



## Recreation Station Newsletter

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

2023 was another exciting year in your Saginaw County Parks. It was the second consecutive season with over 100,000 patrons at William H. Haithco Recreation Area and Imerman Memorial Park between Memorial Day and Labor Day. One hundred thousand people in two parks in fifteen weeks, up from twenty-five thousand patrons a decade ago across that same span. The physical and mental health benefits of being outdoors continue to be prioritized in our community, and we work every day to preserve and expand accessibility to these vital public spaces.

Large-scale capital improvements began at Imerman last summer by replacing the park drive, with more accessibility-based improvements coming later in 2024 including a kayak launch and a renovated boat launch. 2023 also marked the opening of our 7th county-operated park, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area, with a formal grand opening coming in summer 2024. 2024 will also see a long-awaited trailhead construction begin along the BayZil Trail in Zilwaukee, along with a series or continued improvements in the other county parks.

While we await another fantastic Michigan summer, I hope you can find the time to enjoy some winter recreation activities and spend time outdoors. Whether it is cross-country skiing on one of our county park system's groomed trails, joining us for a winter hike, skating and sledding

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at Hoyt Park, or ice fishing (personal favorite!), there is plenty to keep us active and refreshed this season. I even asked Santa for a pickleball paddle this winter; so maybe I'll see you on the courts sometime soon : ). Wishing you and yours a peaceful holiday season and a very happy new year!



Saginaw County Parks showing off the new program truck in the 2023 PRIDE Christmas Parade.

*\*photo credit - Ann Marie Batkoski*

### Looking Ahead:

May 6 -Walk with Ease 6-week walking class begins  
May 15 -Soggy Doggy @ Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area

### Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)  
Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 5- May 23) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 24-Sept 2)

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](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)



Apply online at:  
[www.saginawcounty.com/parks](http://www.saginawcounty.com/parks)

Applications accepted through March 1, 2024

# 2024 Summer Employment Opportunities

**Booth Attendant (6)** - \$14/hour. Greets public upon entering the parks, collects fees, answers questions and maintains financial data. Requires good mathematical skills and strong customer service skills. (20-40 hours per week).

**Lifeguard (12)** - \$14.50/hour (LGI - \$15/hour). Provides a safe and clean aquatic facility. Enforces rules, assists park patrons, operates boat rental and responds to emergency situations. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (20-40 hours per week).

**Office Clerk (1)** - \$14/hour. Performs general office duties including typing, making copies, answering telephones, filing, etc. Also interacts with customers and conducts cash transactions for reservations and programs. Must be familiar with computer word processing and be able to operate common office equipment. Requires high school diploma or its equivalent (20-40 hours per week).

**Park Ranger (8)** - \$15/hour. Provides safety, comfort, and convenience for park users. Enforces rules, cleans parks and performs light maintenance duties. Must be 18 or older and requires a valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record. (30-40 hours per week).

**Park Supervisor (2)** - \$19/hour (Rate negotiable). Supervises staff and assists with the management of county parks. Interacts with the public on a daily basis, enforcing rules and policies. Requires valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record, high school diploma (or equivalent). College graduate preferred with supervisory and aquatics experience. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (30-50 hours per week).

**Program Coordinator (2)** - \$15/hour (Rate negotiable). Facilitate, promote and evaluate summer Playdate programs as well as leagues, tournaments, youth, and family events at Hoyt Park. Program experience and high school diploma (or equivalent) required. Flexible schedule (15-30 hours per week).

**Grounds Maintenance Worker (3)** - \$14.50/hour. Performs routine grounds maintenance - mowing grass, trimming shrubs, etc. Operates power equipment - tractors, riding mowers, lawn mowers, trimmers, blowers, etc. May perform minor construction tasks. Must be 18 or older and requires a valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record. Typical work week M-F, 7am - 3:30pm.

*All individuals selected for positions are subject to, and must successfully pass a post offer pre-employment physical, criminal background check and drug screening. All applicants will be required to attend training sessions before working, including American Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses.*

**Work Season:**  
**May 13 through Sept. 2**

**Questions? Call 989-790-5280**



# 2024 Winter Programs

## Dog Days Winter Romps

**Wednesday, January 17, February 21 & March 20**

Who's ready for some extended-time of wintry romping in the snow & pure dog-playing bliss in the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Dog Park? We are keeping the front of the park open longer on these special dates to allow you and your furry friend some extra time to romp. This event is bound to be cold so dress for the weather. Patio heaters will be lit to help take off the chill. The 2024 Dog Calendars will be available on site for \$15. The Park will close for the night immediately following the event. **Cost: Free**

## Imerman Memorial Park

**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

## Friends of Hoyt Park – Bringing Back the Ice!

## Hoyt Park

**Saturday, January 20 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Night Skate)**

**Saturday, January 27 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Saturday, February 3 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Broomball from 1-3 pm)**

**February 10 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**February 17 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**February 17 1:00 pm Outhouse Races & Sled Decorating Competition**

Hoyt Park is the place to be in Saginaw for outdoor winter fun. The Friends of Hoyt Park transform the park into a winter wonderland with a skating surface the size of three hockey rinks and hills for sledding. A warming house complete with skate rentals and hot chocolate is open during skate times. \$2 skate rental.

More information about Friends of Hoyt Park can be found here: <http://friendsofhoytparksaginaw.weebly.com/>

## Full Moon Hike

**Thursday, January 25**

## Price Nature Center

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Join Saginaw County Parks staff for a wintry jaunt through the beautiful trails at Price Nature Center as the moonlight guides the way. Make sure to dress warm for this event. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* **Cost: Free**

## Guided Nature Hike

**Thursday, February 15**

## Ringwood Forest

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join Saginaw County Parks staff for a wintry jaunt through the beautiful trails at Ringwood Forest. Snowshoes will be available for up to 12 participants if conditions permit. Make sure to dress warm for this event. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* **Cost: Free**

## TrAIL Waggers Nature Hike

**Wednesday, March 6**

## Price Nature Center

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Hey dogs! Grab your human, your leash and your do-do bags too! We are doing something new. Saginaw County Parks staff will guide you and your humans through the amazing trails at Price Nature Center. Lots of things for you to sniff and new friends to make. We will get some great new photos for the next dog calendar too. Tell your human to bring \$15 to purchase the 2024 calendar. Please let your humans know that *pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* **Cost: Free**

## Guided Nature Hike

**Friday, March 15**

## Saginaw River Headwaters Rec. Area

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Join Saginaw County Parks staff for a wintry jaunt through the trails of our newest park. Snowshoes will be available for up to 12 participants if conditions permit. Make sure to dress warm for this event. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* **Cost: Free**

## The Amazing Clark-Magic Impossible Show

**Saturday, March 16 (2 sessions)**

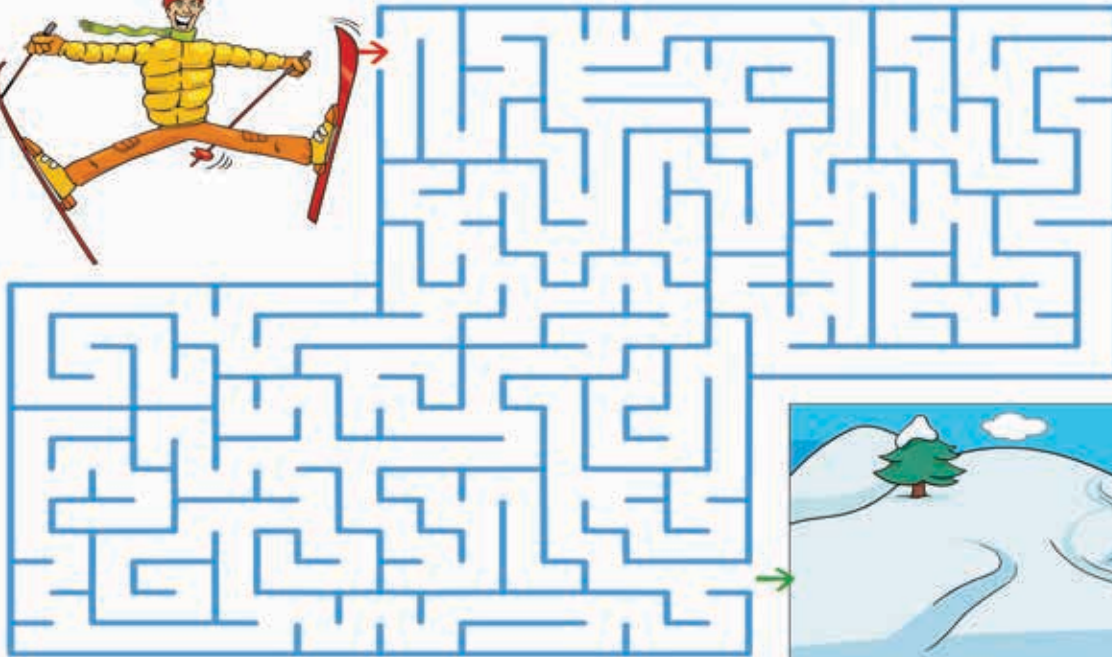
## Mid-Michigan Children's Museum

**11:00 AM & 12:00 PM**

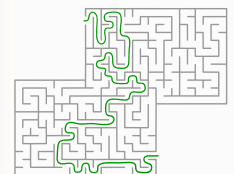
Join Saginaw County Parks at the museum as The Amazing Clark presents a magic spectacular with the perfect amount of magic and suspense, allowing the audience to join him on a magical mission filled with excitement and wonder from the rope penetration to the linking rings, everyone will be astounded by this incredible display of magic and wonder. After the 45 minute session, you and your family may enjoy the museum at your leisure for the remainder of the day. *Pre-registration is required. Call 989-790-5280 to register.* **Cost: Free**



Happy New Year!



SOLUTION



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 2024

season for the William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2024.

Rental fees for the pavilions are \$60.00 per day. Entry for Saginaw County Residents is free. Non Residents Memorial Day thru Labor Day pay \$2.00 per vehicle entry fee to Imerman Memorial Park and a \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee to the William H. Haithco Recreation Area.

Rentals must be made in person at the Parks office in the Saginaw County Governmental Center. Methods of payment accepted include cash, check, credit and money order.












To get free entry to our parks, Saginaw County Residents can pick up a free Recreate Pass at Imerman Memorial Park, Wm. Haithco Recreation Area or the Parks office. Out of county resident pass is only \$30 for a whole summer of fun!



# PARK Locations



-  William H. Haithco Rec. Area  
2121 Schust Road
-  Imerman Memorial Park  
3495 Midland Road
-  Ringwood Forest  
13710 Ring Rd, St. Charles
-  Veterans Memorial Park  
1543 - 1701 M-13  
North of Zilwaukee
-  Saginaw River Headwaters  
Rec. Area  
77 W. Center St, Saginaw
-  Price Nature Center  
6685 Sheridan Road
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail  
Water St Trail Head  
401 E. Water St, St. Charles
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail  
Van Wormer Rd. Trail Head  
2998 VanWormer Rd, Saginaw
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail  
Stroebe Rd. Trail Head  
6225 Stroebe Rd, Saginaw



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.

## Commission Members

**Ruth Averill - Chairman, Tim Courtney - Vice Chairman, Brian J. Wendling - Secretary**  
**Delena Spates-Allen, Darwin Baranski, Rob Brown, Deb Kestner, Sheldon Matthews**  
**David Sommers, Demond Tibbs**

## Staff Members

**Brian Keenan-Lechel - Director Jordan Beal - Operations Supervisor**  
**Mary Williams - Office Manager Jeanette Fiers - Outdoor Recreation & Event Coordinator**  
**Tom Kowalski - Parks Foreman Fred Raymond - Parks Specialist**





# Play in the Parks

## January

Wed. 1/17	Winter Romp	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park
Sat. 1/20	Bringing Back the Ice (Night Skate)	4:00 - 7:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Thurs. 1/25	Full Moon Hike	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Price Nature Center <b>R</b>
Sat. 1/27	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park

## February

Sat. 2/3	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Sat. 2/3	Broomball	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Sat. 2/10	Bringing Back the Ice	12:00 - 4:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Thurs. 2/15	Guided Nature Hike	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Ringwood Forest <b>R</b>
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Sat. 2/17	Outhouse Races	1:00 PM	Hoyt Park
Wed. 2/21	Winter Romp	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park

## March

Wed. 3/6	Trail Waggies Nature Hike	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Price Nature Center <b>R</b>
Fri. 3/15	Guided Nature Hike	3:00 - 4:00 PM	Headwaters Rec Area <b>R</b>
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## TAKE NOTE!

- ★ All events are free unless noted with a "S" symbol.
- ★ Gate fees may be additional.
- ★ Pre-registration is required for all events noted with the letter "R".

## CONTACT US!

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