



A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel:



Spring has (mostly) sprung in Saginaw County! I hope you have found some time to get outdoors on some of these beautiful days in your Saginaw County Parks and elsewhere. Our staff team has been busy in the parks with spring thawing, while also gearing up to hire our seasonal staff team of around thirty. Staff and contractors have been especially busy at Haithco Recreation Area, as a new splashpad and playground project continue to take shape, with a target opening date of Memorial Day weekend. This nearly million-dollar project was made possible with funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Saginaw Community Foundation, and Saginaw County Parks millage funding.

Additionally, construction will continue later this spring on Saginaw County's newest park, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area, 334 acres along the Saginaw River located at 77 W. Center St, with a target opening date later in 2022. Additionally, final planning is pending approval to begin construction this summer on a long awaited south-end trailhead on the BayZil Rail Trail north of Kochville Rd in Zilwaukee Township. As we continue to prepare for these exciting additions, we are also looking towards the future, preparing two additional Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant applications for accessibility upgrades at Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center.

We look forward to seeing you soon in the parks and on the trails, or at one of our wonderful programs included in this newsletter.



Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 6 - May 27)

Ringwood Forest, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 6 - May 27)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 6- 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

2022 Spring Programs

Walk with Ease (WWE)

***Mon. Wed. & Fri. April 25-- June 3 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. Location: YMCA Pavilion, 1915 Fordney Street. **Call now to register!** Cost: Free!

Intro to Pickle ball

Tues.	May 10 & 24	10:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Thurs.	May 12 & 26	7:00 PM- 8:30 PM
Tues.	June 7 & 21	10:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Thurs.	June 9 & 23	7:00 PM- 8:30 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.

Yoga For All

Every Mon. beginning in May	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Every Mon. beginning in May	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!!! Cost: AM classes \$8 per class, PM classes \$10 per class or \$50 for 6 classes. Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. For class information and sign up, please www.yogabykathryn.com

Soggy Doggy

Wed. May 18

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 for \$15. Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area.

First 150 children registered receive a free fishing pole!

Catch me if you can

Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 4, 2022
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!

Join us for the 32nd annual 'Catch Me If You Can' Family Fishing Festival on June 4th. The first 150 children registered will receive a free fishing pole. Call 989-790-5280 to register!

Senior Rail Trail Golf Cart Tours

Tues. June 7	10-2:00 PM	Swan Creek and VanWormer
Wed. June 8	10-2:00 PM	Swan Creek and VanWormer
Thurs. June 9	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 believe 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.

Outdoor Movie Night in Thomas Township *Fri. June 10* *Dark*



Join Saginaw County Parks and Thomas Twp. Parks and Recreation under the stars for outdoor showing of the movie American Underdog. Bring your chairs, blankets & be ready for a fun evening. Concessions will be available for purchase. Movie: Free! Location: Roberts Park, Thomas Twp.

Dog Days of Summer

Wed. June 15

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 7/13 & 8/10.

Jolly Hammers and Strings

Wed. June 22

7-8:30 PM

*****LOCATION- IMERMAN MEMORIAL PARK*****

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.

Try it: Kayak

Thurs. June 23

4:00 - 5:00 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!



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

Adult Mystery Movie Nights (Part 1)

Fri. June 24 8:00 PM Cash Bar Opens 9:45 PM Movie



Grab your chairs/blankets and join Saginaw County Parks for the first part of the outdoor ADULT Mystery Movie nights starting with Murder on the Orient Express (2017). **Beer & wine** will be available on site for purchase. No BYOB permitted. Movie: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Part 2 will feature Death on the Nile on July 8th.

Playdate-Music on the Move

Tues. June 28

2:00 - 3:30 PM

"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. Cost: Free! Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area at Pavilion # 1.

Try it: Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP)

Wed. June 29

4:00 PM-5:00 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. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register!

Playdate-Gaga Ball/Archery Extravaganza

Thurs. June 30

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 at Pavilion # 1.

First 150 children registered receive a free fishing pole!



Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 4, 2022

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

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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 4, 2022. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 4, 2022. **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

Dates: Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

April 25 - June 3, 2022

Time: 9:00-10:00 AM

Location: YMCA Pavilion

1915 Fordney St. Saginaw

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



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:

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WHEN:

10 Game Season

July 5th - Aug 4, 2022

Tuesday & Thursday

Evenings

WHERE:

Hoyt Park

1574 S. Washington Ave

Saginaw, MI

www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com

to register and pay online.

Registration Deadline June 17, 2022

*League registration reserves a free spot in the
Sugar Beets Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park
June 14-15th (12-3 pm)

COST:

\$20 per player

*\$3 additional fee charged on registration site

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.

Additional information is available on our

website: www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com

or call SCPRC at 989-790-5283



Division players are still required
to register and pay online to be
qualified to play in the league.

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Hello Spring

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SUNSHINE
RAIN



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 2022 season for the William

H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2022.

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



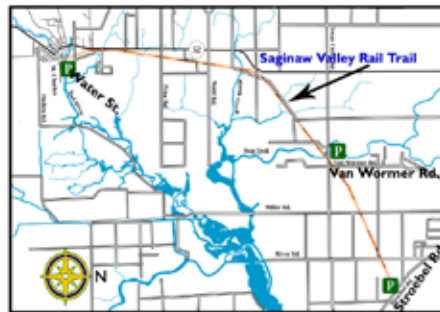
Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Road



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



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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FITNESS CLASSES:

Walk with Ease (WWWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. April 25th - June 3rd 9:00 - 10:00 AM YMCA Pavilion R

Yoga For All (Instructor, Kathryn Wilson)

Mondays See website below for start date 9:00 - 10:00 AM Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area SR
Register @ www.yogabykathryn.com 6:00 - 7:00 PM

PROGRAMS:

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Thurs. June 9 & 23 **Intro to Pickleball** R 7:00 - 8:30 PM Imberman Memorial Park
Fri. June 10 Movie Night, American Underdog 9:45 - 11:45 PM Thomas Twp. Roberts Park
June 14-15 **Sugar Beets Baseball Camp** 12:00 - 3:00 PM Hoyt Park SR
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Murder on the Orient Express 8:00 PM (cash bar opens) \$
Wed. June 29 **Try it: SUP** 4:00 - 5:00 PM Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area SR



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June Playdate schedule:

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Thurs. June 30 **Gaga Ball/Archery** 2:00 - 3:30 PM Imberman Memorial Park

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".
- Playdates are for all ages. Prepare to get messy!

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