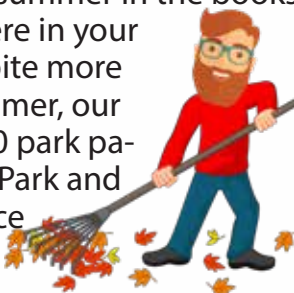


## Recreation Station Newsletter

### A Message from Parks Director

#### Brian Keenan-Lechel

Another fantastic Michigan summer in the books across the state and right here in your Saginaw County Parks. Despite more rainfall than typical this summer, our staff welcomed over 100,000 park patrons at Imerman Memorial Park and Haithco Recreation Area since for the second consecutive



season. A slight decrease in attendance from our record summer in 2022, but still our second highest park attendance in our history. Another incredible season for Saginaw County Parks, led by a stellar seasonal staff team of 35 individuals and our six full-time staff members. I can't say enough positive things about our wonderful staff team who keep our parks safe, clean, and who hosted outstanding programs all summer long. Our busy season of programs wrapped up with Children's Fun Night in mid-August where we celebrated the end of summer with over 2000 friends and over 40 partner vendors at Haithco Recreation Area. Be sure to check out the photo page included for some captured memories of this annual event.

Another summer highlight I'm excited to share came on an otherwise uneventful Tuesday afternoon, when a fisherman at Haithco brought his rental boat back to shore lugging a northern pike measuring over 41 inches! A trophy fish anywhere across the country, even more incredible to be landed right here on William H. Haithco Recreation Area's 40-acre lake.

## Fall 2023 Volume 16 Issue 4



Fall is in the air and we're gearing up for several exciting programs including our second annual Pints and Paddles event on September 23rd, Our biannual Walk With Ease program Mon, Wed, Fri Sept. 11th – Oct. 20th at the YMCA of Saginaw/ Saginaw Riverwalk, Senior Golf Cart Rides October 3rd-5th and more fall and winter programming. And of course, your Saginaw County Parks remain open and available year-round for a fall color hike or bike, a game of pickleball, or other opportunities for respite. We hope to see you soon in your Saginaw County 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](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

# 2023 Fall Programs

## Walk with Ease (WWE)

**Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept 11 - October 20 9-10:00 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, but absences are understood.

Location: YMCA Pavilion, 1915 Fordney Street.

Call (989)790-5280 to register! Cost: Free!

## Senior Rail Trail Color Tours - Golf Cart Rides

**Tues. 10/3 10-2:00 PM**

**Wed. 10/4 10-2:00 PM**

**Thurs. 10/5 10-2:00 PM**



Location: Rail Trail-Van Wormer Trail head (corner of Swan Creek Road and Van Wormer Road in James Township) Unable to get out and enjoy the rail trail on your own? Want a personalized tour of the trail? Allow us to help! Join Parks and Recreation staff and

volunteers as they make their way down the trail in golf carts. Tours are 45 minutes long and leave at the top of every hour. **Reservations are required. Call (989)790-5280 to register!** Cost: Free.



**Wed. 10/11 6:00-7:00 PM Imerman**

Halloween has gone to the dogs!!! Dress your furry pal up and join us for this fun Canine Costume Contest (dogs only please). Prizes for Scariest, funniest, most creative and people's choice!

Location: Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Rd. Cost: Free. Questions? Call the Parks office at 989-790-5280.

## Jack-O-Dash

**Fri. 10/20**

**6:00-7:30 PM Price Nature Center**

Program: 6 PM - 7:00 PM Activities

7:00 PM Awards

7:15 PM Candle lit Run /walk



Join Saginaw County Parks and the Saginaw YMCA for

a 3/4 mile family fun run/walk in your Halloween costume. The first 50 participants registered receive a free Pumpkin! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes plus healthy activities, treats, campfire and mascots will be part of the evening fun! **Pre-Register by calling the parks office at 989-790-5280** Cost: Free

## Snakes Alive

**Sat. 11/4**

**11:00 AM YMCA**

Snakes may be one of the most feared and misunderstood animals, but after attending this program you'll learn how fascinating and beneficial these beautiful reptiles can be. Join CNC Interpretive Naturalist and snake enthusiast Jenn Kirts for this live snake program. All are welcome to get a close look at the snakes if you feel comfortable! Location: YMCA 1915 Fordney Street. Event is in the small gym. Cost: FREE

## Cider and Doughnut Hike

**Wed. 11/8 5:30-6:30 PM Ringwood Forest**

Enjoy some fresh fall air. Join Saginaw County Parks staff on a hike through Ringwood Forest. After the hike, wrap up your evening with cider and doughnuts! Program: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

**Reservations are required. Call (989)790-5280 to register!** Cost: Free



## Santa's Holiday Hike

**Fri. 12/1**

**5:30-6:30 PM Imerman**

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season and come out and take a hike on our illuminated trail. The festive inflatables will guide you to the trail and lead you to a warm campfire, Christmas music, hot cocoa, cookies and **SANTA!** Bring Coats for Kids donations to drop off at the start of the hike. Location: Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Road. Program: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Cost: Free



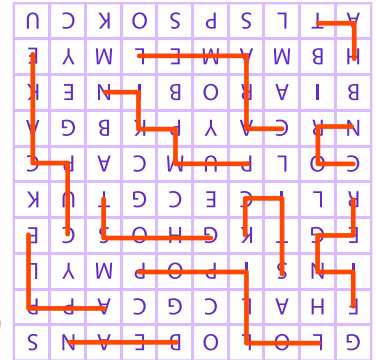






# The Not Just For KIDS CORNER

Where fun happens!



## WORD PUZZLE GAME

G	L	O	L	O	B	E	A	N	S
F	H	A	L	C	G	C	A	P	P
I	N	S	I	P	O	P	M	Y	L
E	G	T	K	G	H	O	S	C	E
R	L	I	C	E	C	G	T	U	K
C	O	L	P	U	M	C	A	P	C
N	R	C	A	Y	P	K	B	G	A
B	I	A	R	O	B	I	N	E	K
H	B	M	A	M	E	L	M	Y	E
A	T	L	S	P	S	O	K	C	U



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!



-  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.

### Commission Members

**Ruth Averill - Chairman, Tim Courtney - Vice Chairman, Brian J. Wendling - Secretary  
Delena Spates-Allen, Darwin Baranski, Rob Brown, Deb Kestner, Sheldon Matthews  
Isaac Reeves, Demond Tibbs**

### Staff Members

**Brian Keenan-Lechel - Director   Jordan Beal - Operations Supervisor  
Mary Williams - Office Manager   Jeanette Fiers - Outdoor Recreation & Event Coordinator  
Tom Kowalski - Parks Foreman   Fred Raymond - Parks Specialist**





# PLAY IN THE PARKS

## September

*Walk with Ease (WWE)*

Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept 11 - Oct 20 9-10:00 AM YMCA's pavilion

## October

3-5	Senior Rail Trail Color Tours	10AM-2:00PM	Saginaw Valley Rail Trail	<b>R</b>
11	Howl-O-Ween	6-7:00 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	<b>R</b>
20	Jack-O-Dash	6-7:30 PM	Price Nature Center	<b>R</b>

## November

4	Snakes Alive	11 AM	YMCA's small gym	
8	Cider and Doughnut Hike	5:30-6:30 PM	Ringwood Forest	<b>R</b>

## December

1	Santa's Holiday Hike	5:30-6:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	
---	----------------------	--------------	-----------------------	--

### TAKE NOTE!

- All events are free unless noted with a "R" symbol.
- Gate fees may be additional.
- Pre-registration is required for all events noted with the letter "R".

### CONTACT US!

[www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)  
(989) 790-5280  
[parks@saginawcounty.com](mailto:parks@saginawcounty.com)

Like us on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/saginawcountyparks](http://www.facebook.com/saginawcountyparks)

## 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](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

