



## Recreation Station Newsletter

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

Happy New Year from Saginaw County Parks! I sincerely hope your holiday season has been restful and enjoyable, with time spent with family and loved ones, and hopefully some time outside recreating, too. Saginaw County Parks has another exciting year planned for 2025, kicking things off with the return of our snowman or sculpture contest running through March! Capture a photo or two of your creations and tag us on Facebook or send us an email to participate. Mother Nature, we're counting on you to cooperate for this contest, and for many Michigan winter activity reasons for that matter; including my love of ice fishing so eloquently captured by our Event Coordinator in the top left corner :-)



NEW in 2025 – pavilion reservations can now be made online through the parks website. Additional details on pavilion reservations are in the back of the newsletter, and simply follow the pavilion rental prompts on our website to reserve a pavilion in your beautiful Saginaw County Parks. We're always available to assist and answer questions, so please feel free to give us a call or stop in as well.

2025 will be exciting for many reasons, including Saginaw County Parks kicking off three capital development projects. Imerman Memorial Park will see an accessible family bathroom addition to our restrooms, paved pathways to all park amenities, the renovation of the existing boat launch, and the addition of a separate canoe/kayak launch on the Tittabawassee River. Second, a new trailhead on the south end of the BayZil Trail in Zilwaukee Town-

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ship will also break ground. And the third capital improvement project, renovations of the oldest sections of the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail will begin in 2025. The project area for the SVRT enhancements is Lumberjack Park in St. Charles to Swan Creek Rd, featuring bridge deck replacements, new benches and signage, and asphalt repairs/repaving along the way. Both trail projects are funded in part through grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and the Imerman improvements through an ARPA allocation from the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners. All three are exciting projects further enhancing your Saginaw County Parks and recreational opportunities for Saginaw County residents. Lots of great things in store for 2025 – wishing the best for you and yours as we begin the new year in Saginaw County!



Did you know Saginaw County dogs star in their own calendar each year? We host multiple dog events every year & capture photos of your furry friends. Visit the parks office to see if your doggie is a star this year! Cash or check accepted.

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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)

Apply online at:  
[www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

Applications accepted through March 10, 2025

# 2025 Summer Employment Opportunities

**Booth Attendant (6)** - \$14/hour. Greets public upon entering the parks, collects fees, answers questions and maintains financial data. Requires good mathematical skills and strong customer service skills. (20-40 hours per week).

**Lifeguard (12)** - \$14.50/hour (LGI – \$15/hour). Provides a safe and clean aquatic facility. Enforces rules, assists park patrons, operates boat rental and responds to emergency situations. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (20-40 hours per week).

**Office Clerk (1)** - \$14/hour. Performs general office duties including typing, making copies, answering telephones, filing, etc. Also interacts with customers and conducts cash transactions for reservations and programs. Must be familiar with computer word processing and be able to operate common office equipment. Requires high school diploma or its equivalent (20-40 hours per week).

**Park Ranger (8)** - \$15/hour. Provides safety, comfort, and convenience for park users. Enforces rules, cleans parks and performs light maintenance duties. Must be 18 or older and requires a valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record. (30-40 hours per week).

**Park Supervisor (2)** - \$19/hour (Rate negotiable). Supervises staff and assists with the management of county parks. Interacts with the public on a daily basis, enforcing rules and policies. Requires valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record, high school diploma (or equivalent). College graduate preferred with supervisory and aquatics experience. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (30-50 hours per week).

**Program Coordinator (2)** - \$15/hour (Rate negotiable). Facilitate, promote and evaluate summer Playdate programs as well as leagues, tournaments, youth, and family events at Hoyt Park. Program experience and high school diploma (or equivalent) required. Flexible schedule (15-30 hours per week).

*All individuals selected for positions are subject to, and must successfully pass a post offer pre-employment physical, criminal background check and drug screening. All applicants will be required to attend training sessions before working, including American Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses.*

**Work Season:**  
May 12 through Sept. 1

Questions? Call 989-790-5280



# 2025 Winter Programs

## Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest January 1st – March 31st

Facebook

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Why you ask? Because you need snow to compete in our Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest! Award entry categories are: Adult, Family, Teen (13-17), Children (ages 12 and under) and the People's Choice Award which is determined by how many Facebook likes the picture receives. Simply wait for a good snow, build your creation, take a picture and post it in the contest thread pinned at the top of our Saginaw County Parks Facebook page. Be sure to include the name/age of the creator for teen & child entries. Snowmen/sculptures must be built in Saginaw County during the contest time-frame, constructed of snow and posted on the Facebook page by March 21. If you don't have Facebook, send entries to [jfiers@saginawcounty.com](mailto:jfiers@saginawcounty.com). Winners will receive a prize even Frosty the Snowman would love! Come on Saginaw County--get outside and show us what you got!

## Full Moon Hike Monday, January 13

Price Nature Center  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join Saginaw County Parks staff for a wintery jaunt through the beautiful trails at Price Nature Center as the moonlight guides the way. Make sure to dress warm for this event.

*Register at [www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks). Cost: Free*

## Friends of Hoyt Park – Bringing Back the Ice!

Hoyt Park

Saturday, January 18 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Night Skate)

Saturday, January 25 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday, February 1 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (*Broomball from 1-3 pm*)

February 8 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

February 15 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hoyt Park is the place to be in Saginaw for outdoor winter fun. The Friends of Hoyt Park transform the park into a winter wonderland with a skating surface the size of three hockey rinks and hills for sledding. A warming house complete with skate rentals and hot chocolate is open during skate times. \$2 skate rental.

More information about Friends of Hoyt Park can be found here: <http://friendsofhoytparksaginaw.weebly.com/>

## Dog Days Winter Romps

Imerman Memorial Park

Wednesday, *February 12 & March 12*

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Who's ready for some extended-time of wintry romping in the snow & pure dog-playing bliss in the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Dog Park? We are keeping the front of the park open longer on these special dates to allow you and your furry friend some extra time to romp. This event is bound to be cold so dress for the weather. Patio heaters will be lit to help take off the chill. The 2025 Dog Calendars will be available on site for \$15. The Park will close for the night immediately following the event.

*No registration required. Cost: Free*

## Guided Nature Hike Thursday, February 27

Ringwood Forest  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join Saginaw County Parks staff for a wintery jaunt through the beautiful trails at Ringwood Forest. Snowshoes will be available for up to 12 participants if conditions permit. Make sure to dress warm for this event.

*Register at [www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks). Cost: Free*

## TrAIL Wagggers - Dog Nature Romp Thursday, March 27

Price Nature Center  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Hey dogs! Grab your human, your leash and your do-do bags too! Saginaw County Parks staff will guide you and your humans through the amazing trails at Price Nature Center. Lots of things for you to sniff and new friends to make. We will get some great new photos for the next dog calendar too. Tell your human to bring \$15 to purchase the 2025 calendar. *No registration required. Cost: Free*

## New Program Registration in 2025!

Saginaw County Parks now has program registration available online as well as pavilion reservations. When you see a program listed that requires registration, go to [www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks). On the front page you will see a big red button. Simply click and it will take you to our registration site. You will need to set up a username & password the first time you log in. You can create your account & add family members to your account as well. For programs that require payment, that can now be done online too. As always, please reach out to us with any assistance you may need!










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# 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.

## Commission Members

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

## January

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Mon. 1/13	Full Moon Hike	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Price Nature Center <b>R</b>
Sat. 1/18	Bringing Back the Ice (Night Skate)	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Sat. 1/25	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park

## February

Sat. 2/1	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Sat. 2/1	Broomball	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Sat. 2/8	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Wed. 2/12	Winter Romp	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Sat. 2/15	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Thurs. 2/27	Guided Nature Hike	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Ringwood Forest <b>R</b>

## March

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Wed. 3/27	TrAIL Wagggers Nature Hike	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Price Nature Center

To register for programs, visit [www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

### 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!

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