

From the Mayor...

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We always anticipate and enjoy the return of warm weather in northern Indiana. Shirt sleeve outdoor conditions make life a bit better for everyone, including those who often work outdoors when the weather is not so nice. The Warsaw Parks and Recreation Department works very hard to provide enjoyable outdoor opportunities for everyone in our beautiful parks and beaches. They spend the cold months planning activities, maintaining equipment, and promoting a broad range of recreational activities for all ages.

If you visit our newly updated city website (www.warsaw.in.gov) and click the “Parks and Recreation” button on the home page, you can access the complete digital version of the “2022 Recreation Guide”. This comprehensive guide will give details of just about anything you need to know about summer fun in our Warsaw parks. Information available includes park hours, concert schedules, rental facilities, summer programming, and a whole lot more!

Cooling off with a swim at Center and Pike Lake beaches will continue through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. providing the temperature is above 70 degrees. Other waterfront activities include our new kayak rental kiosks, paddleboarding, and fishing. Go to the Recreation Guide for further details on all of these programs and, while you’re there, search for the QR code for a free kayak rental!

Our parks have a variety of outdoor and indoor facilities available for rent. Plan early and reserve one of these spaces for a great family outing. The picnic shelters, cabins, Pavilion, and buildings are all listed in the Recreation Guide as well. If you happen to picnic at Lucerne Park, be sure and take in a game of disc golf on the 9-hole course.

Our staff takes great pride in offering recreation for all ages, including many family events across the city. This summer, Kelly Park will host a Slip-n-Slide Luau. Family Movie Nights will once again be offered at different parks, and a Dino Dig held at the Pete Thorn Center gym. Consult the Recreation Guide for a complete listing of programs and all the details!

The older kids will find plenty of enjoyment at Mantis Skate Park (with recent improvements courtesy of the K21 Health Foundation). Don’t forget the world class Hire Park BMX facility.

The activities continue for adults of all ages with the construction of four new pickleball courts at Bixler Park, scheduled for completion this summer, to handle the growing demand we’ve experienced at Kelly Park for this very popular sport. Both parks also continue to provide tennis courts.

In addition to the “Rockin for Riley” Classic Rock Concert, the Lakes Festival blues concert, and the Country Concert for St. Jude, don’t forget the amazing Summer Concert Series on Friday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (Lucerne Amphitheater or Central Park Plaza), which kicked off last weekend with the Ted Yoder Band!

Before I run completely out of space, don't forget the WCDC and WRSW 107.3 FM sponsored First Fridays, our Local Farmers Market on Saturdays mornings, and the Lake City Skiers shows at Hidden Lake!

Have a great, safe summer here in the Lake City!