

Recreation Station Newsletter

A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Leche

Slow down, Summer! Another beautiful Michigan summer is well underway, and we're off to a great start in your Saginaw County Parks. This is thanks to a fantastic staff



team - between supervisors, park rangers, lifeguards, booth attendants, grounds maintenance, and program coordinators, over thirty individuals have joined us to create and maintain safe, clean, and fun Saginaw County Parks. And they're doing just that, welcoming well over 1000 park patrons at William H. Haithco Recreation Area on some of our busiest days, to hosting a great family fishing festival with over 200 youth participants, 150 on our semi annual senior rail trail rides, and hosting over 100 group rentals under our park pavilions so far this summer. We'll host close to 300 pavilion reservations by the end of summer, with folks celebrating birthdays, baby showers, high school or family reunions, graduation parties, and more. This simply wouldn't be possible without the dedicated folks working 7 days a week in your Saginaw County Parks all summer long. Please join me in thanking this incredible staff team!

We hope you're able to visit us again soon, whether on your own schedule or for one of our upcoming events like viewing the classic "Jaws" on Haithco's beach on July 19th or stopping down to Hoyt Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July to cheer on our Summer Youth Baseball League in partnership with Friends of Hoyt Park. You can find all of our summer and early fall offerings included in this newsletter – please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or suggestions for future events. Summer 2024

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Glancing forward to Fall events:

Senior Rail Trail Color Tours - Oct. 8th - 10th Jack-O-Dash - Oct. 18th

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

2024 Summer Programs

Yoga For All

Every Mon. continuing through Aug. 26 **Every Mon.** continuing through Aug. 26

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 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. You don't need to be flexible & all athletic abilities are welcome. Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. For pricing & registration information, visit the website at: www.yogabykathryn.com

Guided Meditation with Vanessa Every Wed. & Thurs. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join Vanessa for outdoor guided meditations at Imerman Memorial Park overlooking the tranquil Tittabawassee River! For more information and registration, visit the website at: https://introspectvanessa.wixsite.com/introspectstudio-1

Try it: Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP)Mon. July 84Mon. Aug 12 (2 sessions)12:00 & 2:

4:00 PM 12:00 & 2:00 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 + (Children 6 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Cost: \$5 per person. **Pre-registration required**

Try It: Kayaking Wed. July 10

4:00 PM 12:00 & 2:00 PM

Tues. Aug. 20 (2 sessions) 12:00 & 2:00 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 + (Children 6 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Duration: 1 hr. Cost: \$5.00 per person. *Pre-registration required*

JAWS on the Beach Fri. July 19

Dusk

Are you a thrill seeker and ready to bring in the upcoming Shark Week? Bring your lawn chair and join Saginaw County Parks on Haithco Beach for an outdoor showing of JAWS. *beach will be closed for swimming. Movie location: 2121 Schust, Wm. H. Haithco Rec. Area. Cost: Free!

Nature Day Camp (Kids 8-12 yrs) Tues. July 23

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join Saginaw County Parks in partnership with Saginaw County MSU Extension 4-H & Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge for an exciting Nature Day Camp. Kids will engage in fun educational naturebased activities such as animal track & plant identification, birding, edible bugs, fire safety and more. Lunch, snacks and water will be provided. This camp is for kids 8-12 only....sorry adults! Stop in to the parks office for the Registration packet. Limited spots available. Location: Price Nature Center. Cost: \$25 per child. Call 989-790-5280 for more information.

Dog Days of Summer Wed. July 24 Wed. Aug 21

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 5:30 PM - 7:30 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! 2024 Dog calendars will be available for \$15 on site. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park.

Jolly Hammers and Strings Wed. July 24 Wed. Aug 28

7:00 PM - 8:45 PM 7:00 PM - 8:45 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

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Group and Rookies) Tues. Aug 13 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.



Outdoor Movie Night-Village of Merrill Thurs. Aug. 8



9:00 PM Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission along with the Village of Merrill for an under the stars outdoor showing of the movie MIGRATION. Free popcorn & lemonade will be provided on site. Movie location: 100 N. Eddy St. on the main Diamond with seating on right field. Cost: Free!

Children's FUN Night Wed. Aug. 14

5:30 PM - movie end

Come on out to Children's Fun Night for great entertainment & lots of community vendors. Fill up your vendor sheet & redeem for school supplies (K-12th) or a giveaway for the littles. Movie to follow!



Walk with Ease (WWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept. 9 - Oct. 18 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. 11



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.

11:00 AM

3rd Annual Pints & Paddles Sat. Sept. 21



Don't miss the best paddle event of the year! The event includes a kayak & gear if needed, transportation to the launch site, a food truck at the final end point with music, games & drinks. Registration will include free snacks & a drink on us! Additional drinks will be available for cash pur-

chase. No BYOB please. Trip details:

Launch site: Festival Park in Freeland 6 mile trip exits at Imerman Memorial Park \$30 per person needing kayak & gear \$15 per person supplying kayak/gear.

Pre-registration required & must be paid in the parks office prior to the event. Open to anyone 21 & older. Call 989-790-5280 for details and reservation instructions.



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





Free kids lunches/snacks provided by YMCA Mission Nutrition

Date:	Program:	Time:	Location:	AM Lunch PM Snack
Tues. June 18	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. June 20	Music on the Move	10 -11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. June 20	Nature Explorers (Rocks & Fossil:	s) 2 - 3:30 PM	Ringwood Forest	No snack
Tues. June 25	Water Wars Extended time	12 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Wed. June 26	Art in the Park	10 -11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Thurs. June 27	Puppet Show	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Tues. July 2	Art in the Park	10 -11:30 AM	Deindorfer Woods	11:30 AM
Tues. July 2	Build It	2 - 3:30 PM	Firstward Comm. Ctr	No snack
Wed. July 3	Music on the Move	2 -3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. July 9	Supersize Fun	10 -11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 10	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Davis Community Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 10	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. July 11	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 11	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Tues. July 16	Build It	10 -11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. July 16	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Wed. July 17	Supersize Fun	10 -11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Wed. July 17	Music on the Move	2 - 3:30 PM	Deindorfer Woods	3:30 PM
Thurs. July 18	Nature Explorers (Edible Bugs)	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center	No snack
Wed. July 24	Water Wars Extended time	12 -3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. July 25	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 25	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Firstward Comm. Ctr	No snack
Tues. July 30	Art in the Park	10 -11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. July 30	Supersize Fun	2 - 3:30 PM	Davis Community Park	3:30 PM
Wed. July 31	Build It	10 -11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Wed. July 31	Puppet Show	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Thurs. Aug 1	Build It	10 -11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. Aug 1	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 6	Supersize Fun	10 -11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. Aug 6	Nature Explorers (Wingin' It)	2 -3:30 PM	Green Point Nature Center	No snack
Wed. Aug 7	Water Wars Extended time	12 - 3:30 PM	Firstward Comm. Ctr	No snack
Thurs. Aug 8	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug. 13	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM

There is no cost to participate in our Playdate programs.

Out of county residents will encounter a \$2 per car gate fee at Imerman and \$5 per car gate fee at Haithco.



County Parks

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 Other Parks in Saginaw County Showboat Park - 805 S. Front St. Chesaning Davis Community Park - 6206 Dixie Hwy.

City Locations: Bliss Park-1441 N. Michigan Deindorfer Woods-1798 Weiss Otto Roeser Park-1100 Van Buren Green Point Nature Ctr.-3010 Maple Fordney Park - 1118-1300 Chestnut

Firstward Comm. Ctr. 1410 N. 12th















These nature based Playdates, in partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw & Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, will take place in beautiful rustic parks! Each of these programs will have their own theme as noted on the schedule. They will include a short hike on wooded trails plus an educational component and nature based activity. Please wear hiking or tennis shoes & lots of BUG SPRAY.

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 SCPRC and Saginaw County 4-H for a fast paced, high energy Playdate geared toward slightly older kids. We will have our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit out for competitive play as well as inflatable ARCHERY! Four air streams keep target balls floating for endless hours of target shooting fun for all skill levels. Other games & activities will be offered for the younger crowd.

Who doesn't love to create fun? Join us for a large variety of make and take art projects. You can expect to get your hands a little dirty, but you will walk away with some great projects & great memories. Projects often include lots of paint, markers, beads, marble art, airplanes, play-doh & more!

Don't miss this special opportunity to experience the power of rhythm. During Music on the Move, participants will learn music through African Drums in a group setting. They will also learn how to make sounds, tell stories, improvise music, reading and playing rhythm patterns. Music on the Move will be conducted by Sonja Cissell.

Join us in this partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw for a puppet show that will engage the whole family! Once the show is over, there will be a craft activity for your child to enjoy. There will also be an opportunity to touch the puppets and interact with library staff. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and be ready to be entertained.

Slip and slide into Summer with some wet and wild fun. Bring a towel, wear your swimsuit & come prepared to get wet. Expect laughter & excitement while participating in water relays and playing on a 20ft inflatable water slide. *Note-potential risk for latex allergies.



Join the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Saginaw County Parks in exploring the edges of Haithco Lake and small ponds to discover frogs, toads, dragonflies and more! What to bring? Weather-appropriate clothing, water, your smile and a camera.



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

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).



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







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, Ruth Averill Splash Pad, 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!



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

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Yoga For All (Instructor, Kathryn Wilson) Register @ www.yogabykathryn.com 9 - 10200am & 6 - 7200 pm Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area

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Imerman Memorial Park

Visit Introspect Studio online for registration information 7-8:00 pm Every Wed. & Thurs. this summer **Guided Meditation with Vanessa**

7/2	Art in the Park	10-11:30 am	Deindorfer Park
7/2	Build It	2-3:30 pm	Firstward Comm. Ctr.
7/3	Music on the Move	2-3:30 pm	Fordney Park
7/8	Try It: SUP	4-5:00 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
6/2	Supersize Fun	10-11:30 am	Otto Roeser Park
01/12	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 am	Davis Community Park
7/10	Pond Life	2-3:30 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
01/2	Try it: Kayaking	4 - 5:00 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
11/2	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 am	Bliss Park
11/2	Gaga Ball/Archery	2-3:30 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
7/16	Build It	10-11:30 am	Otto Roeser Park
7/16	Art in the Park	2-3:30 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
7117	Supersize Fun	10-11:30 am	Showboat Park
7/17	Music on the Move	2-3:30 pm	Deindorfer Woods
7/18	Nature Explorers (edible bugs)	2 - 3:30 pm	Price Nature Center
6L//2	JAWS on the Beach (movie)	Dusk	Halthco Rec. Area
7/23	Nature Day Camp (Age 8-12)	9 am - 3 pm	Price Nature Center
7/24	Water Wars (extended time)	12 - 3:30 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
7/24	Dog Days of Summer	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
7/24	Jolly Hammers & Strings	7-8:45 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
7/25	Art in the Park	10-11:30 am	Bliss Park
7/25	Gaga Ball/Archery	2-3:30 pm	Firstward Comm. Ctr.
7/30	Art in the Park	10-11:30 am	Otto Roeser Park
7/30	Supersize Fun	2-3:30 pm	Davis Community Park
7/31	Build It	10-11:30 am	Showboat Park
7/31	Puppet Show	2-3:30 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
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8/1	Art in the Park	2-3:30 pm	Fordney Park
8/6	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 am	Otto Roeser Park
8/6	Nature Explorers (Wingin' It)	2-3:30 pm	Green Point Nature Ctr
8/7	Water Wars (extended time)	12 - 3:30 pm	Firstward Comm. Ctr.
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8/13	Saginaw Ukulele group	7-8:30 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
8/14	Children's FUN Night	5:30 - movie end	Halthco Rec. Area
8/20	Try It: Kayaking (2 sessions)	12:00 pm & 2:00 pm	Haithco Rec. Area
8/21	Dog Days of Summer	5:30-7:30 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
8/28	Jolly Hammers & Strings	7 - 8:45 pm	Imerman Memorial Pai
81/01-6/6	Walk With Ease	9 - 10:00 am	YMCA Pavilion
11/6	Soggy Doggy	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Halthco Rec. Area
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