

Recreation Station Newsletter

A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel



It has been a great start to the summer season in your Saginaw County Parks. We continue to see increased activity in the parks from county residents and beyond – our program schedule is in full swing and over 150 groups are celebrating various events in our park pavilions this

This month I would like to share an summer. important initiative being undertaken by the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in 2021. Earlier this year the Parks Commission authorized a subcommittee tasked with updating Saginaw County Parks' Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan. The broad purpose of an ADA Transition Plan is to provide an accurate and thorough self-assessment of the accessibility of parks, trails, buildings and other facilities owned and operated by Saginaw County Parks. The assessment also includes evaluation of ADA standards in programming and services administered by Saginaw County Parks with a goal of increasing the accessibility of our parks, facilities and programs. The subcommittee has involvement from organizations and individuals including Parks Commissioners and staff, Commission on Aging, VOICE, INC, Millet Learning Center, The Special Olympics and other individual members representing various disabled populations.

After thorough assessments, the process then shifts to addressing ADA compliance deficiencies identified in the self-assessment process. Increased accessibility is accomplished through both small park updates and larger capital development projects. Ultimately, the end product is a more accessible Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission for all. If you are interested in providing feedback on

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the draft ADA Transition Plan update or participating in the subcommittee, please contact the Parks Commission.

We look forward to seeing you again this summer in your Saginaw County Parks or at one of the many programs hosted by the commission. Have a great summer!

Photos from Catch Me If you Can 2021





Glancing forward to Fall events:

Senior Rail Trail Color Tours - Oct. 5, 6 & 7th Howl-O-Ween - Oct. 13th Jack-O-Dash - Oct. 15th



Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 28-Sept 6) 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7- May 27) Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 28-Sept 6) 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7- May 27) William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 28-Sept 6) 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 7- May 27) 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

ADVENTURE

Haithco and Imerman Park are free entry for County Residents! 989-790-5280 www.saginawcounty.com/parks



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

2021 Summer Programs

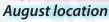
Yoga For All

Every Tues. continuing into September **Every Tues.** continuing into September

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 5:30 PM - 6:30 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!!! Cost: AM classes \$8 per class, PM classes \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes. Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. Duration: 1 hr. Sign up at: www.yogabykathryn.com

StoryWalk [®] "Tails and Tales" Summer Series July location Ringwood Fore



Ringwood Forest Price Nature Center



Join SCPRC in partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw to bring literacy to the great outdoors all summer long! This summer StoryWalk series began in June at Imerman Memorial Park and new stories will be at different locations each month. Children can

explore an exciting story along the trail with new pages displayed as they hike. Look for StoryWalk signs to locate the starting point of each book. Enjoy the StoryWalks at your convenience during regular park hours.

"The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson."

Intro to Pickle ball Sat. July 10 & 24

10:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Join us and our local Pickleball wizard and instructor Jerry Barz in learning this fun filled game. Pickle ball 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, racquet ball 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.

Dog Days of Summer Wed. July 14 Wed. Aug 11

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 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! Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Duration: 2 hrs.

Try It: Kayaking Mon. July 19 Mon. Aug. 9

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

In this class, you will learn the differences between kayak styles and canoes, plus 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 & **Pre-registration required.**

Jolly Hammers and Strings

Ned. July 21	7:0
Ned. Aug 18	7:0

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM 7:00 PM - 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! 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** Duration: 1.5 hrs.

Trails and Tails Puppet Show

Wed. July 21 Wed. Aug 18 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Meet the Author 10:00 - 11:30 AM - Litter Scramble



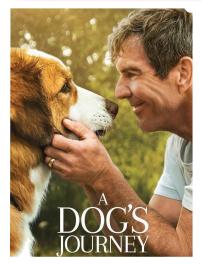
Special event !! Join SCPRC in partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw for special themed puppet shows & activities.

Miss Maureen & Miss Beth will present hilarious puppet shows that will be educational & help teach social responsibility in a fun & light setting! In July, a real live AUTHOR will attend! Kids can purchase the book used for the puppet show for only \$10 and have it signed by the author!! Cash or card accepted. July Location: Imerman Memorial Park

August Location: Bliss Park

*Free lunch at 11:30 AM provided by YMCA's Mission Nutrition Cost: Free to attend; \$10 to purchase book in July.

Outdoor Movie Night- Thomas Twp Sat. July 23 Dark



Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join Saginaw County Parks and Thomas Twp Parks and Recreation under the stars for an outdoor showing of the movie **A dogs Journey**. Popcorn and concessions will be available for purchase. Movie: Free! Location: Roberts Park, Thomas Twp. Duration: 2 hrs.

Mon. July 26 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mon. Aug 16 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

What's SUP? Stand up paddle boards (SUP) offer a fun, relaxing way to play on the water. Paddle boarding delivers a full-body workout and has become a popular cross-training activity. Try it: SUP will offer its participants beginning SUP skills, including the use of equipment and paddling techniques. Classes are limited to 8 people so make sure to call and reserve your spot today. 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) Cost: \$5 per person.

Parks Pursuit Scavenger Hunt Aug. 1st - 20th



GooseChase

Join Saginaw County Parks and Saginaw County 4-H MSU Extension for an exciting pursuit in the parks....and beyond! The Parks Pursuit Scavenger

Hunt is a Saginaw County self-paced scavenger hunt for friends & families to enjoy the great outdoors, complete summer activities and challenges, and learn about 4-H and the local parks across Saginaw County. So get your team together, come up with a great team name and be ready for a FUN scavenger hunt in the parks this year! The top 3 winners will be in PURSUIT of some amazing prizes!! **Registration** *is required* @ <u>https://events.anr.msu.edu/park-</u> *spursuitscavengerhunt/*then simply download the GooseChase app on your phone or tablet and find the Parks Pursuit Scavenger Hunt and join! Prize details will be announced prior to the event on our Facebook page.

Storywalk Outdoor Movie Celebration

Thurs. Aug 19 7:00 PM - School supply give-away 7:00-8:30 PM - StoryWalk/games 8:30 PM - Movie (prizes during movie)



Join SCPRC in partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw and Saginaw County Great Start Collaborative for an evening of celebration to wrap up the summer StoryWalks and the summer reading program. School supplies will be given out to the children present (while supplies last), drive-in movie cars will be raffled off for use during the movie compliments of the library

and prizes will be awarded during the movie. Bring your lawnchairs, blankets and be ready to settle down for a wonderful showing of Open Season right next to the beautiful Haithco Lake. Cost: Free! Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area.

Walk with Ease (WWE) Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept. 13- Oct. 22 9 AM -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. Sept 15

Wed. Sept 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 evening you can bring them out and let them swim to their heart's content! Just be sure to clean up before you leave. Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. Duration: 1.5 hrs.



Check out our summer children's programming on the next page!





Free kids lunches/snacks provided by YMCA Mission Nutrition

Date	Program	Program Time	Location	AM Lunch PM Snack
Thurs. June 24	Nature Explorers	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center	No lunch
Tues. June 29	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	11:30 AM
Wed. June 30	Trail Tales Puppet Show	10 -11:30 AM	Haithco Rec. Area	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 1	Art in the Park	2-3:30 PM	Deindorfer Woods	3:30 PM
Tues. July 6	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 7	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Thurs. July 8	Music on the Move	10 - 11:30 AM	Haithco Rec. Area	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 8	Go Gaga for Games	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. July 13	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 14	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 15	Nature Explorers	10 - 11:30 AM	Ringwood Forest	No lunch
Tues. July 20	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 21	Trail Tails Puppet Show	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 22	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Haithco Rec. Area	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 22	Music on the Move	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. July 27	Go Gaga for Games	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 28	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Thurs. July 29	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 29	Go Gaga for Games	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 3	Build It	10 -11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. Aug 4	Music on the Move	2 - 3:30 PM	Deindorfer Woods	3:30 PM
Thurs. Aug 5	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	11:30 AM
Tues. Aug 10	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. Aug 10	Nature Explorers	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center	No lunch
Wed. Aug 11	Go Gaga for Games	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Thurs. Aug 12	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Haithco Rec. Area	11:30 AM
Thurs. Aug 12	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 17	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. Aug 18	Trail Tails Puppet Show	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. Aug 19	Music on the Move	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	11:30 AM

This is only the playdate programs offered by Saginaw County Parks ...visit our www.saginawcounty.com/parks for a full list of programs. There is no cost to participate in our playdate programs although out of county residents will encounter a \$2 per car gate fee at Imerman and \$5 gate fee at Haithco



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Imerman Memorial Park- 3495 Midland Rd Haithco Rec Area- 2121 Schust Rd Price Nature Ctr - 6685 Sheridan Rd. Ringwood Forest - 13710 Ring Rd St. Charles

<u>City Parks</u>

Bliss Park-1441 N. Michigan Deindorfer Woods 1798 Weiss Otto Roeser Park-1100 Van Buren Fordney Park - 1118-1300 Chestnut

Other Parks in Saginaw County Showboat Park - 805 S. Front St. Chesaning



Build It?

Check out our new Playdate offering that will take place in our beautiful, rustic county parks. This nature based program will include around a mile hike on the wooded trails, educational components such as tree & bird identification, searching for items in nature & a nature based craft. Please wear hiking or tennis shoes & lots of BUG SPRAY. Meet at the pavilion.

Can you build it? Yes you Can!!! This playdate theme gives children the opportunity to create with several different types of materials such as wood, foam, cardboard, oversized blocks and many other exciting options. Let your imagination be the limit at this hands on event!



Join us for a fast paced, high energy sport played in our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit. The more players the more FUN! Other games and activities will be offered for your enjoyment. Bring your friends and let's go GAGA for Games!

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



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"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.

Join Miss Maureen and Miss Beth from the Public Libraries of Saginaw for a hilarious puppet show that will engage the whole family! Presented in collaboration with the libraries' "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Program & the summer StoryWalk series. Cost: Free! Location: Wm. H. Haithco Rec. Area.



Everything is larger then life during Supersize Fun. Come out and play with oversized balls, games and blocks. The fun and excitement will put a supersized smile on event participants faces!

*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

We are teaming up the with YMCA Mission Nutrition to offer awesome programs and free lunches/snack to school aged children this summer! Free lunch is served immediately following most morning events and snacks after most afternoon events at a majority of our Playdates. Check out the schedule for the days lunch/snack will be served (lunches are first come first served while supplies last).



Check www.facebook.com/SaginawCountyParks for program information and weather related cancelations

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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 2021 season for the William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2021.

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 can be made by calling the Parks office

at (989) 790-5280 today. Methods of payment accepted include cash, check, credit and money order.



Imerman Memorial Park 3495 Midland Road



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



Price Nature Center 6685 Sheridan 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



PUBLIC NOTICE

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



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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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Bliss Park

10 - 11:30 am

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* All events are free unless noted with a "\$" symbol. * Gate fees may be additional