month.
- ◆ Completed evaluation reports for Urban Bird Watching, Free Family Fishing Day, Craft Night, Young Naturalist, Storytime on the Lawn, Itty Bitty Basketball, Pee Wee Basketball, Daddy Daughter Princess Ball, Creative Construction Lego Building, Kickin’ Kids/Big Kickers Soccer, Children’s Special Interest (Summer), T-ball/Lob ball, Little Sluggers, Preschool Classes (summer), Mini & Little Kickers, Adult Special Interest (summer), Franke Park Day Camp Counselor and Camper.
- ◆ Completed Web Quarterly Report, and 34 graphic design projects (brochures, banners, postcards, signs, social posts, etc.).
- ◆ Produced 2022 Winter Fun Times.
- ◆ Conservatory Christmas promotion: 3 billboards, member e-news, Holi-day invitation, Holiday fest tabloid ad, Conjure pastry/coffee ticket, sponsor passes, electronic signs slides.
- ◆ Met with DNR grants administrator at the Wells Street Bridge to get final approval for the project.
- ◆ PREPARING REPORT FOR THE \$342,672.99 from the Small Business Shuttered Venue Assistance grant for the Theatre. These funds were tied to the financial losses experienced by the Theatre as a result of 2020’s CCOVID-19 non-season. Sarah Nichter, Manager of Development, will complete this before she retires.
- ◆ Organized Sweet Breeze media photo op.
- ◆ Collected b-roll footage of various fall events., and the Great Tree Canopy Comeback promotion.
- ◆ October Media Mentions: 30.
- ◆ **Web Statistics:**

<u>Users:</u>	<u>Hits:</u>	<u>Month:</u>
46,745	124,206	August
35,626	91,402	September
25,537	67,859	October

Note, web sites were down for 6 days in October impacting statistics.

- ◆ Social Media Totals for the months of:

August

September

October

FB Followers	66,534	67,453	68,097
FB Reach	196,468	210,595	139,769



Twitter Followers	12,790	12,865	12,938
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Instagram Followers	19,248	19,428	19,603
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Gary Whitacre – Manager, Golf Operations

- ◆ A successful golf season is coming to an end and leaving us with great enthusiasm heading into 2022. Shoaff Park closed for the season upon completion of play on October 31, with Foster and McMillen scheduled to close upon completion of play on November 11. A procedure is in place to allow closing dates to be moved back if the weather is conducive to continuing play.

- ◆ Here are the rounds played and revenue numbers for March 1-October 31 for 2020 and 2021:

	<u>FOSTER</u>	<u>MCMILLEN</u>	<u>SHOAFF</u>
2020 rounds	11,905	7,981	13,644
2021 rounds	<u>13,170</u>	<u>9,174</u>	<u>15,279</u>
	+1,265	+1,193	+1,635
2020 revenue	\$282,899.25	\$154,909.25	\$354,394.10
2021 revenue	<u>\$313,363.25</u>	<u>\$185,087.28</u>	<u>\$400,351.76</u>
	+\$30,464.00	+\$30,178.03	+\$45,957.66
TOTAL INCREASE	+4,093 rounds	+\$106,599.69	

- ◆ Save for a significant amount of rain in late October, the weather has been fairly average for the season. Golf has shown significant growth and should continue to do so.
- ◆ An initial RFP has been constructed for the renovation at Foster Park by David Weadock and is undergoing some final revisions. It will be important to have a plan in place when City Utilities starts the completion of the Big Dig project.
- ◆ Internet connectivity and broadband access continue to be an issue at McMillen Park and Shoaff Park, partially because of the installation of security cameras. This needs to be addressed, as when the system crashes the golf shops are not able to transact business
- ◆ A funding request has been put in to acquire 24 new golf carts, as was done this year. This request, if approved, will put the golf courses in good shape and will begin to eliminate the ongoing problem of cart availability at peak times
- ◆ Upon closing the clubhouse at Shoaff Park, some minor electrical issues were discovered and should be addressed before next season
- ◆ Alcohol sales got off to a decent start with little publicity, all equipment was acquired, and valuable experience was gained. This puts us in a good position to start 2022 and more heavily promote this new feature



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Dawn Ritchie – Greenway & Trails Manager

- ◆ We opened bids on the Fishing Line trail from Ludwig Road to Cook Road recently.
- ◆ We had three Bidders. The lowest bid, API Construction, was \$75,000 under the engineer's estimate. Construction could begin in December.
- ◆ The Trot the Trails equestrian trail ride was canceled due to flooding. We'll have two events in 2022.
- ◆ Camille Garrison was named the 2021 Trail Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient. We'll plant a sugar maple with a plaque next to the trail and pedestrian bridge in West Foster Park
- ◆ The Mayor will hold a ribbon-cutting for the Dupont Road Trail on 12/6 at 1 p.m. at the McDonald's restaurant, 1210 E Dupont Road. Now that we've paved the trail between Coldwater and the McDonald's restaurant, we have a 4.7-mile trail from Lima Road to Tonkel Road, connecting with Salomon Farm Park and the Pufferbelly Trail.
- ◆ Neil Miller is the new Program Manager for the Rivergreenways & Trails Department and will begin work on Monday, November 15, 2021. Neil worked at the Allen County Department of Environmental Management, and before that, Neil was employed with the Zoo.
- ◆ We will submit a Next Level Trails grant to the DNR on December 1, 2021, for the Pufferbelly Trail between Washington Center Road and Ice Way. We'll be requesting between \$2 million and \$2.5 million. The grant is scheduled to be awarded in March of 2022.
- ◆ City Council and Mayor Henry are setting aside \$4.5 million in the next three years in addition to the Annual Trails budget, to complete four projects. One in each quadrat: Hanna Street Trail, Pufferbelly Trail, Covington Road Trail, and a trail in Northeast Fort Wayne (Maplecrest Road Extension North to Evard Road).
- ◆ We are establishing a working group to study mid-block crossings of the trails, as well as other street crossings. This working group will meet in December.



Division News and Media Coverage:

COVID Safety

Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation has thoroughly researched COVID safety precautions, working with local, state, and national organizations to determine best practices for our facilities, services, and programming. Please review guidelines regularly and carefully, as we are counting on you to help us keep our community healthy; as we will continue to keep our department, and the community informed should guidelines change. As of the date of this report, Staff, and all attendees to any Parks & Recreation hosted events, programming. As of September 7, 2021, ***masks are required in all City-owned buildings and facilities***, and we encourage each household

or individuals to **social distance** when possible, following the guidelines set forth by the Allen County Board of Health.

Leaf Collection to Begin November 1st

Fort Wayne, Ind. – Beginning November 1, the Fort Wayne Street Department will collect leaves in the City’s more than 400 neighborhoods. This year’s leaf pick-up will run through December 17, but weather conditions or the volume of leaves in a particular area may cause the planned schedule to shift slightly. To keep residents informed of any changes in the schedule, leaf collection updates will be provided daily before 3:00 p.m. at cityoffortwayne.org/leaves. The daily updates will include what neighborhood the crews will be working in the following day. A collection map and guidelines for the process will also be located on the web page. Additionally, residents have the option to call 260-427-2603 to hear recorded daily updates.

The 2021 Fort Wayne Leaf Pick-Up schedule

- ✓ Central Neighborhoods, [November 1 – November 5 & November 29 – December 3](#)
- ✓ South Neighborhoods, [November 8 – November 12 & December 6 – December 10](#)
- ✓ North Neighborhoods, [November 15 – November 19 & December 13 – December 17](#)

There will be no leaf collection on November 11 for Veterans Day or November 25 -26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb or park strip in front of their home, **but not in the street**. Leaves should be in the pick-up area by Monday at 7:00 a.m. on the collection week.

Collection Guidelines

- Rake leaves to the **park strip** by 7:00 a.m. on the first day of the week when crews will be in your area.
- Don’t put leaves in your trash or recycling cart.
- Don’t burn leaves. It’s a violation of the City Code and can result in a fine.
- Don’t place leaves in the street.
- Don’t place leaves in or over storm drains.
- Parents should remind children not to play in leaf piles near the street for safety and to assist motorists.

Those who would like the flexibility of having leaves collected at their convenience may use the biodegradable bag system. Residents with bagged leaves are asked to call 311 to schedule a pick-up. The bags need to be placed at the curb **before** calling 311. Bagged leaf collection will run through the end of 2021, weather permitting.

Last year, crews collected 25,895 leaf bags and hauled 5,170 truckloads of leaves.

In March 2022, the Street Department will announce two additional weeks for bagged leaf collection.

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Receives Two Awards from Indiana Park and Recreation Association

Fort Wayne, Ind. – The Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department was honored with two **2020 IPRA Awards of Excellence** during an Indiana Park and Recreation Association event on November 4.

The Indiana Park & Recreation Association Awards of Excellence recognize those throughout Indiana that embody the vision, dedication, and excellence in parks and recreation. These awards highlight the efforts that transcend everyday standards to make a difference and improve the quality of life in our Indiana communities. IPRA award winners include park and recreation professionals, organizations,

agencies, and volunteers. Projects must have been completed between August 1, 2019, and December 31, 2020, to be eligible.

The department's Confluence Kitchen program received the Inclusive Program Award and Community Center Manager Patti Davis was recognized as the IPRA Outstanding Professional of the Year.

The Confluence Kitchen program was developed by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation riverfront programming team to bring the community together to celebrate the many cultures within our city. In January 2020, Confluence Kitchen featured the culture of Japan and included sushi made by local Japanese chefs, origami making demonstrations by local artists, and language instruction by native speakers. Each table had copies of traditional Japanese recipes so that attendees could learn to cook them at home. The Fall 2020 event featured the culture of Germany and included pretzel twisting, German beers, polka music, and German folk dancing.

Confluence Kitchen received the Inclusion Program of Excellence Award, which praises an organization or agency for their achievements about a program or project that increases awareness and benefits of parks and recreation. This award highlights and acknowledges the organization's effort and determination to provide inclusive opportunities and programming to their community.

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Steve McDaniel said, "One of our most important goals is to create inclusive opportunities for everyone in Fort Wayne to enjoy our parks and our programs as a community. Events like Confluence Kitchen draw people together to have fun, but also to learn more about each other and the diversity of Fort Wayne."

Patti Davis received the IPRA Outstanding Professional Award for 2020, which is presented to an individual for their exceptional impact on the field of parks and recreation. Winners of this award maintain a record of noteworthy and special contributions to the parks profession, demonstrate leadership and advocacy, display remarkable service to their agency, and are a source of professional guidance and inspiration. Patti was recognized for her work at the Community Center to provide a variety of affordable and engaging programs and activities, along with her dedication to furthering the mission of parks and recreation departments both in Fort Wayne and throughout the state.

"Patti is always ready to lend a hand when our department needs to get something done," added McDaniel. "She is one of our most committed employees and someone our community has come to know and love for her passion for recreation and education."

Social workers

Fort Wayne officials Thursday introduced two social workers who have helped 167 people since joining the Fort Wayne Police Department in August.

Darcy Robins and Samantha Taylor were hired after the city received a grant for \$245,000 annually for three years. The sources are the federal government's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, and the Lutheran Foundation.

The social workers have the expertise to help people with substance abuse disorders who encounter law enforcement, Mayor Tom Henry said. The cases can be long-term and complex, and the social workers can direct individuals and their families to treatment options.

They also work with the Hope and Recovery Team, which is a quick response unit that connects people who have had overdose experiences to treatment and recovery services, a news release says.

Fort Wayne has seen 975 nonfatal overdose cases this year through September, and at least 95 people have died of overdoses through Oct. 13. Cause-of-death pronouncements are pending toxicology results in more than 20 fatalities.

The city saw record-breaking numbers for overdoses in 2020 with 1,243 non-fatal overdoses and 145 deaths. In 2019, 829 people had nonfatal overdoses and 144 people died of an overdose.

Capt. Kevin Hunter read some comments from a family that recently worked with the social workers. The statement called their efforts “a godsend” and “fundamental to recovery.”

Henry said he's excited about the progress the social workers have made.

“Public safety and well-being of the residents of our community are our top priorities,” he said. “We know the challenges of Fort Wayne that are present every day in this community. We are working tirelessly to address those issues.”

Robins and Taylor have worked with 29 social service organizations since August, in addition to helping more than 150 people. The social workers are focused on substance abuse issues, but Robins said their work will cover several other issues.

“We want to build connections with social service industries and start to deconstruct those silos,” she said. “We want to connect the community to the department so robust conversations can happen. We want to connect officers with peer support so they can take care of their mental health.”

Electric Works

The first six local food-oriented entrepreneurs committed to Electric Works are generating interest in the seven-day-a-week indoor market promised by developers.

Union Street Market, with 37,000 square feet of space and 25 spots for merchants, is expected to open next fall on the former General Electric campus south of downtown.

Ted Spitzer, the market's director of planning and development, said Friday the companies “exemplify the rapidly developing food scene in Fort Wayne and the blossoming of creative food businesses.”

The merchants will supply diverse products including the fermented tea drink kombucha and gluten-free bakery items.

The six are:

- Bird and Cleaver. A Fort Wayne restaurant that formerly operated on Wells Street is being reopened at the market by owners John and Lindsay Cheesebrew. The restaurant served vegan and vegetarian food before closing last year as a result of the pandemic.
- Good Riddance! Gluten-Free Bakery. Wendy Serban is transitioning from a home-based business to a production kitchen. The baked goods are preferred by those with a sensitivity to gluten, a protein found in wheat, barley, and some other grains.

“The market is keeping the cost of getting started low by providing the kitchen exhaust and walk-in refrigerators and sinks,” Serban said in a news release. She anticipates “a built-in customer base with all the employees and residents at Electric Works.”

- Kekionga Craft Company. This company, which produces artisan hard cider, mead, and wine in a historic cider mill in northwest Fort Wayne, will sell products bottled and on tap, as well as apple doughnuts and snacks. The company was started by Tyler Butcher and Logan Barger.
- Deli on Main. This food spot, run by Brent Davis in Van Wert will expand into Fort Wayne and serve breakfast items, smoked meat sandwiches, and to-go dinners.
- Lunar Infusions. Created by Sarah Trombley, the business will serve and sell take-home kombucha made with herbs, fruits, and teas, many sourced from organic growers.
- Conjure Coffee. The near-downtown, east-side specialty coffee shop will offer fresh-roasted coffees, espresso drinks, and a selection of gelatos, said Conjure's Corey Waldron.

Spitzer said Electric Works' food offerings will have two other components.

The Union Street Market, he said, will also have an outdoor farmers market that will offer vendors along the campus' through-street, Dynamo Alley, on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons in good weather.

Ft. Wayne's Farmers Market, which has operated inside at Parkview Field in the wintertime, will relocate inside the Union Street Market – with up to 50 year-round vendors.

Up to 130 indoor and outdoor vendor spaces will be available in good weather, Spitzer said.

In 2018, the operators of the Joseph Decuis restaurant and Emporium in Roanoke said they would lease 2,000 square feet at Electric Works for a “wine and Wagyu” bar offering small plates at affordable prices and items to prepare at home.

“We're still in conversations with them,” Spitzer said.

Merchants for the market's 19 remaining slots are still being sought. Leasing information is available at www.unionstreetmarket.org.

Construction for Electric Works' Phase 1 began in January and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2022 for \$280 million.

Five questions for K. Shirey

1 Why did you decide to get involved with the Downtown Improvement District?

When I first moved to Fort Wayne in 2007 to start my career, the downtown was still pretty sleepy and Parkview Field was still a vision. As a downtown resident and employee, I wanted to make sure I wasn't just watching from the sidelines but could look back someday and know I had some small part in the incredible renaissance of Fort Wayne's downtown.

2 What should the community know about DID and how it has shaped downtown, Fort Wayne?

The DID is perhaps best known for its events, such as Night of Lights, Fright Night, Buskerfest, or Lunch on the Square. These have all been important in drawing people to downtown Fort Wayne to let

them experience how great it is. However, I believe the unsung hero of the DID is our Clean & Green Program, which is truly what keeps our downtown looking pristine and sets us apart from so many other downtowns in the country. We have clean sidewalks, beautiful planters, and clear alleyways – all of which help attract people into our downtown businesses.

3 You've also been involved in the Regional Partnership and Mad Anthonys Children's Hope House. Why is community involvement important to you?

I was inspired early in my career by mentors and other leaders to give back to the community through nonprofit engagement and board service. Over the years, I have come to realize just how important it is. The work of community development and nonprofit services does not “just happen” on its own. It takes consistent, committed – often courageous – leadership to accomplish the big things we are striving for in this community. As the famous quote says, “If not me, then who?”

4 What's the best thing about working and playing downtown?

I just love the energy of working and enjoying downtown. There is no shortage of restaurants to enjoy, boutiques to shop, friends to bump into on the street, art to experience shows to watch – there's always something going on!

(And, contrary to popular belief, there's plenty of parking!)

5 What's your favorite holiday activity downtown?

This year, I'm especially looking forward to the Days of Holly Shopping! My kids and I always enjoy just spending a day out downtown during the holidays. We'll roam around with hot chocolate from one of the local shops, enjoy the art murals, have lunch on The Landing, visit the boutiques to do our Christmas shopping, and maybe cap off the night with dinner and the Festival of Trees.

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<https://1039waynefm.com/fort-wayne-fire-department-receives-some-big-gifts/>

WANE, Nov. 9, City Council looks to subpoena CEO of Red River

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WPTA, Nov. 8, Local climate action to follow summit

<https://www.wpta21.com/2021/11/08/local-climate-action-follow-cop26-summit/>



A red wooden sign with a white arrow pointing right, mounted on a red post with white snow-like decorations at the top and bottom. The sign reads "Santa's WORKSHOP" in white cursive and block letters. A white banner with red text "Free Admission!" is wrapped around the post.

Wednesday
NOV 24
4:30-7:30 pm
at the
Community Center
233 W. Main St.

Make-n-Take Crafts
Milk & Cookies
Christmas Shopping
Rooftop Lighting at 6:05 p.m.

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



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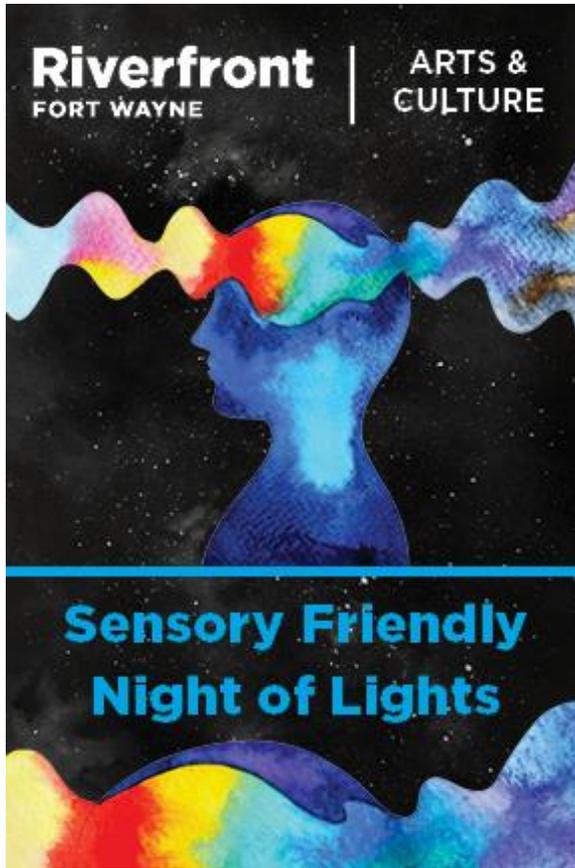


PARK PLACE
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Communities





SENSORY FRIENDLY NIGHT OF LIGHTS

Escape the hustle and bustle of the holidays with a relaxing light show presentation using low lighting projections, optional aromatherapy, soft music and guided relaxation. Explore your senses in a new light as we showcase our newest Riverfront initiative . . . "sensory friendliness." You've heard the term, now come experience it for yourself!

The program will be offered in 15 minute sessions throughout the evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Sessions with the Three Rivers Visiting Dogs will also be available. FREE admission to all is made possible by the AWS Foundation.

Admission FREE

Wednesday,
November 24

6:00-10:00pm

Park Foundation Pavilion
Promenade Park
202 W. Superior St.

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A Night of Lights Event



"Alpine Holiday" Opens November 20 at the Botanical Conservatory

Fort Wayne, Ind. – This year's holiday exhibit "Alpine Holiday" opens Saturday, November 20 at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, 1100 South Calhoun Street.

“Alpine Holiday” Showcase Exhibit

November 20-January 2, Public hours

Imagine the sting of snow on your cheek, the brilliance of dusted slopes, and the fragrance of mountain pines. The Botanical Conservatory’s version of the Alps offers a bold glacial display that will have you basking in the cool blues of winter offsetting the rich deep colors of holiday poinsettias. Find yourself winding down a mountain path and admiring the scenery from the porch of a snow-capped ski hut. If you get in deep powder, all you have to do is give a “yodel-ay-hee-hooo!” Sponsored by PBS Fort Wayne and Majic 95.1 WAJL.

The Botanical Conservatory hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm, Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm, and Sunday: Noon - 4 pm.

This season’s holiday hours are Black Friday: 10 am - 8 pm, Christmas Eve: 10 am - 5 pm, and New Year’s Eve: 10 am - 5 pm. The Conservatory will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-17 and, age 2 and under are admitted free.

Get outdoors this fall with the Hikes, Bikes & Paddles, Fort Wayne Outdoor Pass! Sign up for free and the pass will be delivered to your phone to guide you on a tour of the area’s most beautiful natural and urban scenes. Explore more than 100 miles of hiking, biking, and paddling along Fort Wayne’s network of trails and rivers, and earn prizes along the way! With 5 new fall trails now added to the pass, you can see the best of Fort Wayne’s autumn foliage by foot, bike, or river. Sign up at VisitFortWayne.com/OutdoorPass for free!



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WANE, 2021 closing schedule for Fort Wayne Park golf courses released

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