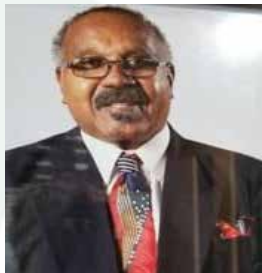




## Recreation Station Newsletter

### A Message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel



It is with a heavy heart that I share the passing of Mr. Azola Williams – a long-standing Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commissioner – first appointed in 1995. Azola's dedication to our county parks system and the Saginaw community will continue to be felt in significant ways, carrying his legacy and passion for recreation long into the future. On behalf of the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and Staff, our sincere thanks to Mr. Azola Williams and our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

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### Saginaw County Parks Summer 2022 by the numbers:

104,241 combined patrons at Imerman Memorial Park and Haithco Recreation Area between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

+23,009 patron increase (28%) from 2021, our busiest season on record.

250+ Pavilion Reservations

31 fantastic seasonal staff, 6 full-time staff.

1 heck of a summer!

Thank you for your patronage of your  
Saginaw County Parks.

### Congratulations to the recipients of the 100K patron award!

Thank you for helping us reach  
new heights in ► 2022!



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# 2022 Fall Programs

## Walk with Ease (WWE)

**Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept 12 - October 21 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. 10/4 10-2:00 PM**

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

**Thurs. 10/6 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. 10/12**

**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. Questions? Call the Parks office at 989-790-5280.

## Jack-O-Dash

**Fri. 10/14**

**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

## Cider and Doughnut Hike

**Wed. 11/2 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**

## Snakes Alive

**Sat. 11/5 (2 show times)**

**11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

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 Michelle Fournier for this live snake program. All are welcome to get as close a look at the snakes as you feel comfortable! Location: Freeland SportsZone Community Room, 5690 Midland Rd. Freeland, MI 48623. Cost: FREE



## Santa's Holiday Hike

**Fri. 12/2**

**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



# Children's Fun Night 2022 Highlights





# The Not Just For KIDS CORNER

Where fun happens!



● ● ● Let's color 



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



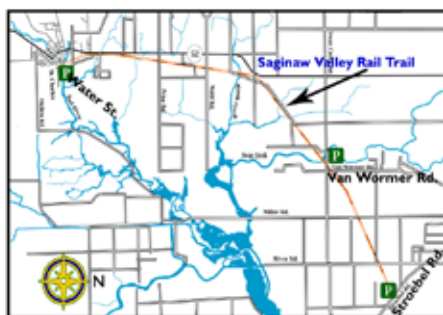
Price Nature Center  
6685 Sheridan Road



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.  
Stroebel Road, Saginaw



William H. Haithco Rec. Area  
2121 Schust Road



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



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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.





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### TAKE NOTE!

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

### CONTACT US!

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