Recreation Station Newsletter

A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Leche

Summer is in full swing in your Saginaw County Parks! I'm hopeful that you've had time to experience and explore summertime in



Michigan, including right here in Saginaw County. Whether on a bike or hike on one of our beautiful trail systems or beating the heat at William H. Haithco Recreation Area, there's opportunity for all to recreate in Saginaw County. The cooler Memorial Day temperatures had us wondering if summer would ever come, but here we are in July! Looking back, June saw near-record patron numbers at Haithco Recreation Area, with over 6000 vehicle entries and over 21,000 patrons last month alone. We couldn't be happier that the parks are well-utilized, and I would be remiss if I didn't call out another absolutely fantastic staff team working hard for patrons this season. Thirty-three individuals have joined our six full-time staff for the summer to help us to cultivate 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 220 youth participants, 150 on our semiannual senior rail trail rides, and hosting over 150 group rentals under our park pavilions so far this summer, 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!

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We hope you're able to visit us again soon, whether on your own schedule or for one of our upcoming events like watching a screening of the World Paddling Film Festival at Haithco on July 18th or stopping down to Hoyt Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 7th 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.

Memories from 2025 Catch Me If You Can:



Glancing forward to Fall events:

Senior Rail Trail Color Tours - Oct. 7th - 9th Jack-O-Dash - Oct. 17th

Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 3- May 22) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 23-Sept 1)
Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 3- May 22) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 23-Sept 1)
William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 3- May 22) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 23-Sept 1)
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

2025 Summer Programs

Yoga For All

Select Mondays through Aug. 25 6:30 PM - 7:30 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. For dates, pricing & registration information, visit the website at: www.yogabykathryn.com

Team ATP Open Water Swim

Every Tues. continuing through Aug. 26

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Join Team ATP every Tuesday this summer for an open water swim training program with a simulated open water race course. It is recommended that you arrive by 7 PM for check-in, orientation & safety announcements. Swimming begins promplty at 7:30 PM. Waivers are required and can be found at www. teamatp.org/join or filled out on site. Bright swim caps are required. Team ATP will have swim caps, goggles & personal buoys on site for purchase. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area (meet at the beach house)

Cost: \$40 for the season or \$5 per session.

Movie Night in Frankenmuth

Wed. July 9

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Join us for an outdoor showing

of The Lorax movie. Location: Harvey Kern Pavilion,

599 Weiss St. Frankenmuth. Cost: Free!

Dog Days of Summer

LORAX

Wed. July 16 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Wed. Aug 20 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! 2025 Dog calendars will be available for \$10 on site. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. No registration required.

Try It: Kayaking

Fri. July 18 4:00 PM Mon. July 28 (2 sessions) 12:00 & 2:00 PM Wed. Aug. 20 3:00 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 bring a change of clothing. Ages: 6 + (Children 6 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Duration: 1 hr. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. Cost: \$5.00 per person.

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

2025 World Tour Paddling Film Festival Fri. July 18



Saginaw County Parks is proud to present the 2025 World Tour Paddling Film Festival, an exciting evening showcasing the best paddling films of the year. Produced by Rapid Media, the Paddling Film Festival is a world tour that celebrates the spirit of adventure and the joy of paddling—whether it's kayaking, canoeing, or stand-up paddleboarding. Please bring lawn chairs

Dusk

or blankets for seating. Raffle prizes and light refresments will be part of the event highlights. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. Cost: By donation. No registration required.

Jolly Hammers and Strings

Wed. July 23 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Wed. Aug 27 7:00 PM - 8:30 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. No registration required.

SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Group and Rookies)

Tues. July 29 7-8:30 PM Tues. Aug 26 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. No registration required.

Try it: Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP)

 Wed. July 30
 2:00 PM

 Wed. Aug 6
 3:00 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 bring a change of clothing. Ages: 6 + (Children 6 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult). Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. Cost: \$5 per person.

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Outdoor Movie Night-Village of Merrill Wed. Aug. 6

Opposites React

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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 ELEMENTAL. Free popcorn & drinks will be provided on site. Movie location: 100 N. Eddy St. on the main Diamond with seating on right field. Cost: Free!

8:30 PM

Children's FUN Night

Wed. Aug. 13 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!



WM. H. HAITHCO RECREATION AREA THE FUN BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

The Dog Man Movie will begin around 8:45 pm after the prize giveaways.









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Walk with Ease (WWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept. 8 - Oct. 17 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. Cost: Free!

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Soggy Doggy Wed. Sept. 10



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.

4th Annual Pints & Paddles

Sat. Sept. 20

11:00 AM



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. Open to anyone 21 & older. Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks



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

recapturing imagination



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Wed July 30

Art in the Park Music on the Move

Water Wars (Extended time) **Supersize Fun**

Build It

Nature Explorers (Wingin' It)

Build It Foam Frenzy Puppet Show Art in the Park Pond Life

Gaga Ball/Archery

Build It

Music on the Move

Art in the Park

Nature Explorers (Tree Lifecycle) 2 - 3:30 PM

Supersize Fun Foam Frenzy

Water Wars (Extended time) Nature Explorers (Edible Bugs)

Art in the Park

Gaga Ball/Archery

Water Wars (Extended time)

Art in the Park

Foam Frenzy Pond Life Music on the Move

Gaga Ball/Archery

Build It Nature Explorers (Bees & Blooms) 2 - 3:30 PM

Supersize Fun Build It

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Location:

Haithco Rec. Area

Mobile recreation programs

Imerman Memorial Park

Haithco Rec. Area

Showboat Park

Firstward Comm. Ctr

Green Point Nature Ctr.

Davis Community Park

Haithco Rec. Area

Imerman Memorial Park

Otto Roeser Park

Haithco Rec. Area

Imerman Memorial Park

Otto Roeser Park

Hovt Park

Showboat Park

Ringwood Forest

Otto Roeser Park

Anderson Rec. Complex

Imerman Memorial Park

Price Nature Center

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Price Nature Center Davis Community Park

Anderson Rec. Complex-3906 Southfield Dr.

Showboat Park



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 Deindorfer Woods-1798 Weiss **Other Park Locations:** Showboat Park - 805 S. Front St. Chesaning

Davis Community Park - 6206 Dixie Hwy.

Green Point Nature Ctr.- 3010 Maple **City Parks** Bliss Park-1441 N. Michigan Otto Roeser Park-1100 Van Buren Firstward Comm. Ctr. 1410 N. 12th Hoyt Park - 1574 S. Washington Ave.























This playdate theme offers children the chance to get creative with a variety of materials, including wood, foam, cardboard, oversized blocks, and many more exciting options. Let your imagination run wild at this hands-on event!

Come join SCPRC and Saginaw County 4-H for an action-packed, high-energy Playdate designed for older kids! We'll have our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit for some competitive fun, along with inflatable ARCHERY! Four air streams keep target balls floating, offering hours of target shooting fun for all skill levels.

Who doesn't enjoy crafting something fun? Join us for a wide range of make-and-take art projects! Be prepared to get a little messy, but you'll leave with amazing creations and unforgettable memories. Projects often feature paint, markers, beads, marble art, airplanes, play-doh, and more!

Don't miss this unique chance to experience the power of rhythm! During Music on the Move, participants will explore music through African Drums in a group setting. They'll learn to create sounds, tell stories, improvise, and read and play rhythm patterns. The session will be led by Sonja Cissell.

Join us for a fun-filled puppet show in collaboration with the Public Libraries of Saginaw, perfect for the whole family! After the show, your child can enjoy a craft activity, and there will be a chance to meet the puppets and interact with the library staff. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and get ready for a great time!

Dive into summer with splashy fun and excitement! Pack a towel, put on your swimsuit, and get ready to get soaked. Enjoy laughter-filled water relays and race down a 20-foot inflatable water slide. Note: there may be a risk of latex allergies.

Join the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Saginaw County Parks for an exciting exploration along the shores of Haithco Lake and nearby ponds, where you'll discover frogs, toads, dragonflies, and more! Be sure to bring weather-appropriate clothing, water, a smile, and a camera. Note: includes a hike to the south side of park.

Bring your bathing suit/change of clothes & prepare for a soft, fluffy foam experience to run, jump, and play in a mountain of bubbles & creating a playful and sensory experience where they can make foam hairdos, build foam sculptures, and just have a blast getting covered in the suds.

Everything is bigger and better at Supersize Fun! Come enjoy oversized balls, games, blocks, and inflatable slides and games. The excitement and fun are sure to leave a supersized smile on everyone's face!

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.

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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 inline hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions.

We begin accepting 2025 pavilion reservations for the William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2025.

Pavilion rental fees are \$75 per day for Saginaw County Residents. Park entry for Saginaw County Residents is free. Non Residents pay a \$2.00 per vehicle entry fee at Imerman Memorial Park and a \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee at the William H. Haith-co Recreation Area (Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day).

New for the 2025 season, reservations & payment may be completed online at www.saginawcounty. com/parks. Please call our office if you need assistance with this new method or need to pay by cash or check.



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.

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