



Recreation Station Newsletter

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**A Message from Parks Director
 Brian Keenan-Lechel**

The Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission recently completed a draft update of the County's Park & Recreation "Americans With Disabilities Act Transition Plan". A copy of the plan is currently available for public review through October 7th.

The recently completed transition plan update for Saginaw County Parks was undertaken to determine the current state of accessibility, identify improvements to meet a broader spectrum of disability needs, and address additional recreation compliance issues established by the amended ADA standards, which were not considered in the County Parks Transition Plan adopted in 1998.

The process undertaken included a self-assessment of all County Park facilities and services to identify barriers to accessibility, then developing a transition plan to remove the barriers, along with an action plan for funding and completing the improvements. The process includes opportunities for public input through October 7, 2021. Public input can be received: Online @ www.saginawcounty.com/parks or in-person at the following locations:

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Office, Hoyt and Zael Memorial Library.

We appreciate your review and insight. For specific questions contact the Saginaw County Parks Director @ (989)790-5281 / Email: blechel@saginawcounty.com.



Photos taken from our 2021 Playdates this summer.



Park Hours:

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Play Here

2021 Fall Programs

Walk with Ease (WWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. Sept 13 - October 22 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, but absences are understood.

Location: YMCA Pavilion, 1915 Fordney Street.
Call (989)790-5280 to register! Cost: Free!

Senior Rail Trail Color Tours - Golf Cart Rides

Tues. 10/5 11-2:00 PM

Wed. 10/6 11-2:00 PM

Thurs. 10/7 11-2:00 PM



Location: Rail Trail-Van Wormer Trail head (corner of Swan Creek Road and Van Wormer Road in James Township) Unable to get out and enjoy the rail trail on your own? Want a personalized tour of the trail? Allow us to help! Join Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers as they make

their way down the trail in golf carts. Tours are 45 minutes long and leave at the top of every hour. **Reservations are required.** Call Saginaw County Parks Office at (989) 790-5280 to register Cost: Free.

Howl-O-Ween

Wed. 10/13

6:00-7:00 PM Imerman

Halloween has gone to the dogs!!! Dress your furry pal up and join us for this fun Canine Costume Contest (dogs only please). Prizes for Scariest, funniest, most creative and people's choice!

Location: Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Rd. If you have any questions, call the Parks and Recreation office at 989-790-5280



Jack-O-Dash

Fri. 10/15 6:00-7:30 PM Price Nature Center

Program: 6 PM - 7:00 PM Activities

7:00 PM Awards

7:15 PM Candle lit Run /walk

Join Saginaw County Parks and the Saginaw YMCA



for a 3/4 mile family fun run/walk in your Halloween

costume. The first 50 participants registered receive a free Pumpkin! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes plus healthy activities, treats, campfire and mascots will be part of the evening fun!

Pre-Register by calling Saginaw County Parks at 989-790-5280 Cost: Free

Cider and Doughnut Hike

Thursday 11/4 5:30-6:30 PM Ringwood

Enjoy some fresh fall air. Join Saginaw County Parks staff on a hike through Ringwood Forest. After the hike, wrap up your evening with cider and doughnuts! Program: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Reservations are required. Call Saginaw County Parks Office at (989) 790-5280 to register. Cost: Free

Thanksgiving Magic Show

Sat. 11/13 11:00-12:00 PM

The Amazing Clark Magician presents-'Giving Thanks is Magic!!' A comedy magic show with magical illusions, lots of laughs & audience participation. This show will put everyone in the mood for Thanksgiving and the magic of the season!!

Location: Freeland SportsZone Community Hall, 5690 Midland Rd, Freeland, MI 48623

Cost: Free



Santa's Holiday Hike

Fri. 12/3 5:30-6:30 PM Imerman

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season and come out and take a hike on our illuminated trail. The festive inflatables will guide you to the trail and lead you to a warm campfire, Christmas music, hot cocoa, cookies and **SANTA!** Bring Coats for Kids donations to drop off at the start of the hike. Location: Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Road. Program: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Cost: Free

Congratulations

1ST PLACE WINNERS!! EAGLE TEACHERS



**4TH PLACE WINNERS
TODD5SQUIBE**



**5TH PLACE WINNERS
KERN FAMILY**



**2ND PLACE WINNERS
JUMBO SHRIMP**



**3RD PLACE WINNERS
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Abig thank you to all who participated in this event!

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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, fishing docks, volleyball courts, and five picnic pavilions. Imerman Memorial Park provides modern bathrooms, a fishing dock, a volleyball court, a playground, horse-shoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, an in-line hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions.

Stop in and make your reservation 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 3, 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 can be made in person at the Parks office in the Saginaw County Governmental Center. Methods of payment accepted include credit card, cash, check and money order.

PARK Locations

Imerman Memorial Park
3495 Midland Road



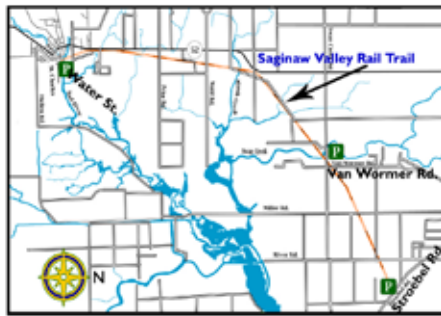
Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Road



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.
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.



PLAY IN THE PARKS

September

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October

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November

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| 4 | Cider and Doughnut Hike | 5:30-6:30 PM | Ringwood Forest | R |
| 13 | Thanksgiving Magic Show | 11:00 AM | Freeland Sports Zone | |

December

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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".

CONTACT US!

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