GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Merrillville

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Donald Spann
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Richard Hardaway
Ron Widing

Clerk Treasurer
Eugene Guernsey

Parks & Recreation Committee
Carol Miano-President
Donald Spann
Ron Widing

Contact Information
Merrillville Parks & Recreation Dept.
Pruzin Center
5750 Tyler St.
Merrillville, IN.46410
219-980-5911

Park Administration
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Merrillville Parks & Recreation Dept.
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rhashu-roorda@merrillville.in.gov

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Monday - Friday 8am—4pm
Website: www.merrillville.in.gov

Merrillville Town Hall
7820 Broadway
Merrillville, IN. 46410
(219) 769-5711

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.
**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 parks except designated parking areas
- Alcohol is prohibited in all Merrillville Parks
- No littering or dumping is permitted
- All parks are open from dusk to dawn except when authorized by Merrillville Park and Recreation Department

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN**

**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 Park and Recreation activities.

**Refund Policy**

If the Merrillville Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program, program fees are refundable. Due to scheduling conflicts or weather related incidents an activity or class may be cancelled. Every effort will be made to hold a make-up class or reschedule it. If a participant can no longer attend a class or activity that they paid for, the participation fee will only be refunded with a Doctor substantiated reason.

**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 & Recreation Activities.
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.

**Merrillville Parks**

Crescent Lake  
Forest Hills  
Hendricks  
Heroes Park  
Jennings  
Joseph Petruch Sr. Park  
Kurtis Park  
Meadowland  
Preserves Park  
Pruzin Community Center  
Rosenbalm  
Savannah Ridge  
Southbrook  
John As. Stefek  
Union Park  
Wirtes  

74th Court. & Morton Street  
78 Indian Trail  
80th Lane  
8303 Taft  
W. 80th Place and Jennings Pl.  
1403 W. 63rd Ave.  
9 Meadow Lane  
54th Ave. & Madison St.  
2081 E. 87th Ave.  
5750 Tyler St  
73rd Pl. & Chase St.  
74th Pl. & Johnson St  
7488 Hendricks St.  
70th Pl. & Harrison St.  
7200 Broadway  
5860 Roosevelt St.
Merrillville has two trails running through 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.
2015 TRIPS

New Orleans

Mackinac Island

Arch Rock

Carriage Tour (Highly Recommended)

Grand Hotel

Bike Touring

Horseback Riding

Fort Mackinac
Mackinac Historic Parks
MERRILLVILLE PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS
New Orleans

INcredible Price Includes:
- Motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Guided Tour of a Louisiana Plantation
- Relaxing Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River
- Gaming at fabulous Harrah’s Casino
- Visit to the National World War II Museum
- Guided Tour of New Orleans
- For more pictures, video and information visit: www.GroupTrips.com/MerrillvilleParksandRec

$629 *

7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
(Sun - Sat)
July
12 - 18, 2015

Departure: Pruzin Park, 5750 Tyler St, Merrillville, IN @ 8 am

Day 1: Depart your group’s location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motorcoach as you head for your destination: historic New Orleans! This evening, you will settle into a comfortable en route hotel for a good night’s rest.

Day 2: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will continue towards your destination. Tonight, you’ll enjoy Dinner before checking into your New Orleans area hotel for a four night stay.

Day 3: Enjoy Continental Breakfast before you visit the National World War II Museum. You will take in a cinematic experience on their new 120 foot screen. It is a jaw-dropping experience in 4-D, a technique that engages all the audience’s senses with digital effects, life sized animation, as well as film and sound. Then, enjoy a Guided Tour of New Orleans and learn about the past and present of what makes this unique city a treasure. This evening, you will Dine at a local New Orleans restaurant.

Day 4: Start out with Continental Breakfast before going on a Guided Tour of a historic Louisiana Plantation. Then depart for New Orleans. Enjoy free time to see some of New Orleans’ many attractions. Do some shopping, stop to hear great music in the French Quarter – or just see the sights. This evening, you will Dine at a local restaurant.

Day 5: After Continental Breakfast, depart for some gaming at Harrah’s Casino. Wind down the day with a wonderful Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River before enjoying a Dinner Party with Entertainment.

Day 6: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, MS. Journey back in time as you learn how agriculture and forestry molded the history and heritage of this great State. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 7: Today after enjoying Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you’ve done, the great sights you have seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

$75 Due Upon Signing. *Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add $210 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 5/5/2015

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:
Jan Ottisch @ (317) 988-5911 or
email: jottisch@merrillville.in.gov

This tour requires a minimum of 30 people

Flyer Price Includes Gratuities for Motorcoach Driver and Step-On Guides.
MERRILLVILLE PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

Mackinac Island

INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Guided Tour of Mackinaw City
- Visit to Mackinac Island, including a Guided Carriage Tour
- Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sightseeing in Sault Sainte Marie
- Visit to Mackinaw Crossings
- Admission to Colonial Michillimackinac
- Gaming excitement at Kewadin Sault Casino

For more pictures, video and information visit: www.GroupTrips.com/MerrillvilleParksandRec

$535 *

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS
PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
(Mon - Fri)
Sep 28 - Oct 2
2015

Tour Mackinac Island by Horse and Carriage

Departure: Pruzin Park, 5750 Tyler St, Merrillville, IN @ 8 am

Day 1: Board your spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for Northern Michigan. Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way and have Dinner before checking into your hotel tonight.

Day 2: After today's Continental Breakfast, head for Sault Sainte Marie, MI and take an exciting cruise through the Soo Locks. Next, enjoy lunch on your own and spend some free time in Sault Sainte Marie. Watch ships enter and depart the Locks from the observation area or browse the unique local shops and boutiques. Later, enjoy Dinner and gaming at the Kewadin Sault Casino before returning to your hotel.

Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, your adventure begins with a ferryboat ride to peaceful Mackinac Island where the only mode of transportation is by Horse and Carriage. Take a leisurely carriage ride tour of the Island and see splendid sites like the Arch Rock and Lilac Lane. Enjoy some free time to explore this quaint island. Later, cross the Straits of Mackinac again and enjoy a lovely Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you'll take a Guided Tour of quaint Mackinaw City. Next, see the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, dating back to 1892. After some free time at Mackinaw Crossings, visit Colonial Michillimackinac – A 1700's era Village. Later, enjoy Dinner with your friends.

Day 5: Today you'll enjoy a Continental Breakfast and depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen and where your next group trip will take you.

ADD A PIECE OF HINT TO YOUR TRIP...

$75 Due Upon Signing. Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add $150 for single occupancy. Final Payment Due: 7/21/2015

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Jan Ortich @ (219) 980-5911 or email: Jortich@merrillville.in.gov

This tour requires a minimum of 30 people

Flyer Price includes Gratuities for Motorcoach Driver and Step-On Guides.

Form ID: 5200-510406

Tour#: 1087048
Put Your Mind at Ease on the Next Trip... with the Travel Confident® Protection Plan!

Travel Insurance - Same Price - Regardless of Age!

PLAN BENEFITS INCLUDE:

**Trip Cancellation:** You are covered for your FULL TOUR COST in the event you must cancel your trip for one of the reasons below.

**Trip Interruption:** You are covered for reimbursement of your fare to travel home and your unused prepaid tour cost (the total not to exceed your total tour cost), when you must leave your trip early for one of the following reasons:

- **Sickness, Injury or Death** to you, a traveling companion, a family member, or a business partner
- **Jury Duty** or being required to appear as a witness in a legal action
- **A Strike** that causes services to cease for at least 48 hours
- **Losing Your Job** where you have worked for at least 3 years
- **Terrorist Attack, Hijack or Quarantine**

You are covered for the “single supplement” surcharge if your roommate cancels for one of the above reasons.

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**Baggage Benefit** - Up to $1,000! If your baggage is lost, stolen or damaged!

**Medical Expense** - Up to $5,000! If you are injured or become ill on the trip. You also are covered for up to $750 in emergency dental treatment.

**Emergency Medical Evacuation** - Up to $20,000! Should a severe illness require immediate care and a local hospital cannot meet your needs, you are eligible for transportation to the nearest hospital with appropriate treatment. A toll-free call to 1-888-268-2824 starts the arrangements. If you are traveling alone, you are also covered for the air fare of a companion to join you at the hospital (providing you are in the hospital for at least 7 days).

**24/7 Assistance Services Included:** Lost Baggage Retrieval • Emergency Cash Advance • Medical or Legal Referrals • Prescription Drug/Eyeglass Replacement • Translation Services • Payment to the Assistance Company is Your Responsibility.

**TIPS FOR TRAVELERS:**

- Cancel with your Group Leader as soon as you are aware of the need to cancel.
- In the event you need to file a claim, contact Travel Insured International at 866-684-0218 as soon as possible. Be prepared to provide the insurance company with proof of payments for all portions of your trip, including the insurance.
- Get detailed medical statements from treating physicians where and when an accident or sickness occurred. Save your receipts, proof of all payments and proof of insurance. Pay by check or credit card when you can.
- If you have purchased the Travel Confident Protection Plan, for emergency medical evacuation call the Assistance Company at 888-268-2824 or collect at 202-266-8720. Be sure to call before you incur any expenses!

**Please remember - this Flyer IS NOT your insurance policy. Be sure you receive a copy of your policy and read it before your trip. See your Group Leader or visit www.travelconfident.com to obtain a copy.**

This is a brief summary of benefits under the Plan. The benefits are subject to the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy. Refer to Your Policy for complete details. Plans are underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2012. Not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions. Travel Assistance Services are provided by an independent organization and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International.
MERRILLVILLE PARKS SPRING/SUMMER 2015 EVENTS

Trash N’ Treasure Sale - 8am to 1pm
Pruzin Community Center Parking Lot.

One man’s trash is another’s treasure. Come and browse the gently used items and arts and crafts. Food vendors and baked goods are welcome with approved Health Dept. Food Service Certification. Booth space is available on a first come first serve basis. Vendor set-up begins at 6am. (All items brought by vendors MUST be removed at the end of the sale.) 10 x 10 rental space $26.75 Vendors must supply their own tables/tents, etc. Booth space is limited to the first 30 vendors. Call the Merrillville Park & Recreation Dept. at 219-980-5911 to reserve your booth space. Booth space is reserved when payment is received.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Merrillville Park Department will sponsor FREE outdoor concerts at Pruizin Park

CONCERT IN THE PARK-DUPAGE
THURS. JUNE 25, 2015. 7PM. PRUZIN PARK OUTDOOR GAZEBO.
Enjoy an outdoor concert at Pruizin Park. The best in dance music covering Motown, 70’s, 80’s and 90’s music, Dupage plays an amazing mix of music that will make you dance the night away at Pruizin Park.

CONCERT IN THE PARK- LATIN SATIN SOUL
THURS. JULY 30, 2015
One of the hottest and most dynamic bands of the decade. Latin Satin Soul will perform their hits at Pruizin Park. Come out and listen to one of the best horn sections around as Latin Satin Soul plays the night away at Pruizin Park. Latin Satin Soul will get you out of your seat dancing to their hits all night long.

CONCERT IN THE PARK- NEVERLY BROTHERS
THURS. AUG. 20, 2015
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.
SENIOR PICNIC

Friday August 7, 2015
11:00am.

Come and join in on the fun at the Senior Picnic at Pruzin Park. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and other picnic favorites will be grilled. Bean bags, Horseshoes and games will be played. Raffles, Prizes and free giveaways. Picnic begins at 11am. Lunch served at noon. Picnic ends at 3pm.

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE “INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE”
FRIDAY JULY 3, 2015  6:30PM

Everyone loves a parade; whether it’s because of the decorated floats, the marching bands or the nostalgia of the red, white and blue. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy. The Town of Merrillville will host the Independence Day Parade on Friday July 3rd at 7pm. If you are interested in taking part in the parade, please call the Merrillville Park Department at 219-980-5911 for information. The parade route will begin at 80th & Broadway and travel North to 67th & Broadway.

Parade application on next page. Fill out and return to Merrillville Park and Recreation Dept. 5750 Tyler St. Merrillville, Indiana OR fax application to Merrillville Parks at (219) 980-0928.
MERRILLVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE APPLICATION

The Merrillville Independence Day Parade will take place on Friday July 3, 2015.

Name_______________________________________________________________________________________

Organization Name____________________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________City_____________________State_______ Zip__________

Phone___________________________ E mail______________________________________________________

PARADE CATEGORIES (Please check which applies)

____ Commercial Float. Music? ___Yes ___No

____ Auto club (limit of 6 cars/vehicles) ___Watercraft

____ Antique Vehicle ___Fire Trucks

____ Antique Fire Truck ___Police Cars

____ High School Band ___Color Guard

____ Baton Group ___Dance/Gymnastics Group

____ Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts ___Other Organization (Please list)

____ Horse / Horse & Buggy

____ Special Entry

Length of Unit in feet and brief description of unit.__________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________.

Other (If your category does not fit with any selections above, please provide a brief description of entry.

________________________________________________________________________________________

Parade Line-up at Geisen Funeral Home—80th & Broadway begins at 5:30pm. Parade leaves Geisen Funeral Home at 6:30pm and travels North on Broadway to 67th Ave. (High School Entrance).

We understand that NOTHING (candy, favors, coupons, advertisements, business cards, silly string, water guns, etc.) can be thrown. Walking and passing out items along the parade route IS ALLOWED as long as it doesn’t stop the parade going forward.

___ I am interested in underwriting parade.

Name of Business____________________________________

Address___________________________City__________________State_______Zip_____________

Phone___________________________ Amount of Donation____________________________________

Please make checks payable to: Town of Merrillville Parade Fund

Mail completed application to: Merrillville Park & Recreation, 5750 Tyler St. Merrillville, IN 46410

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Applicants Signature                                              Date
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 or Councilwoman Carol Miano (219) 736-8258. 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.

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. 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.

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
   a. Political Party Affiliation cannot be identified.
   b. Two signs are permitted. One on each side of the vehicle.
   c. No distribution of any campaign information.
   d. No solicitation or electioneering is permitted, i.e. “Vote for name of candidate”, this cannot be depicted on any signs.
   e. 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.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Town of Merrillville Events Committee
Trash N’ Treasure Sale Application

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone number

Cell number

Please check the date you will be a vendor.

Sat. May 16, 2015

Sat. Aug. 29, 2015

Please check the category that best suits you.

Clothing/Household items

Produce Vendor

Food Vendor

Tools Vendor

Equipment Vendor

Arts & Crafts

Please provide a brief summary of items that you will be selling

__________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________

All food vendors are required to submit a Food Service Temporary Permit the morning of the event issued by the Lake County Health Dept. Permits can be obtained at 2900 W. 93rd Ave. Crown Point, IN. 46307. No food items can be sold without proof of Food Service Permit.

There is space for 30 vendors. First come, first serve. All paid vendors are required to be at the Pruzin Center for set-up at 6am. Upon check-in you will receive a vendor number. Vendor numbers will give you the location of your booth. Trash N’ Treasure sale begins at 8am through 2pm.

Tables, tents, chairs, etc. are not provided by the Park Department. You must bring your own table and must clean up all your items at the end of the sale. Dispose of all garbage in the dumpster located on the North side of the Pruzin Community Center.

The Merrillville Park Department reserves the right to cancel an application with an exhibitor at any time the exhibitor’s stock is deemed unacceptable or offensive or was not fully disclosed in the application. Total payment must be made full two weeks prior to each Trash n’ Treasure Sale.

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Booth cost $25.00

Sales Tax 1.75

TOTAL $26.75

Trash N’ Treasure Sale is a cash only event. Vendors must secure their booth with a full cash payment along with a completed application. Cash payment date Receipt #
Merchant Vendor Contract

Please check all that apply:

_____ Dupage Concert. Thurs. June 25, 2015. 7pm to 9pm  

Name_____________________________________________________________________________________

Business Name_____________________________________________________________________________

Address_________________________ City_______________________State_____Zip____________

Phone_________________________________ Cell phone__________________________________________

Email Address______________________________________________________________________________

List and describe all items to be sold____________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________

_____ Information Booth    $50.  
_____ Arts & Crafts            $75 plus tax  
_____ Food Vendor            $100 plus tax (without electric)  
_____ Food Vendor            $125 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.

AMENITIES

Water. _____Yes                  _____No

ALL VENDORS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Signed copy of the contract
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.

Diagram of setup including dimensions.

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
Program and Activity Registration

To register for any of the activities and classes offered by Merrillville Park & Recreation Department, simply sign up on line. Go to, “Activenwi.com” and browse through the categories offered by Merrillville Parks Department. Choose the activity or program, register, pay by credit card OR stop by the Merrillville Park Department located at the Pruzin Community Center at 5750 Tyler St in Merrillville and sign up through the Park Department. It’s that easy.
## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

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| **Yoga**            | $40 (6 sessions)  
Mondays, April 27  
9:30am to 10:45am  
Yoga is a universal program that incorporates breathing and stretching exercises which creates a balance of body, mind and spirit. This program works on every part of your body including the massaging and stimulation of internal organs. Yoga can improve obesity, fatigue, mental clarity and circulation. Your body will relax and enjoy the relief from stress from your everyday life. Minimum 10. Maximum 20 |
| **Enhanced Fitness**| FREE  
Tues., Wed., & Thurs.  
8:00am to 9:00am  
Come and participate in a free fitness class for keen agers sponsored by the Northwest Community Action Agency. A fitness instructor will be taking you through fitness exercises from warm up to cool down. Exercises will consist of cardiovascular and strength training exercises that will keep you active, energized and maintain health and function. |
| **Ballroom Dancing**| $40 (6 sessions) per person  
$70 (6 sessions) couples  
Wednesdays  
10:30am to 11:30am  
Learn to dance like the stars! Dance Instruction will include the Cha Cha, Swing, Rumba, Tango, Fox Trot, Waltz and Latin style of dancing.  
We will have you dancing in no time. Individual and/or couples classes offered. Bring your dancing shoes! |
| **Aerobics**        | FREE  
Tues. & Thurs.  
9:30am to 10:30am  
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 your stability, balance, energy levels and strengthen your cardiovascular system. Join us for a workout twice a week. |
**Needlecrafts**
FREE
Tuesdays
10:30am to 12:00pm

Needlecrafts can include crochet, needle point, knitting, quilting, tatting, embroidery, tapestry and appliqué techniques. Come join the needlecrafts class. Participants will work individually on their own projects that they might want to sell in the “Trash and Treasure” sale in the Spring. Bring in your own projects to work on and share your craft with another individual.

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**Pinochle, Bridge**
FREE
Mondays
11:30 to 2:30pm

This is a social card group for Merrillville residents 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. Join us on Mondays.

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**Computer Classes**
FREE TO RESIDENTS 55 AND UP

Please call for information.

Merrillville Park Department will schedule computer classes for those that wish to learn how to use a computer. People over 55 years of age are the fastest growing segment of computer and internet users. If you want to learn how to surf the web, send an email, write a letter or prepare a spreadsheet of monthly finances sign up for Computer Classes. The classes will be limited to 10 individuals at a time. Classes will take place at Merrillville Town Hall.
Women’s Self Defense
$15.00 Resident
$20.00 Non-Resident
Wed. May 13 6p-7p
Wed. June 17 6p-7p
Wed. July 15 6p-7p
Wed. Aug. 19 6p-7p
This class is open to all women of any age. This class will prepare you to defend yourself in a variety of situations. The class will provide practical skills preparing you for emergency situations.
Minimum 6. Maximum 20

Get Fit !!!
Line Dancing
Resident $65
Non-Resident $70
(10 sessions)
Tuesdays
Starting May 12
6p to 7:30p
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.
Minimum 6. Maximum 30

Walkers in Motion
FREE
Monday through Fridays
9:00am
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. Merrillville Parks Department is promoting heart healthy living by walking. The track is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

Mindful Movement (10 sessions)
Thurs. May 7 11am to 12pm
Thurs. May 7 6pm to 7pm
Residents $35
Non Residents $40
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 will use our bodies, breath and our senses to reconnect to center ourselves. A great stress reducer. Healthy snacks and other goodies will be focused on.
Minimum 6. Maximum 30
**YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

### Soccer
Ages 2-12

- Resident $53
- Non-Resident $58
- Tuesdays
- April 28—June 2
- June 9—July 14
- 4:30pm-5:15pm

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

Minimum 6. Maximum 20

### Kindermusik—Beach Days
Ages 2—3 1/2 with parent/caregiver

- Resident $60
- Non-Resident $65
- Materials Fee- $35 (CD, book, castanets)
- June 9—July 7
- 12:45p—1:30p

Grab your beach ball, we’re going to the beach. We’ll enjoy favorite songs and dances, do the Octopus Hula, Jump on a banana boat and relax to gentle beach sounds and songs. Beach Days is as fun as a trip to the beach. Sign language is incorporated into the classes.

Minimum 5. Maximum 10

### Adult Colored Pencil Drawing Class
Ages 16+

- Resident $45
- Non-Resident $50
- June 10-July 15
- July 29-Sept. 2

Fred Holly brings 15 years of teaching experience to his classes. This course is designed to teach beginner or advanced colored pencil techniques. Using Prismacolor pencils students learn rendering techniques.


Minimum 9. Maximum 18

### Adult Acrylic Painting
Ages 16+

- Resident $45
- Non-Resident $50
- June 11-July 16
- July 28-Sept. 3

Fred Holly will take the beginner or advanced student through various techniques of acrylic painting. Still life, landscape and portrait.

Supply List: Graphite paper-Black, water container (small cup), paper towels, kitchen sponge, 1/2” flat brush, #6 round, liner brush, fan stiff brush. Paint: titanium white, mars black, burnt umber, burnt sienna, azo yellow, yellow ochre, ultramarine blue, raw umber, sap green, cerulean blue hue, naphthol red. Tape: green painters tape, blue painters tape. Illustration board, palette-disposable plastic plates or butcher tray, masking fluid-Winsor & Newton. Cheap brushes for masking.

Minimum 9. Maximum 18
YOUTH PROGRAMMING

**Just Dance**
2-(6 week sessions)
Mondays
June 8-July 13
July 20-Aug. 24
Ages 3-6
Residents $55
Non-Residents $60
3:30pm—4:05pm
This class includes various styles of dance, ballet, jazz ballet, creative movement and hip hop. Ballet shoes and for girls a tutu is required.
Minimum 6. Maximum 14

**School Age Gymnastics**
2-(6 week sessions)
Mondays
Ages 6–12
June 8-July 13
July 20-Aug 24
4:45pm—5:30pm
Residents $55
Non-Residents $60
This class allows a beginner or experienced gymnast the opportunity to receive one on one instruction. Minimum 6. Maximum 14

**RUBINO’S MUSIC CENTER**

RUBINOS MUSIC, SOUND & LIGHTING....................Is partnering with the Merrillville Parks to offer music lessons. Vocal, Guitar, Violin, Saxophone, Keyboard & Percussion. We are introducing classes geared towards the entertainment industry. The NEW Laser Light Production is now available. All lessons at $25 per half hour. Sign up on-line at www.activenwi.com (Registration required through Active Northwest Indiana.) All classes will take place at Rubino’s Music Center located at: 8102 Georgia Street in Merrillville, IN. Classes can be scheduled at your convenience from 10:30am to 8pm. Drums and keyboard lessons include the use of instrument at Rubinos. All other instruments must be furnished by participant. Rubino’s has a wide selection of new & used instruments and can work within your budget. We will offer 4 week sessions beginning the first of May.
**YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

**Karate Class**
2—(6 week sessions)
Wednesdays
Apr 29 – June 3
June 10–July 15
July 22–Aug. 26

*Ages 2–4*
4:30p – 5:05p

*Ages 5-10*
5:10p – 5:55p

Residents $55
Non-Residents $60
($25 uniform and patches charge).
Drills are incorporated that teach life skills.
Striking, kicking and punching will be taught
through games and obstacles.
Class requires a Minimum 6 - Maximum 14

**Pre-School Gymnastics**
2—(6 week sessions)
Mondays
June 8–July 13
July 20–Aug 24

*Ages 3 to 5*
4:10p-4:45p

Residents $55
Non-Residents $60
An introduction to gymnastics are taught.
Students will experience tumbling, bars, vault and
balance beam. Age appropriate skills will be taught.
Class requires a minimum of 6. Maximum 14

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMING**

Merrillville Parks Dept. 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 Water
Quality Stream Sampling— Workshop open
to 25 participants of any age group.

Rain Garden Field Day— Learn how to
create a rain garden and its benefits.

Arbor Day Celebration— Let’s celebrate
our Tree City USA status and plant trees.
May 15, 10-12:30
2015 Calendar of Events

Sun. Nov. 22  Turkey Bowling & Games
1 - 3pm  [at Hanover Central High School, 10120 W. 133rd Ave. Cedar Lake]
Admission is free but advance registration is required.
Hanover Central High School key Club
(219) 396-2819

Wed. Dec. 2  Visit with Santa at the Festival of Lights
6:30 - 7:30pm  [at Prairie West Park, St. John * on 93rd Ave., 1/2 mile west of US 41]
Admission is free but advance registration is requested.
St. John Parks & Recreation
(219) 366-6236

December 5  Holiday Festival Event
2 - 4pm  [at Pruzin Park, 5750 Tyler St. Merrillville]
Join us for dancing, music, food and fun!
Fees apply. Advance registration is necessary.
Merrillville Parks & Recreation
(219) 930-5911

Join the CSRI email contact list. Send your contact name and email address to
csr2004@yahoo.com to be added.

The dates in this calendar of events are provided
so you can ‘save the date’ on your 2015 calendar.
Registration may not begin until a later date as determined by the host agency.

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 the host agency for full details.

These agencies are working together to give you more options!
Anyone can participate in these programs regardless of the community you live in.

CSRI event notices are only sent via email or through agency brochures and flyers.

This calendar of events was assembled in Dec. 2014 and at that time all details were accurate.
However, details may change as the event approaches based on other circumstances.

C.S.R.I.
Cooperative Special Recreation Initiative
Fun For All

2015 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
- Hammond Parks and Recreation
- Hammond Port Authority
- Hanover Central HS Key Club
- Highland Parks & Recreation
- Lake County Parks
- Merrillville Parks & Recreation
- Munster Parks & Recreation
- Schererville Parks & Recreation
- St. John Parks & Recreation
- Whiting Parks & Recreation
Looking for a 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 60 guests. Rental is available on Saturday and Sundays from 10am to 3pm or 5pm to 10pm. Rental is also available the full day from 10am to 10pm. Applications for rental must be submitted and paid in full two weeks prior to event date.

Hall Rental Fees—60 guests-maximum

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Security Deposit  $100. Refundable provided no damage to facility other than normal wear and tear.

Per the discretion of the Park Director, teen parties, graduations and weddings require security at $35 per hour.
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 interest, 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 standards of excellence in order to ensure quality services to the community they serve.

The Merrillville Park Brochure can also be found on line at www.merrillville.in.gov under Park & Recreation Activities tab. Help us stay green by downloading the brochure at the Town of Merrillville’s website.