

Steve McDaniel – Director

- ◆ The crews are cleaning up after some storms and flooding at the beginning of the month. High water in several parks leads to the Rivergreenway being closed in several spots along with the docks at Promenade Park. Once waters receded, areas were cleaned up and reopened. Tree and limb cleanup continues in several parks and throughout our city.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation were the Community Partner for the TinCaps game on July 7th. This included throwing out the first pitch and being able to talk with all of the visitors to the game.
- ◆ The Foellinger Theater had some great shows including ZZ Top, Fort Wayne Community Band, New Millennium Jazz Orchestra, The Polish Dancers from our Sister City, Comedian John Mulaney, The Guess Who, The Fort Wayne Children's Choir, and Brit Floyd.
- ◆ We wrapped up this year's Senior Games. It was a good year with 475 participants in over 40 events.
- ◆ We dedicated the new basketball court mural at Reservoir Park. Artist Andre Portee provided a wonderful design "The Hill" and his talents showed on the courts. Also, a great partnership with Fort Financial Credit Union and the Mad Ants.
- ◆ I sat in an education session about the Investment and Jobs Act that was held in the middle of the month. This act has several categories of funding potential. We are comparing those with our needs to see if there is a possibility.
- ◆ We did receive good news about a grant that the department applied for. We are waiting on the official release before we can announce more of the good news. Hopefully, this will come in the next few weeks.
- ◆ Chuck and I met with a local business owner and neighbor to our property about a future collaboration. We are working through an agreement and hope to have something to the board in the next couple of months.
- ◆ Andrea and I taped the newest episode of the Parks Podcast on the program River, Set, Go! This was in preparation for the event scheduled on August 6th.
- ◆ We hosted a visit from the wife and family of the late Don Wolf at Salomon Farm Park. The team gave a small tour of the Homestead along with some of the barns and buildings in the park.
- ◆ On July 26th we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Franke Park Day Camp. This event was host to several hundred visitors all having ties to the camp.

Chuck Reddinger – Deputy Director, Salomon Farm Park, Community Centers (Youth/Downtown/McMillen Park), Riverfront, Athletics, Aquatics, Golf, Outdoor Recreation, Special Events, Headwaters Park, and Travel Service

◆ McMillen Park Community Center

- The Youth Basketball League is held every Monday for youth 4 -10 yr. The focus is skill development and fundamentals. In June 882 youths participated.

- The Deshawn Thomas Camp took place in July. The camp was held on Tuesdays in the indoor gym and Thursdays on the outside court. 320 youth participated in learning the fundamentals of basketball from our hometown pro-Deshawn Thomas.
- The Drum Line program began in June. The Drum Line program is a mentoring program that utilizes drums to learn music and art appreciation, leadership, and teamwork. Students range in age from 9-15 years old. The first week was focused on learning how to quarter notes, eighth notes, and 16th notes, how to properly hold the drum sticks, and getting their bodies accustomed to using new muscles to drum and hold the drum with a harness. The Drum Line program is a collaboration with the Musical Arts Institute of Chicago. They will perform at the Community Celebration and Turner Chapel Church.
 - Healing Kitchen is a “garden-to-kitchen” curriculum that provides knowledge and skill-building to increase fruit and vegetable selection, preparation, and consumption. The program emphasized locally grown foods and the benefits of eating a diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables. Our instructors, Eric Baker and Jonta Powell met 5 times with students here at McMillen for a very special engagement focusing on kitchen safety, hygiene, and nutritious meal preparation. Some of the meals made included a beautiful garden salad, Zesty Bean and Corn salad, Sheet Pan Salmon with Rainbow veggies and Veggie Tortilla wraps!

◆ **Community Youth Centers**

- July was a great month for the community Youth Centers (CYC). Each site was busy with youth from the time they opened until closing time and sometimes after. CYC continued to receive registration for the summer program until approximately July 21st. Between the 3 sites, they received over 300 registrations for the summer program. Though the centers are in desperate need of more staff to run the building and programs they are doing an excellent job.
- **Cooper**
 - **Collin & Key- Make Your Own Food:** Youth took time to make mystery fake food out of play dough creating desserts, breakfast, and more. Youth enjoyed taking time to make their entrees and presenting to staff and other youth.
 - **ACPL (Allen County Public Library):** TEAM READ continue to share books with youth encouraging them in reading. One highlight that stood out from ACPL this month was the youth using creativity in making a memory box. Some youth created Xbox, and Nintendo Switch but one of the most popular ones was the entertainment center. A few of the youths worked together and combined their boxes to make a bigger creation.
 - **C.A.T.C.H PURDUE EXTENSION:** Teaching youth how they should watch their meal or drink intake on certain foods or drinks. Learned that not all foods are good for the body and shouldn't be consumed as much as other foods that are healthier for them. A snack that was provided to the youth is trying air-fried popcorn with pretzels and honeycomb cereal all mixed.
- **Jennings**
 - The Sports activities focused on basketball, football, track, and Volleyball: These programs focus on the fundamental skills of each program with fun competitions.
 - **STEAM:** Youth learned about recycling, especially the #6 which is called memory plastic. The youth made designs and then we shrunk them in the oven.

- **Weisser**

- ***STEAM***: The youth enjoyed a STEM challenge involving building using marshmallows, gumdrops, and toothpicks. They were placed in groups of 4 for the challenge and after got to enjoy eating the marshmallows and gumdrops. They also designed their solar ovens using personal pan pizza boxes, foil, plastic wrap, tape, and colored pencils. They cooked smores in their solar boxes by sitting them in the sun for one hour.
- On July 14, the older youth participated in our Character Development activity and learned the value of shopping at neighborhood small businesses. Youth learned that Brownlee's Market on Oxford Street has done many good things for the young people and families in the community such as hiring, buying uniforms and sports equipment, and donating money to serve youth in the neighborhood. They have also donated food items to families suffering financial difficulties. After the discussion, the youth walked to Brownlee's and purchased snacks.
 - Each site has an end-of-summer program party on July 29th. It was a great time had by all. A variety of games, outdoor activities and so much more. The youth are sad to see the summer program come to an end.
 - Fort Wayne Community School begins on August 10th. And we will resume the after-school hours of 3-7 pm (M-TH) and 3-6 PM (F).

- ◆ **Food Services**

- Scheduled fire inspections for all youth centers including McMillen to stay in compliance with the CACFP feeding program through the school year
- Attended CACFP training at Community Harvest Food Bank on Monday, July 25th to stay in compliance with the Kid's Café feeding program
- Scheduled fire inspections the Andrea Burton, FWFD, at each location for Tuesday, July 26th.
- A representative from the Board of Health inspected the Kitchen in the Jennings Center on Tuesday, July 12th, the kitchen in the McMillen Community Center on Friday, July 15th & the kitchen in the Weisser Youth Center on Tuesday, July 19th with no major violations

- ◆ **Community Center (Downtown)**

- Senior Games had 475 participants this year, which is up from 364 last year. New Events this year included Skee Ball, Pickleball Doubles, CPR Basic Training, and Learn to Play Pickleball.
- Major sponsors included Parkview Heart Institute, Indiana Donor Network, United Healthcare American Senior Communities, DO McComb & Sons, WANE-TV, Dale Huffman & Babcock Lawyers, 41 North Senior Living, Silver Birch, Majestic Care, and Kilwins Chocolates, Fudge and Ice Cream

- ◆ **Golf at 3 (Foster /McMillen / Shoaff) Courses**

- After a slow start for golf operations in the spring due to rain and cold, Gary Whitacre stated that play at all (3) three courses picked up in June and has surpassed rounds played at the same time as 2021.
- The second order of range balls had to be placed for Shoaff and McMillen Golf Courses. Both ranges are very busy and integral parts of their operations. Gary Whitacre and Jason Smith also think that the high loss rate of balls is due to the wet ground causing the balls to plug in the ground on impact as well as theft for resale.

- All three golf course cart fleets have dealt with or are dealing with bad batteries. Jason Smith reports that they appear to be at full capacity when they come off of the chargers but then after nine holes they are dead. After much investigation, the problem has been narrowed down to a certain brand that was purchased a few years ago. Bryan Keister and Travis Whitman have been replacing the faulty batteries with new ones when the supply allows. Most people are not aware that each golf cart has (6) six batteries.
- Bryan Keister reported that the aging irrigation system at **Foster** GC has a bad circuit board and (3) three faulty butterfly valves. This is causing the irrigation system to not be able to regulate the PSI, causing leaks. To combat this before it's fixed, Bryan is only able to water (2) two holes at a time. This is very time-consuming as well as risky since the area is dealing with hot temperatures leading to the grass burning up.
- Bryan Keister stated that after the wind storm, Foster GC had (7) seven trees down and McMillen GC had (3) three trees down. Fortunately, none of them were in the fairways or play areas. Bryan and Travis Whitman cleared as much as they could and are waiting on a contracted tree company to get the rest.

◆ **Pools: Northside and McMillen Parks**

- Daryn Schwartz and Jenny Barney reported that the Northside and McMillen pools opened for the season. Both pools will have reduced hours as well as capacities. McMillen Pool will be closed on Sundays and Northside Pool will be closed on Mondays.
- Jason Smith and Rob Hines met with Joni from Anthony Wayne Services to discuss partnering to purchase new pool lifts for adaptive swimming. The existing pool lifts are aging and aren't always reliable even though they have been serviced multiple times. Jason and Rob will meet with Joni again later in the year to discuss a proposal for a grant.

◆ **Lifetime Sports Academy**

- The Lifetime Sports Academy completed its 24th year. Jason Smith stated that the program has seen good numbers of participants and the kids are excited to learn. Due to pool staffing issues, the swimming lessons were only held on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as no free swim on Fridays. Normally the lessons are Monday through Thursday.

◆ **Athletics-Miscellaneous**

- Jason Smith and Daryn Schwartz, in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Police Department, were asked to fly over Fox Island County Park to map and document the damage caused by the wind storm. The park had close to (1000) thousand trees that were down or significantly damaged.
- Alec Johnson and Jason Smith have been assisting and consulting with the installation of the new disc golf course at Northside Park. Jason reported that the baskets along with sleeves have been installed and Alec is waiting for bids to install the tee boxes. Jason also reported

that there has been a considerable amount of play even though the tee boxes aren't installed yet.

- Mike Gore, Dave Weadock, Chuck Reddinger, Steve McDaniel, and Jason Smith met to discuss the possibility of sectioning off a portion on one side of each of the (2) two dog parks for small dogs. A segment of the existing dog park members has asked about the possibility of this. Dave is going to research architects that specialize in this.

◆ **Riverfront**

- June was one of our busiest months yet at Promenade Park for 2022. Our staple programs of our Muddy River Concert Series and River Rangers continued to grow in attendance for this month with the weather beginning to cooperate for us. River Rangers had four programs for June that consisted of different Nature and STEM activities. The Muddy River Concert Series' first concert was rained out at the last second but continued its attendance with 2 full concerts for June. These performances included local bands such as 300 east and the JD3 Trio bringing our total attendance for June to just about 400 people attending. We partnered with Trubble brewery for a special pop-up concert on June 21st with the Debutants that brought close to 200 people to Promenade Park. Other Riverfront programs consisted of the Sunday Heritage Concert Series, Storytime at the Park, Yoga on the Riverfront, DNR Free Fishing Day, and our Mid-week Mellow out.
- Rentals in June also were busy as every available Thursday through the Weekend was booked. These rentals included 4 Graduation parties, 6 corporate events, 2 press conferences, and 4 weddings. One of our biggest rentals was the Lutheran Life Villages event on Thursday, June 9th that rented both the pavilion and the bridge and had an overall attendance of 300+ people. Our largest rental/program was the Spring Cycle on June 3rd and 4th which had an overall attendance of 750 people at Promenade Park. July rentals continued the steady increase of attendance that we have seen between May and June. July had fewer weddings at the pavilion but included more corporate events that saw less attendance but an increase in the number of rentals. Simplex security, Visit Fort Wayne, The Bradley Company, UPSTAR, and Harrison Dental all had corporate events at the Park in July. The month of July rentals finished with its largest rental on July 31st with the SCAN Duck Race with an attendance of 500 people.
- July Riverfront programs had a total of 1,242 people in attendance for most of the Summer programming that began in June and continued into July. This included the Muddy River Concert Series, River Rangers, Storytime at the Park, Sunday Heritage Concert Series, Chess in the Park, and Yoga on the Riverfront. River Rangers continued to provide exceptional free children's educational programs with sessions on building with Legos along with building model boats, planes, & automobiles (engineering), and a great session on Honey bees (nature) from a local beekeeper. On July 21st we had an additional pop-up concert on the Auer Lawn featuring the Wildwoods from Arkansas. One of the largest programs was the Muddy River Concert Series on July 13th during the Three Rivers Festival featuring Addison Agen which had over 300 people in attendance.

◆ **Salomon Farm Park**

- Salomon Farmin' Fun Day Camp week one started on Monday, June 6, 2022. Parkview Health was a part of Salomon Farmin' Fun Day Camp for yet another year. They worked with campers every Wednesday and came back every Thursday to work with the FIT, Farmers-In-Training, and campers. Each week campers enjoyed popular programs with Parkview such as MyPlate and MyPlate relay races where the campers would compete in their color groups to work on identifying foods and food groups, which got kids moving after talking about what our plates should look like. They also enjoy silent nature hikes, which created a challenge for the kids while they developed an admiration for walking outdoors. We are grateful for our partnership with Parkview Health and appreciate the work they do each week with the campers. As requested, camp parents were invited to attend the camp talent show that was conducted on Fridays. Campers could choose what they wanted to perform and enjoy watching their peers if they did not want to perform.
- Salomon Farmers' Market began on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Vendors sell fresh produce, baked goods, honey, maple syrup, personal care items, handmade crafts, and much more. Patrons can enjoy the sounds of old brass bands while they shop. June performances at the Farmers Market included The Shepherd's Brass Quintet and The Retro Revival Band. Wagon rides around the farm were available as well for \$5/person. This is the market's 18th season.
- Old Barn Restoration work began the week of July 11, 2022. This project is scheduled for about 6 weeks of work, weather permitting, and hopefully wrapping up just in time for Concert on the Farm on August 21, 2022.
- With zinnias and sunflowers in bloom, the U-Pick operation started on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Scheduled U-pick hours are Wednesday through Friday from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. Due to succession planting, blooms should continue until the middle of October, weather permitting.

◆ **Franke Park Day Camp**

- Franke Park Day Camp celebrated 75 years on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Director, Steve McDaniel, Deputy Director of Recreation, Chuck Reddinger, Manager of Salomon Farm Park, Outdoor Recreation and Boating, Eden Lamb, Spokesperson of the Franke Park Day Camp Committee, Mitch McKinney, and Supervisor of Franke Park Day Camp, Chris Freehill all gave remarks once the ceremony began at 6:00 pm. Wednesday, July 26, 2022, was proclaimed as "Franke Park Day Camp Day". Attendees enjoyed an open house that included: guided hikes to Bullet Hill, 75th t-shirt sales, giveaways, camp songs led by the counselors, and a drawing for a child to win a free week of Franke Park Day Camp in 2023 and pictures from the past.

◆ **Hurshtown**

- The 34th Annual Hurshtown Fishing derby was held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 7:30 am-Noon. The derby was open to children ages 16 and younger. Prizes were awarded to the

biggest fish in 5 age categories. On-site registration began at 7:30 am and the program had 45 kids register for the derby.

◆ **Lindenwood**

- Mini Nature Camp was held from Monday, June 27, 2022 – Wednesday, June 29, 2022, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This camp is designed to introduce children to nature through outdoor play and exploration. Campers enjoy hikes, learning about plants and animals in the preserve, and playing with dirt, leaves, sticks, and more.

◆ **Sweet Breeze**

- In June, Sweet Breeze ran 32 of the 34 scheduled public tours. Two tours were canceled due to low ticket sales and inclement weather which did not allow for potential dock-side sales. Two private tours were held.
- 49 public tours were scheduled for July. As of Thursday, July 28, 2022 - 42 tours had been conducted. Two public tours were canceled due to low sales and inclement weather in the parking contributing to potentially no dock-side sales.
- Six private tours were scheduled in July with one being canceled due to high water.
- Two specialty tours were scheduled. A music tour is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm featuring Saxophonist Brett Welch and 7:15 pm – 8:15 pm featuring Flautist Amber Feichter. This tour was canceled due to high water. A reschedule date will be in August. A comedian tour is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2022, from 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Featuring local comedians Joey Hain, Matt Reichenbach, Stacey Stark, Cameron Cooper, and Isiah Gray. Rock the boat with laughter for \$35 a seat and a cash bar. This tour was sold out at 30 seats.

◆ **Outdoor Recreation-Miscellaneous**

- River camp was held on Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29th, 2022 at Shaoff Riverlodge from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. In this one-week camp, children learned about our rivers through hands-on exploration. Water activities, outdoor games, fishing, canoeing and kayaking, and hiking are all part of the fun. Ages 8 – 12 years old. We had 40 spaces available and 23 children on the waitlist.

Sandra Odisho, CPA – Manager, Finance

- ◆ The Parks and Recreation The Parks and Recreation Department paid 387 employees (126 full-time, 261
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department paid 395 employees (126 full-time, 269 regular part-time, and seasonal) for the payroll ending July 16, 2022, and paid on July 22, 2022.
- ◆ We currently have the following permanent full-time positions open, posted, or in the process of being filled:
 - Forestry Division (Fund 121) – Four positions
 - Grounds Equipment Operator (Fund 121)

- Maintenance Tech II (Fund 121)
- Manager VI - Safety / Operations (Fund 121)
- Program Facility Coordinator - Engagement (Fund 439)
- Security (Fund 451)

- ◆ June was a busy month for the front office! Summer registration wound down and we began getting the new Fall classes entered for registration which begins August 3rd. September through November programs is covered in this brochure.
- ◆ Pavilion reservations are still going strong and all of our 21 pavilions were reserved every Saturday, Sunday, and Monday in July.
- ◆ All of the pavilions are now on keyless entry so customers no longer have to come into the office to pick up a key and return it after their event. Customers have been very pleased with this change. We are still required to obtain COVID waiver forms signed from all rentals. Those waiver forms are emailed out and when the customer emails the form back we then email them their pavilion code. This system has worked very well.
- ◆ We completed the update to the registration/reservation side of our website. It is now much more vibrant with updated graphics and updated navigation making it more like what people are used to seeing on other web e-commerce sites. The Marketing Department was a huge help in getting the updated graphics.
- ◆ Sweet Breeze ticket sales began in the middle of May, but have picked up in June and July as more tours have been added as well. We are currently selling tickets for tours through the 2nd weekend of October.
- ◆ Foellinger Theatre ticket sales have been selling well and the concert season is in full swing.
- ◆ The strong storms that came through our area caused our call volume to increase as citizens tried to alert the City of city trees and limbs down in their park strips. Citizens were directed to 311 which kept a master list of all the tree issues from the storms.
- ◆ The completed 2023 Budget was due in mid-July to the Controller's Office. The 2023 Budget will be introduced to City Council in September with Council Departmental Budget meetings and Budget passage occurring in October.

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

◆ Facilities Management

- Pavilion rentals totaled: **423** for July. This is up from **407** in June.
- Summer programs have wrapped up for the 2022 season. This includes the Lifetime Sports Academy at McMillen Park, the Franke Park day camp, and the YMCA summer camp at Hamilton Park.
- Weekly pressure washing was completed at the Promenade Park water rill, Guldlin Park and Shoaff Park boat ramps, and the docks at Promenade Park and Headwaters Park.
- Graffiti was removed at the Lawton Park skate park, Courthouse Green, and Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge.

- Relief workers removed limbs off the river greenway path to the Historic Old Fort following storms at the beginning of the month.
- Route workers pressure washed the following locations; Swinney Park pavilion, Lions Park shelter, Shoaff Park splash pad and shelter, and Waynedale Park splash pad
- A new acid pump was installed at the McMillen Park swimming pool.
- A new garage door was installed in the Lawton Park carpenter shop to accommodate the bucket trucks.
- Playground repairs continue to take place at several park locations.
- Concrete repairs were completed to the South side of the Lawton Park skate park.
- A new grinder pump was installed at the Shoaff Park lift station.
- The irrigation motor at Foster Park Golf Course was replaced.
- Several parking lot lights at the Kreager Park ball field were replaced.
- Repairs were completed on the Franke Park Nature Lodge's tee pee due to vandalism.
- New benches were assembled and installed at the Foster Park bridal glen.
- Graffiti was removed from several benches and sections of the tree canopy trail at Promenade Park.
- A new lift motor was installed in the ventilation wall of the Lawton Park greenhouse.
- New player benches were installed at Reservoir Park's basketball court. This was part of the court renovations that saw new backboards and goals installed as well as a mural painted on the court surface.
- Several kitchen flooring tiles were replaced at the McMillen Park Community Center.
- The Maintenance Technicians completed the following:
 - 2 Alarms calls
 - 1 Paint project
 - 3 Building maintenance repairs
 - 13 Carpentry repairs
 - 15 Electrical repairs
 - 11 HVAC maintenance issues
 - 3 Key core maintenance repairs
 - 29 Light Maintenance
 - 8 Lock maintenance issues
 - 74 Playground maintenance replacement or repairs
 - 16 Plumbing maintenance issues
 - 4 Sign replacements
 - 18 Vandalism issues

Grounds Maintenance

- Mowers are keeping up with the challenging conditions.
- The mowing cycle is currently at 6 to 7 days.
- Dry conditions early in the month allowed crews to take a week off from mowing.
- Rugby fall season will be starting this month.
- Crews assisted with storm clean-up by removing limbs and downed trees in the parks.
- A stump removal crew was able to remove 86 stumps.
- Athletic crews started daily watering multiple athletic fields.
- Ball diamond use has remained consistent, averaging five diamonds per day.
- Seasonal employees continued spin-trimming areas that don't get sprayed.
- Youth football at Tillman finished up so that field is now resting.
- Overgrown areas of the river greenway were cut back at several locations.
- A spray rotation was added using an herbicide designed for tough-to-control weeds.
- Playground mulch was hauled to Swinney and Rockhill for a volunteer event.
- Heavy equipment removed brush piles from the McMillen Golf course.
- Heavy equipment helped move picnic tables for the 75-year day camp celebration.
- The backhoe was used to remove trees and limbs at Franke and Johnny Appleseed.

- The old Goshen Rd. entrance to the theater overflow parking lot was removed.
- Tree mulch was delivered to the Three Rivers Festival.
- Stone was added to the walking path at Buckner Park.
- The garbage truck is running every day and Sundays for the summer.
- Extra trash cans have been at McCulloch, Mason, and Foster West all season.
- There was minor flooding on the river greenway in July.
- Mud was removed under Jefferson and along Fairfield.
- The river greenway is being mowed daily with a complete rotation taking around a week

◆ **Project Administration**

- Botanical Conservatory Window Glass 2022 – Project installation is planned for late July.
- Botanical Conservatory Main Hallway Ceiling and Wall Repairs – Project completed.
- Bowser Park Pavilion – Bidding completed. The project is planned to begin in September.
- Buckner Park LWCF Grant Project – Awaiting City Council approval. Work planned for late summer and fall.
- Downtown Community Center Roof Project Phase 2 – Work is planned to begin on August 15th.
- Downtown Community Center Entry Doors – Project completed.
- Foster Park Pavilion #3 Construction – Project in progress. Roofing completed masonry work in progress.
- Foster Park Golf Course – Architects preparing 90% master plan for staff review.
- Foster Park Tennis Court Construction Joint Renovation – Project nearing completion.
- Franke Park Playground 5-12-Year-Old Equipment – The playground has been installed. Final punch list items in progress.
- Headwaters Park Fountain – Project planning in progress.
- Johnny Appleseed Campground Renovation – Bidding completed. Project revisions are planned for later this season.
- Johnny Appleseed Campground Electrical Engineer Services – Project completed.
- Kreager Park Tennis Backboard and Fence – Project is out to bid.
- Lakeside Park Courts Lighting – Planning in progress.
- McMillen Golf Course Cart Paths Phase 2 – Project out to bid.
- McMillen Golf Course Pavilion Improvements – Project is set to begin in August.
- McMillen and Meyers Park Tuckpointing – Pro shop and concrete pier work planned for September.
- Mechanic St. Bridge Engineering – Drawings nearing completion. Permitting is in progress.
- Memorial Park Fort Wayne Daisies Monument – Project out to bid. Construction is planned for fall.
- Memorial Park Survey – Project completed.
- Salomon Farm Rental Barn – Construction in progress. Painting underway.
- Salomon Farm Entrance – Plans in progress for improvements. Bidding to occur in early 2023.
- Salomon Farm Garden Fence – Purchase order issued. Scheduled for September.
- Salomon Farm Learning Center Office – Work commencing August 1st.
- Sheldon Drive Playground – Playground vendor selected.
- Weisser Park Youth Center Lobby Improvements – Work is planned for late August.
- Various Parks 2022 Paving Projects – Community Center parking lot paving is planned for early August.
- Various Basketball Courts Improvements – Three of four parks completed. Memorial Park courts are planned for August.
- Various Sidewalk Improvements – Project to be bid in July, construction in fall.
- Various Parks On-Call Engineering Services – The Construction Consultant is currently inspecting the pedestrian bridge at Foster Park West.
- Various Parks Pickleball Conversion – Foster Park courts completed. Lakeside courts are in progress.

○ **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 are being completed.
- Various Parks: park assessments are being completed.
- Various Parks: completed project photo documentation for marketing.

Alec Johnson – Deputy Director, Planning & Development, Forestry, Landscape, & Riparian



- ◆ The Franke Park Renaissance: Phase I project continues to develop. The project team is preparing to submit a drawing set to permitting agencies, while details continue to come together for the pavilion, site, and materials.
- ◆ Riverfront Development: Phase IIA construction continues, albeit slowly as site and staging access are limited. Much of the newly constructed retaining wall on the site's southern edge has been constructed.
- ◆ Riverfront Development: Phase IIB design continues; recent discussions have been held regarding interpretive signage and various art elements throughout the sites. A kick-off meeting with Hagerman Construction, the project construction manager, was held in anticipation of the completion of design development drawings and subsequent cost estimates.
- ◆ A project kick-off was held for the redesign of the Fourth Street/Lawton Park Trestle Bridge. We anticipate the design to be completed by Engineering Resources, Inc. this winter, with bidding to take place shortly after. Construction is tentatively planned for winter 2023.
- ◆ Staff attended the Family Summer Fest at Hanna Homestead Park to collect information from the community in preparation for the completion of a master plan for the park.
- ◆ Staff met regularly with Conservatory management to discuss various agreements, staff training, marketing, showcase, and facility operations.
- ◆ **Horticulture and Landscape Report- July 2022**
 - Landscape staff continued clean-ups throughout the parks. Clean-ups include debris and litter removal, pruning/deadheading, weeding, pre-emergent application, bed edging, and mulching. Special attention was given to Jennings Center in July to prepare for future dedication. Parks involved in the 3-Rivers Festival were also focused on.
 - Staff maintenance continues with post-emergent herbicide treatments.
 - Flood cleanup continued at Promenade. Landscape staff cleaned docks and spread mulch in the beds on the north side to cover up mud that gets deposited.
 - Landscape staff continued to help forestry crews out intermittently with cleaning brush piles along city streets left over from storm events. Landscape crews have also spent time in parks picking up tree debris from these storms as well.
 - Landscape staff finished planting annual flowers in the parks a little later than in previous years due to other projects and the heat, planting in the mornings.
 - Community Corrections assisted landscape crews in spreading approximately 50 yards of mulch in Rockhill Park to finish out that project.
 - The hillside at Reservoir Park was contracted out for forestry mowing to CL&S, Inc. The area has been much improved.
 - One concrete pad was poured in Repka Park this month in anticipation of a memorial bench installation once benches are shipped. Because of ongoing shipping delays, another order was placed for additional benches through a different supplier.

- Irrigation repairs were made at both Promenade and Lakeside Park.
- Lawnscape continued mowing all contracted maintenance areas.
- Lawnjanics continued with turf fertilization and weed control on all park locations under contract.

◆ **Riparian Management Report**

- Guldin boat ramp and surrounding rip rap were cleared, washed, and maintained.
- Bloomingdale Park's river access points were washed after each rise of the river



- Along the Rivergreenway path in Bloomingdale Park, a ramp off the St. Mary's River can give you a tranquil place to fish in a rustic, wooded atmosphere.
- Assisted with the clearing of silt off Promenade dock.
- Woody debris and litter were cleared multiple times from Guldin, Headwaters and Promenade docks.
- Washed silt buildup along north dock wall at the lowest end at Promenade.
- The levee planters on St Joseph River were weeded and litter removed.
- Successfully removed logjams from numerous bridges: Ewing, Van Buren, Main, Jefferson, Taylor, Hale, Old Fort, MLK, Columbia, and Tecumseh. Also removed numerous deadheads, and fallen trees along St Marys, St Joe, and Maumee rivers. Approximately 41 tons of woody debris were removed in three days of barge/crane work.
- Continued planning for floating stage sections, boat transportation for yoga instructors, and evening fire pits for this season's River, Set, Go! on August 6th.
- Continued maintenance support for the operation of Sweet Breeze and coordinated departments, minor repairs, refueling, and pump-outs.
- Cooperation and communication with Public Works for the successful maintenance of bridges is continuing

◆ **Forestry Report**

- With the support of the FWPR leadership team, we have been able to implement changes intended to attract and retain qualified Forestry staff. These changes resulted in the hiring of two new employees during June and July (Greg Miller and Jeremy Foss). We are excited about the direction of the Forestry Division and anticipate filling another entry-level position in the coming months.
- This year's Emerald Ash Borer treatment was completed by Davey Resource Group in early June. In total, 389 trees (6,930 DBH inches) were treated. These trees will be considered for retreatment in 2024

and included many of the ash trees in and around Headwaters Park.

- Mudrack Tree Service continues working to remove street tree stumps throughout the City. Mudrack's efficiency has offered much-needed improvement from our previous contractor.
- The Citizen match Tree Planting Program accepted its final application for 2022 on July 1st. 63 applications were received, requesting 144 total trees.
- Many of Forestry's day-to-day operations have been interrupted by severe weather events during June and July. On June 13, Fort Wayne experienced a severe weather event that has now been classified as a Derecho. Winds gusts from this event reached speeds of 98 mph (the highest windspeeds ever recorded at Fort Wayne International Airport) and resulted in significant damage to trees in the Fort Wayne area. Another round of storms with wind gusts reaching 70 mph and heavy rainfall swept through the Fort Wayne area on July 5th, exacerbating the situation.
- Storms resulted in over 1,800 reports of tree (tree part) failures and record numbers of 311 Call Center tickets generated. 135 trees were impacted to the extent that removal became necessary. With the assistance of Fort Wayne Public Works, cleanup efforts continue into August.

Kathryn Pargmann – Manager Lead of Marketing

- ◆ The Parks Promenade link has received over 5,919 hits and www.RiverfrontFW.org has 7,762 hits to the site this month. The Rental link continues to be a popular source of information and has received over 1,719 hits in July.
- ◆ The Marketing Team staffed a booth at the Tin Caps Community Night (July 7) and Lunch on the Square (July 28).
- ◆ Completed February-June Complaint Reports.
- ◆ Preparing for a Recruitment video. The video was taken by a Consultant on July 18 & 25. Captured 23 employee interviews and lots of background videos.
- ◆ The Marketing Team assisted with the Reservoir Park Basketball Court Mural Press Conference (July 14). Thanks to Fort Financial Credit Union and the Fort Wayne Mad Ants for their assistance. Performed various tasks for the LSA Closing (July 22) and the 75th Anniversary of Franke Park Day Camp (July 26).
- ◆ 22 Design projects completed (sponsor tickets, billboards, displays, e-receipt flyers, brochures, flyers, and more)
- ◆ Lead photographer at Senior Games events. Produced a Senior Games Photo Show for the July 7th Awards Ceremony.
- ◆ Fall Fun Times copy was sent to the Printer on July 15th. Release date August 3.

- ◆ Working on materials for READI grant submission.
- ◆ Creating partnership communication for Foundations.
- ◆ Began offering sponsorships for 2023 Winterval, specifically Media Sponsors.
- ◆ Two podcasts released-Foellinger Theatre Performances by Tim Byers and River, Set, Go by Andrea Douthitt.

- ◆ **May** Media Mentions: **82** **June** Media Mentions **76** **July** Media Mentions **60**
- ◆ Social Media Totals for July:

Web Statistics:	Users:	Hits:	Month:
	58,258	167,663	May
	62,617	183,268	June
	55,536	159,436	July

Social Media Totals for the months of:

	May	June	July
FB Followers	71,692	72,552	72,788
FB Reach	277,670	218,426	370,123
 Twitter Followers	13,377	13,405	13,464
 Instagram Follower	20,548	20,611	20,716

Gary Whitacre – Manager, Golf Operations

- ◆ Golf activity continues to be extremely strong. Over the last two months, the weather has turned to a more normal pattern after an extremely cool and wet spring. By the end of June, golf revenues had caught the previous year’s revenue totals to date, and in July they have now comfortably passed them.

JULY	FOSTER	MCMILLEN	SHOAF
2021 REVENUE	49,883.25	33,003.00	74,233.00
2022 REVENUE	64,303.25	36,288.50	84,753.25
YTD 2021	199,577.75	117,706.00	265,668.00
YTD 2022	204,671.50	124,919.50	277,301.75

- ◆ The revenue numbers have of course been aided by the addition of alcohol sales, which continue to be solid. But the numbers would be even better if the cart situation were improved.
- ◆ The cart fleet continues to be a major concern and is costing money in the form of lost revenue. It has been discovered that a large number of replacement batteries purchased in the 2019-2020 time frame are not living up to expectations at all, and are failing quickly. New batteries are being purchased and are replacing

these defective batteries as they are being identified, but the downtime for carts and the lack of a properly sized fleet are costing us potential income (as well as disappointing patrons).

- ◆ The cart fleet currently sits at 88 carts (40 at Foster, 24 each at McMillen and Shoaff). A better fleet size would be 110 carts (50 at Foster, 30 at McMillen, 30 at Shoaff). This size of the fleet would take care of the vast majority of normal play. With the current fleet size and the number of carts that are non-operational at any given time, we are losing significant revenue.
- ◆ We are waiting on a price for 24 new golf carts and will order them when it is received. This will replace the oldest carts that we have, which are currently at Shoaff Park. These carts are a mixture of 2002 and 2007 models and are definitely at the end of their life cycle.
- ◆ We are also looking into a leasing option, which would allow us to expand up to the desired cart fleet size while being able to rotate the entire fleet over 5 years. A leased fleet under warranty would alleviate all of the mechanical headaches we currently have with our aging fleet.
- ◆ As with every season, our high school and college-aged employees are finishing their work for the year. We are actively looking for new employees.
- ◆ The remainder of the year is looking good, with several new outings scheduled. All in all, this is developing to be a good year. Golf, in general, is very much on the upswing, and there is no reason to think this will not



FW PUBLIC WORKS
**Greenways
& Trails**
In Your Neighborhood

Dawn Ritchie – Greenway & Trails Manager

- ◆ The City's Open Streets event will be held on August 7th from Noon – 4 p.m. We will have over 100 activities along 25-blocks stretching from Promenade Park to the Landing and down Calhoun to Pontiac. We close the street to motor vehicles and let people on foot or wheels (skateboards, bikes, etc) enjoy the space. This event celebrates our largest public spaces (right of way) and the efforts we've made to improve bicycling and walking in our community, as well as promoting community engagement.
- ◆ Dawn will be spending much of August working on the Regional Economic Acceleration & Development Initiative (READI) grant for a pedestrian bridge over Coliseum Boulevard for the Pufferbelly Trail to be constructed in 2026.
- ◆ We'll make a presentation to City Council on August 16th in support of creating and joining the Poka-Bache Task Force through an interlocal agreement with four counties and seven

towns/cities to oversee the development and promotion of the 81-mile Poka-Bache Connector Trail from Pokagon State Park to Ouabache State Park.

Division News and Media Coverage:



◆ COVID Safety

Mayor Tom Henry today announced that masks will no longer be required at the City of Fort Wayne- owned facilities effective March 1. Masks will continue to be recommended.

City-owned locations include Citizens Square, the Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission office, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department office, Parks and Recreation pavilions, community centers, youth centers, the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, and Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control's facility.

Additionally, the Indiana State Department of Health has rescinded much of the contact tracing and quarantine requirements. If employees test positive for COVID-19, they are still to notify their supervisor, stay home 5 days and follow the latest isolation guidelines. Risk Management no longer needs to be notified, as the City will cease contact tracing immediately. This is moving toward a more traditional model of how the flu and other diseases are handled.

Mayor Henry cited a reduction in local COVID-19 cases and fewer hospitalizations than in previous weeks and months. However, Mayor Henry continues to stress caution and vigilance and encourages residents to get vaccinated and use good judgment in public settings.

WFFT, Solid waste rate proposal to be presented to City Council

https://www.wfft.com/news/indiana/solid-waste-rate-proposal-to-be-presented-to-city-council/article_d84c7a82-14d0-11ed-b1e7-63e838f36f12.html

WFFT, Open Streets

https://www.wfft.com/community/fifth-annual-open-streets-fort-wayne-exposes-people-to-life-without-cars/article_5b1cd9ec-16b7-11ed-a900-83819ae226c2.html

WOWO, Solid waste rate discussion coming

<https://www.wowo.com/city-council-to-consider-solid-waste-rate-hike/>

WANE, Solid waste rate

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/plan-to-hike-fort-wayne-trash-fees-in-the-works/>

WANE, Celebration of culture, community returns to Promenade Park

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/celebration-of-culture-community-returns-to-promenade-park/>

WANE, Open Streets

<https://www.wane.com/top-stories/open-streets-returns-to-downtown-fort-wayne/>

WANE, Mayor Henry at Redemption House event

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/mayor-tom-henry-attends-redemption-house-anniversary-celebration/>

WANE, Dogs make splash at Northside Pool

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/dogs-take-a-splash-at-northside-pool/>

WPTA, Solid waste rate

<https://www.wpta21.com/2022/08/05/city-council-proposes-use-arpa-funds-help-delay-solid-waste-rate-increases/>

Yoga on the Riverfront

Sunday, August 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Free yoga on the Riverfront continues this spring on the second Sunday of the month at Promenade Park overlooking the St. Marys River. This relaxing, one-hour flow is for all skill levels, led by instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga. Yoga mats can be provided if needed.



The **24th season of the Lifetime Sports Academy successfully wrapped up on July 22** with a fun day and award ceremony at McMillen Park for kids and parents. More than 800 participants in 2022 and over 30,500 since its inception, developed skills in the lifetime sports of golf, tennis, and swimming. Group lessons were offered to boys and girls, ages 7 to 18 for seven weeks in June and July. Lessons focused on skill development.

Each year, the Parks and Recreation Department provides certified coaching and highly trained professionals who direct lessons in swimming, tennis, and golf. Offering instruction in three sports has been a successful formula throughout the years. The Lifetime Sports Academy has developed a solid reputation and attracts a large number of kids each summer.

This year, the following numbers of lessons were given: 1,613 golf lessons, 1,039 tennis lessons, and 317 swim lessons. Participants have the opportunity to earn new tennis rackets, golf clubs, and more. In 2022, 30 tennis rackets and 35 sets of golf clubs were earned. Since its beginning in 1998, Lifetime Sports Academy has awarded more than 2,169 tennis rackets and over 1,435 sets of golf clubs to participants who passed their skills tests.

Have a great week, Mayor Henry



Indianapolis publication feature on Open Streets

<https://indymaven.com/articles/6-family-friendly-festivals-to-enjoy-this-august/>

GLO magazine feature on Mayor Henry – On page 40 of this link

https://issuu.com/thepapersinc/docs/glo_aug_2022?fr=sNTQzYjQ1MTgxNTk

WANE, Stephanie Crandall selected for Harvard program

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/fort-wayne-director-of-intergovernmental-affairs-selected-for-harvard-program/>

WANE, Pools end season and survive lifeguard shortage

<https://www.wane.com/top-stories/pools-end-season-and-survive-lifeguard-shortage/>

Adams Radio Group, Open Streets preview

<https://1039waynefm.com/theres-lots-to-do-at-open-streets-this-year/>

WPTA's Insight program, Riverfront Fort Wayne Aug. 6 event featured

<https://www.wpta21.com/2022/08/03/riverfront-fort-wayne/>

WBCL, Cost of living lowest in Fort Wayne

<https://www.wbcl.org/news/cost-of-living-lowest-in-fort-wayne>

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory at 1100 South Calhoun Street presents the following events and programs in August.

**Paris: City of Light & Love
Until November 13, public hours**

Paris, France has long exuded romance through its iconic cityscape, art, architecture, and famous riverbanks. Over time, a secluded atmosphere of cafes, lush landscapes, and carefree glamour have come to define Parisian style. Catch a glimpse of a day in Paris through familiar scenes and playful hues adorning a public square in the Botanical Conservatory's summer and fall exhibit. It's bursting with light and love. Included with regular admission. Sponsored by the English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, M.E. Raker Foundation, Majic 95.1m WAJI, Classic Hits 101.7, and WANE15.

**Susie Taylor Suraci: Paris Dream of 2018
Until November 13, public hours**

Enjoy works of art by local and regional artists on display at the Botanical Conservatory. Susie Taylor Suraci originally hails from the Washington D.C. metro area. She is a 1982 graduate from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in Studio Art and a longtime Fort Wayne resident. Suraci is an active member of Artlink and an exhibitor at The Castle Gallery. She is also a recipient of an Indiana Arts Commission grant. In 2018, Suraci realized a lifelong dream of visiting Paris where she stayed mostly in the charming Montmartre neighborhood that was home to many 19th-century Impressionist artists. The resulting artwork is on display now through November 13 at the Botanical Conservatory.

Fort Wayne Business Weekly, Is it really cheap in live in Allen County?

https://www.fwbusiness.com/fwbusiness/article_ef2c2bf3-2ac8-518e-974c-9af90da73738.html?utm_source=fwbusiness.com&utm_campaign=%2Fnewsletters%2Fheadlines%2F%3F-dc%3D1659520806&utm_medium=email&utm_content=headline

WELT, 'Investing in the City of Fort Wayne' radio program with Councilwoman Chambers as guest

<https://soundcloud.com/mayorfw/city-councilwoman-michelle-chambers>

Storytime in the Park

Wednesdays through August 31, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion Patio, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Join the Allen County Public Library and Riverfront Fort Wayne for fresh air, sunshine, and children's literature at Promenade Park. Most dates will be held under the awning of the Park Foundation Pavilion. Drop in, it's free!

River Rangers

Each Thursday until August 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Auer Lawn, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Engage with the rivers in this one-hour outdoor learning program designed for kids ages 5-12. Each week the subject alternates between fascinating STEM and nature topics. On August 11, it's about all things "Bug-tastic." River Rangers will discover the amazing world of bugs! Participants can earn a Young Naturalist badge. This program is free, however, space is limited to 25 children. Please pre-register by emailing your child's name(s) and the class title to Benjamin.DiGregory@cityoffortwayne.org by the Wednesday before each class.

Muddy River Concert Series: Motor Folkers |Under the Covers

Wednesday, August 10, 5:00 p.m.

Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

This unique concert series centers around the themes of heritage, culture, and connection. Meet the vendors and organizations focusing on activities and information on our city and its rivers. Enjoy local music at 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and beverages will be on-site at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Calm Water Sensory Tent will be available from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sponsored by WANE-15 and 96.3 XKE Fort Wayne's Classic Rock.

Sunday Heritage Concert Series: Heartland Sings: Country, Pop Hits & More

Sunday, August 14, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Heartland Sings returns featuring Country Music favorites, Pop Hits, and more! Learn more at www.HeartlandSings.org or (260)436-8080. Sponsored by Baekgaard Family Philanthropy Fund, Steel Dynamics, Ruoff Mortgage, & The Donors of Heartland Sings. Concerts are free and open to all ages.

Fort Wayne Area Community Band in Concert
Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.
Auer Lawn, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Muddy River Concert Series: Abbie Thomas | The Band BROTHER
Wednesday, August 24, 5:00 p.m.
Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

This unique concert series centers around the themes of heritage, culture, and connection. Meet the vendors and organizations focusing on activities and information on our city and its rivers. Enjoy local music at 5:30 p.m. Food trucks and beverages will be on-site at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Calm Water Sensory Tent will be available from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sponsored by WANE-15 and 96.3 XKE Fort Wayne's Classic Rock.

Chess on the Riverfront
Sunday, August 28, 12:00-6:00 p.m.
Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Join local chess clubs for a free opportunity to learn and play chess. This event is free and open to all ages and all skill levels. Experienced players from Fort Chess and Take a Stan Chess Club will be on-site to teach. Bring your own board or use a board from a club. Contact Brian Walker at walker.brian68@netzero.com or 260-443-1147 or Eli at the mightyfortchess@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday Heritage Concert Series: The Dead Pickers Society
Sunday, August 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Auer Lawn, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

Members David Hess (Banjo, Vocals), Ed Nystrom (Guitar, Vocals), Ben Porter (Mandolin, Vocals), Jordan Garrett (Guitar, Vocals), and Bo Astrup (Bass) perform and perfect the legacy of bluegrass music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the shows from the Auer Lawn. Concerts are free and open to all ages.

Sunday Heritage Concert Series: Fort Wayne Philharmonic Players' Assoc.
August 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 West Superior Street

The talented musicians of the Philharmonic Players' Association return with a program of Classical and Pops music that is sure to please all music lovers. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at this community event. Guests are invited to bring a lawn chair to listen from outside the Park Foundation Pavilion. Follow the Players on Facebook @MusiciansOfTheFortWaynePhilharmonic. Concerts are free and open to all ages.

WANE, Trek the Trails feature

<https://www.wane.com/news/trek-the-trails-is-a-great-way-to-see-fort-wayne/>

Adams Radio Group, Paving work could impact traffic on areas of State Blvd.

<https://1039waynefm.com/paving-work-could-impact-traffic-areas-of-state-boulevard-this-week/>

Input FW, Unhoused in Fort Wayne

<https://www.inputfortwayne.com/features/mothers-housing-fortwayne.aspx>

Wednesday, June 1 – August 31, 10:00 am – 10:30 am

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Salomon Farmers' Market
Wednesdays, 4-7 pm
June 1 - September 7, 2022
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Fresh Produce • Baked Goods • Honey
Homemade Pies • Artisan Goods

Tractor Rides
June 15, July 13, Aug 17, Sept 7
(\$5/person, age 2 & under FREE)



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City TV, 'Public Works – In Your Neighborhood' program, guest is Matt Gray

<https://acpl.viebit.com/player.php?hash=8C3JkTWMiTOa>

WANE, County won't buy old Lincoln Financial building

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/no-vote-on-purchase-of-old-lincoln-financial-building/>

WANE, City Utilities continues efforts to reduce flooding, including eventually activating the deep rock tunnel

<https://www.wane.com/top-stories/fort-wayne-city-utilities-continues-efforts-to-reduce-flooding-including-eventually-activating-the-deep-rock-tunnel/>



WANE, Animal Care & Control hosting special event

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/fwacc-adoption-sale-friday-fees-waved-for-cats-kittens-and-small-animals/>

FW's NBC, Fees returning to Biosolids Facility

<https://www.fortwaynesnbc.com/2022/07/21/fort-wayne-biosolids-facility-reinstating-fees-saturday/>

FW's NBC, Mentorship program aims to connect youth with first responders

<https://www.fortwaynesnbc.com/2022/07/13/mentorship-program-aims-connect-fort-wayne-youth-with-first-responders/>

WANE, Asher Agency changes ownership

<https://www.wane.com/news/local-news/the-asher-agency-celebrates-independent-leadership/>

Park and Recreation Month 2022

July is Park and Recreation Month!

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, healthy, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation, and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — that maintain our country's local, state and community parks.

SAVE THE DATE

IN BOB ARNOLD/NORTHSIDE PARK:

Northside **Disc Golf Grand Opening**

The event is from **12:00-3:00 pm on Sunday, August 28th.**