

A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel:



Happy Spwringter Saginaw County! Mother Nature has teased us with a few stretches of sunshine and warmth as we head into April, but I can best describe this late winter/early spring weather as temperamental, with snaps back to below freezing and occasional snow flurries. This hasn't deterred my optimism for another beautiful Michigan Spring and Summer just around the corner, and its hard not to be excited for all that's in store for Saginaw County in 2024.

If you've driven by the courthouse lately you may have noticed the Saginaw Bunnies have returned to the lawn for the annual Egg Hunt on Saturday March 30th and will remain there until mid-April. You may have also noticed a few new faces among the fluffle (look it up, it's real). This is because of an exciting partnership with the City of Saginaw, Old Town Saginaw Association, Saginaw Future, Saginaw ISD and Saginaw County Parks dubbed the "Hare Hunt," which will take place from mid-May through early June during the Memorial Cup. The Hare Hunt is an interactive scavenger hunt which will spread the iconic Saginaw Bunnies throughout Saginaw, guiding residents and visitors



alike to some of Saginaw's keystone landmarks. Simply scan a QR code located by each bunny to be entered into a fantastic prize raffle, the more "hares" visited the more chances to win – more info and a location map to come later this Spring via the City of Saginaw.

If you haven't heard about the Saginaw Spirit hosting the Memorial Cup in late-May, or even if you have, it is worth highlighting again. "Canada's Stanley Cup," hosted by the Saginaw Spirit arrives at the county-owned Dow Event Center beginning Thursday May 24th – Sunday June 2nd, 2024. The Saginaw Spirit and three additional championship hockey programs will compete for the Memorial Cup trophy while visitors and residents are treated to activities each day across this stretch including daily concerts at the Jolt Event Park across from the Dow Event Center. This is only the second time the Memorial Cup has been hosted in the United States, and the first in Michigan. What an opportunity to showcase our region, including your Saginaw County Parks.

Our own programs are starting to ramp up, and we're excited to host introduction to pickleball again this Spring, which has grown to be one of our more popular programs. The 34th Annual Catch Me If You Can Family Fishing Festival will take place at William H. Haithco Recreation Area on Saturday June 1st. Senior golf cart rides, summer youth baseball at Hoyt Park, movies in the park, playdate programs, and more - all brought to you by Saginaw County Parks. We can't wait to see again on the trails and in the parks!

Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)

Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)

The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, Veterans Memorial Park and Headwaters Rec. Area are only open during daylight hours.

Park Office: 111 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602. Contact us: 989-790-5280. On the web @ www.saginawcounty.com/parks

2024 Spring Programs

Boundless Film Adventure-FREE SOLO

Fri. April 19

7:00 PM



Join Saginaw County Parks & Court Street Theatre for the Boundless Film Adventure guaranteed to leave you breathless and inspired as adventure seekers push their bodies to boundless physical and mental limits. This year's movie 'Free Solo' will profile the rock climber Alex Honnold on his quest to perform the first-ever free solo climb of a route on El Capitan, in Yosemite

National Park. **Cost: Donation at door.** Doors open @ 6:30 PM. Concessions available for purchase.

Walk with Ease (WWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. May 6 - June 14 9:00-10:00 AM

Pull out your walking shoes and join us for a FREE 6 week walking experience. This class offers 3 interactive sessions per week with a certified trained leader. Each session will begin with a brief discussion on a topic important to successful walking or arthritis management. Participants will be guided through a warm up and stretching followed by walking and a cool down. This class can help improve overall health, increase flexibility, balance, strength & stamina. Other benefits include reduced pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis. ALL ability levels are encouraged to participate and trained leaders will help you be successful. Open to all ages. To obtain the maximum benefit from this program we highly encourage participants to attend all sessions. Location: YMCA Pavilion, 1915 Fordney Street. **Call now to register!** Cost: Free!

Soggy Doggy

Wed. May 15

5:30 PM-7:00 PM



Your pup can have a splish-splashing good time. Usually the lake is off limits to pets but for this one evening, bring them out and let them swim to their hearts content! Dog calendars will be available on site for \$15.

Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area.

Pickleball Classes (Intro. & Intermediate)

Tues.	May 21	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Thurs.	May 23 & 30	7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Tues.	June 4, 11 & 18	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Thurs.	June 13 & 20	7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Join us and our local Pickleball instructor Rob Klaczewicz in learning and improving your skills at this fun filled paddle sport created for all ages. We now have several intermediate sessions to enhance your skills after taking the intro. class. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register!

Equipment provided. Cost: Free!

Location: Imerman Memorial Park.

INTRO Classes-May 21 & 23. June 11 & 13.

INTERMEDIATE Classes-May 30. June 4, 18, & 20.

First 150 children registered receive a free fishing pole!

Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 1, 2024

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register now by calling 989-790-5280

Proudly Sponsored by:



Event Schedule:	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	On-site Registration
8:00 am - 10:45 am	Fishing
10:45 am	All fish to measuring station
11:00 am	Awards and Prizes



Join us for the 34th annual 'Catch Me If You Can' Family Fishing Festival. The first 150 children registered will receive a free fishing pole. Trophies will be awarded for the family who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways will be given out to event participants. All State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations will apply to this tournament. Call 989-790-5280 to register! On-site registration will be available at 8 am June 1st.

Yoga For All

Every Mon. beginning June 3rd

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Every Mon. beginning June 3rd

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

This class is meant for everyone and anyone interested in yoga. You will learn breath, yoga poses (and modifications if necessary to fit your body) along with techniques you can take off your mat and use in your daily routine. FYI: every expert at something, was once a beginner. You don't need to be flexible & all athletic abilities are welcome. Please consult your physician if pregnant, recovering from a surgery or injury. If you can breathe... You are doing yoga!!! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. For class information, cost and sign up, please visit www.yogabykathryn.com.

Senior Rail Trail Golf Cart Tours

Tues. June 11 10-2:00 PM

Wed. June 12 10-2:00 PM

Thurs. June 13 10-2:00 PM

Trail Head Address:

2998 VanWormer Rd.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission believes that the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail is a treasure for all of our residents and that everyone

should be able to experience its beauty. With that in mind we have designed Rail Trail golf cart tours to showcase the trail to people with limited mobility. Tours are 45 minutes in length and start and end at the Vanwormer Rd parking lot. Tours leave on the hour and hold 10 passengers. **Reservations are required.** Call (989) 790-5280 to register for your ride today.



Playdate-Art in the Park

Tues. June 18

2:00-3:30 PM

Who doesn't love to create fun? Come out and let your imagination go wild with create-and-take art projects. There may even be some games or shaving cream fun involved for those who aren't afraid to get their hands messy. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area at the Multi-colored building by the splash pad. Cost: Free! Snack at 3:30 PM.

Try it: Kayak

Tues. June 18

4:00-5:00 PM

In this class, you will learn the differences between kayak styles and discover how stable and easily maneuverable kayaks can be. Class sizes are small and cozy with a maximum of eight people per class. Be sure to register early, as classes fill up fast. This is a wet class, so you should bring a change of clothing and a smile! Ages: 6 to Adult (Children 6 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Duration: 1 hr. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register! July & August class times TBA.

Playdate-Music on the Move

Thurs. June 20

10:00-11:30 AM

Don't miss this special opportunity to experience the power of rhythm. During Music on the Move, participants will learn music through African Drums in a group setting. They will also learn how to make sounds, tell stories, improvise music, reading and playing rhythm patterns. Music on the Move will be conducted by Sonja Cissell. Location: Imerman Memorial Park, Pavilion #1. Cost: Free! Lunch after.

Playdate- Nature Explorers (Rocks & Fossils)

Thurs. June 20

2:00-3:30 PM

Join SCPRC at Ringwood Forest with the Public Libraries of Saginaw for the Rocks & Fossils Program. Cost: Free!

Playdate-Water Wars (Extended Time)

Tues. June 25

12:00 PM-3:30 PM

Slip and slide into Summer with some wet and wild fun. Bring a towel, wear your swimsuit & come prepared to get wet. Expect laughter & excitement while participating in water relays and playing on a 20ft inflatable water slide. *Note-potential risk for latex allergies. Location: Imerman Memorial Park Cost: Free! Snack at 3:30 PM.

Playdate-Art in the Park

Wed. June 26

10:00-11:30 AM

Who doesn't love to create fun? Come out and let your imagination go wild with create-and-take art projects. There may even be some games or shaving cream fun involved for those who aren't afraid to get their hands messy. Location: Showboat Park located at 805 S. Front St. Chesaning. Cost: Free!

Dog Days of Summer

Wed. June 26

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Join Great Lakes Bay Animal Society and Saginaw County Parks at the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Bark Park for a doggone good time. You can meet up with friends both human and canine to romp in the park and have a chance to win some cool doggie door prizes courtesy of Pets Supplies Plus! 2023 dog calendars will be available for purchase & pictures will be taken for the 2024 calendar. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Future summer dates are 7/24 & 8/21.

Jolly Hammers and Strings

Wed. June 26

7-8:45 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and get ready for great music! A Jolly Hammers and Strings concert presents an opportunity to listen to dulcimer, autoharp, banjo, bass fiddle, guitar, harmonica, mandolin, and many other acoustic instrument players. This concert is free for your listening pleasure! The vehicle entry fee for out of county residents will remain in effect until 6:30 PM) Location: Imerman Memorial Park, Pavilion #2. Future summer dates: 7/24 & 8/28.

Playdate- Puppet Show

Thurs. June 27

2:00-3:30 PM

Join us in this partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw for a puppet show that will engage the whole family! Once the show is over, there will be a craft activity for your child to enjoy. There will also be an opportunity to touch the puppets and interact with library staff. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and be ready to be entertained. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area, Pavilion # 1. Cost: Free! Snack at 3:30 PM.

Playdate Schedule:



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Saturday, June 1, 2024

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register now by calling 989-790-5280

Proudly Sponsored by:



Hammond Drives & Equipment



Event Schedule:

8:00 am- 9:00 am	On-site Registration
8:00 am -10:45 am	Fishing
10:45 am	All fish to measuring station
11:00 am	Awards and Prizes



Awards & Prizes!

Must be present to win

Rules

This Family Catch and Release Fishing Festival begins at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am on June 1, 2024. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 1, 2024. **FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION BY 10:45AM TO COUNT.**

Adults with a valid Michigan fishing license and children can fish and have fish counted in the festival. Trophies will be awarded for the family who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways will be given out to event participants.

All State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations will apply to this tournament. MAX 25 BLUEGILLS. ONLY LEGAL SIZE FISH WILL COUNT. Pike under 24 inches, Catfish under 12 inches, and Bass under 14 inches can not be counted in the tournament (DNR FISHING REGULATIONS). All fishing is to be done from shore or dock on the main lake. Boats are not allowed.

If you can't get the hook out without damaging the fish, cut the line and leave the hook in the fish.

Transport fish to measuring station in a bucket with water. FISH MUST BE ALIVE WHEN BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION. The fish will be released back into the lake as soon as they are measured.




Walk With Ease

Join us for a **FREE 6 week OUTDOOR walking experience!**



Benefits to Participants Include:

- Interactive sessions with certified trained leader
- Increase confidence in your ability to be physical
- Improve flexibility, balance, strength and stamina
- Reduce pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis
- Improve overall health

Open to all adults!

Must pre-register by calling SCPRC at: 989-790-5280

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

May 6 - June 14, 2024

Time: 9:00-10:00 AM

Location: YMCA Pavilion
1915 Fordney St. Saginaw



National Recreation and Park Association



Hey Batter Batter!

WHO:

All Saginaw County

BOYS & GIRLS

Age 5-6 (T-ball)

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch)

Division teams:

Hybrid 10U & 12U

WHEN:

10 Game Season

July 9th - Aug 8th, 2024

Tuesday & Thursday
Evenings

WHERE:

Hoyt Park

1574 S. Washington Ave

Saginaw, MI

Division Teams (10U & 12U) require a team sponsor fee in addition to the individual player fee. Please have sponsor send the \$300 fee wrote out to:

Friends of Hoyt Park

and mail to:

Saginaw County Parks

111. S. Michigan Ave.

Saginaw, MI 48602.

Questions? 989-790-5283

REGISTRATION:

www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com



COST:

\$25 per player

Plus \$3 transaction fee

Registration Deadline:

June 28, 2024

NEED A TEAM?

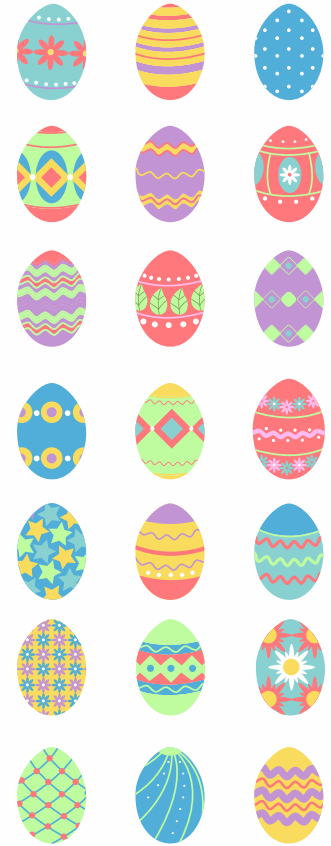
T-Ball & Coach Pitch teams will be formed by the League. Division Players needing a team may sign up and will be placed on the waitlist.



KIDS CORNER

Where fun happens!

HELP THE RABBIT FIND 21 EGGS



Are you looking for a location for your special outing? We have the perfect place for any occasion! Pavilion reservations are ideal for company picnics, family or school reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties, church groups, clubs and any group that would appreciate having their outing in a beautiful Saginaw County Park. The William H. Haithco Recreation Area provides modern bathrooms, playgrounds, fishing docks, volleyball courts and five picnic pavilions. Imerman Memorial Park provides modern bathrooms, a fishing dock, a volleyball court, a playground, horseshoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, an in-line hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions. Call to reserve your pavilion today. We will begin accepting pavilion reservations for the 2024 season for the William

H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2024.

Rental fees for the pavilions are \$60.00 per day. Entry for Saginaw County Residents is free. Non Residents Memorial Day thru Labor Day pay \$2.00 per vehicle entry fee to Imerman Memorial Park and a \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee to the William H. Haithco Recreation Area.










Rentals must be made in person at the Parks office in the Saginaw County Governmental Center. Methods of payment accepted include cash, check, credit and money order.



To get free entry to our parks, Saginaw County Residents can pick up a free Recreate Pass at Imerman Memorial Park, Wm. Haithco Recreation Area or the Parks office. Out of county resident pass is only \$30 for a whole summer of fun!

PARK Locations



-  William H. Haithco Rec. Area
2121 Schust Road
-  Imerman Memorial Park
3495 Midland Road
-  Ringwood Forest
13710 Ring Rd, St. Charles
-  Veterans Memorial Park
1543 - 1701 M-13
North of Zilwaukee
-  Saginaw River Headwaters
Rec. Area
77 W. Center St, Saginaw
-  Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Road
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Water St Trail Head
401 E. Water St, St. Charles
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Van Wormer Rd. Trail Head
2998 VanWormer Rd, Saginaw
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Stroebe Rd. Trail Head
6225 Stroebe Rd, Saginaw



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are permitted on a 6 ft leash at all of our county parks except the Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area*. Imerman Memorial Park has a Dog Park where dogs are allowed off leash to romp and play with their friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Dogs are allowed at Haithco during our Saginaw County Parks sanctioned Soggy Doggy events in the spring and fall.

The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will provide reasonable accommodations to assist people with disabilities to access and participate in our recreation programs, facilities, and services. For program registration information, please call the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission at (989) 790-5280.

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PLAY IN THE PARKS

SPRING 2024

FITNESS CLASSES:

Walk with Ease (WWE)

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9:00 - 10:00 AM

YMCA Pavilion

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Yoga For All (Instructor, Kathryn Wilson)

Mondays Every Mon., beginning June 3rd

Register @ www.yogabykathryn.com

9:00 - 10:00 AM

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area

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Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area

TAKE NOTE!

- All events are free unless noted with a "\$" symbol.
- Cash fees may be additional.
- Pre-registration is required for all events noted with the letter "R".
- Playdates are for all ages. Prepare to get messy!

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