#### **Recreation Station Newsletter**

A word from our Director:
Spring's arrival
each year is a
long-welcomed
warm up for
most Michiganders,
melting off another winter's
snow and ice cover giving
way to initial glimpses
of green. Although the
avid icefisherman in me
has mixed emotions about

this inevitable melt, it's hard not to feel optimistic as a new season approaches and thoughts shift to warmer outdoor activities and another great spring and summer in Michigan. These signs, paired with the large-scale rollout of Covid vaccinations, created a larger than usual sense of optimism and anticipation of warmer weather in Michigan for me this year. Optimism for outdoor activities appear to be shared by many this spring, as we've seen an increase in folks reserving our park pavilions for a variety of special events this summer. This is par for the course over the last year as Saginaw County Parks have seen increased and steady usage across the park system – and we are preparing for another busy and safe parks season.

The busyness extends to our 2021 construction schedule, as we prepare to kickoff construction on three different capital projects. You'll



likely first see construction begin on a splash pad and playground installation at Haithco Recreation Area in Saginaw Township which will be a great,

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well-utilized addition to the park. To the northeast in Zilwaukee, we'll begin construction of a southern end trailhead for the BayZil trail along Kochville Rd allowing designated parking and access for that beautiful trail. And finally, in the City of Saginaw, construction will begin in August on the newest Saginaw County Park, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area. This transformative project restores vacant industrial parcels to accessible, natural areas for the public to enjoy and wildlife to thrive. We anticipate the opening of Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area in the Fall of 2021.

Staff have also been busy preparing the return of in-person, outdoor programming. We've missed you at our Playdates, movies in the park, and at the Catch Me If You Can family fishing festival, among others. We've learned a lot in a year and feel comfortable planning for these events to return in



the best socially distant spaces around, your public parks. Please know that our number one priority will always be safety and we'll continue to monitor and seek advice from local health experts regarding these

programs. We appreciate your patience and understanding if changes need to be made as we respond to the ongoing Covid-19
Pandemic. Inside the newsletter you'll find our initial schedule for

Spring/Summer events – we look forward to seeing you there and soon in your Saginaw County Parks.

#### **Park Hours:**

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7 - May 28) Ringwood Forest, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7 - May 28)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7- May 28)

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

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



#### **2021 Spring Programs**

Walk with Ease (WWE)

\*Mon. Wed. & Fri. April 26 - June 4 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! \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

#### Signs of Spring Nature Hike Thurs. *April 22*

4:00 PM-5:00 PM

Dust off your hiking boots and join Saginaw County Parks staff to look, listen, feel and smell the signs of spring. Bring your camera and binoculars and let's take a relaxing hike through the woods and see how the forest is changing. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* Limit 15 participants. \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety. Location: Ringwood Forest. Duration: 1 hr.

#### **Yoga For All**

Every Tues. beginning May 4 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Every Tues. beginning May 4 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

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

#### Soggy Doggy Wed. May 19



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! \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety. Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area. Duration: 1.5 hrs.

Intro to Pickle ball

 Wed..
 June 2 & 9
 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

 Tues.
 June 15
 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

 Sat.
 June 12 & 19
 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.



This fun filled fishing festival is back! Join SCPRC for the 31st annual 'Catch Me If You Can' Family Fishing Festival. The first 150 children registered will receive a free fishing pole. There will be fishing awards and prizes galore! Call 989-790-5280 to register or sign up the day of the event. Bait will be sold on site. All State of Michigan rules & regulations will apply at this tournament. Cost: Free! Location: Haithco Recreation Area. Duration: 3 hr.

#### **Dog Days of Summer** *Wed. June 9*

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. \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety. Future summer dates are 7/14 & 8/11.

#### StoryWalk <sup>®</sup> "Tails and Tales" Summer Series June 7th Kick-off Imerman Memorial Park



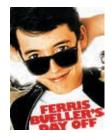
Join SCPRC in partnership with the Public Libraries of Saginaw to bring literacy to the great outdoors all summer long! This summer StoryWalk series begins this June in collaboration with the Summer Reading Program and will kick off at Imerman Me-

morial Park. Children can explore an exciting story along the trail with new pages displayed as they hike. Stories & park locations will rotate each month. Look for StoryWalk signs to locate the starting point of each book.

"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."

#### **Outdoor Movie Night**

Fri. June 18 Dark



Join Saginaw County Parks and Thomas Twp. Parks and Recreation under the stars for outdoor showing of the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Bring your chairs, blankets and snacks & be ready for a fun evening. Movie: Free! Location: Roberts Park, Thomas Twp. Duration: 2 hr.

#### Jolly Hammers and Strings Wed. June 23

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 24 5:00 - 6:00 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. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register!* 

#### **Playdate-Nature Explorers**

Thurs. June 24 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Check out our new Playdate offering that will take place in one of our beautiful rustic county parks. This nature based program will include approximately a mile hike on a wooded trails with 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. Cost: Free! Location: Price Nature Center-meet at pavilion. \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

#### Adult Movie Night

Fri. June 25 Dark



Grab you chairs or blankets and join Saginaw County Parks for an outdoor ADULT themed movie night featuring the great mystery movie Knives Out. **Beer & wine** will be available on site for purchase. No BYOB permitted. Movie: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park.

#### Playdate-Build It Tues. June 29

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Can you build it? Yes you Can!!! This playdate 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! Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. \*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

#### Playdate-Trail Tales Puppet Show Wed. June 30 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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

First 150 children registered recieve a free fishing pole!



#### Free Family Fishing Festival

#### Saturday, June 5, 2021

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area 2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register now by calling 989-790-5280

#### **Proudly Sponsored by:**



















#### **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!

#### Rules

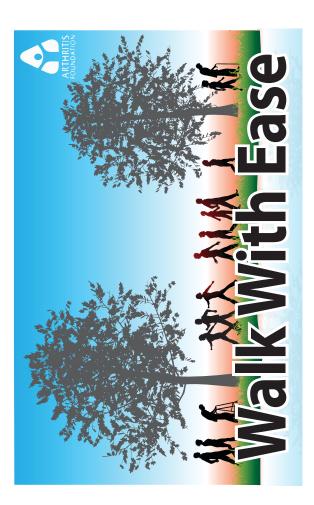
This Family Catch and Release Fishing Festival begins at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am on June 5, 2021. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 5, 2021. FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION BY 10:45AM TO COUNT.

Adults with a valid Michigan fishing liscence 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 with out 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:

- Increase confidence in your ability to be physical Interactive sessions with certified trained leader
- 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 26 - June 4, 2021

Time: 9:00-10:00 AM

Location: YMCA Pavilion

915 Fordney St. Saginaw

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









www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com to register and pay online.

# Registration Deadline June 13, 2021

Sugar Beets Baseball/Softball Camp at Hoyt Park \*League registration reserves a free spot in the June 15-16th (12-3 pm)

### COST:

\$20 per player

## NEED A TEAM?

may sign up and will be placed on the waitlist. T-Ball & Coach Pitch teams will be formed by the League. Division Players needing a team

website: www.hoytparkyouthbaseball.com Additional information is available on our or call SCPRC at 989-790-5283





# Hey Batter Batter!

### SES.

**All Saginaw County BOYS & GIRLS** 

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch) Division teams: 10U, 12U &15U Age 5-6 (T-ball)

### X TES

July 6th - Aug 5. 2021 **Tuesday & Thursday** 10 Game Season **Evenings** 

1574 S. Washington Ave **Hoyt Park** 

Saginaw, MI

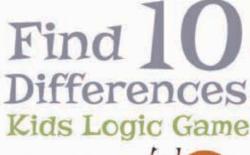
Division Teams (10U, 12U & 15U) require a team sponsor. Please send \$200 sponsorship fee to: 111. S. Michigan LL 012 Saginaw County Parks Saginaw, MI 48602. Division players are still required to register and pay online to be qualified to play in the league.















## Pavilion Rentals

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,

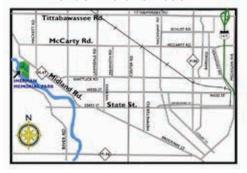
horseshoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, an in-line hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions. Call to reserve your pavilion today. We will begin accepting pavilion reservations for the 2021season for the William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on 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



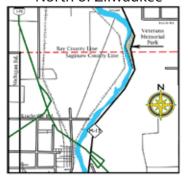
Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Parking at: E. Water Street, St. Charles
Van Wormer Road, Swan Creek Twp.
Stroebel Road, Saginaw



William H. Haithco Rec. Area 2121 Schust Road



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.







# FITNESS CLASSES:

	- June 4
(WWE)	April 26th
Ease	& Fri.
with	Wed.
Walk	Mon.

Yoga For All (Instructor, Kathryn Wilson)

YMCA Pavilion

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9-10:00 AM

Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area SR

5:30 - 6:30 PM

9-10:00 AM

May 4th-end of season

**Tuesdays** 

Register @ www.yogabykathryn.com

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June 15-16

Movie Night, Ferris Bueller

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**ADULT Movie-Knives Out** 

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Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area SR Imerman Memorial Park

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

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