

## A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel:



This month's director update is dedicated to the wonderful youth, families and adults who participated in our "Snowman & Sculpture" competition, which began January 1st on an open submission basis. Michigan provided another unique winter, or 1st through 5th winter as I shared in just this February and March. The less-than-optimal snow conditions did not hinder our dedicated participants, who rolled, packed and carved their projects with care. Winning categories were People's Choice, Adult, Family, Teen and Child. We wanted to share the winning entries.



One other note – if you've driven over the Saginaw River in the last couple weeks you have likely noticed increased boat traffic. For the first time since spawning regulations were introduced, the Department of Natural Resources has changed



regulations to allow walleye fishing on the Saginaw River between March 16th and the last Saturday in April. It is exciting to see literally thousands of individuals each day experiencing our world-class walleye fishery right here in Saginaw – and from the reports the fishing has been great! Just a neat



fyi that I wanted to share.

Happy Spring - we can't wait to see you in your Saginaw County Parks!



**Congratulations!  
Now let Spring begin!**

## Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 6-May 25) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 26-Sept 5)

Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 6-May 25) 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 26-Sept 5)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 6-May 25) 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 26-Sept 5)

The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail and Veterans Memorial Park 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 Spring Programs

## Science Alive

**Sat. April 15 (2 sessions) 11:00 AM & 12:30 PM**

Science Alive means living things! Kids by their very nature are drawn to animals. Join Saginaw County Parks for this special program with live animals that will stimulate your child's ability to look closely and ask questions. A biologist will be there with a collection of exotic animals and present fun & educational information about the animals in a hands-on learning environment great for all ages. *Location: Butman-Fish Library, 1716 Hancock, Saginaw, MI. 2 Sessions; limited space available. Cost: Free!*



## Walk with Ease (WWE)

**Mon. Wed. & Fri. April 24-June 2 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!*

## Intro to Pickleball

**Tues. May 2 & 23 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Thurs. May 18 & 25 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**  
**Tues. June 6 & 20 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Thurs. June 8 & 22 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

Join us and our local Pickleball instructor Rob Klackiewicz in learning this fun filled game. Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. It is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, racquetball and ping-pong. Played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register! Minimum of 4 participants for class to run. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Duration: 1.5 hr.*

## Soggy Doggy

**Wed. May 17**

**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.

First 150 children registered receive a free fishing pole!

## Free Family Fishing Festival

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**  
**Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area**  
 2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI  
**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

Register now by calling 989-790-5280

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**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*

Join us for the 33rd annual 'Catch Me If You Can' Family Fishing Festival on June 3rd. The first 150 children registered will receive a free fishing pole. Call 989-790-5280 to register!

## Yoga For All

**Every Mon. beginning June 5th 9:00 AM-10:00 AM**  
**Every Mon. beginning June 5th 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](http://www.yogabykathryn.com).*



**Watch Facebook and our website for the full summer Playdate schedule to be announced in early May.**

## Senior Rail Trail Golf Cart Tours

**Tues. June 6** 10-2:00 PM Swan Creek and VanWormer  
**Wed. June 7** 10-2:00 PM Swan Creek and VanWormer  
**Thurs. June 8** 10-2:00 PM Swan Creek and VanWormer

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.



## Dog Days of Summer

**Wed. June 14** 6:00 PM-8:00 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! 2022 dog calendars will be available for purchase & pictures will be taken for the 2023 calendar. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Future summer dates are 7/12 & 8/9.

## SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Guru and Rookies)

**Thurs. June 15** 7-8:30 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and get ready for some entertaining music! Do you like old-timey, pop, polka or americana? Be prepared to hear a wide variety of tunes at this special event. This concert is free for your listening pleasure! Cost: Free! (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 date: 8/10.

## Try it: Kayak

**Wed. June 21** 4:00-5:00 PM

**Wed. June 28** 5:00-6:00 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!

## Playdate-Gaga Ball/Archery Extravaganza

**Tues. June 27** 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Join us for a fast paced, high energy 'Playdate' geared toward slightly older kids. There will be competitive play with our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit. Additionally, we will have inflatable ARCHERY! Four air streams keep target balls floating for endless hours of target shooting fun for all skill levels. Play against a friend and see how many floating balls you can shoot down! Other games and activities will be offered for your enjoyment, as well as some activities for the younger crowd. Come on out for this FUN, free Playdate. Location: Imerman Memorial Park pavilion#1. Cost: Free!

## Jolly Hammers and Strings

**Wed. June 28** 7-8:30 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 dates: 7/26 & 8/30.

## Playdate-Art in the Park

**Wed. June 28** 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. Meet at the Multi-colored building by the splash pad. Cost: Free!

## Playdate-Music on the Move

**Thurs. June 29** 10:00-11:30 AM

"The Rhythm is Gonna Get You" will be a fun and exciting musical experience! Music on the Move participants will have the opportunity to play different rhythm instruments in a group setting. They will learn to keep a steady beat with drums & tambourines, shake maracas, strum a guitar, find their voice and dance with the music! Music on the Move will be presented by Music for Munchkins, Creator/Vocalist Michele Spitz. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area at Pavilion#1. Cost: Free!

## Playdate- Nothing But Net

**Thurs. June 29** 2:00-3:30 PM

Nothing But Net is designed to teach/enhance basic basketball skills & have FUN doing it! There will be drills to improve dribbling, shooting, passing, ball-handling and more. Some games will be incorporated to make the learning even more FUN! Basketballs will be provided. Bring an attitude to learn. All ages welcome. Location: Imerman Memorial Parks, Basketball Court. Cost: Free!



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## Event Schedule:

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



**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 3, 2023. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 3, 2023. **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.



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**

**April 24 - June 2, 2023**

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 6th - Aug 8th, 2023

Tuesday & Thursday

Evenings

**WHERE:**

Hoyt Park

1574 S. Washington Ave

Saginaw, MI

[www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com](http://www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com)

Register and pay online

**COST:**

**\$25 per player**

\* \$3 additional transaction fee charged on site

**Registration Deadline:**

**June 18, 2023**

\*League registration reserves a free spot in the Sugar Beets Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park June 13-14th (12-3 pm)

**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.

***Friends of Hoyt Park***

and mail to:

Saginaw County Parks

111. S. Michigan Ave.

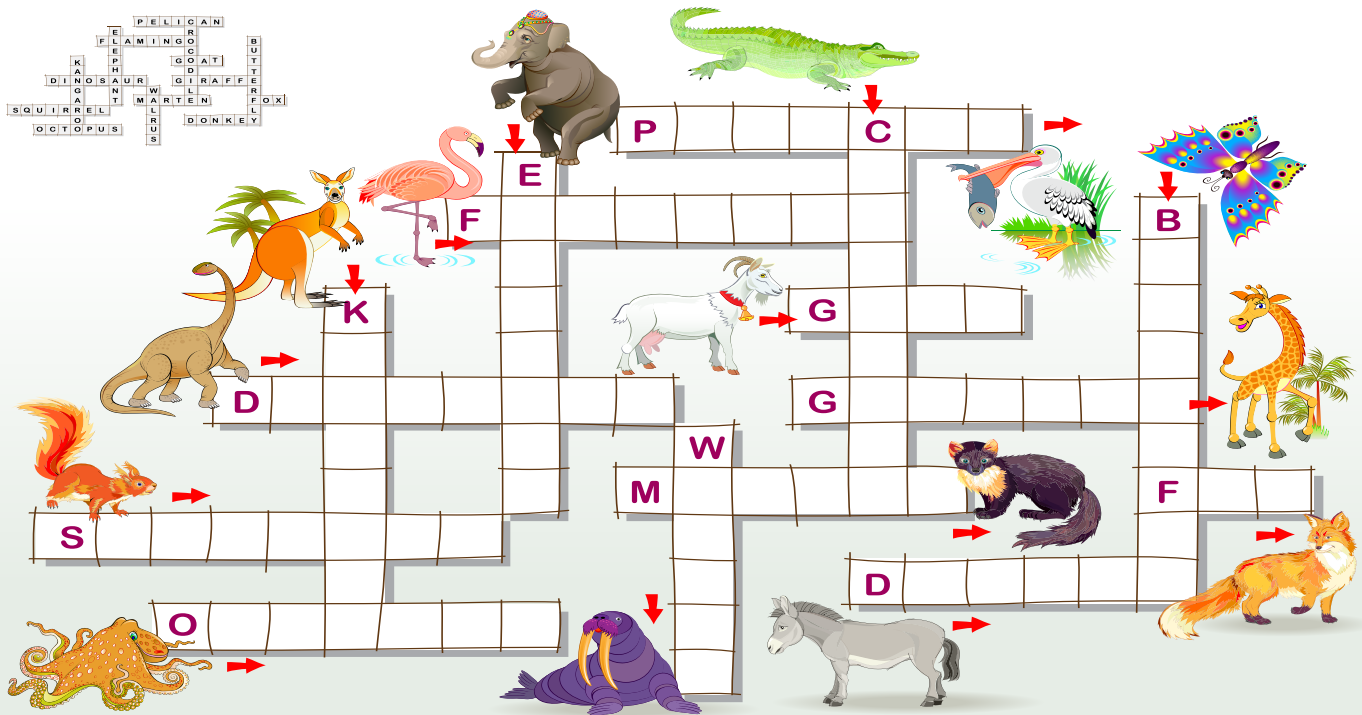
Saginaw, MI 48602.

Questions? 989-790-5283



# The Not Just For KIDS CORNER

Where fun happens!



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 2023 season for the William

H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 3, 2023.

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

Imerman Memorial Park  
3495 Midland Road



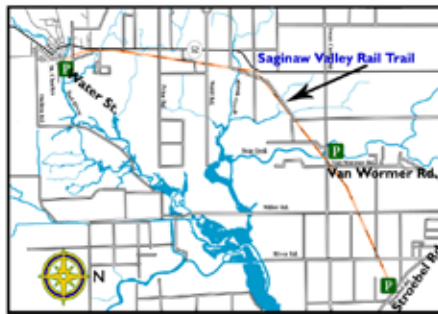
Price Nature Center  
6685 Sheridan Road



Ringwood Forest  
2 mi. S. of St. Charles  
2 mi. W. of M-52 on Ring Road



Saginaw Valley Rail Trail  
Parking at: E. Water Street, St. Charles  
Van Wormer Road, Swan Creek Twp.  
Stroebe Road, Saginaw



William H. Haithco Rec. Area  
2121 Schust Road



Veterans Memorial Park  
M-13 along the Saginaw River  
North of Zilwaukee



## Commission Members

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Certain areas of Imerman Memorial Park near the river have elevated levels of dioxins in the soil. Children may be especially sensitive to dioxins. Take precautions to avoid direct contact with soil, and wash skin that comes in contact with soil. Long-term exposure (ingestion of this soil) may lead to health problems. For more information, please read the brochure available at Imerman Memorial Park on this subject, and/or contact the Saginaw County Department of Public Health at (989) 758-3686.

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.



# PLAY IN THE PARKS

## FITNESS CLASSES:

**Walk with Ease (WWE)**

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## SPRING 2023

9:00 - 10:00 AM YMCA Pavilion R

**Yoga For All (Instructor, Kathryn Wilson)**

Mondays Every Mon. beginning June 5th

Register @ [www.yogabykathryn.com](http://www.yogabykathryn.com)

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## TAKE NOTE!

- All events are free unless noted with a "\$" symbol
- Golf 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!

## CONTACT US!

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