MERRILLVILLE PARKS & RECREATION SPRING/SUMMER 2016

Merrillville Parks & Recreation

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Pruzin Community Center
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TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE

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Police Non-Emergency—(219) 769-3531
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Town Court—(219) 756-6185
Storm Water Utility—(219) 472-8668
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PARK CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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RECREATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Rental Hours:

Saturdays & Sundays only from 8am-10pm
(Minimum 2 hour rental-this includes set-up & clean-up, so if you need more time, make sure to schedule that)
See page 4, Rental Information, for fees and other details

Town of Merrillville Residents and Non-Residents

Programs and Services are available to Merrillville Residents and Non-Residents. Residents are those that reside in the Town of Merrillville and pay property taxes that support Merrillville services.

Merrillville Park Department Mission Statement:

Strive to enhance the quality of life of Merrillville citizens by expanding availability of leisure and recreational services while promoting a clean and healthy environment.

Visit our Facebook page and post a comment or drop us an e-mail for a program or activity you would like to see offered. We value any positive input from our Residents. Our goal for the Recreation Department is keeping our Seniors active as well as our Youth. https://www.facebook.com/MerrillvilleParksandRecreation

Pruzin Community Center Rentals

Looking for a weekend place to host a small gathering, party, graduation or shower? The Pruzin Community Center is a great facility to rent for small gatherings with a **maximum of 50 guests.** No smoking and no alcohol allowed. Rental is available on Saturdays or Sundays until 10pm. Complete the application at the Pruzin Center and make your full payment. Approved Applications for rental must be submitted and **paid in full two weeks prior** to your event date, 7% tax on Rental Fee, Damage Deposit $100-Refundable provided no damage to facility other than normal wear and tear. Set-up and clean-up must be done in the time slot rented, not in addition! Security is at the discretion of the director upon a completed application.

Hall Rental Fees:
Resident Rate-Saturday or Sunday 2hr minimum for $20 hour
Non-Resident-Saturday or Sunday 2hr minimum for $40 hour
7% Tax on all rentals
Damage Deposit: $100 refundable provided no damage
Security Fee:
$35/hr paid in cash the day of rental directly to the officer.

Meetings

Parties

Program and Activity Registration

To register for any of the activities and classes offered by Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department you can come into the Pruzin Community Center during office hours or simply sign up on-line. Go to, "VSI-Merrillville Parks and Recreation" and browse through the categories offered by Merrillville Parks Department. Choose the activity or program and select the family member you wish to register, and then pay by credit card. ***(Please note that using a credit card you will be charged a non-refundable processing fee),*** **OR** to pay by cash or check stop by the Merrillville Park Department located in the Pruzin Community Center at 5750 Tyler St in Merrillville. It's that easy. Registering for any program or event, your photo may be used in advertising. You must register for any class or program a minimum of 1 week in advance. No sign-ups the first day of class. With this new registration program you must FIRST come into the Pruzin Community Center to have us input your information from your State Issued ID, and get all your family members and birthdates, e-mails, etc. put into our new system and then you will be able to do all future registrations at home if you wish.

Visit Merrillville Park Department at the Pruzin Community Center and sign up for any program to pay with cash or check.

Vermont System Inc. Or VSI Browse through the programming at your leisure and sign up from your home computer with a credit or debit card. IT'S THAT EASY.

Computer Help

For those seniors, 55+, that are struggling with learning how to use a computer we are here to help. If you want to learn how to surf the web, send an email, get on Facebook, write a letter or just prepare a spreadsheet for monthly finances this is for you. Tuesdays & Wednesdays11:30am-1pm, we will have someone available and we will sit down with you one on one and walk you though what you want to learn. There is a limit of 3 individuals/laptops at a time. Free to Residents 55+

Princess Dance Camp

Come join us for an enchanted four days of fun! Princesses will enjoy learning some basics in dance. We will spend some time on ballet, tap, and Jazz. Princesses will need to bring their own ballet and tap shoes. Princesses will hear some of their favorite classics during camp and we will make our own Princess Crafts too!

Instructor: Katie Solina
Dates: June 21, 22, 23 & 24
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Ages: 5-8
Time: 1:30-3pm
Fee: $40 Residents/$45 Non-Residents
Min. 6/**Max.** 12

Super Heroes Camp

Come join us for some Super fun that allows school enrichment. We will enjoy some Super Hero challenges with games and other activities. Plan to go outside, weather permitting.

Instructor: Jeannine Fiegle
Days: 6 Thursdays,
Dates: June 9, 16, 30, July 14, 21 28
Ages: 5-10
Time: 11am-1pm
Fee: $55 Residents/$60 Non-Residents
Min: 6/**Max.** 20

Soccer Camp

A Division of Tumblebear

Time: 5pm-5:45pm
Ages: 4-12
Fee: Resident $55
Non-Resident $60
Days: 6 Tuesdays
Dates: April 26—May 31
June 7—July 12
July 19-August 23

This soccer camp will concentrate on the fundamentals of beginner soccer. Learn introductory skills which include agility, coordination, and ball handling .

Minimum 6/**Maximum** 20

Kickaroo Karate Kids

A Division of Tumblebear

This is a year round program that builds on each session as a student learns, working at their own pace, so new students can begin with any new session, while returning students will continue where they left off the previous session. Drills are incorporated that teach life skills. Striking and kicking will be taught through games and obstacles, no contact. You must register a minimum of 1 week in Advance for each 6 week session. Minimum must be reached 1 week in advance for classes to continue.

Ages: 4 to 12
Time: 4-4:45pm
Dates: April 26-May 31, June 7-July 12, July 19-August 23
Days: 6 Tuesdays
Fee: Residents $55/Non-Residents $60
Optional T-Shirt & Patches Fee: $25 paid to Instructor
Minimum 6/**Maximum** 20

Tumblebear Olympic Friday Camps:

This is an 8 Week Camp. Come to all 8 for a discount, or pick and choose weeks according to your schedule. A Sunsational Summer Awaits! (Register a minimum of 1 week in advance so camps don't get cancelled) Most of the Camp will be held outdoors, weather permitting

Olympic Camp—The first day we will commence with an Olympic Opening Ceremony with athletes marching in with flags to the Olympic Theme Song. Campers will participate in a variety of Olympic events, including artistic and rhythmic gymnastics, track and field events, and more. On the last day of camp, all 8 week participants will receive a medal at our Olympic Closing Ceremony!

Ages: 5-12 **Time:** 1-1:45pm **Minimum** 10/**Maximum** 20 **Days:** 8 Fridays
Dates: June 10-Bar & Tumbling, June 17-Track & Field, June 24-Beam & Tumbling, July 1-Field Hockey, (off 7/8), July 15-Air Day-Inside), July 22-Ninja Warrior, July 29-Rhythmic Gymnastics, August 5-Vault & Tumbling then Closing Ceremony
Fee: $15 Residents/$20 Non-Residents each individual week
$60 Residents/$80 Non-Residents 8 week camp (a 50% discount)
(If you sign up for the full 8 weeks before the first day of camp begins you get to participate in the Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony and will receive a medal on the last day)

Kool-Aid® & Kanvas with Fred Holly

Fred brings over 20 years of teaching experience to his classes. He is a classically trained artist. He has been a working artist for over 25 years and his artwork is represented in corporate as well as private collections, with work in the permanent collection of the Indiana State Museum. **Register a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.**

Join us for an hour of fun with your son or daughter (or Grandchild) painting a picture to remember your day. All supplies will be provided. You must register a minimum of 2 weeks in advance so enough supplies and refreshments can be provided. A **maximum of 12 Couples** will be allowed, a **minimum of 6 Couples** for the program to go. Come for one Saturday or join us for all! A different picture each month.

Time: 9-10am
Day: Saturday
Date: May 21 and/or June 18 and/or July 15 and/or August 20
Fee: $35 Resident Couple each Saturday
$40 Non-Resident Couple each Saturday
(Children must be at least 8 years old please, with an adult)

Starting your own Business in Indiana!

Klāmen Training & Development, LLC

If you've ever considered starting a business, this workshop is for you! Learn about topics such as creating an effective business plan, selecting the proper business structure, the difference between the available accounting methodologies, how to register with both the State of Indiana and the Federal Government and much more regarding starting your first commercial venture. You'll learn all of the things you need to think about and prepare for before opening your business including using employees and contractors, effective networking with other businesses, and building an effective website. All presented in a manner that makes even the difficult concepts such as business taxes, insurance, and state permit requirements easier to understand. More than a dozen additional topics are covered as well. **Instructor:** Jeff Kramer
Dates: May 7 or July 9 or September 10
Min. 6/**Max.** 55 per weekend
Time: 8:30am - 3pm (30 minute break for lunch)
Ages: 16-Adult $69 each participant per session
(Fee includes all training materials for 1 day, but not lunch or snacks)

Mindful Movement

Facilitated by Bonita L. Maclin LMT, CST

Sway to the rhythm, glide across the room, tap your toes to the beat... These are some of the ways we will explore the use of movement to increase strength and flexibility. We'll use our bodies, our breath and our senses to reconnect and to center ourselves. Mindful Movement is an effective way to reduce stress and its physical consequences to be the best ME you can be. This class is lots of FUN!

Day: 8 Thursdays
Dates: April 28-June 16 and/or July 28-Sept. 15
Time: 6-7pm (For Women Only)
Fee: $40 Residents/$50 Non-Residents
Min. 6/**Max.** 20
(Must register at least 1 week in advance).

Yoga Fitness

Improve health and balance through the performance of yoga. Cheryl Gojko teaches the fundamentals of alignment, breathing and flow. Join us at the Pruzin Community Center on Mondays and let your stress go! You may want to bring a water bottle and towel. Dress comfortably so you can move freely. **Register at least 1 week in advance of each new session.**
(classes go year round in 10 week sessions)
Dates: April 4-June 13 (off 5/30), June 20-August 29 (off 7/4), September 12-December 12 (off 9/5, 10/10, 10/31, 11/7)
Time: 9:30am-10:45am
Days: 10 Mondays
Fee: Residents $40/Non-Residents $50
Min. 6/**Max.** 20
Ages: 18-99+

ZUMBA® fitness

Perfect for everybody and Every Body type! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. Quit the workout and join the party is our motto. Take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba® Fitness is called exercise in disguise.
A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.
Certified Instructor: Deb Sherwinski
Time: Mondays 6:30-7:30pm
Fee: $35 Residents/$40 Non-Residents
Dates: April 4-May 9, May 16-June 27 (off 5/30), July 11-August 15, August 22-October 3 (off 9/5)
Min. 6/**Max**. 35

Come and try out this new program

Drums Alive®

This unique class captures the essence of movement and rhythm utilizing drum sticks and resist-a-balls. Using rhythm as the source of inspiration to discover a new group fitness experience Drums Alive® combines the benefits of a traditional physical fitness program with the brain affected benefits of music and rhythm. Drums Alive® is a program that fosters a healthy balance physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. Join our class today to experience how it provides an element of fun and creative expression.
Certified Instructor: Katie Solina
Fee: $35 Residents/$40 Non-Residents
Dates: 4 Wednesdays:April 13-May 4, June 8-29, July 6-27, August 24-Sept. 14
Time: School Age: (ages 8 -15) 4:45-5:30pm
Adults: (ages 16-99+) 5:30-6:15pm

Ballroom Dance

Learn to dance like the Stars! Instructor Robert Lenten will guide you through the fluid movement of Ballroom style dancing. Learn various styles like Rumba, Cha-Cha and more. Wear leather sole shoes since rubber tends to stick to the floor and keep you from gliding smoothly. All classes meet at the Pruzin Community Center on Wednesdays. **Remember to register a minimum of 1 week in advance!**
(classes go year round in 10 week sessions)
Dates: April 13-June 15, July 6–Sept. 7, Sept. 28-Dec. 7 (off 11/23),
Time: 10:30-11:30am
Days: 10 Wednesdays
Fee: Residents $40/Non-Residents $45 (Couples get a $5 discount when registered together)
Min. 6/**Max.** 20
Ages: 16-99+

Get Fit Line Dancing

Get Fit Line Dancing with Dr. Kathy Smith will boost health and fitness awareness by dancing to music. The classes will incorporate several genres of music stimulating exercise through dancing, promoting physical and mental wellness. The moves you learn you will be able to take with you when you go out to a club, wedding or other event. This is more than just an exercise class!

You must register a minimum of 1 week in advance.

Dates: May 17-July 19, September 6-November 8
Time: 6-7:30pm
Days: 10 Tuesdays
Fee: Residents $65/Non-Residents $70
Min. 6/**Max.** 30
Ages: 13-99+

Tap/Jazz for Ages 8-12

Where: Pruzin Community Center
5750 Tyler Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

Fee: $35 Resident/$40 Non-Resident
When: 4 Wednesdays:
April 13-May 4, June 8-29,
July 6-27, August 24-September 14
Time: 3-3:45pm

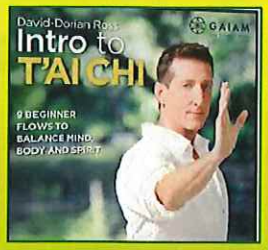
This class is for the dancer wanting to learn the basics in Jazz and Tap. We will work center floor, across the floor, and learn fun combinations. Dancers will need to have their own Jazz and Tap Shoes.
Instructor: Katie Solina

Theater Dance for Ages 13-18

Where: Pruzin Community Center
5750 Tyler Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

Fee: $35 Resident/$40 Non-Resident
When: 4 Wednesdays:
April 13-May 4, June 8-29,
July 6-27, August 24-September 14
Time: 3:45-4:30pm

This class is for the older dancer that wants to brush up on their dance skills, or learn the basics of dance. We will also spend time on basic technique. This class is perfect for dancers who want to learn dance for school musicals or school dance teams.
Instructor: Katie Solina



Intro to T'ai Chi

Learn the fundamentals of T'ai Chi, and how this ancient art form can help balance your daily life. T'ai Chi has been proven to help with physical ailments – such as diabetes and high blood pressure – and also improves mental clarity and focus. You'll learn easy to follow moves, and then put them all together into a traditional T'ai Chi Flow to help balance all aspects of your life. Discover the T'ai Chi principles – Slow Down and Relax – as you learn the moves in this DVD class.

Dates: January - December (off on all major Holidays)
Time: 10:30am-11am (class can expand to an hour as you learn the different moves)
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Fee: Free (just check in at the office)
Min. 6/**Max.** 20
Ages: 55-99+

Please note that by registering for any program your photo may be used in advertising!

Morning Aerobics For Seniors

As part of an active lifestyle we would like to keep our seniors fit and active. Aerobic exercise can effectively improve your health. You will exercise alongside a DVD of low impact or gentle aerobics. You will increase stability, balance, and energy levels and strengthen your cardiovascular system. Join us twice a week for this fun class.

Dates: January 6-December 29
(off on all major Holidays)
Time: 9:30am-10:30am
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Fee: Free
Min. 3/**Max.** 20
Ages: 55-99+

Walkers in Motion

FREE
Monday through Fridays
Meet us 9:00am to walk as a group, or you can walk on your own 7 days a week from Dawn to Dusk.

Join us Monday through Friday and walk the track at Pruzin Park. Enhance your mental well being and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, osteoporosis and improve sugar levels by walking each day.

SENIOR FITNESS PROGRAM

NORTHWEST INDIANA COMMUNITY ACTION

Time: 8:00am-9:00am
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
With Certified Fitness Instructor: Sheila George
Fee: Free
Ages: 55-99+ (off on all major Holidays)

- Stretching & Flexibility
- Low Impact
- Aerobics
- Strength & Balance Training

Senior Day Club

Are you, or do you have a parent that is just sitting at home, retired? Too self-sufficient to be in a nursing home, but worry about being alone all day. Sign up to be part of our active seniors group where you can socialize with other seniors. Be a part of our daily activities. Come by the day or by the week. **You must register a week in advance** and you choose your lunch from the menu that follows the heart healthy guidelines, offering modified diets, diabetic, cardiac and renal diets, or bring your own lunch. Let us know if you have any food allergies, intolerances or if the doctor changes your diet.

Ages: 55+
Dates: August-December
Time: Mondays 9am-3pm
Tuesdays 9am-3pm
Wednesdays 9am-3pm
Thursdays 9am-3pm
Fridays 9am-3pm

Min. 4/**Max.** 15 a day
(If we have enough interest this will continue)
Daily Fee: $45 Residents/$50 Non-Residents (bring your own lunch)
$50/ Residents/$55 Non-Residents (hot lunch provided)
Weekly Fee: $220 Residents/$245 Non-Residents (bring your own lunch)
$245 Residents/$270 Non-Residents (hot lunch provided each day)

Fun 4 Seniors

Pinochle Group

Ages: 55+
Cost: FREE
Days: Mondays
(We don't meet on any major holidays)
Time: 11:30am to 2:30pm

This is a social card group for those 55 and over. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a game of cards. Exercise your memory, concentration and strategy by playing cards. Games involve reasoning, problem solving and information processing. Playing cards provides social interaction and keeps your brain healthy. New to Pinochle or not sure if you remember how to play, come on over and we will teach you!

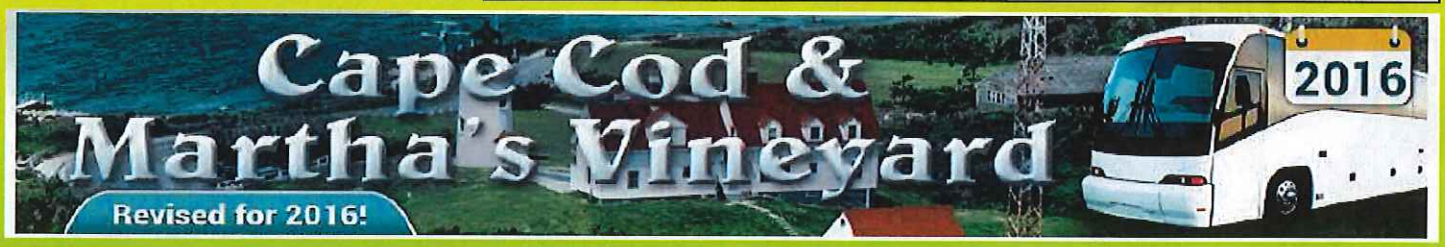
Monthly Senior Luncheons

Ages: 55+
Time: 11am
Cost: $5
Days: 2nd Friday of Each month
Dates: April 8-Sr. Scams & ID Protection
May 13-Safety in the Home
June 10-Understanding Power of Attorney
July 8-Cookout!
August 12-Dental Home Health
September 9-Medications & Your Health
October 14-Medicare Options
Novembe11th **OFF** for Veteran's Day watch for new date–
Transportation Options is the topic
December 9-Holiday Party

Join us for our monthly Senior Luncheons on the 2nd Friday of every month at 11am. We have guest speakers that are geared for people 55 and over. We need to have a count turned in to Meals on Wheels, so please call (219) 980-5911 at least 1 week before the luncheons each month to reserve your seat. We can accommodate up to 50 people.

2016 Overnight Trips

Diamond Tours Inc.
Bringing Group Travel to a Higher Standard®



Travel by bus to Cape Cod! Enjoy the quaint seashore beauty as it comes alive on your bus trip to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. This tour takes your from rustic, pristine beaches to quaint villages with iconic lighthouses. Visit the John F. Kennedy Memorial. Stroll along the streets of unique Provincetown, a historical and lively shopping and dining haven. Guided tours take you from Hyannis to Chatham to Sandwich and the famous getaway island, Martha's Vineyard and more. Pick up a flyer at the Pruzin Community Center for more details.

Dates: September 11-17 (7 days, 6 nights)
Fee: $75 Deposit per person will hold your space. Total Fee is due July 1, 2016
Total: $580 Per Person Double Occupancy, $560 Per Person Triple Occupancy, or $760 for a Single.
(We do NOT match people up as roommates. Trip Insurance is separate and must be paid before July 1.)

Full Itinerary will be sent out about 2 weeks before the trip leaves

Day Trip to Four Winds Casino

Join us June 17 and September 16 for a trip to Four Winds Casino. You must be 21 or over. You will receive $15 in instant slot credit (any other gambling is on your own), a $10 food voucher (anything over that will be on your own), and the bus to and from the Casino in New Buffalo Michigan, all for just $30 per person. The bus will pick you up at the Pruzin Community Center at 9am and you will leave the casino at 3pm. You can leave your car parked at the Pruzin Center for your return around 4pm, depending on traffic. **You must register 1 month in advance so all arrangements can be made with the Casino and the Bus company.**

Registration Deadline: May 17 for the June 17 trip,
August 16 for the September 16 trip
Dates: Friday, June 17 & Friday, September 16
Time: 9am-4pm
Fee: $30 per person
Min. 35/**Max.** 50

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Fun For All

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2016 Calendar of Events

By working together toward a common goal we are able to provide more events to a larger amount of people than any one agency alone. The following agencies are proud to partner to offer CSRI:

- Crown Point Parks & Recreation
- Dyer Parks & Recreation
- East Chicago Marina
- Hammond Parks and Recreation
- Hammond Port Authority
- Hanover Central HS Key Club
- Highland Parks & Recreation
- Lake County Parks
- Merrillville Parks & Recreation
- Munster Parks & Recreation
- North Township-Wicker Park
- Schererville Parks & Recreation
- St. John Parks & Recreation
- Whiting Parks & Recreation

Join the CSRI e-mail contact list. Send your contact name and e-mail address to csri2004@yahoo.com to be added. As an added reminder these calendar of events are provided so you can 'save the date' on your 2016 calendar, but registration dates may not begin until a later date as determined by each individual host agency. Some events have already passed by this printing so they are not shown.

Full information will be e-mailed out as the date approaches with details on the event. Some programs may have a registration fee. Advance registration is typically required for each event so preparations can be made. Call each individual host agency for full details for their event or follow the information sent by e-mail.

These agencies are working together to give families with special needs more options! Anyone can participate in these programs regardless of the community you live in. This calendar of events was assembled in December 2015 and at that time all details were accurate. However, details may change as the event approaches based on other circumstances.

Pool Party at Community Park Pool
(Fisher St. & Calumet Ave. In Munster)
Mon. June 20 & July 25
7-9pm
$2 admission fee per person is payable at the door
Munster Parks & Recreation
(219) 836-7275

Special Needs Day at the Splash Pad
(Wicker Memorial Park, 2215 Ridge Rd. in Highland)
Tues. July 11 & Aug. 9
10:30-11:30am or 11:45am-12:45pm
Admission is free! Visit during your choice of time slot.
North Township-Wicker Memorial Park
(219) 838-3420

Special Needs Day at Festival of the Lakes
(Wolf Lake Park, 2324 Calumet Ave., Hammond)
Sat. July 23
10am-Noon
Ride the carnival rides for free! Hot dog, chips and pop to be provided for *Free!* Don't miss out!
Hammond Parks & Recreation
(219) 853-6378

Special Needs Splash Pad Fun Day
(Jeorse Park Lakefront, 3301 Aldis St. East Chicago)
Thurs. Aug. 11
Time: TBA
A splash pad fun day at the East Chicago Lakefront
Fee: TBA. Call after July 1st for full details!
East Chicago Marina
(219) 391-8482

Wheelchair Accessible Hayride
(Oak Ridge Prairie County Park in Griffith)
Sat. Aug. 27
4-6:30pm
$3 fee for all attending! Advance registration is necessary. Space is limited
Lake County Parks
(219) 769-7275

Touch A Truck
(Hub Pool parking lot, 1000 E. South St. Crown Point)
Sat. Sept. 10
9am-Noon
Admission is free and is open to all ages! Come check out dump trucks,
Tractors, fire engines, helicopter, police cars & more.
Crown Point Parks & Recreation
(219) 661-2271

Splash and Dance
(121st St. & Calumet Ave. In Hammond)
Sat. Sept. 10
Noon—3pm
Admission is free for this outdoor fun day at the Wolf Lake Aquatic Play Center. Pre-registration in not required. Concession will be available.
Hammond Port Authority
(219) 937-7942

Halloween Party
(at Schererville Community Center 500 E. Joliet St. in Schererville)
Sat. Oct. 22
6-8pm
Come dressed in costume. Bring a decorated Pumpkin! Fees apply. Advanced registration is necessary.
Schererville Parks & Recreation
(219) 865-5530

Turkey Bowling & Games
(at Hanover Central High School, East Gym, 10120 W. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake)
Sun. Nov. 20
1-3pm
Admission is free, but advance registration is required.
Hannover Central High School Key Club
(219) 306-2919

Holiday Festival Event
(at Pruzin Community Center, 5750 Tyler St., Merrillville)
Fri. Dec. 2
4-6pm
Join us for dancing, music, Santa, food & fun! $5 per person. Advance registration is necessary. Limited space available.
Merrillville Parks & Recreation
(219) 980-5911

Visit with Santa at the Festival of Lights
(at Prairie West Park, St. John on 93rd Ave., 1/2 mile west of US 41)
Wed. Dec. 7
6:30-7:30pm
Admission is free but advance registration is requested.
St. John Parks & Recreation
(219) 365-6236

Merrillville's Trail System

Merrillville has two trails running though its corporate limits. The first trail is the Erie Lakawanna Trail, a 17.7 mile trail which starts in Hammond, Indiana and travels to Crown Point, Indiana. The Erie Lakawanna Trail is the longest contiguous trail in Northwest Indiana.

To catch the trail, you can park just North of the Crown Point Government Center to access the trail. Parking is provided. The Chesapeake & Ohio Greenway referred to as the C & O trail winds through a tree covered, wooded canopy past John A. Stefak Park and continues through to Broadway.

COMING SOON.....

Phase II of the C & O Greenway will extend from Broadway under I-65 to Mississippi Street where it will connect to a popular shopping area with several eateries and activities.

Medical Insurance

Individual medical insurance is NOT provided by the Parks & Recreation Department. Individuals are responsible for their own medical costs arising from injuries while participating in Merrillville Parks and Recreation activities.

Refund Policy

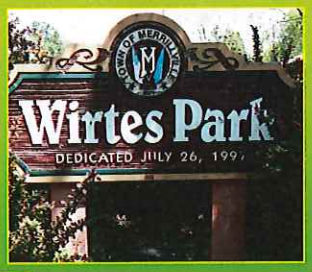
If the Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department needs to cancel a program for any reason, program fees are refundable (sorry, processing fees from credit or debit cards will not be refundable). Due to scheduling conflicts, or weather related incidents an activity or class may be cancelled for the day, but every effort will be made to make-up the class during the regular day and time slot, but an alternate day may need to be substituted. If a participant can no longer attend a class or activity that they paid for, with a Doctor substantiated reason a pro-rated program refund may be issued.

Dress Code

Garments that have pictures or writing that is considered indecent, suggestive or otherwise, will not be permitted to participate in activities or programming that day. Individuals are not permitted to dress in a manner that will substantially disrupt the mission of the Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department, which is unsafe or which represents a health hazard. Failure to adhere to the above dress code will result in loss of participation in the Town of Merrillville Parks and Recreation activities.

The Town of Merrillville, its administration, employees and Council Members are committed to providing the highest standard of excellence and community leadership to all residents, The Town of Merrillville prides itself on representing the publics interests, delivering services and understanding the needs of the citizens, We will utilize all resources to enrich the lives of the community and provide accountability and transparency in all government related activities. We will work towards economic vitality, development and redevelopment to make Merrillville a top community in Northwest Indiana. All of our employees are held to the highest standard of excellence in order to ensure quality services to the community they serve. Help us stay green by downloading the brochure and saving to your personal computer for reference. The Merrillville Park Brochure can be found on-line at www.merrillville.in.gov/parksandrecreation. Remember to **REDUCE - REUSE & RECYCLE to keep Lake County and Our Parks Clean!** Lake County Solid Waste.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN AND SAFE AS WE STRIVE TO IMPROVE YOUR PARK. WE WILL BE RENOVATING A DIFFERENT PARK EACH YEAR PROVIDING YOU WITH ENHANCED OPTIONS.



Park Rules

- Pets must be on a leash in all Town of Merrillville Parks
- Please clean up after your pet
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited in park except designated parking areas
- Motor vehicles prohibited on trails
- Alcohol is prohibited in all Merrillville Parks
- No littering or dumping is permitted
- All parks are open from dawn to dusk except when authorized by Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department

Merrrillville Parks

Crescent Lake Park.....74th Ct & Morton St
Hendricks Park.....80th Lane
Joseph Petruch Senior Park.....1403 W 63rd Av
Meadowland Park.....54th Av & Madison St
Pruzin Community Center.....5750 Tyler St
Savannah Ridge Park.....74th Pl & Johnson St
John A. Stefek Park.....70th Pl & Harrison St
Wirtes Park.....5860 Roosevelt St
Forest Hills Park.....78 Indian Trail
Jennings Park.....W 80th Pl and Jennings Pl
Kurtis Park.....9 Meadow Ln
Preserves Park.....2081 E 87th Av
Rosenbalm Park.....73rd Pl & Chase St
Southbrook Park.....7488 Hendricks St
Union Park.....7200 Broadway

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN
REPORT ANY VANDALISM

Other Information

Confirmation of Registration

Written confirmation for classes will be not sent out. If you registered on-line or mailed in a registration and are not sure if you or your child are registered for a program please call: (219) 980-5911 to check the status of your registration.

Discrimination

The Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion or disability in employment, treatment of visitors and users, use of parks and facilities, or admission to and participation in programs and activities of the Parks & Recreation Department in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act and the State of Indiana and U.S. Constitution. We invite any resident with a special need to contact our staff upon registration so that a smooth inclusion may occur.

Min/Max - What is does that mean?

For each program at the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department, there is a minimum number of registrations needed before a class can be offered and also a maximum number of registrations that can be accepted. Meeting the minimum and not exceeding the maximum helps to ensure that you and your family will enjoy a cost-effective, positive recreation opportunity that includes an appropriate instructor/student ratio.

Registration Deadlines

There is a point when the decision must be made to stop taking registrations for a class because it is filled, or to cancel a class due to low enrollment. We reserve the right to change program content and/or schedules as needed. **Please don't wait until the day a class begins to register**. Unless otherwise noted, the registration deadline for all programs is one week prior to the start of the first class session. Registrations may still be accepted after this deadline, however, the class may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Please register early to avoid being disappointed.

Program Changes

Due to the large amount of information available in the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department brochure, errors before or after publication may occur. Errors in days, times or fees may occur. We apologize for any errors in our brochures, the instructor will advise you of any changes as quickly as possible, or we will notify you when you register. We thank you for your understanding when these types of situations arise.

Residents/Non-Residents

You may not be considered a resident when registering for Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department programs. Why? This means that even though you may have a Merrillville Business address, you do not pay taxes to the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department. The quickest way to determine your Park Department resident status is to check your tax bill. The Park Department you pay taxes to will be listed. We go by your State Issued Photo ID (Driver's License or State ID).

Returned Checks

Any check returned by the bank to the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department for any reason will incur a $25 fee. Additional program registration will not be accepted until all outstanding balances have been cleared.

Refunds

If insufficient enrollment causes an activity to be cancelled, participants will receive a full refund in the mail. Please allow 3-4 weeks for the processing of the refund for they must be authorized at a public Town Council Meeting and must go through the Clerk Treasurers Office schedule. Refunds will not be issued after the first class meeting unless the participant has a medical condition that prohibits participation in the program. A doctor's note will be required. The refund will be pro-rated based on the number of classes attended. A $5 service charge will be assessed to all refunds. Refunds will be issued if a request is received prior to the start of a program minus the $5 service fee charge. Any requests for a refund AFTER a program has begun will be at the discretion of the Instructor if no medical excuse is given.

Trips

Refunds are given only if the Park Department cancels the trip. We encourage everyone to get the trip insurance for Overnight trips. Registration for Overnight Trips is generally 2 months or more PRIOR to the date of the trip so that Hotel Reservations and Meal Reservations can be secured for the group. There are also excursions that must be booked in advance for the trips. Usually a $75 deposit with hold your space, but the final payment is what secures the GROUP for reservations.

Accident Insurance

The Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department does not carry medical or accident insurance for the participants of its programs. The cost of doing so would be so high that fees charged for programs would become prohibitive. We suggest that you review your family's personal health insurance plan to be sure that it provides you with sufficient coverage. At the time of registration, please read the waiver and release of liability form included on the registration form. It must be signed by an adult, or a parent/legal guardian for all children under 18. At your first program session you may be presented with an additional sheet describing some of the risks involved in the particular activity you have signed up for. If so, that additional form will become a part of your Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. We also suggest that you check with your family physician before participating in any Park Department programs that require physical exertion. If your physician should discover some factor that could limit you physically, please consider that when registering for programs. We want the registrants in our programs to be aware in advance that when they participate in certain activities, there is a natural element of risk of injury which each participant must assume. The Park Department is covered by liability insurance and will strictly enforce all rules.

Photography

Photos and videos are periodically taken by our staff of people participating in Park Department programs and activities. All persons registering for Park programs/activities, or using Park Department property thereby agrees that any photograph or videotape taken by the Park Department may be used by the Park Department for promotional purposes including its electronic media, videotapes, brochures, flyers and other publications without additional, prior notice or permission and without compensation to the participant unless the registrant or participant expressly files with the Park Department a written objection as to photos or videos of themselves and/or their children.

Participant Behavior Code of Conduct

The Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department expects participants to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. Guidelines have been developed to help make our programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Participants shall:

1. Show respect to all other participants, staff and volunteers.
2. Follow direction from staff and volunteers.
3. Refrain from using inappropriate, abusive or foul language.
4. Refrain from causing disruptive behavior.
5. Refrain from displaying any aggressive behavior (hitting, punching, kicking, slapping, biting, etc.) whether the behavior is initiated or in retaliation.
6. Show respect for equipment, supplies and facilities. Failure to follow these rules may result in dismissal from the program.

Observers

Observers of programs are also expected to behave appropriately. Parents, friends, and any other observers are held to the same standards of behavior as participants. If inappropriate behavior of a program observer is reported or observed by a staff person, the observer will be asked to leave by staff or police if necessary.

Help Protect Your Community!

In an effort to reduce and eliminate senseless damage caused by vandalism or arson, the Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to report any information you have about individuals causing damage to Park Department property. If the information you provide leads to the arrest of the perpetrator or conspirator, you may be eligible for a reward. All communication between the tipster and the Park Department is strictly confidential. The Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department will not release or disclose any information furnished by the tipster without the tipster's explicit consent and approval. To provide a tip or get more information contact (219) 769-3531 Please remember that our parks are used and enjoyed by all residents. Be courteous and respectful of others. It is illegal to dump yard waste or household garbage within park boundaries, either in the dumpster provided for park waste or especially in the protected wetlands.

PARADE RULES

For the benefit of all entrants and spectators at the parade, the committee feels the following rules and regulations are necessary for the success and safety of this event.

Please read the rules and share them with others in your group. If there are any questions, please contact Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department at (219) 980-5911. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I. THROWING CANDY
Candy may be passed out along the parade route. Throwing or tossing candy is prohibited for safety reasons.

II. REVIEWING STAND ROUTINES
All routines are limited to no more than 2 minutes. If your entry will be performing you must mark this on your application. No exceptions will be allowed the day of the parade. A committee member will time each routine.

III. SUPERVISION OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
A responsible adult must supervise any entry with participants under the age of 18. No rowdy behavior, foul language, speeding, no tricks or throwing of any objects from the vehicle will be tolerated. Bicycle riders must follow bicycle safety rules and riders must wear helmets. NO CANDY throwing from bikes, cars or trucks. NO SKATEBOARDS, NO SCOOTERS.

IV. PARTICIPANTS DROP-OFF
Please follow the traffic pattern when bringing in a float or dropping off a participant. This will assure the safety of all involved and keep the event moving smoothly. Please drop-off at Geisen Funeral Home. Only cars involved in the Parade are to park at the Funeral Home. Drop off will begin at 10am, parade is to begin at 12pm.

V. END OF PARADE
The parade will end at the 67th and Broadway, entrance to Merrillville High School. Please inform parents/guardians of the pick-up site.

VI. PARADE FLOW
Be alert to the flow of the parade/participant traffic to avoid unsightly gaps. It will aid in the parade running smoothly. Do not go too fast or too far from each entrant. Please keep the parade moving.

VII. POLITICAL ENTRY

Political Party Affiliation cannot be identified.
Two signs are permitted. One on each side of the vehicle.
No distribution of any campaign information.
No solicitation or electioneering is permitted, i.e. "Vote for name of candidate", this cannot be depicted on any signs.
If an entrant currently holds a political office, the individual's name and office can be listed,
i.e. "John Doe, Merrillville Town Councilman" no political affiliation.

VIII. EQUESTRAIN - ANIMAL ENTRIES
Participants must clean up after their animals.

Donations are Requested!

Thank you for your cooperation,
Town of Merrillville Events Committee

MERRILLVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE APPLICATION

The Merrillville Independence Day Parade will take place on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Name_____

Organization Name_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____E-mail_____

PARADE CATEGORIES (Please check which applies)

_____Commercial Float. Music? ___Yes ___No

_____Auto club _____# of Vehicles

_____Antique Vehicles_____# of Vehicles

_____Antique Fire Truck_____# of Vehicles

_____School Band

_____Baton Group

_____Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts

_____Horse / Horse & Buggy

_____Classic Cars ___# of Vehicles

_____Watercraft

_____Trucks_____# of Vehicles

_____Cars _____# of Vehicles

_____Fire Trucks_____# of Vehicles

_____Police Cars_____# of Vehicles

_____Color Guard

_____Dance/Gymnastic Groups

_____Special/Other Entry. Please provide a brief description and length of unit:_____

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Parade Line-up will take place at Geisen Funeral Home located at 80th & Broadway (East side of street) at 10am. Check in at Geisen Funeral Home for line up placement. The parade will leave Geisen Funeral Home and travel on Broadway North to 67th Ave. (High School Entrance).

___I would like to make a donation to this year's parade.

Name of Business (Person)_____

Address _____City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____Amount of Donation_____Please make checks payable to: Merrillville Park Dept.

Mail completed application and donations to: Merrillville Park & Recreation, 5750 Tyler St. Merrillville, IN 46410
(Please do not fax in an application)

_____ _____

Applicants Signature Date

Applications due by June 28th, 2016!

We understand that NOTHING (candy, favors, coupons, advertisements, business cards, silly string, water guns, etc.) can be thrown on the parade route. Walking and passing out items along the parade route is ALLOWED.

Merchant Vendor Contract for Summer Events at Pruzin Park

Please check all that apply:

_____Movie in the Park Thurs. June 16, 2016 7pm to 9pm
_____Latin Satin Soul Concert. Thurs. July 21, 2016 7pm to 9pm
_____Neverly Brothers Concert. Thurs. Aug. 4, 2016 7pm to 9pm

Name_____

Business Name_____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone_____ Email _____

List and describe all items to be sold_____

_____

_____Food Vendor $70 plus tax (without electric)
_____Food Vendor $75 plus tax (with electric). Note: We can only provide 110 volt electric.
_____Alcohol Vendor. $200 plus tax. Must be approved by the Town of Merrillville Administration.

Liquor vendors are required to show proof of Alcohol permit, servers permits. Construction of beer garden will be the responsibility of the Merrillville Park Department with approved diagram from ATC (Alcohol & tobacco commission).

Generators that produce noise, will not be allowed. Placement of vendor booths will be determined by Merrillville Park Department. All requests must be turned in by May 26, 2016.

ALL VENDORS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Signed copy of the contract
2. Each vendor must attach a copy of a liability insurance certificate listing the following as additionally insured
   A.) Town of Merrillville
   B.) Merrillville Park Department
   C.) Merrillville Town Council, Employees, agents, contractors, sub-contractors.
3. Diagram of their setup including dimensions.
4. No refunds

Vendors must furnish all display fixtures, chairs, tables, coverings, risers and canopies. Electric available is 110 Volt only. All spaces will be assigned by the Merrillville Park Department. Merrillville Park Department reserves the right to cancel the contract at any time if the exhibitor is deemed unacceptable or did not fully disclose information in contract. All items must be clearly priced. Set up for the event will begin at noon the day of the event and ready by 6pm. All returned checks are subject to a $50 service charge and will be presented only once.

_____ _____
Vendor Signature Date

PARADE INFORMATION

Date: Monday, July 4, 2016
Kick Off: 12:00pm
Line Up: 10:00am at Geisen Funeral Home, 7905 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
Route: Will travel Broadway north to 67th, (Merrillville High School entrance)
Application Deadline: June 28, 2016

Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department
5750 Tyler Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
Phone: (219) 980-5911

Donations Requested
Make Checks Payable to Merrillville Parks and Recreation

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Merrillville Parks and Recreation Department recognizes the importance of protecting, preserving and restoring ecosystem functions. Our goal is to engage the youth of the community with programs that they will be actively involved in.

Arbor Day Celebration– Let's celebrate our Tree City USA status and plant trees.
Day: April 29
Time: 10-12:30

Arbor Day Foundation®

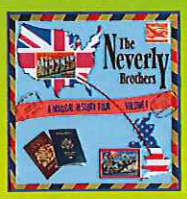
Summer Events in the Park

MOVIE IN THE PARK– **TBD**
Date: **THURSDAY June 16**
Time: **8-10pm**

CONCERT IN THE PARK– **LATIN SATIN SOUL**
Date: **THURSDAY JULY 21**
Time: **7-9pm**

One of the hottest and most dynamic bands of the decade. Latin Satin Soul will perform their hits at Pruzin Park. Come out and listen to one of the best horn sections around as Latin Satin Soul plays the night away at Pruzin Park. Latin Satin Soul will get you out of your seat dancing to their hits all night long

CONCERT IN THE PARK– **NEVERLY BROTHERS**
Date: **THURSDAY AUGUST 4**
Time: **7-9pm**



The Neverly Brothers play all your favorite rock and rhythm & blues hits from the 50' through the 60's. Their repertoire consists of rendition of hits by Buddy Holly, The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Dave Clark Five and many other artists who shaped rock n' roll and R&B. Join us at Pruzin Park for a Magical History Tour.