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Winter 2027
December-February

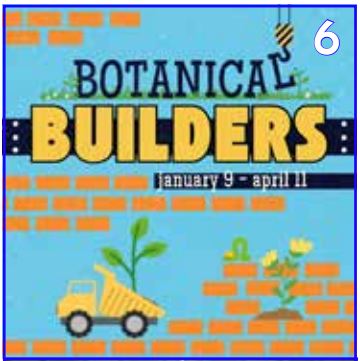
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Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

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

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Always in Season

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

Holiday Hours
Open New Year's Eve, 10 am-8 pm
Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Parking

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

Conservatory Shop

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

Conservatory Membership

Enjoy annual membership to the Botanical Conservatory. Members receive free garden admission during public visiting hours, a 10% discount in the Conservatory Shop and at Café Flora and reciprocal benefits at more than 330 gardens nationwide. Become a member at shop.botanicalconservatory.org.

Café Flora

Nestled inside the lush, glass-enclosed gardens of the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in downtown Fort Wayne, Café Flora offers a serene and refreshing experience unlike anywhere else in the city. Surrounded by vibrant tropical plants, seasonal floral displays and natural light, guests can relax and refuel in a beautiful, garden-inspired setting. Whether you're visiting the Botanical Conservatory for a family outing, a special event or a peaceful afternoon escape, Café Flora provides a curated selection of coffee, tea, pastries and light bites—all with a focus on quality and hospitality. Open during regular Conservatory hours.



Holiday Showcase Exhibit
November 21, 2026 – January 3, 2027

Embark on a symphony of silver bells, twinkling lights and the crisp scent of holiday greenery. Wander through a garden adorned with glistening ornaments, shimmering tinsel and majestic silver displays that evoke the joyous spirit of the holidays. The Silver Bells holiday exhibit brings to life the beauty of winter flora, showcasing a breathtaking array of poinsettias, evergreens and seasonal blooms that will leave you awe-inspired. Sponsored by English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, PNC Charitable Trusts, O'Rourke-Schof Family Foundation, PBS Fort Wayne, HOT 107.9 and 103.9 Wayne FM.

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Santa Saturdays

Saturdays, December 5, 12 & 19, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Santa Saturdays are back at the Botanical Conservatory! Choose from three festive dates in December to meet jolly old St. Nick and capture a holiday photo surrounded by the shimmering beauty of the "Silver Bells" seasonal exhibit. Please note: Santa takes a cookie break from 2-2:30 p.m. Regular admission rates apply. Sponsored by PBS Fort Wayne, HOT 107.9 and 103.9 Wayne FM.

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Breakfast with Santa!

Reserve your spot on the "Nice List" when attending an exclusive breakfast this holiday season. As his special guests, join Santa himself for a memorable morning, complete with a personalized visit! Included are delicious pancakes, fruit, sausage, hash browns and a beverage of your choice. Plus, children will receive a holiday gift bag and enjoy day-of admission to the Botanical Conservatory. ALL attendees must register, including adults AND children ages 2 and under. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Please reserve any necessary highchairs and booster seats when registering. Registration deadline: November 28. Min. 20. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127203-S1	12/5	Sa	9-10 am

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

Holly Shopping at the Conservatory

Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate locally owned small businesses throughout downtown, including the West Main Shops, Wells Street Corridor, Broadway and Botanical Conservatory, in partnership with Downtown Fort Wayne. Explore the Botanical Conservatory's own "**Artisan Village,**" featuring local artisans, crafters and unique vendors, and be sure to visit Café Flora for your favorite seasonal flavors. As part of the downtown Trolley Stops, Anna and Elsa characters will make a special appearance at Café Flora from 1:00-2:00 p.m. With thoughtful gifts, local finds and festive surprises all in one place, it's the perfect outing to shop and check off your holiday gift list! Garden admission is not required.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas!



$1-Night Light Display

5:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 25
Thursdays & Fridays, November 27-December 18
Closed Thanksgiving Day

Experience the magic of the gardens aglow during this year's $1-Night Light Display! The eve before Thanksgiving, kick off the holidays with a stroll through the Botanical Conservatory, where indoor gardens glisten and glow with festive greenery, vibrant poinsettias and illuminated photo ops. During this seasonal four-week display, enjoy multiple visits with family and friends, treat yourself at Café Flora and find unique gifts in the Conservatory Shop. Garden admission is just $1.

**** Wednesday, November 25 ****
During Downtown Fort Wayne's
Night of Lights

Friday, November 27
Special Performance 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Thursday, December 3
Special Performance 5:30-7:30 p.m.
String Jams Musicians

Friday, December 4
Special Performance 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Woodside Middle School Advanced Choir

Thursday, December 10
Special Performance 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Snow Fort Singers

Friday, December 11
Special Performance 5:30-7:30 p.m.
PFW Holiday Carolers

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

$1-Night Light Display Special Performances

Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties

Friday, November 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Ring in the season with live music at the Botanical Conservatory! Tom Didier and Todd Frymier, better known as Those 2 Guys in Suits & Ties, bring festive energy and smooth style to the latest showcase exhibit, "Silver Bells." This Black Friday, enjoy their spirited holiday performance, included with $1 admission as part of the $1-Night Light Display. Standing room only; no reservations required.

String Jams Musicians

Thursday, December 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Special guests, String Jams Musicians of Believe in a Dream, perform their holiday best at the Botanical Conservatory. Typically playing as part of a larger alternative-strings orchestra, these talented young musicians come together as a smaller ensemble to perform a spirited holiday soundtrack. Just $1 admission as part of the $1-Night Light Display! Standing room only; no reservations required.

Woodside MS Advanced Choir

Friday, December 4, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

With melodic voices as clear and free as "Silver Bells" that ring, advanced choir students from Woodside Middle School fill the Botanical Conservatory's latest showcase exhibit with sounds of the season. Enjoy one or both of their 30-minute caroling sets during the $1-Night Light Display, when admission is just $1! Standing room only; no reservations required.

The Snow Fort Singers

Thursday, December 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Step back in time with The Snow Fort Singers, a four-part a cappella ensemble that brings the charm of Victorian carolers to life. In the timeless spirit of Dickens, an impressive range of voices will fill the air with classic holiday favorites! Enjoy their familiar melodies during the Botanical Conservatory's $1-Night Light Display. Standing room only; no reservations required.

PFW Holiday Carolers

Friday, December 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A holiday favorite returns when carolers from Purdue Fort Wayne's School of Music bring festive cheer to the Botanical Conservatory. As their joyful carols ring throughout the gardens, their harmonies naturally enhance the magic of the "Silver Bells" showcase exhibit. Just $1 admission as part of the $1-Night Light Display! Standing room only; no reservations required.

Suzuki Strings Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 13, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

As you explore the latest holiday exhibit, pause to enjoy seasonal favorites performed by the young musicians of Fort Wayne Suzuki. Playing violin and cello with skill and spirit, these talented students showcase the renowned Suzuki Method, often called the "mother tongue method," where music is learned like a language. Add a touch of joy to your Sunday visit with this inspirational musical offering at the Botanical Conservatory! Included with regular admission. No reservations required.

Winter Displays & Exhibits

Orchid Show

February 6, 12:00-5:00 p.m.,
Potting Demos 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
February 7, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Experience the captivating beauty of orchids at the Orchid Show, held the first weekend in February at the Botanical Conservatory. Orchid enthusiasts will showcase an exquisitely curated collection of orchids in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Bring your questions and discover expert tips for orchid care, including hands-on guidance during one of two live potting demonstrations. Plants and potting materials will be available for purchase from regional vendors and in the Conservatory Shop. Entry included with general admission. Presented by the Three Rivers Orchid Society.

Watch your mailbox for the Spring Fun Times on February 3.

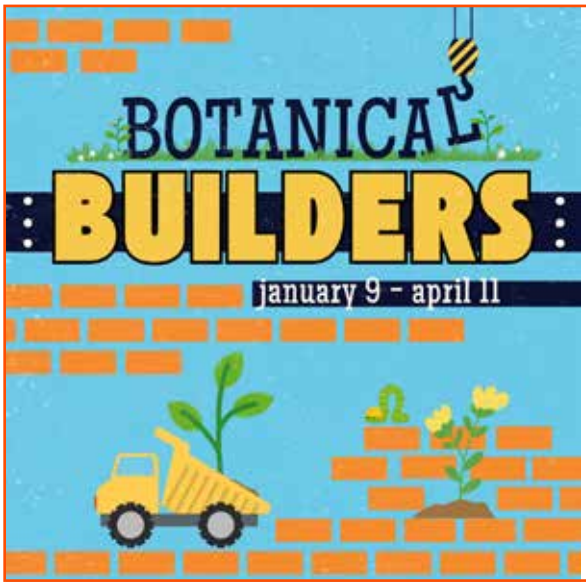


Sweetheart Orchid Display

February 2-28, Public Hours

Welcome the season of love and admire the sweet allure of flowering orchids in the Botanical Conservatory's Tropical House. Featuring a breathtaking collection of long-lasting blooms, this display offers a charming, warm garden setting where delicate fragrance fills the air. Orchids will be available for purchase in the Conservatory Shop. Display included with general admission.

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Botanical Builders

January 9 – April 11, 2027

Discover how a construction site inspires a sense of curiosity and hands-on exploration. Visitors of all ages will step into a vibrant world of creativity and imagination, as the Showcase House transforms into a work in progress where plants, blocks and building features merge together highlighting how gardens, like communities, are built piece by piece. This exhibit encourages learning through play, inviting children and adults alike to engage with the building blocks of both nature and design. Sponsored by English Bonter Mitchell Foundation, Fort Wayne Park Foundation, PNC Charitable Trusts and Adams Radio Group.

Art Displays

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

Jordan Kurzen: Resilient

November 21, 2026 – January 3, 2027
Public Reception: November 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Resilient explores the striking connection between human endurance and the natural world. Through an intricate printmaking process utilizing multiple gel plates, Jordan Kurzen overlays layers of drawing, painting and collage to capture the indomitable spirit of both plants and people. The exhibition spotlights resilient botanicals that do not merely survive harsh winters but actively thrive and transform during the seemingly barren season. By celebrating their vivid colors and persistent forms, Kurzen delivers a powerful visual portrait of strength, beauty and survival.

Plan Your Visit

Veterans Day in the Garden

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

This Veterans Day, the Botanical Conservatory is offering free admission to all veterans and active-duty military personnel in gratitude for their service. Join us in saluting their courage, dedication and sacrifice while honoring them with a memorable day in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne. From 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., enjoy service dog demonstrations presented by ICAN, Indiana Canine Assistant Network, and learn how these remarkable dogs support individuals in need.

ICAN Indiana Canine Assistant Network



Botanical Field Trip & Outreach

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

The Botanical Conservatory is an ideal field trip destination for public, parochial, private and homeschool students. Teachers may choose the standards-based curriculum that best meets their students' needs while engaging them in experiential learning about plants! Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance, having submitted an online Field Trip Request Form available at botanicalconservatory.org. Field Trip Pricing is reserved for groups of 10 or more students.

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Winterval at the Conservatory



Saturday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
LIVE Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Winterval at the Botanical Conservatory in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Parks Department. Begin outside with an ice carving found near the Jefferson Boulevard entrance, then warm up inside with a visit to Café Flora and the Conservatory Shop. Continue your adventure with paid admission to the indoor gardens, including the "Botanical Builders" showcase exhibit! Here, you and your crew can bring your designs to life as you build a themed craft and pot up a complimentary plant to take home. See pages 30-31 for other Winterval activities. Winterval is sponsored by 21 Alive and 97.3 WMEE.

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Evergreen Centerpiece

'Tis the season for this annual holiday workshop at the Botanical Conservatory, with an opportunity to enjoy the "Silver Bells" holiday exhibit! Create a festive, fragrant centerpiece featuring seasonal accents and fresh evergreen branches. Returning instructor and floral designer Dennis Bowman will guide participants through each step of the process, including tips for creating the perfect bow. Those who wish to add a personal touch are welcome to bring special accents from home. If available, participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves and garden shears. Ages 15+. Registration deadlines: December 3 and December 5. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Times
127501-R1	12/10	Th	5-7 pm
127501-S1	12/12	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$49 Member Fee: $44
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Register online at fortwayneparks.org

Holiday Succulent Wreath

Get creative while designing a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration at the Botanical Conservatory. You will assemble your own festive wreath featuring holiday accents and a variety of live succulents, blending natural beauty with seasonal charm. This living work of art will make a stunning addition to your home or a thoughtful gift, with succulents that can be enjoyed long after the season ends! Registration includes all necessary supplies, garden admission and a Café Flora drink voucher to enjoy during your visit. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: November 26. Min. 12. Max. 24. Though registration is full, hopeful participants may join the waitlist!

Code	Date	Day	Time
127506-R1	12/3	Th	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$27 Member Fee: $22
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Botanical Perfume Workshop

Celebrate Galentine's with a creative evening of fragrance and fun. Join Nature's Mercantile for a guided scent-blending experience and create your own signature 10 mL roller perfume. Explore floral, fresh, warm and earthy aromas, then blend a special botanical fragrance to take home. Registration also includes a drink voucher for Café Flora and free admission to the gardens. Gather your friends, sip, stroll and create a scent that's uniquely yours! Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 4. Min. 12. Max. 24.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127507-R1	2/11	Th	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$35 Member Fee: $30
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



T'ai Chi for Relaxation

Find your flow through the ancient Chinese practice of T'ai Chi. Certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner Liz Monnier guides participants through meditative movements rooted in Qigong, promoting relaxation, balance and a deeper sense of inner harmony. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable, supportive shoes. Individual garden admission is included prior to each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 5. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127401-T1	1/12-2/9	T	5:30-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/$48 Member Fee: $43
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Sound & Yoga in the Garden

Slow down and find your center as you settle into a quiet garden setting. Each session begins with mindful movement led by Certified Yoga Teacher Claudia Hedeen, then transitions into deeper relaxation through the soothing vibrations of singing bowls, gongs and chimes with Sound Master Joe Brothers. Garden admission is included, giving you time to quiet the mind before the session officially begins at 6:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mat, blanket and headrest for maximum comfort. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: January 20 and February 17. Min. 10. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
127410-W1	1/27	W	6:30-8 pm
127410-W2	2/24	W	6:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30 Member Fee: $25
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

T'ai Chi for Health

The Botanical Conservatory welcomes Ken Ng as a T'ai Chi instructor who promotes ongoing practice for health. Having studied under Dr. Paul Lam, Ken focuses instruction on Yang Style forms that continuously flow from one posture to the next. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable, supportive shoes. Individual garden admission is included following each session. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: January 12. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
127403-T1	1/19-2/23	T	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/$60 Member Fee: $55
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Seasonal Yoga Sessions

Move through the changing seasons with gentle yoga for self-care. Each monthly session is inspired by the garden and led by Certified Yoga Instructor Claudia Hedeen, who will guide participants through mindful movement in a relaxed botanical setting. Garden admission is included, giving you time to explore the gardens before each session begins. Suitable for all experience levels, whether you are new to yoga or continuing your practice. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: January 19, February 16 and March 16. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time

In January, Reset & Rest

Slow down and take inspiration from the garden's winter stillness as you return to your foundation and cultivate well-being.

127404-W1	1/20	W	5:30-6:30 pm

In February, Find Warmth Within

As the garden quietly begins to stir, create space to nurture your sense of connection, compassion and comfort.

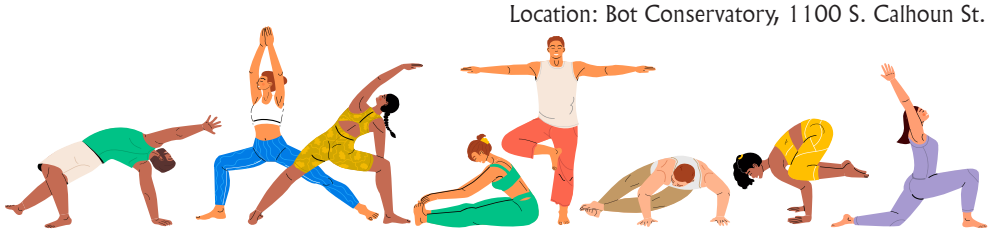
127404-W2	2/17	W	5:30-6:30 pm

In March, Renew & Re-Awaken

With signs of spring emerging, awaken your senses and welcome the light. Conclude with a mini meditation, embracing the rejuvenating energy of the new season ahead.

227404-W3	3/17	W	5:30-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$18 Member Fee: 1/$15
All three sessions: $45 Member Fee: 3/$40
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.



Salomon Farm Park



Salomon Farm Park

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

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

Farm Kids

Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

***Adult/Child**

Your budding cook will mix, mash and measure their way through simple recipes to create tasty treats in a playful, encouraging environment. Registration covers one child and one adult. Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-6. Instructor: Meghan Hauser. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 7. Max. 17.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Cookie Deco / North Pole Snack Mix			
153909-B1	12/15	T	10-11 am
Kid-Friendly Tiramisu Cups			
153909-B4	1/19	T	10-11 am
Hungry Caterpillar Wraps			
153909-B5	2/16	T	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$25

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

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Young Fun on the Farm

Story time is an interactive and energetic way to develop your child's love of reading. Listen to stories, sing songs, and even make a craft as you and your little one have fun learning together! Ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153930-F1	2/12	F	3:30-4:30 pm
153930-R1	2/18	Th	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$20

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



Seeking Vendors for Christmas on the Farm

We still have space for craft vendors and artisans to fill the barn with Christmas cheer and handmade gifts and goodies during our Christmas on the Farm event on December 5. For an application please contact Megan Harris at SalomonFarm@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6790.



Bring your blankets and coats and witness this story of redemption in the historic Salomon Farm Park Old Barn with the entire family. The barn is heated only with auxiliary heat, so plan accordingly to stay cozy and warm during this new family tradition. Seating is general admission, so arrive half an hour early to ensure the best seats. Tickets are on sale and may be purchased online at fortwayneparks.org/facilities/salomon-farm-park or by calling 427-6000.

In the Kitchen



Everyday Yeast Breads

Not confident in your breadmaking ability? We'll fix that! The class will make a sandwich loaf and dinner rolls, two quick recipes that can easily be made after a long day of work and enjoyed immediately for dinner. You will have the opportunity to taste test during class and leave with your own pan of rolls to enjoy with your family and a recipe card for more baking at home. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 20. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153843-W1	1/27	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Polish Paczki

Paczki are Polish deep-fried donuts with sweet fillings such as jam, custard, lemon curd or chocolate. They are usually covered with powdered sugar, icing or glaze, and they are utterly delicious. Join us this evening and walk away with recipes, hints for success, and most importantly—your own Paczki! Bring a container to take home leftovers. Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: January 21. Min. 6. Max. 12

Code	Date	Day	Time
153869-R1	1/28	Th	1-3 pm
153869-R2	1/28	Th	5:30-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$45
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Kataifi

Looking for a new holiday dessert? Kataifi is a delicious dessert similar to baklava but much easier to make. Suzi Hanzel will guide you through creating this sweet treat using shredded kataifi dough, walnuts and other simple ingredients. It may just become your new holiday tradition! Ages 16+. Registration deadline: December 2. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153864-W1	12/9	W	1-2:30 pm
153864-W2	12/9	W	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$45
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Bone Broth & Egg Noodles

Think of all the delicious things you can make with homemade egg noodles and chicken bone broth . . . like soups and pasta dishes . . . and both can be made with just a few simple ingredients. You'll be guided through the process and leave with a recipe and a bag of freshly made noodles. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 13. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153880-W1	1/20	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

TVP What?

Curious about cooking with less meat? TVP, or textured vegetable protein, is a versatile meat substitute that can be used in many of your favorite recipes. In this hands-on class you will make a delicious, hearty chili with TVP in place of traditional ground beef. You'll also make gluten-free cornbread for a complete meal. Come curious and hungry! Instructor: Suzi Hanzel. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 3. Min. 7. Max. 16.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153881-W1	3/10	W	1-2:30 pm
153881-W2	3/10	W	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$45
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Herbal Healing Salves

Learn to make your own healing salves and chapsticks with oils and beeswax. You will leave this class with a small tin of salve and a tube of chapstick and the ability to create your own at home. Ages 15+. Instructor: Jessica Ankney of Giving Gardens of Indiana. Registration deadline: February 10. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153876-W1	2/17	W	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30
Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Practical Hobbies

Intro to Drop Spindle – Turkish Style

Make your own yarn from raw fiber using a Turkish drop spindle! Instructors from the Fort Wayne Flax and Fleecers Guild will show you how to spin yarn and even wind it onto the spindle to create a center-pull ball. You will receive your own Turkish spindle to use during class and take home to continue practicing. All materials will be provided. Ages 13+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153816-M1	1/11	M	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Knitting Basics

Learn to knit one stitch at a time! Each class session builds on the skills learned in the previous class as you progress from basic stitches to creating your own knitted pieces. You will learn how to cast on, make basic stitches and become comfortable using knitting needles before making your own hot pad, hat and socks. Suddenly, you will have a new hobby! Instructors provided by Fort Wayne Flax and Fleecers Guild. Registration deadline: January 11. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
153811-M1	1/18-2/8	M	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/$55
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Vertical Gardening

Don't have a lot of garden space? Grow your plants upward on supports like trellises, arches or living walls to maximize small spaces. Master Gardener Pam Snyder inherited her love of gardening from her grandfather and enjoys passing along her knowledge. She will share what you need to know to get your garden to "grow up"! Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 16. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153805-T1	2/23	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$22
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

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Register online at fortwayneparks.org

Blacksmithing Workshops

While blacksmithing was once considered a dying trade, today's blacksmiths produce anything from stunning works of art to the tools we use daily by combining contemporary technology with age-old smithing methods. Learn new blacksmithing techniques and practice your forging skills while working on simple projects. Participants must wear leather closed-toe shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.) and long hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Ages 15+. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during each class session. Registration deadlines: One week prior to the beginning of each class or series. Min. 3. Max. 4. (Beginner) and Max. 6. (Women and Intermediate).

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Blacksmithing for Beginners			
153859-S1	1/2	Sa	9-11 am
153859-S2	2/6	Sa	9-11 am
153859-S3	3/6	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$30

Blacksmithing for Women Series
Class meets 3rd Saturday of the month.

153850-S1	1/16-3/20	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/$40

Intermediate Blacksmithing Series
Class meets 4th Saturday of the month.

153851-S1	1/23-3/27	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 2/$30

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

Learn to Play American Mahjong

Your new favorite game starts here! Join instructor Angela Esselburn for a hands-on introduction to Mahjong—a traditional Chinese game that has been beloved for centuries. After learning basic game strategy, you'll enjoy your first game of Mahjong and be instantly hooked. Everything needed for play will be provided, including light snacks! Ages 12+. Registration deadline: January 14. Min. 6. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
153875-R1	1/21	Th	5:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$50
Location: Salomon Farm Park, Wolf Family Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



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HISTORIC OLD BARN

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Surrounded by farm animals, wetlands, and green space
Most affordable barn rental in the area













WOLF FAMILY CENTER

Available August thru May
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Capacity 150
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Sliding partition barn doors
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Available Upon Request & Availability
Covered Bridge Area Capacity 50
*North Flower Garden Area (Aug-Sept) Capacity 150
(*Garden only available in combo rental with Wolf Family Center)







SALOMON FAMILY HOMESTEAD

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Climate controlled, antiqued interior
Capacity 25
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Book up to a year in advance!

The Great Outdoors



Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave. Open daily 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

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

Winterval Hike and Bonfire

Saturday, January 23, 9:00-10:30 am
Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Winter is a beautiful season at the Nature Preserve! Kick off this year's Winterval festivities with a morning hike in the woods, and warm up at the bonfire before you head off to your next location! See full Winterval schedule of events on pages 30-31.



Wild Walkers

2nd and 4th Fridays

Explore some of Northeast Indiana's finest natural areas with this nature-oriented hiking group. Wild Walkers is an adult hiking group that meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month for a walk on the wild side. Each hike features a different outdoor destination in the region, including parks, wetlands, nature preserves, and other natural areas. Hike locations and schedules are posted on our website at fortwayneparks.org. Wild Walkers hikes are rarely canceled becasue of weather; participants should assess conditions and decide whether to attend. Registration is not required.

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Sports & Fitness

See You on the Court

Recreational Volleyball

Volleyball is one of the top three most played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how old you are, how fit you are or how athletic you are. Volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. This high-energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play. Recreational volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for two hours. Drop-ins are welcome. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: November 25. Min. 10. Max. 18. Note: There will be no volleyball on December 9, 23 and 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144800-W1	12/2-2/24	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$45/$50 after November 25
Location: Northwood MS, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.

Recreational Basketball

As exercise goes, it doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, muscles, bones, brain, gut, social life and stress levels. And, it's FUN! Who needs more convincing than that? Sign up for a session or try it out by dropping in. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: November 23 and 25. Min. 8. Max. 18. ***Holidays and school events disrupt weekly play. Please see the schedule online prior to registering.**

Code	Dates	Day	Time
144000-M1	11/23-2/9*	M	7-9 pm
144000-W1	11/24-2/17*	W	7-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$58/$63 after deadlines
Drop-in fee: $7
Location: Jefferson MS, 5303 Wheelock Rd.





Indoor Pickleball

Weekdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
McMillen Park Community Center
3901 Abbott St.

When schools are in session, McMillen Park Community Center is available for pickleball weekdays 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Six courts can accommodate up 24 players of all skill levels at once. The drop-in fee is $1 with a photo ID.



Golf Season Passes make great Christmas gifts!

McMillen /Shoaff
$550 Individual $700 Family (2 people)
$200 Junior $450 Senior

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

All Course Pass
$750 Individual

Prices valid through 2026.

Stretch & Strengthen

Mat Pilates NEW

Build strength, improve flexibility and move with confidence! Mat Pilates is a low-impact workout that focuses on core strength, balance, flexibility and helping your muscles work together for better everyday movement. Instructor Celeste Motherwell brings 25 years of Pilates teaching experience and a passion for helping people stay strong, flexible and active through every stage of life. Come move, strengthen and stretch, then leave feeling your best! Please dress comfortably and bring your mat. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142302-W1	1/6-2/24	W	4:30-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$69/$74 after December 30
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Yoga

The practice of yoga has many benefits. While the physical practice helps increase flexibility, strength and balance, the mindful side of the practice helps release stress, stiffness and anxiety. Yoga connects you to your breath, body, mind and spirit. Come do something for yourself and your overall wellness. Classes are open to any skill level, as modifications are offered in all routines. Please dress comfortably and bring your yoga mat. Drop-ins are welcome ($15/class). Ages 16+. Instructor Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200-hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 10. Max. 30. Note: The Monday class on December 14 will meet at Hefner Pavilion located at 1908 St. Mary's Blvd. and there will be no classes held December 21-31 and January 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142300-M1	12/7-3/1	M	5:30-6:45 pm
142300-T1	12/8-2/23	T	4:30-5:45 pm
142300-R1	12/10-2/25	Th	6:00-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$95/$100 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Seasonal Yoga Sessions

Move through the changing seasons with gentle yoga for self-care. Each monthly session is inspired by the garden and led by Certified Yoga Instructor Claudia Hedeen, who will guide participants through mindful movement in a relaxed botanical setting. Garden admission is included, giving you time to explore the gardens before each session begins. Suitable for all experience levels, whether you are new to yoga or continuing your practice. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Ages 16+. Registration deadlines: January 19, February 16 and March 16. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time

Reset & Rest

Slow down and take inspiration from the garden's winter stillness as you return to your foundation and cultivate well-being.

127404-W1	1/20	W	5:30-6:30 pm

Find Warmth Within

As the garden quietly begins to stir, create space to nurture your sense of connection, compassion and comfort.

127404-W2	2/17	W	5:30-6:30 pm

Renew & Re-Awaken

With signs of spring emerging, awaken your senses and embrace the light. Conclude with a mini meditation, embracing the rejuvenating energy of the new season ahead.

227404-W3	3/17	W	5:30-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$18 Member Fee: 1/$15
All three sessions: $45 Member Fee: 3/$40
Location: Bot Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Aqua Dance

Make a splash with this high-energy aquatic fitness class! Enjoy a total-body workout that combines cardio, strength training and core exercises set to upbeat music. The resistance of the water helps increase the challenge while the warm pool environment is gentle on the joints. Fun, energetic and designed for all fitness levels. Aqua Dance feels more like a pool party than a workout! No class on January 18. Ages 13+. Instructors are provided by Corporate Health & Prevention. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142314-M1	1/11-2/22	M	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$68/$73 after January 4
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

Register online at www.fortwayneparks.org

On the Riverfront



Promenade Park

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

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

Park Foundation Pavilion Hours
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Family Fun on the Riverfront

Winter Cozy: A Winterval Event

Saturday, January 23, 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior Street

Winter Cozy is back again this year featuring a timeless blend of warm and cool elements for the whole family to enjoy including an ice carving contest, cozy firepits, fire dance performances and live music. Warm up inside the Park Foundation Pavilion with hot chocolate or grab a s'mores kit to make your own sweet treat over the open fire! This event is open to all ages and is FREE to attend. Food and beverages are available for purchase while supplies last.

See pages 30 and 31 for the full Winterval schedule of events.



Winter Woofs & Wardrobe Contest

Saturday, February 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

All fashion-forward pet lovers are invited to unleash their pooch's winter style at this event. Bundle your dog up in their coziest sweater, scarf, or pajama set for the coolest winter photo around. Each registered pup will pose for a picture which will be entered into a contest on Riverfront Fort Wayne's Facebook and Instagram channels. The winner will be determined by the most likes! The $5 registration fee includes contest entry and a digital copy of your dog's photo. On-site registration is available (card only) while space is available. Registration deadline: February 19. Min. 25. Max. 75. (Note: Pets must remain leashed at all times, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their furry friends.)



Holiday Cheer Concert

Sunday, December 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Park Foundation Pavilion
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Celebrate the season with an afternoon of festive tunes at Promenade Park! Enjoy a live performance of timeless holiday classics by the American Legion Band of Fort Wayne. This event is FREE and open to all ages to attend.

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RiverfrontFW.org/connect/#contact

KPop Random Dance Play

Saturday, February 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Park Foundation Pavilion, Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior

In partnership with Korea Festival Fort Wayne, get ready to gather in the Park Foundation Pavilion and showcase your dance skills on the spot with KPop Random Dance Play! Whether you're a KPop super fan or just love to dance, this is the perfect activity to get out and get active! This program is free and open to all ages.



Riverfront Fitness

Riverfront Social: Run Club

Sundays, December 13, January 10, February 14
9:00 a.m.
Thursdays, December 3-17, January 7-February 25
6:00 p.m.
Wells Street Bridge
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Looking to get active, meet new people, and explore the Riverfront at your own pace? Join the Riverfront Social Runners on the Strava App and connect with your community! This self-led club is open to runners and walkers of all experience levels. Follow us on social media or Strava to stay informed about upcoming meetups and exciting challenges!



Riverfront Fort Wayne Fitness classes meet in the Park Foundation Pavilion in Promenade Park

Barre on the Riverfront

Sundays, December 13, January 10, February 14
9:30-10:15 a.m.

In partnership with Discover Yoga, we're bringing Barre to Promenade! Interested in getting your morning started with a unique combination of ballet, Pilates, and yoga? Bring a friend and join us for this FREE class! No registration required, space available on a first come, first served basis.

Yoga on the Riverfront

Sundays, December 13, January 10, February 14
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bring your yoga mat to Promenade Park for FREE Yoga on the Riverfront. This relaxing, one-hour flow is for all skill levels and led by Instructor Chelsea Vona, owner of Discover Yoga! No registration required, space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Yoga mats can be provided if you do not have your own (while supplies last).

Pilates on the Riverfront

Sundays, December 13, January 10, February 14
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

In partnership with Pure Movement Studio, Riverfront Fort Wayne invites you to join us for a FREE Pilates class. Suitable for all skill levels, this introductory class is a perfect way to get moving! No registration required, space available on a first come, first served basis. Mats can be provided if you do not have your own (while supplies last).

Zumba on the Riverfront

Mondays, December 14, January 11, February 15
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for Zumba on the Riverfront, instructed by Vanessa Escobar with the Renaissance Pointe YMCA! This class is FREE and open to all experience levels. No registration required.

Give the Gift of a Sweet Breeze Adventure!

Looking for a unique Christmas or birthday gift? Sweet Breeze Canal Boat tickets make a great gift for friends, family, or anyone who enjoys being on the water. You can purchase a Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation gift card and load it with the amount of your choice to cover Sweet Breeze tickets. Give a gift they can look forward to all winter long—a cruise on the Sweet Breeze! Sweet Breeze is also available for private tours. Booking now for the 2027 season. Call 260-427-6000 or email ridesweetbreeze@cityoffortwayne.org.



Headwaters Ice Rink


Photo credit: Brooke Todd

Headwaters Ice Rink

333 S. Clinton St.

Opens for the season November 21 at 12 pm

Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday ..... 4-9 pm
(Closed Mondays & Tuesdays beginning January 4)
Saturday and Sunday ..... 12-9 pm

Holiday Hours:
November 25, 27 ..... 12-9 pm
December 18-23, 26-30 ..... 12-10 pm
December 31 ..... 12-6 pm
January 18, February 15 ..... 4-9 pm
CLOSED Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

Admission
Age 3 and Older $7
Age 2 and under ..... FREE
Skate Rental $4
Punch Pass Admission (10 Punches) $60
Spectators and Parking ..... FREE

Dr. Crawford $1 Days

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28
4:00-9:00 p.m.
Headwaters Park Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.

Honor Dr. John Crawford's memory and service by enjoying Dollar Days at Headwaters Park Ice Rink when admission and skate rentals are $1 each. Dr. Crawford was a physician and radiation oncologist as well as a 20-year member of the Fort Wayne City Council.

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Practice Makes Perfect with the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club

Beginner skaters aged 10 and under, this is your chance to learn from the experts at the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club! This series offers 4 sessions designed to teach your little skater the basics of ice skating. Individual attention is not guaranteed as classes will be held in a group setting. Class registration fee includes a pair of skates (skaters may also choose to bring their own). Registration deadline: December 28. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available ($10/session, credit card only). Min. 25. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
HW2701091030	1/9-1/30	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 4/$35 Walk-ins: $10/session
Location: Headwaters Ice Rink, 333 S. Clinton St.



Parkview Behavioral Health/Park Center
FREE SKATE DAY
Friday, January 29 • 4-9 pm
Free admission / Free skate rental

Preschool Play Time

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

Full of Energy

Preschool Gymnastics

***Adult/Child**

Olympic gold doesn't have to be your goal. Children of all ages can benefit from the physical exercise, strength, flexibility, and self-esteem that comes from participating in gymnastics. Basic skills will be taught in tumbling and on gymnastics equipment, parents/guardians will participate to keep their child focused on the activities provided. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 3. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)			
143300-F1	1/15-3/5	F	4:30-5 pm
143300-F2	1/15-3/5	F	5:15-5:45 pm
143300-F3	1/15-3/5	F	6-6:30 pm
Ages 3-4			
143301-F1	1/15-3/5	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143301-F2	1/15-3/5	F	5:15-6 pm
143301-F3	1/15-3/5	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 8
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

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

Beautiful Ballet

There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. It encourages effort, requires concentration, thought, feeling, and emotion. It helps develop teamwork, cooperation, and a sense of belonging, and it provides physical activity. Each 30-minute session includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Ages 3-4. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 3. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W2	1/13-3/3	W	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 6
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.



Open Gym

***Adult/Child**
Fridays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Child-led play and learning happens in Open Gym as your child chooses between parachutes, scooter, tunnels, hula hoops, musical instruments or balls. Develop fine motor skills with coloring, cutting, Magna-Tiles or Duplos. A sensory table is always open, filled with sand, rice, water, pom poms, fidgets plus many other surprises! There is no pre-registration required for this drop-in program. Just check in at the front desk. Adults are required to accompany their children. Ages 1½-5. Drop-in fee: $2/child.

Playful Preschoolers

***Adult/Child**

Get ready for big fun in the Fun Zone! This high-energy morning is packed with tunnels, obstacle courses, music and colorful play! It's the perfect way to get moving, build essential motor skills and make new friends in an active, supportive environment. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each class. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143029-F1	12/18	F	10-10:45 am
143029-F2	1/8	F	10-10:45 am
143029-F3	1/22	F	10-10:45 am

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

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Just for Fun

Holiday Fun

***Adult/Child**

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we want you to celebrate with us! You'll make holiday cards and crafts that you can give as Christmas gifts, play some fun games, and enjoy Santa's favorite treat . . . milk and cookies! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: December 4. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
443039-F1	12/11	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$15/$20 after December 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Frozen Fun

***Adult/Child**

Create snowfloam that Elsa would love! Free Anna from the ice, roll with the trolls and ice skate like Olaf. Make the Marshmallow Snow Monster and then eat him for a snack. And how about a snowball fight to wrap up the wild and wacky winter fun? Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143023-F1	1/15	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$15/$20 after January 8
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Be My Valentine!

***Adult/Child**

We would LOVE for you to join us for our annual Valentine's Day party! Create a fun Valentine craft, play a Cupid game and try the Cupid Shuffle. You'll even decorate your own Valentine cupcake! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: February 5. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
143104-F1	2/12	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/$15/$20 after February 5
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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Magical Movement & Music

***Adult/Child**

Movement improves focus, strength, memory, coordination and rhythm. Join activities that involve running, jumping, rolling, throwing and moving! Learn simple games and songs that include counting, colors and shapes. Your child will also learn about playing with others and maybe even make a new friend! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: January 19. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143309-M1	1/25-2/8	M	9:30-10:15 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/$21/$26 after January 19
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Preschool Art & Activity

***Adult Child**

Break out your inner artist and create a take-home masterpiece! Then join us for a scavenger hunt, games and challenges based on Dr. Seuss or Toy Story characters. Choose your favorite or try them both for more fun. Ages 2-5. Registration deadlines: January 27 and February 17. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Toy Story Hoedown			
143048-W2	2/3	W	10:30-11:15 am
Cat in the Hat Chaos			
143048-W3	2/24	W	10:30-11:15 am

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

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Just for Kids

Clay Play



Passion for Pottery

Four steps are required to make pottery: preparing the clay, shaping the clay, decorating and glazing the project, then firing or baking for a finished appearance. You'll complete these four steps using both hand building techniques and a potter's wheel to shape your clay. When the class is over, you will have a passion for pottery and unique earthenware pieces to take home with you. Ages 8-14. Instructor: Alli McDaniel. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 4. Max. 6. Note: There will be no class on January 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143201-S1	1/9-2/13	Sa	9-11am

Sessions/Fee: 5/$98/$103 after January 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Fancy Footwork

Hip Hop Dance

Hip Hop is one of the most popular forms of dance today. The content and language used in the lyrics found in the songs used at Starz Dance Academy is closely monitored. Age appropriate words, content and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN! Shoes are required. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 3. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143306-M1	1/11-3/1	M	4-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 4
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest

Beautiful Ballet

Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. Each session includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific techniques, and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Soft ballet shoes, jazz shoes, hip-hop shoes, or tennis shoes are required. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 3. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143304-W3	1/13-3/3	W	4:30-5 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 6
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest



Classes fill quickly! Register early!



Gymnastics

You don't need Olympic dreams to enjoy the benefits of gymnastics! This introductory class focuses on fun, fitness, and building confidence through movement. Participants will learn basic skills such as front and back rolls, handstands, walkovers, and cartwheels—along with beginner techniques on the balance beam, uneven bars, and trampoline. For safety and skill development, children will be grouped by ability level. Please include your child's age on the registration form. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 3. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 5-8			
143302-F1	1/15-3/5	F	4:30-5:15 pm
143302-F2	1/15-3/5	F	5-5:45 pm
143302-F3	1/15-3/5	F	5:45-6:30 pm
143302-F4	1/15-3/5	F	6:30-7:15 pm
Ages 8-12			
143302-F6	1/15-3/5	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 8
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest

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Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 17:

- Must present most recent tax return to check income eligibility
- If eligible, scholarship will be $50 or $100, based on income qualification
- Scholarshiop is a credit per individual child that can be used for FWPR youth programs or day camps
- Credits expire at end of calendar year

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

Gymnastics for the Guys

Gymnastics is perfect for high-energy fun and skill-building. Designed specifically for boys, this class focuses on strength, coordination, agility, and confidence. From tumbling to trampoline, parallel bars to pommel skills, students will learn fundamentals in a supportive and encouraging environment—no experience needed! Whether your child dreams of competition or just wants to get moving, gymnastics is a powerful way to build athleticism and character. Let's channel that energy into something awesome—sign up today! For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. Registration deadline: January 8. Min. 3. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
143303-F1	1/15-3/5	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$75/$80 after January 8
Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest

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Register online at fortwayneparks.org

McMillen Park Center

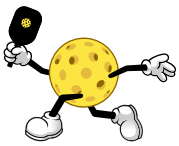
McMillen Park Community Center

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

Public Hours
M-Th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Hours subject to change based on facility rental.

Admission
$1, Photo I.D. required

Adult Programs ($1/photo ID required)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 am-2 pm Pickleball Open Fitness **5:30-6:30 pm** Essential Steps **6-8 pm** Adult Open Gym/Volleyball **6:30-7:30 pm** Cardio Fit	**9 am-2 pm** Pickleball Open Fitness **6-8 pm** Adult Open Gym Volleyball Women's Open Basketball	**9 am-2 pm** Pickleball Open Fitness **6-8 pm** Essential Steps Adult Open Gym /Volleyball	**9 am-2 pm** Pickleball Open Fitness **6-9 pm** Men's Basketball League **6:30-7:30 pm** Cardio Fit	**9 am-2 pm** Pickleball Open Fitness 

Sports & Fitness

Essential Steps

Monday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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

Cardio Fit

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

Fun, aerobic fitness for all levels! Drop-in fee: $1. Photo ID required.

Men's Adult Basketball League

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

Begins February 18, and runs for 12 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team.

Cost: $500/team

Men's 40+ Basketball League

Sundays, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Begins February 21, and runs for 12 weeks followed by single elimination tournament. Stop at the information desk or call to register your team.

Cost: $500/team

Open Volleyball

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Drop in for volleyball fun. Adults 18+. Drop-in fee: $1. Photo ID required.

Pickleball Open Courts

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

Come play the fastest growing sport in America on our indoor pickleball courts. Drop-in fee: $1. Photo ID required.

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McMillen Park Community Center

We Rent for Your Event!

The McMillen Park Community Center has a variety of room sizes depending on the needs of your group. Alcohol is permitted at the Center. Please contact Percinta Hunter, Program Coordinator at (260) 427-2420 for additional information.

Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • When FWCS Closes 9:00-5:00
Children and teens ages 5-17 Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

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

Youth Open Gym

Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Open gym for elementary and middle school youth. Youth registered in the After School Program are admitted FREE. All others $1.

Kids' Korner

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The Kids' Korner indoor playground is not supervised by staff. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Kids' Korner is not available when FWCS is closed.

Kids' Café

Monday- Friday, 4:30-5:00 p.m.
A nutritious meal is served every day for youth in the After School program.

Lil' Ballers

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Feb 17-March 24
Boys and girls ages 4-7 learn basketball fundamentals. Call 427-2420 to sign up.





Kids' Korner

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

Safe Haven Teen Basketball/Game Night

Friday, January 8 and February 19
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Come and enjoy e-sports, games, basketball, music, snacks and more. Ages 13-17. Admission $1



Be cool and join us after school!

Youth Centers

FREE

Youth After-School Program

Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 • Friday 3:00-6:00 • When FWCS Closed 12:00-5:00
Children and teens ages 5-17 Register online at fortwayneparks.org.

There will be no After School Program December 23-25, 31, January 1, 18 due to holidays.

Homework Help Character & Leadership Health & Life Skills STEM
Civic Enrichment Social & Emotional Learning Arts & Crafts
Sports & Fitness Snacks / Kids' Café Meal (5-5:30 pm)

Participants in the After-School Program are invited to join in the special programs below.

Jennings Recreation Center
1330 McCulloch St 427-6700

DrumFun: Afrikan Music Program
Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m., Sept-Nov
Call 427-6700 for additional information.

BiPOCA
Bi-weekly art program

Weisser Park Youth Center
802 Eckart St 427-6780

Family & Friends Night
Thursday, February 4, 5:30 p.m.

Goree Hung Ga Academy
Martial Arts program



Bus transportation to both youth centers is now available from select schools. Scan the QR code or call either center for more information.

Programs for Adults

Yoga
Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

Lunch and Games
Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
November 20, January 22, February 5, 19
Jennings Recreation Center, 1330 McCulloch St.

Bring your lunch and enjoy board games and guest speakers on topics such as healthy eating, benefits of exercise and more. Biweekly adult discussion group focuses on the Afrikan continuum in the African American experience.





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Jennings Recreation Center
Weisser Park Youth Center

Enjoy FREE, supervised FUN after school!

Special Events







Sponsored by INDIANA DONOR NETWORK and Home Instead

16th Annual Winterval 2027

Saturday, January 23

in Downtown Fort Wayne

A carnival of cold! The 16th Annual Winterval promises a full day of indoor and outdoor festivities for all ages in and around Downtown Fort Wayne. Watch artists channel their creativity through blocks of ice, shop for hand-crafted items, and enjoy special events and activities from many area partners!

For complete details and updates, visit fortwayneparks.org.

Winterval Hike and Bonfire

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

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

Winterval at the Conservatory

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Live Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Winterval at the Botanical Conservatory in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Parks Department. Begin outside with an ice carving found near the Jefferson Boulevard entrance, then warm up inside with a visit to Café Flora and the Conservatory Shop. Continue your adventure with paid admission to the indoor gardens, including the "Botanical Builders" showcase exhibit! Here, you and your crew can bring your designs to life as you build a themed craft and pot up a complimentary plant to take home.

Winter WonderLab

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Science Central, 1950 N. Clinton St.

Experience Winter WonderLab with Winterval twist! With penguins as the inspiration, learn about animals and their adaptations to the cold weather. Regular admission fees apply.

Nouvelle Annee

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
The Old Fort, 1201 Spy Run Ave.

The Old Fort will be bustling with French soldiers, settlers, voyageurs, and their Native Allies. Come experience a day in the life of the early inhabitants of Fort Wayne during the harsh winter months. See full description on page 53.

Headwaters Park Ice Skating and Exhibitions

12:00-9:00 p.m.
Headwaters Park East, 333 S. Clinton St.

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

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Winter Carnival

12:00-3:00 pm
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beat the winter blahs by bringing the whole family out for snow crafts and activities, carriage rides and a miniature golf course sculpted from ice. Be sure to bring the kids to our Candy Luge to satisfy your sweet tooth! And the best part? It's all FREE! Sponsored by Indiana Donor Network.

Warm Heart Market

12:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Come in from the cold and explore the local creativity on display at the Warm Heart Market. Shop a wide selection of unique, handcrafted goods such as local art, clothing and accessories, jewelry, home decor, personal care products, paper goods, toys and specialty food items. (Vendor space is still available. Contact 427-6441 or Joshua.Ogle@cityoffortwayne.org.)

Winterval at the Library

12:00-3:00 p.m.
Live Ice Carving at 12:00 p.m.
Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza

Stop by the Library's main branch to warm up and do a free, Winterval-inspired craft (while supplies last). Watch the live ice carving on the plaza beginning at noon. Free event.

AND MORE!

Giveaways, local art, and more to be announced SOON!

The Sport of Curling

1:00-4:00 p.m.
Fort Wayne Curling Club, 3837 N. Wells St.

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

Heartland Mushers

1:00-4:00 p.m.
Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton

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

Winter Cozy

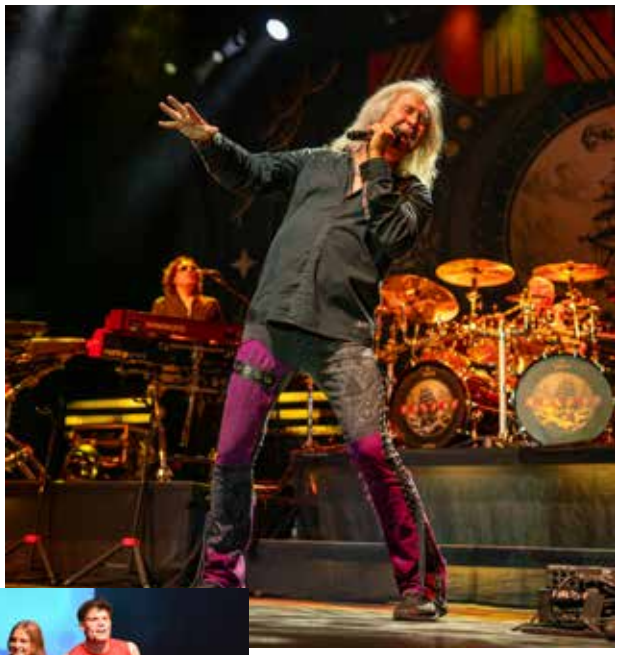
3:00-8:00 p.m.
Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Winter Cozy is back again this year featuring a timeless blend of warm and cool elements for the whole family to enjoy including an ice carving contest, cozy firepits, fire dance performances and live music. Warm up inside the Park Foundation Pavilion with hot chocolate or grab a s'mores kit to make your own sweet treat over the open fire! This event is open to all ages and is FREE to attend. Food and beverages are available for purchase while supplies last.



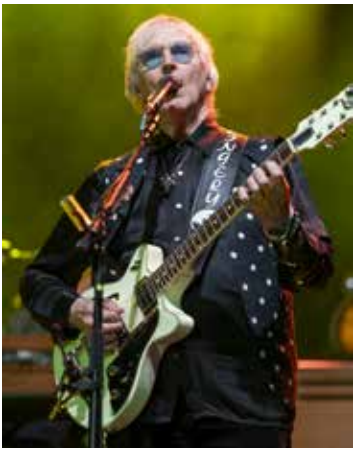
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Trips & Travel

Yellowstone, Grand Tetons & Mount Rushmore

June 9-18, 2027

Experience the legendary landscapes, soaring mountains, and iconic treasures of the American West on this unforgettable 10-day journey through Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah. Discover breathtaking scenery, rich frontier history, and unforgettable wildlife experiences that capture the spirit of the Old West.

Begin in Denver before traveling to Mount Rushmore, the Black Hills, and the world's largest statue museum. Explore Custer State Park by open-air Jeep in search of bison, visit the Crazy Horse Memorial, step back in time in Deadwood, and marvel at Devils Tower National Monument.

Journey through the Bighorn Mountains to Cody, home of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, then spend two nights exploring the natural wonders of Yellowstone National Park, including the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, bubbling mud pots, steam vents, and Old Faithful.

Continue to Grand Teton National Park for spectacular mountain and lake views, followed by a memorable evening of Western entertainment at the Bar T 5 Covered Wagon Cookout. Enjoy a scenic Snake River float trip, explore the lively town of Jackson Hole, and conclude in Salt Lake City with a visit to Temple Square and a farewell dinner.

With 15 included meals, immersive sightseeing, exceptional wildlife viewing, and FREE roundtrip airfare from Fort Wayne, this comprehensive adventure showcases the beauty, history, and spirit of America's legendary West.

FREE AIRFARE

10 days, 15 meals

$4,999/person Single supplement add $1,999

Optional Travel Protection: $399 per person





The Best of the Dakotas

July 10-18, 2027

Discover the rugged landscapes, frontier history, and iconic landmarks of South Dakota and North Dakota on this immersive nine-day journey through the Northern Plains.

Begin in Sioux Falls with a city tour featuring Falls Park, followed by a visit to McCrossan Boys Ranch. Travel west to Badlands National Park and the legendary Wall Drug before exploring Rapid City, Mount Rushmore, and the Crazy Horse Memorial.

Experience the wildlife and scenery of Custer State Park on an open-air Jeep tour, visit the Journey Museum, and ride the historic 1880 Train through the Black Hills. Step into the Old West in Deadwood, including a visit to Mount Moriah Cemetery, final resting place of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane.

Continue into North Dakota to explore Theodore Roosevelt National Park, home to bison, elk, wild horses, and spectacular scenery. Visit the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, enjoy a Pitchfork Steak Fondue, and experience the celebrated Medora Musical.

Discover dinosaur history at the Badlands Dinosaur Museum, travel along the whimsical Enchanted Highway, and explore the North Dakota State Capitol and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. Conclude with a scenic Missouri River cruise aboard the Lewis & Clark vessel.

With 16 included meals, expert guides, immersive attractions, and roundtrip airfare from Fort Wayne, this journey captures the landscapes, legends, culture, and enduring spirit of the Dakotas.

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9 days, 16 meals

$4,299/person Single supplement add: $1,599

Optional Travel Protection: $349/person



Iceland – Land of Fire and Ice

July 21–27, 2027

Journey to a land where nature still writes the rules. On this 7-day adventure through Iceland, you'll explore a world shaped by fire and sculpted by ice—where volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, and waterfalls create one of the most dramatic landscapes on earth.

Venture along the storied South Shore, where you'll encounter thundering waterfalls like Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss, stroll blacksand beaches near Vik, and learn about the country's rich cultural heritage at the Skogar Folk Museum. Explore the volcanic terrain of the Reykjanes Peninsula and immerse yourself in the warm, mineral rich waters of the worldfamous Blue Lagoon—an unforgettable experience surrounded by otherworldly lava landscapes. A visit to Reykjavik, Iceland's welcoming capital, features a guided city tour highlighting its historic old town, modern architecture, and iconic Hallgrímskirkja Church. Then take flight—virtually—during the thrilling Fly-Over Iceland experience, soaring above glaciers, geysers, and sweeping coastlines. Your journey continues along the Golden Circle, where you'll stand at the tectonic divide in Thingvellir National Park, witness the geothermal power of Geysir and Strokkur, admire the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall, and meet Iceland's beloved horses at a local family farm. You'll return home with breathtaking memories of this remarkable land of fire, ice, and endless natural wonder. With an exclusive $500 airfare discount, now is the perfect time to experience this extraordinary destination.

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7 days, 7 meals

Limited time $500 Airfare Discount

$4,299/ person Single supplement: add $1,870

Optional Travel Protection: $499/person

Mystical Peru

September 28-October 6, 2027

Experience the history, culture, and spectacular landscapes of Peru on this unforgettable 9-day trek through the Andes, featuring an exceptional 2-for-1 airfare offer.

Begin in Lima before flying to the Sacred Valley, where you'll visit an Andean textile center, explore the colorful Pisac Market, and experience local traditions, food, and hospitality in the mountain community of Misminay.

Travel by scenic rail through the Andes to Aguas Calientes, the gateway to Machu Picchu. Explore the legendary "Lost City of the Incas" with an expert guide and discover the history, engineering, and mysteries of this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage site.

Continue to Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire. Explore its historic plazas, colonial architecture, and ancient temples, visit the impressive Sacsayhuaman ruins, and enjoy a festive dinner with entertainment.

Fly to Puno on the shores of Lake Titicaca, where you'll visit the remarkable pre-Incan Sillustani Tombs. Cruise across the lake to Taquile Island and the floating Uros Islands to meet local communities and discover their distinctive textiles, traditions, and reed-built way of life.

This journey brings together the iconic landmarks, ancient civilizations, living traditions, and breathtaking Andean scenery that make up mystical Peru.

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9 days, 16 meals

Limited Time 2-for-1 Airfare

$5,449/person Single supplement add $2,675

Optional Travel Protection: $449/person



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



Best of Ireland

August 18 - 30, 2027

Explore the beauty of Ireland and Northern Ireland on this unforgettable 13-day journey through lively cities, ancient castles, dramatic coastlines, and breathtaking landscapes. From Dublin's rich traditions to the wild beauty of Connemara and the legendary Atlantic coast, discover the history, culture, and spirit of the Emerald Isle.

Begin in Dublin, exploring its Georgian squares, River Liffey, O'Connell Street, and St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by a visit to the famous Guinness Storehouse and its Gravity Bar. Visit Malahide Castle and gardens before enjoying an authentic Irish dinner with music, dance, and storytelling.

Travel to Killarney, stopping at Blarney Castle to kiss the famed Blarney Stone. Discover Killarney National Park by traditional Jaunting Cart and experience the spectacular scenery of the Ring of Kerry. Continue to Galway with stops in charming Adare, Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, and the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic.

Sail through the peaceful waters of Killary Fjord and explore Kylemore Abbey amid the rugged beauty of Connemara. Journey north through Sligo and Donegal, with a unique working-farm demonstration featuring Atlantic Sheepdogs, before exploring the historic streets of Derry.

Follow Northern Ireland's dramatic coastline to the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its remarkable basalt formations. In Belfast, discover the city on a panoramic tour and visit Titanic Belfast, an immersive experience telling the story of the world's most famous ship.

Return to Dublin for a farewell dinner at elegant Dunboyne Castle. This comprehensive journey showcases the history, legends, landmarks, and lively spirit of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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13 days, 16 meals

$7,099/person Single supplement add $2,949

Optional Travelers Protection: $449/person

Rails, Sails & Redwoods of the Sierra Nevada

August 14-22, 2027

Experience the majesty of Northern California and Nevada on this scenic 9-day adventure featuring iconic cities, towering redwoods, mountain lakes, historic railways, and vibrant Western heritage. From San Francisco and the Pacific Coast to Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, and Virginia City, this journey blends spectacular scenery with memorable cultural experiences.

Begin in San Francisco with a guided tour of Golden Gate Park, Union Square, Chinatown, Twin Peaks, and Lombard Street, followed by a narrated San Francisco Bay cruise featuring views of Alcatraz, the Presidio, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Travel the Pacific Coast to Santa Cruz, where the Roaring Camp Forest Train winds through the towering redwoods of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. Continue into the Sierra Nevada aboard the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, then explore Mariposa Grove, home to ancient giant sequoias. In Yosemite National Park, discover the spectacular Valley Floor, including El Capitan, Yosemite Falls, granite domes, and lush meadows.

In Sacramento, visit the California State Capitol and State Railroad Museum, followed by wine tasting at Grindstone Winery in the Dunnigan Hills. Cross into Nevada for a scenic cruise on Lake Tahoe aboard the MS Dixie II, with views of alpine peaks, coves, and lakeside estates. Visit the Nevada State Railroad Museum before continuing to Reno.

Step back in time in Virginia City, the legendary silver-rush town, with a narrated trolley tour and visit to The Way It Was Museum. In Reno, explore the National Automobile Museum, home to an impressive collection of rare and historic vehicles, and enjoy a festive Basque dinner. Return home with lasting memories of the natural beauty, history, and enduring Western spirit of Northern California and Nevada.

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9 days, 13 meals

$4,749/person Single Supplement add $1,699



Community Center



The Community Center

233 W. Main St. Open daily, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Community Center first opened its doors to the Fort Wayne Community almost 50 years ago as a senior citizens center catering exclusively to adults over 50. Today the Community Center is host to an ever-expanding roster of programs for people of all ages. In addition to organized programs, the Center offers many amenities for public use and is also available for private rental. The Center is fully accessible to those with disabilities and is conveniently located downtown with parking off Berry Street.

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Amenities

Computer Lab Billiard Room AARP FitLot
Shuffleboard Courts Raised Garden Beds
Exercise Equipment Sensory Room

2027 is the year! The Community Center celebrates 50!

Watch for special programs, activities and giveaways throughout the year and plan to join the week long celebration during Active Aging Week, October 4-8, when special themed activities are planned for each day. Watch for details in each 2027 Fun Times brochure.

Get your 50th Anniversary T-Shirt

Official 50th Anniversary t-shirts will be available for purchase at the Community Center in mid-December. Pre-ordering at the Center by December 1 will ensure you get the size you want.



The Community Center will be CLOSED
November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving
December 24-January 3, Holidays
January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Happy 50th, Community Center!

Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

Fraud-Proof Your Finances

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Financial scams are becoming more convincing, but knowing the warning signs can help you stay protected. Learn how to recognize common phone, text, email and online scams, protect your personal information and respond quickly if fraud or identity theft occurs. You'll leave with practical steps and trusted resources to help safeguard your accounts, identity and finances. Call 427-6460 by January 6 to sign up for this free seminar.

Credit & Debt Decoded

Monday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Take the confusion out of credit and debt! Learn what goes into a credit score, how different types of debt can affect your financial health and practical strategies for managing balances and making progress toward your goals. You'll also explore credit reports, payment history, debt consolidation and common mistakes that can make borrowing more expensive. Call 427-6460 by February 15 to sign up for this free seminar.

Financial Aid 101: Understanding the Process

Thursday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Financial aid can be confusing when you don't know where to begin or what happens after your first year of college. Join INvestEd Indiana for a beginner-friendly look at the financial aid process, from understanding the different types of aid available to knowing the steps needed to apply and continue receiving assistance in future years. Designed for high school seniors and their parents or guardians as well as current college students, this seminar will help take some of the mystery out of paying for college and point you toward reliable resources when you need help. Bring your questions! Call 427-6460 by December 3 to sign up for this free seminar.

Watch your mailbox for the Spring Fun Times on February 3.

Make Social Media Work for Your Business

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Running a small or home-based business and struggling to get your social media in front of the right people? You may just need to post more strategically. Learn how social media algorithms respond to engagement and how to build organic reach without paying for ads. Discover practical ways to create posts that encourage conversation, turn everyday business activities into engaging content and build relationships with potential customers. You'll leave with strategies you can put to work right away to help your business get noticed and grow its online community. Call 427-6460 by January 6 to sign up for this free seminar.

Ace That Job Interview

Thursday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Walk into your next interview prepared to make a great impression! Learn how to confidently navigate in-person, virtual and panel interviews while presenting your skills and experience effectively. Explore how to break down a job description, research potential employers, choose appropriate interview attire and prepare for common questions using the STAR method. This method helps you organize your answers by describing the Situation, Task, Action and Result. You'll leave with practical tools to communicate clearly, highlight your strengths and approach your next interview with confidence. Call 427-6460 by February 4 to sign up for this free seminar.

First-Time Homebuyer

Thursday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Thinking about buying your first home? Get a practical overview of the homebuying process and learn what to expect along the way. This seminar will cover income qualifications, mortgage basics, down payment assistance programs and other factors that can help make homeownership possible. You will receive helpful checklists for preparing to meet with a mortgage professional and tips for building a trusted team to guide you through the process. Presented by Dawn Cook. Call 427-6460 by January 14 to sign up for this free seminar.

Chaos to Comfort: Downsizing Made Easy

Monday, January 4, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Downsizing is about more than deciding what stays and what goes. Simplifying your own home or helping a loved one prepare for a move can bring both practical and emotional challenges. Join Kurt Ness for helpful strategies to make downsizing more manageable, including where to start, common pitfalls to avoid and ways to create a plan that fits your situation. Bring your questions and leave with a clearer path forward. This seminar is free and is available virtually upon request. Call 427-6460 by December 28 to sign up.

Tips for a Better Night's Rest

Tuesday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

A good night's sleep can make a big difference in how you feel throughout the day. Join Aging & In-Home Services to learn practical strategies for improving your sleep habits and creating a routine that supports better rest. Explore common factors that can interfere with sleep, simple changes that may help and ways to set yourself up for a more restful night. Come ready to learn tips you can put into practice right away. Call 427-6460 by December 8 to sign up for this free seminar.

Shopping Smartly

Tuesday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Make your money go further by becoming a more confident and informed shopper. Learn practical strategies for comparing prices, evaluating product quality and recognizing when a deal is really a deal. We'll also explore ways to avoid impulse purchases and make thoughtful buying decisions that fit your needs and budget. Take home smart shopping habits you can use at the grocery store, online and everywhere in between. Call 427-6460 by December 1 to sign up for this free seminar.

Growing Herbs in Your Home

Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Fresh herbs can add big flavor to everyday meals and you don't need a garden to grow your own! Learn the basics of growing herbs indoors, including choosing the right herbs, providing proper light and water and keeping plants healthy and productive. You'll also pick up practical tips for harvesting and using your homegrown herbs. Perfect for beginners or anyone looking to bring a little flavor into their home. Presented by Master Gardener Pam Snyder. Call 427-6460 by November 24 to sign up for this FREE seminar.

Aging & In-Home Services Overview

Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Discover the many programs and services available through Aging & In-Home Services (AIHS) that can help older adults maintain independence and improve quality of life. This informative seminar will explore resources such as home-delivered meals, family caregiver support, Medicare and Medicaid counseling and other assistance programs. Participants will learn how to access available services and enroll in programs that fit their needs. A SHIP counselor will also provide information about Medicare options, Medicaid assistance and the Extra Help program. In addition, representatives from the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) will discuss how to recognize, prevent and report Medicare fraud, errors and abuse. Call 427-6460 by February 2 to sign up for this free seminar.

Elder Law Basics

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Not sure where to begin with planning for the future? Elder Law Basics provides a helpful overview of estate planning, advance directives, probate, trusts, asset preservation and long-term care planning. Learn how these important topics work together and what steps you may want to consider as you plan for yourself or a loved one. Call 427-6460 by January 6 to sign up for this free seminar.



Medicare & Medigap Supplements

Wednesday, January 20, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Understanding Medicare can feel overwhelming, but having the right information can help you make confident decisions about your health coverage. This seminar will provide an overview of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, including how they work together and the role of Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) Insurance. Learn about coverage options, potential out-of-pocket costs and resources available to help you navigate the Medicare enrollment and decision-making process. Presented by Ray Hunert. Call 427-6460 to register by January 13 or February 10.

Be Prepared: CPR & First Aid Basics

Tuesday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Would you know what to do if someone needed help before emergency responders arrived? Build the knowledge and confidence to respond to common emergencies at home or out in the community. This practical training covers CPR and First Aid basics, the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest, choking relief for all ages and important modifications for assisting individuals who are pregnant, disabled or overweight. The focus is on giving everyday people useful skills to feel more prepared when an emergency happens. This is an educational, hands-on training and does not provide CPR or First Aid certification. Presented by Maurita Saunders. Call 427-6460 by January 5 to sign up for this free seminar.

Hear Well, Think Well: Hearing & Brain Health

Tuesday, January 19, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Did you know that hearing health and brain health may be more connected than you think? This seminar provides an informative look at the relationship between hearing loss and cognitive health and learn how better hearing may support overall well-being as we age. The presentation will be followed by an interactive Q & A, giving you an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about protecting your hearing and supporting a healthy brain. Call 427-6460 by January 12 to sign up for this free seminar.

Advance Care Planning

Tuesday, January 12, 11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Planning ahead for future medical decisions can provide peace of mind for both you and your loved ones. Local healthcare professionals lead an informative discussion about advance care planning and the process of considering and communicating your healthcare wishes in the event you are unable to speak for yourself. Learn about the importance of these conversations, how to document your preferences and how to choose someone to make decisions on your behalf if needed. Participants are encouraged to bring the person they would like involved in these discussions, but it is not required. Call 427-6460 by January 5 to sign up for this free seminar.

Questions? 427-6460



Which Is It: Dementia, Alzheimer's or Normal Aging?

Tuesday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Forgetfulness and other changes can be a normal part of getting older, but when should they be a cause for concern? Learn the differences between normal age-related changes, dementia and Alzheimer's disease including common signs to watch for and when it may be time to seek additional guidance. This informative seminar will help participants better understand changes in memory and thinking while clearing up common misconceptions about dementia and Alzheimer's. Presented by Aging & In-Home Services. This seminar is free, but registration is required by January 26. Call 427-6460 to register.

What Does the Coroner Do?

Tuesday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

What happens when someone passes away at home, in a nursing facility or under hospice care? Staff from the Allen County Coroner's Office will explain what families can expect, what information officials may need and the rights and responsibilities of next of kin. This seminar offers practical information to help individuals and families better understand the process and prepare for the future. Call 427-6460 by December 29 to sign up for this free seminar.

Funeral/Cemetery Preplanning

Monday, January 25, 1:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Planning ahead can provide peace of mind for you and your loved ones. Sarah (Schwehn) McMillen has more than 30 years of experience in the funeral home and cemetery industry. During this informative discussion, she will explain preplanning options, key decisions to consider and helpful resources. Gain the information you need to make confident choices for the future. Special information for veterans will also be included. Call 427-6460 by January 19 to sign up for this free seminar.

Special Interest

Song & Dance



Beginning Ballroom Dance

Learning to dance with a partner is fun, challenging and good exercise for the mind and body. Classes will focus on a variety of dances like swing, foxtrot, waltz and rumba as well as give you a solid base for social dancing. You must register with a partner. There will be no class on January 18. Ages 16+. Instructor provided by Fred Astaire Dance Studios. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 14. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142203-M1	1/11-2/22	M	7-7:45 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$44/$49 after January 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness

Get moving and have fun on the dance floor in this welcoming class for both beginners and experienced dancers. Learn basic line dance steps and terminology while dancing to a variety of music styles, including pop, classic rock, country, Latin and funk. You'll also explore ballroom-inspired favorites such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba and cha-cha, all taught in an easy-to-follow line dance format. No partner is needed, making this a great way to stay active, learn skills and enjoy music and movement. Ages 13+. Instructors: Johnnie Parish (T) and Pam & Eagle Lindsey (Th). Registration deadlines: December 29 and 30. Min. 12. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142204-T1	1/5-2/23	T	7-8 pm
142204-R1	1/7-2/25	Th	7:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$47/$52 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Adult Tap Dance

Put some rhythm in your step! Join our tap dance class and discover the fun of making music with your feet. The Beginner Plus class will cover basic tap techniques at a slightly quicker pace. This is for you if you've had some tap experience and are looking for a refresher. The Intermediate class is for students with 2+ years of tap experience and will be taught at a faster pace while focusing on speed, clarity of sound and rhythmic variety. Both classes will feature warm-ups, technique exercises and full tap routines. Wear fitness wear or lightweight leisure clothes and tap shoes. Ages 16+. Instructor: Jordan Yarde. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginner Plus			
142205-W2	1/13-3/3	W	6-6:45 pm
Intermediate			
142205-W3	1/13-3/3	W	7-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$34/$39 after January 6
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Clogging

Get your feet moving with this energetic and fun form of dance! Similar to tap dancing, clogging features rhythmic footwork with fast-paced, flat-footed steps that create lively sounds and patterns. It's a great way to stay active while enjoying music and movement. Continuing Clogging is designed for participants with a basic understanding of clogging terminology, steps and combinations. Advanced students should have at least three years of clogging experience and be comfortable following clogging cues, combinations and choreography. Note: There will be no class on January 18. Ages 13+. Instructor: Elizabeth Hoy. Registration deadlines: January 4 and January 5. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Continuing			
142200-M2	1/11-3/22	M	6:15-7 pm
Advanced			
142200-T3	1/12-3/16	T	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$54/$59 after deadlines
Location: Hefner Pavilion, 1908 St. Mary's Blvd.

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Register online at www.fortwayneparks.org



Folk Dance

Have an international affair . . . with folk dance! Explore traditional folk dances from the Balkans, Israel, Germany, Bolivia, Turkey and beyond. Folk dancing offers a fun way to stay active while engaging both the mind and body through music, movement and cultural traditions. No partner is required. While some dance experience such as tap, contra or line dancing may be helpful, it is not necessary. Please wear flat, secure shoes. Ages 13+. Instructor: Anna Nagle. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 4. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142202-R1	1/7-2/25	Th	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$28/$33 after December 30
Location: Psi Ote Upper Pavilion, 2510 Parnell Ave.

Beginning Guitar

You've finally reached the point where just listening to your favorite songs is no longer enough. Now it's time to start playing those songs with your own two hands on a real guitar! Start right here! Learn proper playing posture, left- and right-hand placement/technique, notes, chords and strumming patterns. Our lessons also cover fundamental music theory, guitar tablature and standard staff notation. These are individual lessons with only four appointment times available, so don't put it off! Sign up today. Instructor: Frank Acosta. Ages 14+. Registration deadline: December 29. Min. 4. Max. 4.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142411-T1	1/5-1/26	T	6 pm
142411-T2	1/5-1/26	T	6:30 pm
142411-T3	1/5-1/26	T	7 pm
142411-T4	1/5-1/26	T	7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/$74/$79 after December 29
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Pictures and Stories

The Art of Better Photography

Take better photos with the camera you already use! This beginner-friendly class focuses on the core skills that make a strong photograph, including composition, lighting, focus, camera settings and working with your subject. The instruction applies across devices, allowing you to build confidence using a DSLR, mirrorless camera or smartphone. Through approachable instruction and hands-on practice, you'll learn how to make more intentional choices and capture images you'll be proud to share. Instructor Lesa Van Meter has over 25 years of professional photography and teaching experience. Please bring the camera or smartphone you plan to use along with its manual, if available. Note: There will be no class on December 22 and 29. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: November 24. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
124116-T1	12/8-1/26	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$149/$154 after November 24
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Tell Your Story: Creative Writing

Everyone has a story to tell! Discover how to tell yours in this creative writing class designed for new and developing writers. Through a combination of classroom-style instruction, writing exercises and roundtable workshop time, you'll explore storytelling techniques, develop your voice and put your ideas on the page. Write for yourself, share with the group or work toward something more. Participants interested in publication will also receive guidance on submitting short stories developed during the class to publishers. Instructor: Mike Johnson, a published writer with 24 years of experience teaching. No previous writing experience is required. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: December 29. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142904-T1	1/5-2/23	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$55/$60 after December 29
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Community Center Rental

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



Knitting for Beginners

Learn to knit and start a hobby that can last a lifetime. You will learn how to cast on, knit, purl and bind off while gaining an understanding of gauge, measuring and why proper sizing matters in knitting projects. As you build your skills, you'll create a practical dishcloth using a pattern provided by the instructor. Please bring a pair of size 7 knitting needles and one skein of 100% cotton yarn. Sugar'n Cream or Lion Brand cotton yarn is recommended. Instructor: Vickie Longardener. Registration deadline: January 7. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142033-R1	1/14-3/4	Th	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$36/$41 after January 7
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Recovery

Give your favorite chair a fresh new look and learn the art of upholstery along the way! Bring a chair (no recliners, sofas or loveseats) to the first class with the existing fabric intact, if possible. You'll determine material needs, discuss fabric selection and learn skills such as basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion construction and furniture styles. Most participants are able to complete their chair during the 10-week session. No experience is necessary. Learn from an instructor with more than 11 years of professional upholstery experience. There will be no class on 28 and January 18. Ages 18+. Instructor: Celeste Rosales. Registration deadline: December 7. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142902-M1	12/14-3/1	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$141/$146 after December 7
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Stained Glass Creations

Discover the beauty of stained glass in this hands-on beginner class. Learn essential glass-cutting, grinding and soldering techniques while creating your own stained-glass project. Choose from six introductory patterns suitable for sun catchers, wall hangings, decorative accents and more. All tools and basic materials are provided. If you would like a specific glass color that is not available in class, you may purchase additional glass from a local supplier at your own expense. Please wear closed-toe shoes and a long-sleeved shirt. Ages 16+. Instructor: James Lupkin. Registration deadline: December 29. Min. 5. Max. 7.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142009-T1	1/5-2/2	T	6-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/$163/$168 after December 29
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Pottery

A skill such as pottery allows you to express your creativity and produce something that you can use or display. It can also be therapeutic by relieving stress and improving dexterity and fine motor skills. So many benefits in such a fun hobby! In our beginning pottery class, you will learn how to prepare clay, work it by hand and on a pottery wheel and apply various glazing techniques. You will create several unique pieces to take home. All pottery will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for setup and cleanup and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Note: There will be no class January 18. Ages 13+. Instructor: Alan Woehnker. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142004-M1	1/11-2/22	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$150/$155 after January 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



I Love to Paint



Happy Little Landscapes

Step into the world of classic television landscape painting and create your own scenic masterpiece! This beginner-friendly acrylic painting class offers an approachable follow-along experience as you bring mountains, trees, skies and other natural elements to life on canvas. No experience is necessary. Just come ready to relax, have fun and get creative. All supplies are included and everyone will leave with a finished painting to display at home. Ages 10+. Instructor: Anna Eckelbarger Salas. Registration deadlines: November 25 and February 18. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142050-R1	12/3	Th	6:30-8:30 pm
142050-R2	2/25	Th	6:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$39/$44 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Watercolor Painting

Watercolor is a beautiful and rewarding medium that can be enjoyed by artists of all skill levels. Explore foundational techniques that build confidence and improve your painting skills, including color theory, layering, negative painting, wet-on-wet methods and more. Through guided practice and experimentation, you'll gain a better understanding of how watercolor behaves and how to create vibrant, expressive artwork. Each registration includes a liquid watercolor kit to keep. Ages 16+. Instructor: Anna Eckelbarger Salas. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 10. Max. 14.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142013-W1	1/13-2/17	W	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$86/$91 after January 6
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Discover Watercolor NEW!

Curious about watercolor but not sure where to start? Discover the basics in this relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop! Learn how to work with water and paint, practice essential techniques and put your new skills to use creating a finished painting to take home. Each date features a different project, so sign up for one or both! No experience or supplies needed. All materials provided. Ages 10+. Instructor: Anna Eckelbarger Salas. Registration deadlines: December 8 and January 5. Min. 8. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142022-T1	12/15	T	6-8 pm
142022-T2	1/12	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$21/$26 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Money Matters

The Budget Mixer ™

Your budget is about more than numbers. The Budget Mixer™ is about building a money mindset that supports what matters to you. Join an interactive group conversation exploring financial habits, goals and practical ways to make your money work for your life. You'll work through guided activities using a take-home workbook, with no need to share personal financial information with the group. Come ready to think differently about your money and leave with tools to keep the momentum going. Ages 18+. Instructor: TaMara West. Registration deadline: February 4. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
124915-R1	2/11	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$54/$59 after February 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Computer Lab

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

Lab Fee..... $2/hour
B/W Copies ..... 10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies ..... 15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints..... 35¢ for 4" x 6"
..... $1.50 for 8.5" x 11"

Inclement Weather Policy

Any program changes, facility closures or other weather related adjustments will be posted to the FWPRD social media pages, website and Fort Wayne Parks app on your phone. If the Mayor declares an emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled.

Do It Yourself



Be Your Own Barista NEW!

Skip the expensive coffee shop and become your own barista! Learn to make coffee-shop-worthy lattes at home without an espresso machine or fancy equipment. In this hands-on workshop, you'll make homemade coffee syrups, discover easy ways to brew a strong coffee base and learn how to create the perfect frothy finish. Put all you learn together as you enjoy the class's featured lattes. Each class features a different core latte and signature flavors, so sign up for one or try them both. All supplies are included. Ages 14+. Instructor: Anna Eckelbarger Salas. Registration deadlines: December 1 and February 2. Min. 6. Max. 8.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Holiday Latte			
142912-T1	12/8	T	6:30-8 pm
Cozy Drinks			
142912-T2	2/9	T	6:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$25/$30 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn to Grow Microgreens

As grocery costs and interest in fresh food continue to grow, more people are exploring simple ways to supplement what they buy at the store. Learn how to grow and harvest microgreens and sprouts at home while covering proper growing, care and handling practices. You'll choose a take-home kit for either microgreens or sprouts so you can begin growing right away. No gardening experience is needed. All supplies are included. Ages 14+. Instructor: Cheryl McGowan. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 10. Max. 18.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142913-R1	1/7	Th	6:30-8 pm

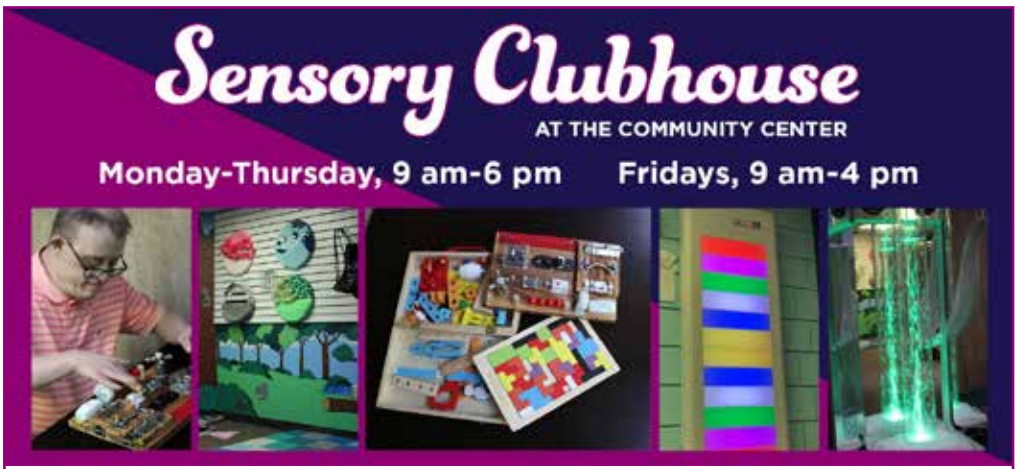
Sessions/Fee: 1/$53/$58 after December 30
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Crafting Elderberry Syrup

Explore the tradition and process of crafting elderberry syrup. Learn about elderberries, the ingredients used to make syrup and how herbs and spices can be added to create your own blend. You'll learn the process from preparation to storage, discover other ways elderberries can be used in the kitchen and receive everything you need to make your own elderberry syrup at home. This is a great introduction those curious about adding this traditional herbal preparation to their home kitchen. Ages 14+. Instructor: Kristie Betts. Registration deadline: December 3. Min. 8. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
142914-R1	12/10	Th	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$49/$54 after December 3
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



The Sensory Clubhouse was designed to help people feel calm, boost positive feelings, support emotional well-being, encourage social interaction, and improve focus – especially for those with dementia or on the autism spectrum. You are invited to explore textures, sounds, smells, weighted items and a sensory table. Other items available are audio books, fidgets and hands-on learning tools. Spending time in a sensory room can help ease stress and agitation, it may also support better visual, sound, and touch processing and boost overall awareness. Times may be reserved in ½ hour increments and must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling 427-6460. Drop-in fee: $2



Yoga

The practice of yoga has many benefits. While the physical practice helps increase flexibility, strength and balance, the mindful side of the practice helps release stress, stiffness and anxiety. Yoga connects you to your breath, body, mind and spirit. Come do something for yourself and your overall wellness. Classes are open to any skill level, as modifications are offered in all routines. Please dress comfortably and bring your yoga mat. Drop-ins are welcome ($15/class). Ages 16+. Instructor Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200-hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 10. Max. 30. Note: The Monday class on December 14 will meet at Hefner Pavilion located at 1908 St. Mary's Blvd. and there will be no classes held December 21-31 and January 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142300-M1	12/7-3/1	M	5:30-6:45 pm
142300-T1	12/8-2/23	T	4:30-5:45 pm
142300-R1	12/10-2/25	Th	6:00-7:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/$95/$100 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Mat Pilates NEW

Build strength, improve flexibility and move with confidence! Mat Pilates is a low-impact workout that focuses on core strength, balance, flexibility and helping your muscles work together for better everyday movement. Instructor Celeste Motherwell brings 25 years of Pilates teaching experience and a passion for helping people stay strong, flexible and active through every stage of life. Come move, strengthen and stretch, then leave feeling your best! Please dress comfortably and bring your mat. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 7. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142302-W1	1/6-2/24	W	4:30-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$69/$74 after December 30
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Aqua Dance

Make a splash with this high-energy aquatic fitness class! Enjoy a total-body workout that combines cardio, strength training and core exercises set to upbeat music. The resistance of the water helps increase the challenge while the warm pool environment is gentle on the joints. Fun, energetic and designed for all fitness levels. Aqua Dance feels more like a pool party than a workout! No class on January 18. Ages 13+. Instructors are provided by Corporate Health & Prevention. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 7. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
142314-M1	1/11-2/22	M	6:15-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$68/$73 after January 4
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

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Watch your mailbox for the Spring Fun Times on February 3.

Fun After Fifty

Fit & Fabulous at 50+

Senior Aqua Fit

Make a splash while building strength, mobility and endurance! Aqua Fit is a total-body workout that uses the natural resistance of the water along with a variety of buoyancy and resistance equipment. Move to rhythmic music through guided aerobic exercises designed to improve strength, balance, flexibility and overall fitness. Exercising in the water provides an effective, low-impact workout that is easier on the joints and may help reduce muscle soreness and swelling while improving range of motion. It can also be a great way to stay active while recovering from an injury. Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: December 30. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141209-W1	1/6-2/24	W	11:30 am-12:15

Sessions/Fee: 8/$65/$70 after December 30
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton St.

ABC Exercise: Activate, Boost & Challenge

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

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

Cardio Flex

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Looking for a more challenging workout? Cardio Flex is designed for active older adults who want to take their fitness to the next level. Led by an experienced instructor, each session features 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise aimed at reducing fat mass, lowering resting heart rate, and improving cholesterol levels. Prior participation is not required, but we recommend consulting your doctor before beginning any exercise program. Ages 50+. No pre-registration required. Drop-in fee: $2

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Cardio Boost NEW!

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

Ready to kick your workout up a notch? Cardio Boost builds on our long-standing Cardio Flex class with a slightly faster pace and added intensity. Designed for active older adults, this energetic workout features sustained cardiovascular exercise and full-body movement to build endurance, increase strength and get your heart pumping. If you are ready for an extra challenge, Cardio Boost is a great next step. Ages 50+. No pre-registration required. Drop-in fee: $2

Indoor Circuit Training

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Chair Groove NEW!

Wednesdays, 9-9:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This energetic chair-based class blends dance-inspired movement with low-impact exercise. Improve strength, coordination, balance, and cardiovascular fitness while enjoying easy-to-follow routines set to upbeat music. The class can be adapted to a variety of abilities, making it a great way to stay active, build confidence, and have fun with others. No experience required – just bring your energy and get ready to groove! Instructor Stacey Carlson is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist with extensive experience adapting activities and fitness programs to meet the needs of participants of varying abilities. Ages 50+. No pre-registration is required. Drop-in fee: $2

Senior Yoga

Regular exercise can slow down the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. Senior Yoga offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve their health. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Instructors: Paige Richie (T) and Beth Memmer (Th). Ages 50+. Registration deadlines: December 29 and December 31. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141200-T1	1/5-2/23	T	12-1 pm
141200-R1	1/7-2/25	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$47/$52 after deadlines
Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for a reduced rate of $74 (16 sessions)
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Yoga

Find your flow . . . without leaving your seat! Chair Yoga provides a gentle and supportive class designed for everybody, especially those with limited mobility, balance concerns, or who just prefer a seated practice. This low-impact session focuses on improving flexibility, strength, posture, and peace of mind — all from the comfort of a chair. No experience needed. Just come as you are and feel better when you leave. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 6. Max. 20. There will be no class on January 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141212-M1	1/11-2/22	M	9:45-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/$44/$49 after January 4
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Strong & Steady

NEW!

Stay active and keep moving! Two physical therapists lead this beginner-friendly chair stretching class focused on strength, balance, endurance and everyday mobility using seated or chair-supported standing exercises. This short, approachable class is a great way to add more movement to your routine while using a chair for support. Class will meet for six sessions on these dates: December 3, 17, January 7, 21, February 4, 18. Ages 50+. Instructors: Sasi and Peter Xavier. Registration deadline: November 25. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141214-R1	12/3-2/18	Th	5-5:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/$13/$18 after November 25
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Senior Line Dancing

Why should you join our Senior Line Dancing class? Here are 4 good reasons:

- Easy-to-follow steps designed for all skill levels
- Great low-impact exercise to improve balance, coordination, and flexibility
- Social atmosphere to connect with others and share laughter
- Energizing music from country to classic hits

Put on your shoes and come join the fun! Instructor: Johnnie Parish. Registration deadline: January 6. Min. 8. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141202-W1	1/13-3/3	W	3:30-4:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$51/$56 after January 6
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Senior Tap Dance

Shuffle, step and tap your way to better balance, coordination and joy! Senior Tap Dance is designed for beginners as well as experienced dancers who want to stay active, learn new rhythms, and have a toe-tapping good time in the process! It is great exercise and a great way to spend a Thursday afternoon. You'll learn dance techniques and performance skills. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard-soled shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Instructor: Cathy Huff. Registration deadline: December 31. Min. 6. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141210-R1	1/7-2/25	Th	2:45-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/$40/$45 after December 31
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats

The Alley Kats is a performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women ages 50 and over. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To participate or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 260-427-6441 or email Josh Ogle at Joshua.Ogle@cityoffortwayne.org.



Get in the Game!

Fun & Games

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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

Game	Days	Time
Billiards	M-F	8 am - 4:30 pm
Bingo	2nd/4th F	1-3 pm
Cornhole	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Cribbage	T	1-4 pm
Crochet	W	10 am-12 pm
Euchre	W	12-3pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am-4:30 pm
Hearts	M	1-4 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Mahjong	Th	1-3 pm
Scrabble	M	1-4 pm

Community Cornhole League

Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m.
Session 1: January 5-February 9
Session 2: February 23-March 30
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Toss your cares away and join us for six weeks of friendly cornhole competition! Men and women, beginners and seasoned players are all welcome. Games use the cancellation scoring method, and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers at the end of the league. Participants must be able to play at least 4 of the 6 weeks. Ages 50+. Call 427-6441 to sign up. Drop-in fee: $2. Min. 6.

Wii Bowling League

Fridays, January 8-February 12, 12:00 p.m.
Fridays, February 26-April 2, 12:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well! Join us for fun and friendly competition at the Community Center! Call 427-6460 to sign up. Drop in fee: $2. Max. 16.

2027 Senior Games

Begin Monday, June 7, 2027

Save the date! More than 500 active older adults joined us for the 2026 Senior Games, and we're already gearing up for another exciting year. Mark your calendars and start "training" now for the 2027 Senior Games—filled with friendly competition, fun, and community spirit. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be added to the mailing list.

Bingo

2nd and 4th Friday, 1:00 p.m.
December 11, January 8, 22, February 12, 26
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for an exciting and fun-filled afternoon of Bingo! Win prizes, such as delicious snacks, essential canned goods, and a variety of useful miscellaneous household items. Please note that due to our holiday closure on December 25, there will only be one Bingo session held this December. Ages 50+. Fee: 3 cards/$2. Sponsored by American Senior Communities.

Learn to Play Mahjong

Curious about the tiles, the strategy and the fun behind American Mahjong? Join us for a beginner-friendly class designed to teach you the basics of this timeless game. You'll learn the rules, how to read the card, form hands and play confidently. All in a relaxed, supportive setting. Instructor: Patti Major. Registration deadline: December 29. Min. 6. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
141322-T1	1/5-1/26	T	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/$40/$45 after December 29
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Mahjong Drop In

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

Shuffle the tiles and join the fun! Mahjong enthusiasts meet every Thursday afternoon for a little friendly competition! (Don't know how to play? Sign up for Learn to Play Mahjong above.) Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: $2





Dabble in Scrabble

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

Do you dabble in Scrabble? Bring your word-play skills and join other enthusiasts for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or just enjoy the challenge of finding that perfect word, this group is a great way to stay sharp, socialize, and enjoy the game together. Ages 50+ No pre-registration required. Drop-in fee: $2

Euchre

Wednesdays, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Shuffle the deck and join us for our ongoing weekly Euchre competition every Wednesday! Everyone is welcome, though participants must already know how to play. This is a fun way to get out, meet people, and play! No registration required. Just show up! Ages 50+ Drop-in fee: $2

Hearts

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

Come have a little fun with the Queen of Spades! She shows up for Hearts every Monday and you can, too! Everyone is welcome, whether you are a seasoned player or just getting started. It's a fun game and great way to meet new friends. No registration is required. Just show up! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: $2

The Community Center will be CLOSED
November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving
December 24-January 3, Holidays
January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Crafting & Coloring

Create with Anna NEW

Get creative with Anna! Each 2-hour class will feature a different seasonally-inspired, beginner-friendly art project designed to be fun and accessible for a variety of abilities. All supplies are included and you'll leave with something you created. Registration deadlines: December 4, December 30 and February 5. Instructor: Anna Eckelbarger Salas. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
141340-F1	12/11	F	10 am-12 pm
141340-F2	1/8	F	10 am-12 pm
141340-F3	2/12	F	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/$6
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Hooked on Crochet

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

Are you hooked on crochet? Join fellow enthusiasts to share your latest creations, gather fresh ideas, and spend time working on your current projects. (Instruction is available separately in "Curious About Crochet.") Ages 50+ No pre-registration required. Drop-in fee: $2

Scrapbooking

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.
December 8, January 12, February 9
Community Center, 233 W. Main St

Bring your supplies and join us for an afternoon of creativity and camaraderie! This monthly drop-in group is the perfect chance to share ideas and work on your projects while connecting with like-minded individuals. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: $2



Questions? 427-6460

Creative Quilting

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

Step back into the tradition of the quilting bee—with a modern twist! Creative Quilting is a welcoming space to meet fellow quilters, spark new friendships, and exchange ideas while working on your own projects. Bring your latest quilt-in-progress and enjoy the camaraderie of others who share your passion. Large tables will be available for layout, and an iron and ironing board will be provided to make your work easier. Ages 50+. No pre-registration required. Drop-in fee: $2

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

Third Mondays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
December 21, January 11, February 15
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't enjoy a little time to color? Come relax, visit with your neighbors, and let your creativity flow. No pre-registration is required. Just drop in and stay as long as you like. **Note:** The January Relaxation Station will be held on the second Monday due to the MLK Day closure on January 18. Monday Luncheons are served immediately following Relaxation Station, so make plans to stay for a bite to eat. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: $2.

Community Center Rental

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

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Lunch and a Movie

Monday Luncheon

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

Monday, December 21, 12:00 p.m.
"Cozy Christmas Meal"
Supporting Sponsor: Hearing Aids+
Reservation fee: $7

Monday, January 11, 12:00 p.m.
"Brunchy New Year"
Supporting Sponsor: Silver Birch
Reservation fee: $6

Monday, February 15, 12:00 p.m.
"Yummy Food, Warm Hearts"
Supporting Sponsor:
American Senior Communities
Reservation fee: $6

Book Sales

December 8-10, January 12-14, February 9-11
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Our book sales are open to the public and offer a wide variety of hardback books, paperbacks, magazines, and DVDs—all at low prices. Donations of gently used books are always appreciated. Bring in your items and help support future sales!



Tuesday Movies

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Whether you're here for the laughs, the drama, or just a great time with friends, it's the perfect way to unwind. Most features are recent releases or popular classics. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Admission is FREE, however, we do require pre-registration by the Monday prior to the movie. Call 427-6460 to reserve your seat.

December 1..... Christmas with the Kranks
December 15...A Christmas Story Christmas
January 5 ..... Here
January 19 .....The Devil Wears Prada 2
February 2 .....The Roses
February 16 ....Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Technically Speaking . . .

Smartphone Assistance

Friday, December 18, 10:00 a.m.
Friday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get more from your smartphone, tablet or smartwatch with personalized assistance from Consumer Cellular staff. During your 20-minute appointment, participants can receive help with device settings, apps, Bluetooth connections and other questions related to their technology. Assistance is available for a variety of Bluetooth-enabled devices, regardless of brand or service provider. Appointments are free, but advance scheduling is required. Call 427-6460 by December 11 or February 5 to schedule your 20-minute session.

Clicks Over Coffee NEW

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Beginning December 1st
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Having trouble with your phone? Can't connect to Wi-Fi? Siri or Alexa giving you attitude? We can help you outsmart your phone - one tap at a time! Bring your phone or tablet to our casual tech help group, enjoy a cup of coffee, and we can answer the questions that keep slowing you down. No pressure, no jargon, no registration required! This free service is offered to people 50+.

Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone & iPad

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get more from your iPhone or iPad with personalized, one-on-one assistance from a Community Center volunteer. During your 20-minute session, you can receive help with device settings, apps, email, photos, updates and other questions specific to your device. Participants should bring their Apple ID and password if assistance with account-related issues is needed. Appointments are free, but advance scheduling is required. Call 427-6460 by December 30 or January 25 to schedule your session.

Computer Lab

The Community Center Computer Lab is open to the public and staffed by a volunteer on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Lab Fee: $2/hour
B/W Copies: 10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies: 15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints: 35¢ for 4" x 6"
$1.50 for 8.5" x 11"

Help Wanted

Medicare Advantage Plan Open Enrollment

2nd & 4th Fridays, 1:00 p.m., January 8-March 26
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period (MAOEP) runs annually from January 1 through March 31. During this timeframe, individuals already enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan have the flexibility to make several changes to their coverage, including switching to a different Medicare Advantage Plan, dropping their current plan entirely, or returning to original Medicare. Counselors are available at the Community Center on the second and fourth Fridays of every month from January to March to help you navigate all your options. Call 427-6460 to schedule an appointment.

Legal Counseling

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

Day	Dates	Time
Wed	12/2, 1/6, 2/3	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Volunteer and Instructor Opportunities

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

Volunteer and Paid Class Instructors
Clerical Front Desk & Subs
Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
Daytime Experienced Tap Dancers
Raised Garden Bed Helpers
Music Education
Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator
Craft Coordinators and Assistants
Special Event Helpers
Cornhole League Coordinator
Cleaning Assistants
Senior Games Coordinators

We love our volunteers!

Fort Wayne Zoo

Fort Wayne Zoo
3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6800 • fwzoo.com

Kids for Nature Winter Camp

Monday-Wednesday, December 28-30
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Have a wild winter at the Fort Wayne Zoo! Our Kids for Nature Winter Camp lets your camper discover a wintery world waiting to be explored. Each day, campers will learn all about the habitats that animals call home whether it's below the seas or in the trees. They'll even discover hidden habitats at the Zoo during special behind the scenes tours. Animal encounters, engaging Zoo tours, games, and more will make this a memorable camp experience. Fee: $150

PreK-K (age 4+) **1st-3rd Grade** **4th-6th Grade**

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

Fort Wayne Zoo Homeschool Series

3rd Fridays, February 19, March 19, April 16
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Zoo is where exploration meets education. Through group activities, investigation, and animal observations, your student will learn science in a classroom unlike any other – the Zoo! Fee: $70

PreK-K (age 4+) **1st-2nd Grade**
3rd-4th Grade **5th-6th Grade**

To Register

Zoo program registration is limited. Register online and see complete program details at fwzoo.com. No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Contact the Education Department at 260-427-6800 ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com.

Age & Cancellation Policy

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



Teens for Nature Volunteer Program

Current 7th-12th grade students can join our herd as Teens for Nature Volunteers! Learn, grow, and make new friends all while making a big impact at the Zoo. Each summer session, Teens for Nature Volunteers educate Zoo guests, engage campers in fun activities, take conservation action and more – multiple positions are available so volunteers can get hands-on experience that matches their interests. Applications open January 1 and close February 28. To apply and see complete program details, visit fwzoo.com.

FORT WAYNE ZOO
WILD Lights

Returning this winter is Wild Lights at the Fort Wayne Zoo! Visit Santa, meet his elves, and join us for a one-of-a-kind holiday experience your whole family will love. Visit fwzoo.com to learn more.

FORT WAYNE ZOO

Historic Fort Wayne

The Old Fort

1201 Spy Run Ave. • 437-2836 • oldfortwayne.org • Facebook@HistoricFortWayne

Parking for the Fort is available in the lot across Spy Run Ave. Please use the Rivergreenway Trail under the Veteran's Memorial Bridge to access the Fort from this lot. Always visit our website, Facebook, or call for schedule updates and information. Admission to Old Fort programs is a freewill donation.

Christmas at the Old Fort: A Timeline Event

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Take a step back into history and experience Christmases of the past. Talk with soldiers and civilians to learn how they celebrated the holidays during war times. Observe the daily activities of life during the winter months on the frontier. Visit with the artisans as they present hand-crafted gift ideas. Find tasty treats at the Bake Sale and check out the Old Fort merchandise for the history buffs on your list. Welcome the holidays with fun and festivities at the Old Fort!

Nouvelle Annee

A Winterval Event

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

By the New Year of 1747 the spark of open conflict had been kindled in Les Pays d'en Haut. The lingering war in the east and whispers of Anglais traders in Ohio Country have caused increasing shortages. The Wyandots under Chief Orontony have come under the influence of English traders and whisper to their Myaamia neighbors about distrust of Onontony's empty promises. Tensions have fanned to a flash point. Meanwhile at Post Miami, Ensign Douville tries to consolidate what loyalty remains among the Native Peoples and invites Myaamia chiefs Le Pied Froid (Cold Foot) and Pore Epic (Hedgehog) to a conference in Montreal. As the cold winter masks the tinderbox of conflict, Ensign Douville and the Garrison prepare to depart with these emissaries, while Chief Orontony's warriors bide their time.

Check Out the New Fort Buildings

Step inside the new buildings to appreciate the functional and aesthetic work done to enhance this iconic landmark! Much work remains. The Palisade wall and North Blockhouse still need repair. Funding is still needed.

Go to oldfortwayne.org to donate.



1812 Officer & NCO Training Garrison

Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

It's the War of 1812 and reenactors from across the Midwest will gather for the 11th Annual Officer and NCO Training Garrison at The Old Fort. This event explores the military life and frontier experience of the early 19th century when Fort Wayne served as an important center of American control in northeastern Indiana. Throughout the day, visitors can observe reenactors representing Infantry, Artillery, Rangers and Militia demonstrate period military skills and everyday activities that would have been essential to an American garrison during the Federalist Era. Come experience the sights, sounds, and activities of an American military post during the early years of the nation's history!

Revolutionary War Garrison

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

Continental soldiers and militia will be garrisoned at the Old Fort. Observe them perform daily duties and work details necessary to survive the treacherous winter weather. Visit the post sutler and see what types of goods can be purchased. Watch those in residence as they cook meals, mend clothing and equipment, and demonstrate their trades. Military drills and training will take place subject to the weather. Come and witness how an army survives the winter months in the Northwest Territory!

We Rent for Your Event

Athletic Fields

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

Botanical Conservatory

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

Bridal Glen/Foster Garden

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

Community Center

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



Foellinger Theatre

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

Freimann Square

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

Lakeside Rose Garden

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





McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

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

Park Pavilions

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 23 pavilions at various locations throughout the city parks. Pavilions may be reserved for your special occasion or event from May through October. Some pavilions are available year-round. Pavilions may be reserved up to 12 months in advance. They vary in seating capacity and amenities and range in price from $54 to $715 per day on weekdays and from $61-$1,025 per day on weekends. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance and can be made online (fortwayneparks.org) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Promenade Park

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

Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. For more information visit www.fortwayneparks.org or contact our rental coordinator at rentsalomonfarm@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6790, ext. 1. Rentals at Salomon Farm include the Historic Old Barn, the Wolf Family Learning Center, the Salomon Family Homestead and the Covered Bridge. See page 46 for more details.

Questions? 427-6000



Greenways & Trails

Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228



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

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

Swinney Homestead

Swinney Homestead

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

Settlers, Inc. Annual Victorian Christmas 'At-Home' Tea with the Swinney Sisters

December 4 & 5, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

The Settlers cordially invite you to the Swinney Homestead to celebrate the Christmas spirit and take refreshment of delicious savories, sweets and a pot of tea. The historic Swinney House will be decorated in Victorian Christmas grandeur. A Gift Shoppe on the second floor will be laden with unique gifts and "stocking stuffers" for Christmas shoppers. Reservations will be taken at (260)432-4232 and (260)413-4413. Fee: $35. This event is a fundraiser to help support the maintenance of Fort Wayne's historic Homestead.

Settlers' Historic Hand Arts Program

"Decorative Arts of Early America"

February 11, 9:00-11:30 a.m., $25

Enjoy refreshments and a historic hand art activity. The history of decorative painting will be presented, along with samples on fabric, wood, glass and metal. Instruction and materials will be provided to create your own stenciled heirloom tray. Participants are invited to bring decorated painted items for "show and tell." Ages 14+. Call (260)348-7820 to register. Space is limited.

Bundle up for a winter bike ride!

Things to Know

Before you sign up . . .

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

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

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

Mission Statement

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

Phone Numbers

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

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

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

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

6 Ways to Sign Up



1) Online

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

2) Fort Wayne Parks App

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

3) By Phone

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

4) By Mail

Complete the registration form (*available online) and send it to the address on the form. Please use one registration form per household. Registration forms must be received before deadlines.

5) In Person

Register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department at 705 E. State Blvd. (corner of State and Parnell), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

6) Drop Box

If our office is closed, you may drop your registration form (*available online) in the drop box located at the front entrance of our building at 705 E. State Blvd.

*** A program registration form can be found at cityoffortwayne.in.gov/532/Current-Brochures**

Refund Policy

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

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

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

Health & Safety Policy

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

Inclement Weather Policy

Any program changes, facility closures or other weather-related adjustments will be posted to the FWPRD social media pages, website and Fort Wayne Parks app on your phone. If the Mayor declares an emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled.

Please read this page carefully!

We're at Your Fingertips



- Register for a program
- Book a tee time
- Purchase a season golf pass
- Reserve a pavilion
- Purchase concert tickets
- Find information about a park
- See a park map
- Purchase a Botanical Conservatory Membership
- Check our social media posts
- Get notified of cancellations
- Manage your Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation account

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