

GREENCASTLE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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2017 Program & Event Guide



Dear Greencastle Residents:

On behalf of the Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners, I want to thank everyone who made 2016 another outstanding year for the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department.

Last spring, McKenzie, Julie & Mark Carr and *A Kinetic Change* built the Keith Carr Basketball Court at Big Walnut Sports Park, which saw a summer dedication with a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. In addition, the Greencastle Civic League planted 9 good sized trees around the Keith Carr basketball court, which will provide a small, but instant forest.

Speaking of BWSP and trees, Arthur and Ann Garceau donated funding for 11 trees, which were planted on the eastern border of the park. Crabapple trees were planted for spring color, deciduous trees for fall color, and pine trees for a windscreen to their daughter's home across the street. BWSP also saw the first of hopefully many high school cross country meets, which drew many new users to the park!

In Robe-Ann Park, we saw completion of the Heartland Tennis & Pickleball Courts with lessons offered during the July 4th Independence Day Celebration. An Anderson Street gateway project presented itself which converted the old roadway to a walkway following the replacement of the 2" waterline service to the central restrooms. Shelter #5 received new legs and updated electrical service due to storm & high wind damage. The Greencastle Civic League purchased additional benches and trash receptacles for the Bob York Splash Park.

Sean Ramey, Troop 99 Life Scout, chose as his Eagle Project updates to Jaycee Park. He replaced the roof and assembled additional picnic tables for one of the shelters and is designing a new entryway sign to the park.

Looking toward 2017, this year opened with a surprise (bad note) that during a routine roof inspection, the Bob Flanigan Band Shell was found in unsafe condition and would ultimately need replacement. That project has already drawn many volunteer offers and will address a redesign of the central circle area and its long-time drainage issues. Either way the drawing board is a clean slate and open to new ideas.

This year, Micaela Cancellia Park, our newest park, will see installation of playground equipment, park sign and new trees this spring. We will also be implementing an on-line program registration process to make our programs easier to access and register for.

I want to close with a hearty thank you to the Mayor, Common Council, Board of Park Commissioners, City Clerk/Treasurer, and residents of the City of Greencastle for your continued commitment and support toward providing a wide assortment of positive leisure activities for our citizens. This wouldn't be possible without your support!

Sincerely,
Roderick M. Weinschenk, Director
Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department
(765) 653-3395
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department is to provide wholesome recreational opportunities, which reflect the interests and needs of the Greencastle community and to plan, acquire, develop, and maintain quality and attractive parks and facilities that will enhance the City of Greencastle.

Instructors/Program Ideas Wanted

One of the functions of the Parks & Recreation Department is to offer a variety of leisure time activities to meet the diversified interests of the people of the community. Instructors allow the opportunity for people to develop skills, acquire knowledge and form positive attitudes towards themselves. If you have a special skill and want to share it with someone else, or if you have a new program idea, please stop into our office located in Robe-Ann Park, 405 South Bloomington Street, Greencastle and speak to Rod Weinschenk, Director of Parks & Recreation.

City of Greencastle Common Council
Bill Dory, Mayor

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Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners

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David Taylor, Library Board Ex-Officio
Wayne Lewis, School Board Ex-Officio

The Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Greencastle City Hall or as announced. The Mayor appoints 4 members, Library Board appoints one ex-officio member, and the School Board appoints one ex-officio member. The term of office is four years for regular members and one year for ex-officio members.

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

Rod Weinschenk, Director
David Bault, Park Maintenance Supervisor

Office Phone: (765) 653-3395

Friends of the Park

The mission of *The Friends of the Park Association of Putnam County, Inc.* is to provide healthy recreational opportunities and to promote the enjoyment of our community parks for all the citizens of Putnam County.

In 1995, the Friends of the Park Association was established as a 501(c)3 organization to provide interest groups with the resources needed to seek grants and financial donations for special projects that would improve existing parks or future recreation projects. Friends of the Park Association understands that community parks and recreation are irreplaceable assets for all who live in Putnam County. Your membership in Friends of the Park will help with both immediate and long terms goals related to the maintenance of current facilities, expansion of future facilities and access to programs for all.

For more information, please see the Friends of the Park Facebook page at www.facebook.com/friendsofthepark. You may also travel directly to their page by scanning the following QR code.



MUNICIPAL PARK USE RULES

- ◆ All parks open at sunrise and close at 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ No alcoholic beverages allowed in the parks
- ◆ Put litter in trashcans provided
- ◆ Do not park on the grass. Stay on the roadways.
- ◆ For Shelter Reservations, Call (765) 848-1515.
- ◆ All pets must be kept on a leash
- ◆ Please clean up after your pet
- ◆ To report an emergency or illegal activity, dial the police at (765) 653-3155 or **dial 911**
- ◆ To report broken equipment, maintenance concerns or vandalism, please notify the parks & recreation department office at (765) 653-3395

SKATE PARK

The Greencastle Skatepark is an unsupervised facility with users **SKATING/RIDING AT THEIR OWN RISK**. Users should remember that use of this extreme sports facility may lead to injuries, which may include bruises, strains, sprains, bone breaks, paralysis and even death. All users should know their abilities and **SKATE/RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK**.



To keep the skatepark open and safe, please follow these rules:

- ◆ Skatepark opens at dawn and closes at dusk.
- ◆ Skatepark may be used only by persons operating extreme sport equipment. Spectators must remain outside the fenced area.
- ◆ ANSI-approved safety gear, including helmet and pads are **REQUIRED**.
- ◆ No motorized vehicles allowed inside the fenced area.
- ◆ Children should have parental supervision.
- ◆ Skate or ride in designated areas **ONLY**.
- ◆ No unauthorized items including benches, tables, trashcans, or other objects may be used as ramps or obstacles.
- ◆ Certain weather conditions such as rain, snow or ice can affect ramps and surface conditions. **ALL USERS SKATE/RIDE AT THEIR OWN RISK**.
- ◆ Do not proceed into an area until clear of other users.
- ◆ No food or drinks inside the fenced area.
- ◆ No profanity, No tobacco, No alcohol, No drugs permitted in park.
- ◆ Maintain control of yourself and your equipment at all times.
- ◆ Damage, graffiti or vandalism may result in temporary closure of the facility.



Emerald Palace

All playground users should remember that the Emerald Palace and the other playgrounds located throughout the municipal parks system are unsupervised facilities, with users using them at their own risk. Use may lead to injuries, which may include bruises, strains, sprains, bone breaks, paralysis and even death. Users do so at their own risk.

When using the playgrounds, please remember the following rules:

- ◆ All play areas are designed for children 2-12 years in mind.
- ◆ Play safely and be courteous to others.
- ◆ Use only under adult supervision. Children, ages 7 and under, should be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- ◆ Inspect play area before playing and remove litter.
- ◆ No running, pushing, or shoving.
- ◆ Proper footwear is required. Users with bare feet may be injured.
- ◆ Playing on equipment when wet may cause injury.
- ◆ No bicycles, roller skates/blades, skateboards or bike helmets allowed in play area.
- ◆ No pets allowed in the play area.
- ◆ Misuse of equipment may cause injury to yourself or others.
- ◆ Report maintenance concerns to (765) 653-3395.

PEOPLE PATHWAYS TRAIL SYSTEM

All pathway users should remember that the People Pathways located throughout the community are unsupervised facilities, with users using them at their own risk. When using the pathways, please remember the following rules:

- ◆ Share the trail and be courteous.
- ◆ Respect the trail environment.



- ◆ Keep pets on a short leash and remove pet waste.
- ◆ Keep to the right and signal before passing.
- ◆ Maintain control and travel at a safe speed.
- ◆ Bicycles should yield to pedestrians.
- ◆ Wear safety gear appropriate for your activity.
- ◆ Look both ways before crossing streets & roadways.
- ◆ Stop for cross traffic and obey all signage.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Redistribute! In this age of recycling, we would ask that if your family receives more than one of these program brochures or one of our program fliers, that instead of just tossing it away, please try to **redistribute** it to someone who may not have received one. Help spread the word about our great programs!!

Registration Forms - Program registration forms are available at the following business locations: Greencastle Pediatric Dentistry, Putnam County Public Library and Greencastle City Hall.





BOB YORK SPLASH PARK RULES

Our goal with the Splash Park is to ensure that everyone is able to have a SAFE and FUN experience. Please follow the Splash Park Rules. Thank you!

- No Lifeguard on duty. Children under the age of 14 years shall not use the splash park unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Do not drink the Splash Park water. Please use the drinking fountain.
- Anyone, especially children, who have had diarrhea in the past 2 weeks shall not use the splash pad.
- Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose and similar behavior is prohibited.
- No running, rough play, and profanity permitted.
- Street clothes are not allowed on splash pad. Proper swim attire required.
- All diaper aged children shall use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic legs and waist, or swim diapers. Do not change diapers at poolside. Please use the restroom.
- No alcoholic beverages, glass containers or other breakable objects permitted.
- No food and/or beverages of any kind allowed on splash pad.
- Dogs/pets are not allowed in the splash park. Service animals are exempt.
- Athletic equipment such as beach balls, noodles, skateboards, scooters and bicycles are prohibited within the splash park facility.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the splash park or within 8-feet of the gate.
- No objects (lawn chairs, etc.) allowed under the splash pad water features.
- Shelters and picnic tables are available for general use, unless reserved. Group with reservation permit has priority use of the shelter and tables.
- At the first sign of thunder or lightning, vacate the splash park. Users may return 30 minutes after the last sign of thunder or lightning.
- In the case of an emergency, please dial "911".
- To report vandalism, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (765) 653-3395.

In season, the Bob York Splash Park is open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily weather permitting.

General Program Registration Guidelines

All programs will have a minimum number of participants specified. If minimum numbers are not met, the department reserves the right to cancel or combine program sessions. For more information, please contact us at the parks & recreation department at (765) 653-3395.

Please register early! Pre-registration is required for all programs and may determine whether the program is held or cancelled. We may combine classes if needed.

Registration Forms are available on-line at the City of Greencastle website - www.cityofgreencastle.com and/or at the Putnam County Public Library, Greencastle Pediatric Dentistry and in the lobby at Greencastle City Hall.

Enclose payment with the registration form, in the form of a check made payable to the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Dept. or "GPRD". All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.

Credit card payments for program fees may be made through the Water Department office located in Greencastle City Hall or through special arrangements at the park & recreation department office. A small percentage of the fee will be charged for credit card payments.

Mail-In, Drop-Off, or Walk-In your registration. Registrations will be taken from the time information is advertised until the program is filled or held. Sorry, no phone or e-mailed registrations will be accept. All fees must be paid at the time of registration. They may be dropped off at Greencastle City Hall at 1 North Locust Street, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Waiting Lists - Once a program has been filled, registrants will be placed on a waiting list. If a second choice is listed the form will be processed.

Please return this registration form and fee to:
Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department
c/o Greencastle City Hall, P.O. Box #607,
1 North Locust Street, Greencastle, IN 46135

Refunds - Because of the time involved in arranging, advertising, and administering programs, the parks & recreation department offers the following refund policy:

- ◆ A full refund will be given if the department cancels the program or notification of non-participation is received two weeks prior to the program. After two weeks, a \$3.00 fee will be charged.
- ◆ A percentage of the fee may be refunded once the program starts up to the halfway point, less a minimum charge of \$3.00.
- ◆ No refunds will be given if 50% of the program has been completed.
- ◆ Any other situations or questions, may be directed to the Parks & Recreation Director or the Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners if not satisfied.

Facebook - For more information on our programs, please check out our Facebook page. You'll find registration information under "Upcoming Programs". Remember to "Like Us" at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/greencastleyouthbasketball/>

QR Code - You may also travel directly to the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook page by scanning the following QR code:



For more program information, please contact:

Rod Weinschenk, Director of Parks & Recreation
(765) 653-3395

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Facility Reservation and Rental Fees

Shelter Reservations (765) 848-1515

Reservations for park shelters may be obtained by visiting with the Mayor's Executive Assistant in Greencastle City Hall at One North Locust Street, Greencastle between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shelters may be used from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Although reservations may be taken up to 1-year in advance, shelter reservation fees must be paid in the year the shelter is used or as early as January 2nd of each year. Once reserved and paid, a sign will be posted on the date of use with the party's name, thus reserving its use. If the shelter reservation fee is not paid as of the reserved date, the reservation will not be posted and the shelter may be used by other park users. If not posted, picnic shelters may be used on a first-come-first served basis. Please note that at no time are alcoholic beverages allowed in any of the municipal parks.

Music in the Park(s)

The Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners recognize the importance music plays during picnic shelter use and encourages the use of the picnic shelters for music programs. Because musical programs extend beyond the "normal" use of the park shelters, the park board does require a written request to be reviewed during their monthly meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Greencastle City Hall. Call (765) 653-3395 to be added to the agenda.

Disc Golf Course

The new 19-hole disc golf course installed at Big Walnut Sports Park is available for rentals by organizations wishing to provide an activity for their members or for fundraiser tournaments. Specific fees have been established by the park board for those organizations wishing to charge their users an entry fee - versus - those who will not. See rental fee scale below.

Softball Fields

The softball field located in Robe-Ann Park and the southwest softball field at Big Walnut Sports Park are available to users for practices, games, and fundraiser softball tournaments. To use the fields for team practices, games or tournaments a "Use Permit", "Softball Field Rental Agreement" and "Tournament Roster & Acknowledgement of Risk" forms are required and can be obtained through the parks department's office at (765) 653-3395.

Not-For-Profit Organizations

The Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners has recognized the need for discounted prices for "not-for profit" organizations. To be eligible for discounted use, a state or federal recognized 501(c)(3) certificate must be presented at the time of reservation. All fundraisers also extend beyond the "normal" use of the park facilities and the park board requires a written request to be reviewed during their monthly meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in Greencastle City Hall. To be added to the agenda, contact Parks & Recreation Director Rod Weinschenk at (765) 653-3395.

Resident vs Non-Resident Fees

In the following fee structure, "residents" are defined as living within the corporate city limits of Greencastle and who pay city property taxes and "nonresidents" live outside the corporate city limits. This means that if you live **inside** the City, you will see facility rental fees drop in most cases. If you live **outside** the City, you can expect to pay a little bit more.

Facility Rental Fees

Shelter Rentals

		<u>Seats</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Not For Profits</u>
Robe-Ann Park Shelters	Shelter #1	90	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
	Shelter #2	120	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
	Shelter #5	80	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
Bob Flanigan Bandshell	Social/Reunion	48	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
	Band/Show/Special Event		\$50.00	\$65.00	\$35.00
Jaycee Park Shelters	#1 w/fireplace	50	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$20.00
	#2 w/out fireplace	40	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
Big Walnut Sports Park Shelters	#1 (central)	27	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$20.00
	#2 (southwest)	48	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
	#3 (southeast)	40	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$15.00

19 - Hole Disc Golf Course includes BWSP shelter #3 rental

No event entry fee	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$40.00
w/event entry fee	\$85.00	\$115.00	\$65.00

Softball Diamonds - Robe-Ann Park & Big Walnut Sports Park Reservation Fees

Reserved Practice	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
1 Game (prepared, press box, w/o lights)	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
1 Game (prepared, press box, w/lights)	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
League play (prepared, press box, w/lights)	\$50.00	\$75.00	-----
Tournaments (1 prep to start, w/lights if needed, & rechalk championship game)			
1-Day Tournament *	\$100.00	\$135.00	\$85.00
2-Day Tournament *	\$175.00	\$210.00	\$150.00
3-Day Tournament *	\$250.00	\$285.00	\$200.00
Diamond Drying supplies	\$15.00 per bag applied		

* "Day" is defined as games scheduled per each given calendar date.





Greencastle Aquatics Center

POOL PHONE NUMBER: (765) 848-1909



MUNICIPAL POOL SEASON

Saturday, May 27 to Sunday, August 6, 2017

2017 Aquatics Program Fee Structure:

Daily Admission:

0-4 years	Free
5 years & over	\$5.00

Season Passes:

Individual Season Pass	\$ 55.00
Family Pass (4 people)	\$170.00
+ each additional person	\$ 30.00

10-Punch Pass:

10-Punch Pass (Save \$10.00)	\$ 40.00
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Private Pool Rentals (2-hours):

1-75 people	\$170.00
76-150 people	\$230.00
151 + people	\$310.00

Add Bob York Splash Park (evening) \$125.00
(Saturday morning) \$150.00

Birthday Parties (held during open swim):

Base Rate 1-10 people	\$100.00
+ each additional person	\$ 5.00

Swim Lessons:

- ◆ **Learn-To-Swim** (7 years & up)
 - Ten (10) 1/2 hour classes \$40.00
- ◆ **Water Babies** (Preschool & 5-6 years)
 - Ten (10) 1/2 hour classes \$40.00
- ◆ **Private Swim Lessons** *
 - Ten (10) 1/2 hour classes \$80.00
 - Private lessons will be scheduled by and through the department and held during **Adult Lap & Family Swim**.

Bob York Splash Park: **Free!**

The **Bob York Splash Park** will open in early May and use is **free** to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, weather permitting.

The **Bob York Splash Park** may be added to a private pool rental each evening from 8:15-10:15 p.m. for a fee of \$125.00 and Saturday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m. for \$150.00.

Daily Hours of Operation *

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Class I: Learn-To-Swim Lessons **
9:20-10:05 a.m.	Class II: Learn-To-Swim Lessons **
10:10-10:55 a.m.	Class III: Learn-To-Swim Lessons **
11:00-11:55 a.m.	Varies Each Day

- ◆ June 5 - July 14 M, W, & F S.P.A.R.K.
T, T, & Sat Adult Lap & Water Walking
- ◆ July 15 - Aug 6 Mon to Sat Adult Lap & Water Walking

12:00- 5:00 p.m.	Open Swim
5:00- 7:00 p.m.	Family Swim/Water Babies/LTS Lessons **

* *Pool hours may vary due to special events or pool rentals, in which case the change will be posted at least 1-day prior to the event or pool rental.*

** *Lessons will be offered on designated dates and not daily.*

*** *The pool may be rented, if lessons are not offered.*

Private Pool Rentals

The **Greencastle Aquatics Center** may be rented daily from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and 8:15-10:15 p.m. if no other activity is scheduled. On occasion, the aquatics center may be closed at other times with the change posted at least 1-day prior.

The **Bob York Splash Park** may be added to a private pool rental each evening from 8:15-10:15 p.m. for an additional fee of \$125.00.

The **Bob York Splash Park** may be rented for private gatherings on Saturday mornings from 8:00-10:00 a.m. for an additional fee of \$150.00.

Birthday Parties - Special birthday party packages are offered during open or family swim sessions and include admission to the aquatics center, hotdog, soda, chips, picnic area decorations, and a birthday cake! Base rate for 1-10 people is \$100.00, while others may be added for \$5.00 per person.

WREB Days! - Special "94 cents" entry days have been scheduled for **June 21 and July 13** with music and **WREB 94.3 FM** on the pool deck! Games, giveaways and many special food deals at the Snack Shack has been scheduled. Listen to **WREB 94.3 FM** for more information!

AQUATICS

AQUA FIT

Adults 16 & up

Exercise & enjoy yourself, through Aqua Dance Fitness, while staying cool in the pool! Exercise while keeping cool in the pool! For your convenience, there are varying times offered during the week!

Instructor: Tara Gardner

Begins: Thursday, June 1

Days: Mondays & Thursdays
8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Day: Tuesday & Thursday mornings
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Location: Aquatics Center

Fee: \$6.00/person/class
\$3.00/season pass holders

Putnam County Swim Meet June 9-11

The Greencastle Aquatics Center will play host again to this year's **Putnam County Swim Team** fundraiser **Open Swim Meet on Friday night, Saturday & Sunday mornings, June 9, 10 & 11**. This meet will allow long distance swimmers experience and preliminary times needed to enter the larger meets later in the summer!

Registration information is available on the Putnam County Swim Team website. Please email the completed entry form to ...

jhansen4@me.com



Aquatics Information

For more information in regards to the **Greencastle Aquatics Center** and prior to Monday, May 15, 2017 please contact us at **(765) 653-3395**.

On or after May 15, 2017 please call the management staff at the Greencastle Aquatics Center at **(765) 848-1909**. Thank you!



2017 LEARN-TO-SWIM CLASS INFORMATION

General Information

LTS Evening Classes: Traditionally not well attended due to the cool mornings, this year we will be exploring evening classes during the first set of LTS classes. Family Swim will not be available during these two weeks.

Payments: Course fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Cash and checks are accepted. A Driver's License is required for all checks. Sorry, no over-the-counter or unnumbered "starter" checks accepted. **Course fee: \$40.00**

Refund Policy: Refunds will be made only when the classes are filled or cancelled by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Cancellations: The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, combine, divide, change times, dates and/or instructor assignments, and any other revisions to accommodate the classes.

Enrollment: Space is limited with enrollment on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early to secure a spot of your choice. Please list two choices and we will attempt to assign your first choice session; but again, enrollment is limited. **Please use a separate registration form for each student registered.**

Fee: \$40.00/Student

Swim Lessons Schedule

LTS Lessons will be offered from Monday to Friday with eight lessons will be guaranteed. Saturday as a makeup day, if needed. Program # for Swim Lesson Registration is created by the following formula:

(Session Letter) + (Class Time) + (Swim Level)

Session A

9:15-10:00 a.m.

10:10-10:55 a.m.

6:00-6:45 p.m.

June 5-June 16

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Levels: 1,2,3,4

Session B

9:15-10:00 a.m.

10:10-10:55 a.m.

* 5:00-5:30 p.m.

* 5:30-6:00 p.m.

June 19-June 30

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Waterbabies (6 mo-2yrs)

Waterbabies (3-4, 5-6 years)

Session C

9:15-10:00 a.m.

10:10-10:55 a.m.

* 5:00-5:30 p.m.

* 5:30-6:00 p.m.

July 10-July 21

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Levels: 1,2,3,4,5,6

Waterbabies (6 mo-2yrs)

Waterbabies (3-4, 5-6 years)



Swim Class Descriptions

We offer a Learn-To-Swim Program for kids 7 years and up following the American Red Cross lesson format. Upon the completion of each session, students will receive a progress report. Note: Students will be tested on the first day of each session to determine correct placement. If you have been given a certificate, please bring it to your first day to help with class assignments.

"Water Babies"

Designed for children, 6 months to 6 years of age, this program develops swim readiness by introducing children to basic water adjustment skills. *Please note that a separate registration form is needed for the Water Babies Level.* **Course fee: \$40.00.**

Level I: Water Exploration

Orient to aquatic environment and create sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills. Learn water safety rules, life jacket use, how to hold breath under water, float on front and back, kick on front and back with help, & walk in shallow end.

Level II: Primary Skills

Expand on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills. Learn to bob in water over-the-head and travel to safe areas, swim under water, face & back float without help, flutter kick, swim combined kick & arm strokes on front & back, assist a non-swimmer to feet, and reaching assists.

Level III: Stroke Development

Increase swimming skill competency, and practice safety and non-swimming rescue skills. Learn front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, diving skills and to submerge & retrieve objects.

Level IV: Stroke Improvement

Develops confidence & competency in the basic 4 strokes and safety skills; introduction to breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly. Introduction to care for conscious choking victim, deep water bobbing, rotary breathing, diving, treading water for time and performing throwing assists.

Level V: Stroke Refinement

Continue stroke refinement, introduce survival swimming, surface dives and springboard diving. Practice alternate breathing, learn flip turns and perform rescue breathing.

Level VI: Swimming and Skill Proficiency

Develop maximum efficiency and endurance for strokes over greater distances. Prepare students for more advanced courses including: personal water safety, fitness swimming, lifeguard readiness and fundamentals of diving.

* **Please Note:** All Learn to Swim and the Water Babies Programs require separate registration forms for each child. Registration Forms are available on-line at the City of Greencastle website at cityofgreencastle.com.

WATER BABIES! A Learn-To-Swim Program for the Younger Child

Pre-K to K



Parents, introduce your little one to the wonderful world of aquatics! The Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department is offering a Water Babies Class, a Learn-To-Swim Program for your younger child from 6-months to 5- years of age. This class is designed for you to be involved in your child's exploration of water. These classes are fun for both your child and you because you will learn how to help your young individual be more comfortable in the water. Parents must participate in the water with their children in the classes targeting ages 6 months to 4 years. The 5 year olds will participate by themselves, following the Level I Learn-To-Swim course.

Dates: Session 1: June 19 to June 30
Session 2: July 10 to July 21

Times Offered:

6 months-2 years: 5:00-5:30 p.m.

3-4 years: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

5-6 years: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00 per child



ADULT PROGRAMS



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ADULT SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

For the softball enthusiast, four ASA slow-pitch softball leagues will be offered this year. To register a team in any of the programs, a registration form must be filed with the park & recreation department along with the team's registration fee and a tentative roster by the stated registration deadline.

Early Bird - Coed Softball League

Adults 18+



Get an early start and play traditional ASA softball rules, no stealing, 7-game single round-robin schedule, no season-end tournament, one ump per game. Eight (8) team limit. Game day: Tuesday evenings at Robe-Ann Park.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

Captain's Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Opening night: Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$260.00/team

Team Limit: First 8 teams with paid registration

Men's 12" Slow-Pitch Softball League

Men 18+

For the serious softball player! Play traditional ASA softball rules, no stealing. Double round-robin schedule followed by a double-elimination season-end tournament. One umpire per game, until tournament championship games. Game days: Mondays & Wednesdays at Robe-Ann Park.



Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Opening night: Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$620.00/team

Team Limit: First 8 teams with paid registration

Women's 11" Softball League

Women 16+

Play traditional ASA softball rules, no stealing. Double round-robin schedule followed by a double elimination season-end tournament. Game days: Thursday nights at Big Walnut Sports Park.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 18

Captain's Meeting: Thursday night, May 18

Opening night: Thursday, May 25

Fee: \$415.00/team

Team Limit: First 8 teams with paid registration



Rokicki Foundation Coed Softball

Adults 16+

Graciously sponsored by the **Rokicki Foundation**, our annual fall coed ball program will play traditional ASA coed softball rules, a single-round robin schedule and then divide into divisions based on pool record for a double elimination tournament. Teams will play two games per week on Monday or Tuesday, and Wednesday or Thursday nights at Robe-Ann and/or Big Walnut Sports Parks. Twelve team limit.

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 21, 4:00 p.m.

Captain's Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.

Opening night: Approximately Monday, August 7
(Follows Men's Softball League)

Fee: \$440.00/team (\$460 less \$20 sponsorship per team)

Team Limit: First 12 teams with paid registration

PICKLE BALL PROGRAMS



Here's a new sport to town! Wondering what it's all about? Doesn't it sound like FUN?

Pickle Ball is a combination of tennis, table tennis (ping-pong), badminton and racquetball and is one of the fastest growing sports in the country today. It may have a silly name but it is a serious sport enjoyed by the Baby Boomer Generation. It's fast paced and easy to learn, great exercise and lots of fun. Pickle Ball is played on a badminton size court with a lowered net. It is played with a perforated plastic ball, similar to a whiffle ball, and wood or composite paddles. The game is easy to learn and requires little athletic ability. You can play at a slow level or at a highly competitive level. Lessons and open court play will be held at the newly constructed Pickle Ball courts in Robe-Ann Park. Pickle Ball 101 Lessons are included with a \$20.00 membership, which gains access to the storage cabinet.

For more information on the sport of Pickle Ball, go to USAPA.org.

Play Pickle Ball!

If you enjoy Pickle Ball, join us and others as we hit the courts for drop-in open-court play!!

We're keeping it simple by offering a drop-in schedule format. If you are looking for a quick lesson or two, Pickle Ball enthusiast David Boswell invites you to join during one of the drop-in times. With the following schedule, there should be a time convenient for everyone!

Opening Day: April 15

Monday Night	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	All
Tuesday Morning	8:00 a.m.	Women
Thursday Morning	8:00 a.m.	Men
Saturday Morning	8:00 a.m. to Noon	All

All! Pickle Ball 101

Want some lessons before you drop-in? For those who want to learn or improve their skills in the sport of Pickle Ball, group Pickle Ball lessons will be held on four (4) Tuesday and Thursday evenings in May on the Robe-Ann Park courts. Pre-registration is required.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 9, 11, 16 & 18

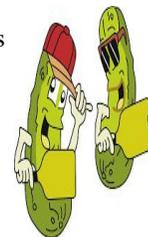
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Robe-Ann Park Pickle Ball courts

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per person (includes membership and access to storage cabinet)

Enrollment: Minimum of 4 players

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 5



"Pickle Ball Rocks!"

SPRING

Earth Day/Arbor Day Observances All!



In observance of **Earth Day on Saturday, April 22** and **Arbor Day on Friday, April 28** we're offering some environmental and outdoor fun activities that you and your family can enjoy!

The Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department will host a series of special tree plantings within the municipal parks system throughout Earth Week as a lead into our annual Arbor Day Celebration. Plans include planting trees in the Joanne Haymaker Grove and around the disc golf course at Big Walnut Sports Park, and a variety within Robe-Ann Park.

Special presentations will be given in regards to the benefits of trees, proper planting practices, tree care and maintenance. As part of our Arbor Day Celebration, we will include a special Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Bill Dory. Each day's attire: Dress to get dirty!

- Project #1: Saturday, April 22 at BWSP**
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 6 Potted trees
- Project #2: Tuesday, April 25 at Robe-Ann Park**
1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. 4 Potted Trees
- Project #3: Friday, April 28 at BWSP**
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 6 Potted Evergreens

Fee: FREE! Donations welcomed!

Volunteers are asked to please pre-register by contacting our office at the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department at (765) 653-3395. Thanks!

Tiger Trails Bike Ride All!



This year, we're partnering with the Greencastle High School Alumni Association, Greencastle Police Dept. and Putnam County Sheriff's Dept. to host the **Tiger Trail Bike Ride**.

Traditionally held as the Mother Earth Bike Ride, we want to invite everyone to make a statement to reduce your carbon footprint while enjoying a fun and sustainable form of transportation, all the while raising funds for two great projects. A dynamic 25-mile route will have bicycle riders touring the backroads and covered bridges of Putnam County. Discounted meals/drinks available after ride. Bicycle helmets are required and pre-registration requested.

Proceeds will go toward the G.H.S. Alumni Scholarships and GPRD's youth sports programs.

For more information, contact David Boswell by email at dboswell73@hotmail.com. To register check out our website at tigertrailsbikerally.com.

- Date: Saturday, April 29**
- Time: 7:00 a.m.** Registration, Ride at 9:00 a.m.
- Location: Shelter #2 at Robe-Ann Park**
- Fee: \$25.00 per person** (covers SAG stop treats)
\$30.00 day of event (after Thursday)
- Pre-Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 27**

Women's 11" Softball League Women 16+

Game days Thursday nights at BWSP. Register Now!

- Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 18**
- Captain's Meeting: Thursday night, May 18**
- Opening night: Thursday, May 25**
- Fee: \$415.00/team**
- Team Limit: First 8 teams with paid registration**



Brickmania: Super Hero Day! All!

Super-Hero Day is a special day to honor all those people that risk their lives everyday to keep us safe; and we greatly appreciate them!

Putting a Brickmania spin on things, the first 12 "Super Heroes in Training" registered will receive a limited edition and retired "incredible" LEGO® super hero mini-figure, the opportunity to view a LEGO® Super-Hero collection and to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks piled high on city hall's floor. Past Brickmania kits and "Build Your Own" mini-figures will be available for purchase.

Alongside this event, we're holding a super-hero costume contest with a special award to the best costume, so make your friends "green" with envy and join us on ...



- Date: Friday evening, April 28**
- Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- Location: Greencastle City Hall**
- Fee: \$7.00 per Super-Hero in Training!**
- Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants, 12 Maximum**
- Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 27, 4:00 p.m.**

BRICKMANIA: "REVENGE OF THE FIFTH!" All!



What do we celebrate this year? "*Star Wars Day*" and "*May the Fourth be With You!*" fall on May 4th; while "*Revenge of the Fifth!*" and "*International Space Day!*" fall on May 5th.

Why not celebrate them all?! With that in mind, we're traveling to the far reaches of space to the ice planet Hoth. The first 12 "intergalactic star pilots" registered will receive their own space ship straight from the LEGO® Star Wars Microfighters Series 2 Collection. This kit includes rare and unique parts and pieces as well as a mini-figure.

Each participant will also receive the opportunity to view some special space and LEGO® Star Wars collections and to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks piled high on city hall's floor. Past Brickmania kits and "Build Your Own" mini-figures will be available for purchase. Treats and drinks will be provided.

This "*Star Wars & Space Day*" activity is open to the first 12 participants, so register early!

- Date: Friday, May 5th**
- Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- Location: Greencastle City Hall**
- Fee: \$12.00 per "Star Pilot"**
- Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants, 12 Maximum**
- Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 4th, 4:00 p.m.**

Men's 12" Slow-Pitch Softball League Men 18+

Men's Softball League will play traditional ASA softball rules, no stealing, double round-robin schedule and a double-elimination season-end tournament. Game days: Mondays & Wednesdays at Robe-Ann Park. Register now & don't get shut out!



- Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.**
- Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.**
- Opening night: Wednesday, May 24, 6:00 p.m.**
- Fee: \$620.00/team**
- Team Limit: First 8 teams with paid registration**



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AQUA "Walk & Talk" at the Pool!

Are you looking for a great way to exercise this summer? Are you looking for a way to keep cool during the summer heat?

Due to our body's buoyancy, walking in water is a lot easier on the ankles, knees and hips; while water resistance provides a good workout! Add the fact that doing it with others always takes the edge off of any exercise; so join us at the aquatics center each Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday morning for Aqua "Walk & Talk!" Adults 16 + years

Begins: Tuesday, May 30

Days: Tue, Thu & Sat mornings

Times: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: Greencastle Aquatics Center

Fee: \$5.00 or Free to Season-Pass Holders



National Go Barefoot Day!

National Go Barefoot Day is celebrated as a day to kick off your shoes and run barefoot through the cool grass or to spend the day at the Greencastle Aquatics Center!

Join us and **WREB 94.3 FM** at the Greencastle Aquatics Center for a day of special games & activities, all while listening to some great music!

Date: Thursday, June 1

Time: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Aquatics Center

Admission: Only 94 cents!



AQUA FIT

Exercise & enjoy yourself, through Aqua Dance Fitness, while staying cool in the pool! For your convenience, varying times offered during the week!

Instructor: Tara Gardner

Begins: Thursday, June 1

Days: Mondays & Thursdays
8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Day: Tuesday mornings
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Location: Aquatics Center

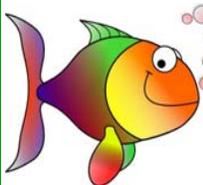
Fee: \$6.00/person/class
\$3.00/season pass holders

CELEBRATE KIDS FISHING DAY!

Kids Fishing Derby

Youth 2-17

Grab your tackle box, favorite fishing rod and join us at Jaycee Park for a fun-filled morning of fishing. Last year's sponsors included Academy Sports + Outdoors, 1/2 Nelson Bait Company, WREB 94.3 FM; Hook, Line & Sinker Bait & Tackle Shop, and Country Cabins Glamour Camping Resort. Includes the Kids Fishing Derby, a Kids Casting, Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, Most Fish Contests, and more!



Date: Saturday, June 3

Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Contest: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Weigh-ins: On-going

Location: Jaycee Park

Fee: FREE!

Huckleberry Finn Costume Contest Youth 2-17

As part of the fishing derby, we are looking for the young angler with the best Huckleberry Finn costume. Let's see who comes best dressed to the old fishing hole! For the winner, there's a new fishing pole!

Date: Saturday, June 3

Time: Register at 8:00 a.m.

Awards: Presented at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Jaycee Park

For: Boys & Girls, ages 2- 17

Fee: FREE!



"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." - Maimonides

Greencastle Civic League's Parkfest Concerts

The *Greencastle Civic League* is proud to sponsor the 24th season of *Parkfest*, a summer concert series taking place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Robe-Ann Park. Many different musical genres are represented by our favorite local musicians as well as touring regional and national acts. Food will be available for purchase through participating local vendors. Usually released in May, please check out the *Greencastle Civic League* website at www.greencastlecivicleague.org for the 2017 Parkfest band schedule. Until then, mark your calendars for:

Tuesdays, May 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27 ; July 11 & 18

Founded in 1984, the *Greencastle Civic League* is committed to the beautification, clean up, cultural development and general improvement of life in Greencastle. The Greencastle Civic League helped build the Bob Flanigan Bandshell and the Bob York Splash Park as a community project.

For more information in becoming a member the *Greencastle Civic League* should send their inquiries to LaToshia Everson at teverson123@yahoo.com.



S.P.A.R.K.

Youth, *entering grades 1 to 6*

Summer Program of Awareness and Recreation for Kids includes large group activities, structured games, local field trips, small group arts-n-crafts, team building activities and a daily swim at the Greencastle Aquatics Center.



Led by an adult and junior leaders, youth will be grouped by grade and participate in activities located throughout Robe-Ann Park and the community. SPARK is open to youth entering grades 1 to 6. Participants should come dressed for the weather and since we will swim everyday, participants should wear their swimsuits under their clothes. Because of our activities and walking to many of our field trip locations, closed toed shoes are required. Flip flops are not allowed. Program Organizer: Nancy Hagen

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Dates: June 5 to July 14

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location(s): Shelter #1 in Robe-Ann Park, Greencastle Aquatics Center & other great locations in town!

Fee: FREE! (Donations accepted)

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Doubles Disc Golf Nights @ BWSP All!

Doubles Disc Golf anyone? We're holding *Doubles Disc Golf* nights on Wednesday nights during the month of June at Big Walnut Sports Park's 19-hole disc golf course. Show up, we'll draw for partners and play around "best shot" style. What a great way to meet and throw with other disc golf enthusiasts from the area! Each day, the team with the lowest doubles score after 19-holes wins a pair of GPRD disc!



Dates: Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28

Times: 6:00 p.m. Registration
6:20 p.m. Draw & rules meeting
6:30 p.m. Tee off!

Location: South shelter at BWSP

Fee: \$5.00/person

Donald Duck Day! Season-Pass Holders

"Donald Duck Day" commemorates the debut of Donald Duck on June 9th, 1934 when he was featured in the Silly Symphony cartoon *The Wise Little Hen*.

To honor his 83rd birthday and this "wacky" holiday, we are planning some special events throughout the day at the Greencastle Aquatics Center. Enter the "Donald Duck Splash" (cannonball contest), "Talk Like Donald Duck" Contest, enjoy rubber duck races down the water slide, as well as daily specials at the concession stand.

Date: Friday, June 9

Time: 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Who: Donald Duck fans!

Location: Greencastle Aquatic Center



Fire Fighter Academy 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

What's Fire Fighter training like? What's a hose line? Why the funny shaped hat? What's a Maltese Cross?

Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property; and it comes with hours of on-going training. Join us as we explore the career of Fire Fighter, participate in fire extinguisher & fitness training, team building exercises, hose drills; plus a whole lot MORE! Open to both boys and girls entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Pre-registration is required!

Dates: Monday to Friday, June 19 to 23

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Location: Shelter #2 in Robe-Ann Park

Enrollment: Minimum of 10, Maximum of 40

Fee: \$10.00 per person, includes t-shirt, hat & snacks



Police Boot Camp

6th, 7th & 8th Graders



What is Police training like? What do our local Police Officers learn at their academy? What does S.W.A.T. mean? What other branches of law enforcement are there?

Come and learn these answers through physical fitness training, marching, team building exercises, and flag ceremonies. Participate in a K-9, S.W.A.T. Team, and rescue dive demonstration; plus a whole lot MORE! For area youth, both boys and girls entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Tennis shoes required. Pre-registration is required!

Dates: Monday to Friday, June 12 to 16

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle Aquatics Center, Robe-Ann Park

Enrollment: Minimum of 10, Maximum of 40

Fee: \$10.00 per person, includes t-shirt, hat & snacks

Program Partners: Greencastle Police Department, Putnam County Prosecutor's Office, Indiana Excise Police, Indiana State Police, Putnam County Fraternal Order of the Police, Putnam County Community Corrections, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.



Youth Tennis Instruction

Youth, ages 7-14

This program will provide a 10-lesson introduction to the game of tennis covering the fundamentals of serving, fore-hand and backhand returns, singles and doubles play, rules of the game, scorekeeping and proper tennis etiquette (good sportsmanship). Students must supply their own racket and a new can of tennis balls. Instructor: Jenny Heithaus.

Dates: Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 23

Time: 9:00-10:00 a.m. 12-14 years
10:00-11:00 a.m. 10-11 years
11:00-12:00 Noon 7-9 years

Where: Tennis courts in Robe-Ann Park

Fee: \$30.00/person, includes an August dry-fit shirt

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.



Dive In Movie Night

All!

In partnership with Fun Flicks & Big Bounce Fun House, we're hosting *Dive In Movie Night* at the Greencastle Aquatics Center. Movie: TBA.



Date: Friday, July 28

Doors: 8:00 p.m. Start: 9:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE to pass holders! \$5.00 per guest

GREENCASCADE AQUATICS CENTER SPECIAL HOLIDAYS

Here are some special holidays listed on the Bizarre and Weird Holiday website! Because we don't find them strange, but kind of fun we're celebrating them with some tasty specials at the aquatics center. Mark you calendars & enjoy!

"Ice Cream Soda Day!" - On Tuesday, June 20th root beer float specials at the concession stand all day long!

"It's Finally Summer Day!" - Wednesday, June 21st is the first day of summer, so spend the day with us! Join us and WREB 94.3 FM at the Greencastle Aquatics Center for a day of special games and activities and some great music! Admission: Only 94 cents!

"Swim A Lap Day!" - Saturday, June 24th will offer free Lap Swim/Water Walking from 11:00 a.m. to Noon for anyone 16 years & older. The waterslide will be open, too!

"National Ice Cream Day!" - On Sunday, July 16th we'll host specials on all ice cream products at the concession stand all day long! That includes our ice cream sandwiches, ice cream bars, drumsticks and root beer floats!

"National Ice Cream Sandwich Day" - You guessed it! On Wednesday, August 2nd, we'll offer sales on ice cream sandwiches!

"National Watermelon Day!" - Although it's not a staple on our concession menu, on Wednesday, August 3rd we're serving watermelon, holding a watermelon seed spitting contest and the old "Watermelon Drop Contest"!



SUMMER

JULY IS " PARKS & RECREATION MONTH ! "

Since 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated the month of July as "Parks and Recreation Month". Recreation facilities and parks across the country use July to celebrate the kick-off of summer programming as well as a time to pull their communities together to volunteer, get involved in great outdoor physical activities and advocate for parks and recreation.

Spending the day at the park is not only great for your wallet, it's great for your health, too. Frequently going to a park and being active can reduce stress, improve cardiovascular health, help ward off obesity and decrease the feelings of depression. For example, studies have shown that:

- ◆ Active users of public parks have a lower body mass index
- ◆ People who visit parks for long periods of time (one hour or more) have significantly lower systolic blood pressure levels
- ◆ Park users who are more physically active and who make frequent contact with friends during their leisure are less likely to report feeling depressed
- ◆ Citizens who have better access to parks, visit parks more frequently, and engage in physically-active park behaviors also make fewer visits to their doctor

So, visit one of Greencastle's city parks and celebrate "National Parks & Recreation Month" — Everyday!

Friends of the Park Association of Putnam County, Inc. - Fact

Did you know the goal of the *Friends of the Park Association of Putnam County, Inc.* is to provide healthy recreation by promoting our community parks and recreation assets and to also help with park and facility improvements. If you feel the same and are interested in joining *Friends of the Park*, please check out their link on the City of Greencastle's website.

CELEBRATE "4" IN GREENCASTLE

What better way to celebrate "July is Park & Recreation Month" than joining us at Robe-Ann Park in celebration of Independence Day sponsored by the Friends of the Park Association of Putnam County's Celebrate "4" Committee. This year's event will offer the following activities and more, ending with the fireworks display on Tuesday, July 4th!

Mike Rokicki Memorial Road Run

All



Begin your Independence Day with a "Bang!" Join us for the 26th annual 5K Road Run, named in honor of longtime councilman, supporter & friend Mike Rokicki. Registration fee includes a \$5 coupon to be used at the local Country-mark station and entry to the "all you can eat pancake breakfast" following the race. The Rokicki Foundation will provide the first 50 paid participants a race T-shirt in memory of Mike Rokicki.

Date: Tuesday, July 4

Time: 7:00 a.m. Registration, 8:00 a.m. Start

Location: Shelter #5 in Robe-Ann Park

Event Divisions: Runners & Walkers

Age Divisions: 19 & Under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

Awards: 3 places in each event and age division

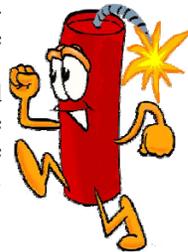
Fee: \$20.00 per person, \$25.00 day of event

Pre-Registration Deadline: Monday, July 3, 5:00 p.m.

Firecracker Fun Run

Youth

In the Independence Day tradition, following this year's 5K events will be the 14th running of the Firecracker Fun Run. This footrace will consist of a lap around Robe-Ann Park, from shelter #5, past the Aquatic Center and Skatepark, around the circle drive, circling back to shelter #5. It's a "bang" up activity for kids!



Date: Tuesday, July 4

Time: Immediately following the finish of the 5K event

Location: Shelter #5 in Robe-Ann Park

Awards: Participation ribbons for everyone!

Fee: FREE!

All-County Doubles Pickle Ball Tournament

All!

Join us and others as we hit the courts for tournament play!! This will be an All-County Pickle Ball Tournament, with all players being Putnam County residents. We're keeping it simple by offering doubles play format, with matches drawn by the tournament director and played during the Celebrate "4" Independence Day Festival.



Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places and open to players 18 years and up. The tourney should be a fun addition!

Date & Time: Monday, July 4

Time: 8:00 a.m. Registration, 9:00 a.m. Start

Location: Robe-Ann Park Pickle Ball courts

Fee: \$20.00 per Team (Doubles), \$25.00 day of event

Pre-Registration Deadline: Friday, July 1, 5:00 p.m.

Independence Day Planned Events:

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Registration for Mike Rokicki Memorial 5K
- 7:30-8:30 a.m. Zumba by Dance Workshop
- 8:00 a.m. 26th Annual Mike Rokicki Memorial 5K Pickle Ball Tournament Registration
- 8:00-11:00 a.m. Pancakes for Parks & Pathways Fundraiser
- 9:00 a.m. All-County Pickle Ball Tournament
- 9:15 a.m. 14th Annual Firecracker Fun Run
- 11:00 a.m. Aqua Walk & Talk at pool
Aqua Fit by Dance Workshop at pool
Food Court opens
- 11:00-Dusk Free Open Swim, Contest & Games at pool
- Noon-5:00 p.m. Corn Hole Tourney Registration/Practices
- Noon-1:00 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament
- 1:00 p.m. Musical Entertainment
- 3:00 p.m.-Dusk Big Bounce Fun House Rental/Inflatables
- 5:30 p.m.-Dusk
- Dusk Annual 4th of July Fireworks Show!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FALL

"A Mid Summer Fling!"

All!



No, it's not that kind of "fling", but it should still be fun! Everyone else meets at Big Walnut Sports Park, so we're heading there too!

Not a tournament, but a chance to play with others and learn the game; you can throw your own discs or borrow ours. Set in a best-shot doubles format, just show up, we'll draw for partners and play a round. What a great way to meet and throw with other disc golf enthusiasts from the area! Oh yeah, the lowest doubles score after 19-holes wins a GPRD disc! Additional discs will be available for purchase.

So, try your hand at throwing the only 19-hole course in the area! Pre-register to secure a spot.

Date: Saturday morning, July 15

Time: 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:20 a.m. Draw & Rules Meeting
10:30 a.m. Tee off

Location: South shelter at Big Walnut Sports Park
Entry Fee: \$5.00 per person (includes mini-disc)

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 2nd All!

Communities all across America are gathering in their local parks to enjoy food, fun, and activities with local emergency services personnel from area police, sheriff, state patrol, fire departments, ambulance services, restaurants, businesses, and other community organizations.

Tour their booths, collect some free goodies, enjoy some free food and then enjoy a swim at the Greencastle Aquatics Center or Bob York Splash Park.



Hosts: Greencastle's National Night Out Committee, Putnam County Youth Development Commission, Greencastle Police Department and City of Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department.

Date: Tuesday, August 1

Location: Shelter #2 in Robe-Ann Park
Greencastle Aquatics Center

Fee: FREE!

National Dog Day

Dogs and their owners

No one can win hearts like man's best friend and in honor of this bond between man and canine, **National Dog Day** is celebrated. From keeping us safe, working for the emergency services to supporting people who are blind, deaf or disabled, dogs do a lot for us and this is an opportunity to give something back. Today, take time to appreciate the love and value that dogs bring to our lives.

On National Dog Day we are partnering with the Putnam County Humane Society, area veterinarians and groomers to offer a special evening at the Big Walnut Sports Park dog park. The evening will include: a Pet Workshop perfect for fulfilling requirements toward the Boy Scouts of America Pet Care, Dog Care and or Veterinarian Medicine Merit Badges. Area vets and businesses are asked to showcase their services.

Date: Saturday morning, August 26

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Big Walnut Sports Park Dog Park

Fee: \$ Free-Will Donation \$



Dive In Movie Night

All!

In partnership with Fun Flicks & Big Bounce Fun House, we're hosting *Dive In Movie Night!* The movie (TBA) will begin at dusk, around 8:45 p.m. Concession specials throughout the night. Everyone's invited, with special admission discount to season pass holders!



Date: Friday, July 28

Doors: 8:00 p.m. Start: 9:00 p.m.

Location: Aquatic Center

Fee: FREE to season pass holders!
\$5.00 per guest (non-holder)

Rokicki Foundation Coed Softball

Adults 16+

Sponsored again by the Rokicki Foundation who is picking up the first \$20.00 per team, it's time to seek registrations for our annual fall coed softball program. The league will play traditional ASA coed softball rules, a single-round robin schedule and then divide into divisions based on pool play record for a double elimination tournament. Teams will play two games per week on Monday or Tuesday, and Wednesday or Thursday nights at Robe-Ann and/or Big Walnut Sports Parks. Twelve (12) team limit.



Registration Deadline: Friday, August 4, 4:00 p.m.

Captain's Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.

Opening night: Approximately Monday, August 15
(Following Men's Softball League)

Fee: \$440.00/team (\$460 less \$20/team sponsorship)

Team Limit: First 12 teams with paid registration

Pickle Ball League

Adults, 18+



Pickle Ball anyone? We're hoping we've had so much fun this past summer playing Pickle Ball, we're offering fall league play, too! Join us and others as we hit the new courts in Robe-Ann Park.

We're keeping it simple offering doubles play format, with matches scheduled by the parks & recreation department. Each match will need to be completed each week, with the winner reporting the results to the department. Trophies will be awarded for first, second & third places. Open to players 18 years & up; this league should be fun!

Opening Night: Week of Monday, August 7

Time: Game days & times to be decided by opponents

Location: Robe-Ann Park Pickle Ball courts

Fee: \$20.00 per player

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 players

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 31

"Walk & Talk" Wednesdays & Fridays All

We all know that exercise is easier when done with others, so here's a way to get out of the house and enjoy a walk with others in the great outdoors! Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Big Walnut Sports Park for a self-timed walk or run. Register, join us 10 times and win a special award!

Dates: September 7 to October 12

Days: Wednesday & Friday mornings

Times: 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.



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FALL & WINTER



Movie Night in Robe-Ann Park

All!

Partnering with Big Bounce Fun House Rentals and Movie Flix, one of your favorite movies will be playing on a giant outdoor movie screen in Robe-Ann Park. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a fun night in the park. Other activities will be available leading in to the movie. Advertising options available, so please contact our office. Concessions will be available!



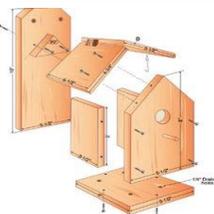
Date: Saturday night, September 9

Start Time: 8:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE!

Build It Yourself - Bird House

All!



In Greek mythology, Icarus is the son of the master craftsman Daedalus and had a fascination with birds. Keeping these two skills in mind, we're inviting you to join us to build a your own bird house. We've got a special guest joining us who will give us tips on what foods work best to attract native birds to your house.

Our young craftsmen will meet over two days with the first day used to construct their birdhouse and to learn about area birds. The second day will include time to finish construction and then to paint their creations. Bird houses may be taken home or hung in one of our parks.

Date: Tuesday and Thursday, September 19 & 21

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: GPRD Administration & Maintenance Bldg.
located in Robe-Ann Park

Fee: \$20.00 per child

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 15

Brickmania: Jolly Roger!

All!

Aarrrrr, in preparation for "International Talk Like a Pirate Day" join us for a special Brickmania event straight from the ship's galley! Who's Jolly Roger? Want a clue? He's one of the unluckiest pirates sailing the high seas! Each of aarrrrr young shipmates will begin with a special treasure map, which will lead them to the treasure chest where they'll find genuine Lego® Building Blocks to help "Jolly Roger" on his journeys.

This Brickmania event includes a treasure hunt, special Lego® displays, the opportunity to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks piled high on the floor, cookies and drink. "Build Your Own" mini-figures will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds used to replenish our Lego® Building Blocks. This treasure hunt is open to the first 12 pirates with paid registration, so register earrrrrrrrly!



Date: Sunday, September 17

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Fee: \$12.00 per person

Enrollment: 6 minimum, 12 maximum pirates!

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 13

Talk like a Pirate Day!

All

Avast, me hearties! Aarrrrr, you ready for "International Talk Like a Pirate Day"? In partnership with the Putnam County Public Library, Greencastle's Long John Silver's Restaurant, join the parks & recreation department forrrrrr some high seas fun! As any pirate would say, "Come join us for stories, games, songs, and snacks for all ye' land lubbers that be fit for any pirate's crew!"

Come dressed as a pirate and enter aarrrrr "Best Dressed Pirate" Costume Contest!

Date: Tuesday, September 19

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Putnam County Public Library Kiwanis Rm

Fee: Free!

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 15

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Redistribute!

If you've received more than one of these brochures, instead of tossing it away, please *redistribute* it to someone who may not have received one. Help us spread the word about our programs!! Thank you!!

Brickmania: Hobbit Day!

All!

Hobbit Day is the birthday celebration of the hobbits Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, two fictional characters in J.R.R. Tolkien's popular set of books The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. Both Bilbo and Frodo were born on September 22, 2968 and 2890 in the third age (1290 & 1368).

The Fellowship of the Ring opens with a celebration of Bilbo's birthday with food, fireworks and merriment. Although we can't promise fireworks, we're going to celebrate their birthday's Brickmania-style with a lot of merriment (fun) and treats & drinks. This program offers a long retired kit which includes a Frodo Baggins mini-figure and the chance to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks piled high on the floor; and with a little luck, a special Lord of the Rings display made entirely of Lego Building Blocks for your viewing pleasure!

Date: Saturday afternoon, September 23

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Fee: \$8.00 per child

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 22

"Glow Throw!" Disc Golf Tournament All!

We're illuminating the disc golf baskets and fairways and playing after dark. Player's pack will be issued with a glow-in-the-dark disc & mini-driver tee marker.

Park personnel and members of the Crossroads Disc Golf Club will help players unfamiliar with the course. The first round will be played early, but the second round will be played after dark. "Closest to the Pin" and "Hole in One" Contest opportunities will be available.

Date: Saturday, September 30

Time: Registration 4:00 p.m.

Round #1 5:00 p.m.

"Glow" Round #2 8:15 p.m.

Location: South Shelter at BWSP

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person (pre-registered)

\$30.00 per person (day of tournament)

\$40.00 Pro Divisions (incl. \$10 payout)



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FALL & WINTER

National [Disc] Golf Lovers Day

All



National Golf Lovers Day is a day to head to the golf greens and we're doing just that, the Big Walnut Sports Park way!

Playing doubles style, show up, we'll draw for partners, and play a round "best shot" style. This is a great way to meet and throw with other disc golf enthusiasts.

Try your hand and following your game, report your score and claim your prize, an official GPRD disc & tee marker for your pack!

Date: Wednesday, October 4

Time: Gather at 5:30 p.m. Tee-Off 6:00 p.m.

Location: South Shelter at BWSP

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per person, incl. disc & mini

"HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE CHALLENGE" X 2 I

This Halloween twist on an old Christmas tradition is always popular, so we're doing it again! Houses must be carried into the City Hall where they will be displayed all day in Greencastle City Hall and judged at our monthly park board meeting on the evening of Thursday, October 5.



Afterwards, take it home and display it until Halloween. Photo award plaques will be awarded to the winners! Please see each specific registration form for a complete set of rules.

Gingerbread Challenge: Haunted House

All!



Create a gingerbread house made of all edible ingredients and decorate it with a spooky theme, deliver it to city hall and enter it into our Gingerbread: Haunted House contest.

Special rules apply, so refer to registration form.

Drop Off: Wednesday afternoon, October 4 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; or ...

Thursday, October 5, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall, 1 North Locust St.

Judging & Awards: Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

Fee: FREE!

Brickmania Challenge: Trick-or-Treat!

All!

This Brickmania Challenge has our contestants completing a project that fulfills the Halloween theme of "Trick-or-Treat!" All entries must be made with Lego-type building blocks. Kits or My Own Creation are welcome!



Special rules apply, so refer to registration form.

Drop Off: Wednesday afternoon, October 4 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; or ...

Thursday, October 5, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall, 1 North Locust St.

Judging & Awards: Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.

Fee: FREE!

YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAMS



With the fall season, comes registration for youth basketball! Our youth basketball program begins with a 2-week skills building clinic and player evaluation period at the beginning of the season before assigning teams, as well as game officials beginning at the 1st grade level.

In the hopes of creating a more competitive program, while still concentrating on the program's four major goals, these procedures have been well received!

This program is organized by the City of Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department and its Youth Basketball Board, and with the support of the Greencastle Community School Corporation. We're again partnering with the *Jr. Pacers Program*, so each player will have the *Indiana Pacers* logo printed on their uniform t-shirt and each player will receive a ticket to attend an *Indiana Pacers* professional basketball game (dates to be announced).



Youth Basketball

Boys & Girls in Grades 1-6



Targeting young players of diverse skill levels in the Greencastle schools, grades 1 to 6, the **Youth Basketball Program** provides instruction on how to play and improve the basic fundamental skills of basketball, while promoting four primary objectives:

1) Instructing proper fundamental skills, **2)** Promoting the value of teamwork, **3)** Displaying good sportsmanship and fair play, all while **4)** Having fun at practices and games. The program includes a clinic, team practices, skill reviews, and a competitive game schedule. Practices will be held once a week starting the end of November, with Saturday games beginning in January. Equal playing time is promoted.

Registration Opens: Monday, October 2

Practices Begin: Week of November 26 w/Clinic

Games Begin: Saturday, January 13, 2018

Registration Fee: Before Tuesday, October 31 \$55.00 *
After Tuesday, October 31 \$65.00

* Register by Tuesday, October 31 and receive a chance to win an autographed basketball signed by an *Indiana Pacers* player!

"My First Shot!" Basketball

Youth in K

Also part of the *Jr. Pacers Program*, the "My First Shot!" Basketball program is open to boys & girls in Greencastle's Kindergarten classes. This program is a Saturday only program and follows the four objectives of our Youth Basketball Program. Includes two practices, a scrimmage, and games which get longer as the season progresses. A separate registration form is required.



Registration Opens: Monday, October 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 30

Practices Begin: Saturday, January 6, 2017

Games Begin: Saturday, January 20, 2017

Registration Fee: Before Wed. November 30, \$35.00 *
After Wed. November 30, \$40.00

* Register by Tuesday, October 31 and receive a chance to win an autographed basketball signed by an *Indiana Pacers* player!





PROGRAMS



FALL & WINTER

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS

“What’s That Track?”

All!

Our park wildlife typically doesn’t like to be seen, but we can still find out what lives in Jaycee Park just by looking for tracks and other signs of life. To celebrate *National Wildlife Week* and led by a guest naturalist, come join the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department as we hike the foot trails and creek within the park.

Participants should wear hiking boots or an old pair of shoes as we explore Greencastle’s “Hidden Jewel” and learn about its environment and the wildlife in it. View animal tracks, their direction of travel, feeding areas, nests, all through clues left behind.

Date: Saturday, October 7

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Jaycee Park Shelter #1

Fee: \$5.00 per explorer

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 6



Catch a Spark!

Teens!

“Where there’s smoke, there’s fire!” - we hope!

Fire has been a part of human existence since the beginning of time. Early man relied on it to survive and so do we. This wilderness survival program will explore fire in its most primitive form; ending with the participant creating a fire-by-friction.

This program will include fire safety practices providing tools and knowledge on what to do in case of fire, various campfire building techniques, various ways to start a fire, culminating in how to create and use a bow drill kit to create a fire by friction. Without using a match, can you create your own spark to start your own campfire and the cook food over it? Completed in a controlled environment, fire safety stressed at all times.

Days: Monday & Wednesday, October 16 & 18

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Jaycee Park shelter #1

Fee: \$10.00 per person

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 people



Brickmania: Crack the Vault!

All!

Who visited and what happened in Greencastle on October 23rd, 1933?

Can you guess if we gave you the following hint, “We’ve got our hands on twelve (12) retired coin bank kits that would peak John Dillinger’s interest!”

That’s right, that’s the day John Dillinger held up the Central National Bank in downtown Greencastle. Are we celebrating this, “NO”; but why not acknowledge this date in our history with this special Brickmania bank vault “coin bank” project which includes 122 pieces, a mini-figure, alarm box and wanted poster?

It also includes a chance to view special Lego® dioramas, to free-build with our collection of building blocks, “Build Your Own” mini-figures, and it’s only open to the first 12 paid registrants, register early!

When: Monday night, October 23

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Greencastle City Hall

Enrollment: Minimum 6, Maximum of 12 participants

Entry Fee: \$12.00/person



HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

How to Decorate the Great Pumpkin

All!

What’s a Jack O’Lantern? Who or what is the Great Pumpkin? Why do we carve pumpkins for Halloween? Ever decorate a squash instead of a pumpkin? Do you carve, paint or add Mr. Potato Head parts or other household items to your pumpkins?

Join us as we tell the story and show you many different ways to decorate a pumpkin for this favorite holiday. You may even want to prepare your entry into the “Great Pumpkin” Decorating Contest!



Date: Saturday afternoon, October 28

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Shelter #1 in Robe-Ann Park

Fee: \$5.00 per pumpkin (includes choice of pumpkin!)

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Monday, October 17

“Great Pumpkin” Decorating Contest

All!

Bring your best, scariest, funniest, and/or best dressed pumpkin to be displayed and judged. Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or decorated. Special certificates will be awarded for the best pumpkins in the following age groups: 1-5, 6-11, 12-17, 18-60, 60-98, and 99 & over



Date: Saturday night, October 28

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Shelter #1 in Robe-Ann Park

Fee: \$3.00 per pumpkin

Enrollment: Minimum 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Mon, Oct. 17

Hunt for the Great Pumpkin

6-8 Graders

Here’s an “eggs-cellent” Halloween activity you won’t want to miss! As the sun sets and the night gets darker, we’re putting a frightful twist on this favorite Easter activity. We’re hiding 3,000 Halloween-colored eggs throughout Robe-Ann Park and youth in grades 6 - 8 will have the delight of hunting these prize eggs with flashlights.

Some candy-filled, some toy-filled, some with special redemption tickets for some neat prizes! The *Hunt for the Great Pumpkin* will an “eggs-citing” Halloween “eggs-travaganza” you won’t want to miss!

Date: Saturday night, October 28

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Robe-Ann Park, Shelter #1

Fee: \$10.00 per person



Toddler Turkey Time

Toddlers ages 2-5

What is the meaning of “Thanksgiving”? How did it start? Why a turkey?

Here’s a fun & special celebration of Thanksgiving for toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers. This program offers turkey-themed stories, crafts, games, snacks, and a whole lot of fun!

A parent or caregiver is expected to stay with the child and participate.

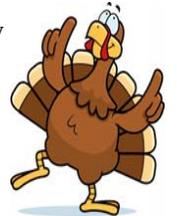
Date: Thursday, November 16

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Bob Bottoms Center

Fee: \$3.00 per youth

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants



WINTER

Brickmania: Pilgrim's Feast

All!

Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, this retired set features a hungry pilgrim in a traditional outfit with pilgrim hat and shoes enjoying two tasty turkey drumsticks! This project would make a great centerpiece for any Thanksgiving table.

Special holiday Lego® displays, the opportunity to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks, build-your-own mini-figures, treats & drinks will be available.

Date: Sunday afternoon, November 19

Time: 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Entry Fee: \$12.00 per pilgrim

Enrollment: Minimum of 6, maximum of 12 pilgrims

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17



Snow Sculpture Contest

All



Have fun with family, friends, & SNOW! During the months of December, January & February build a snowman, snow creature or snow sculpture and submit a photo to be judged at the March park board meeting. Winners will be announced at the March 1, 2018 regular meeting of the Greencastle Board of Park Commissioners.

Fill out the official registration form and send or e-mail it with a photo to rweinschenk@cityofgreencastle.com. The top two entries in each of three categories WINS!

- * **Best Snowman**
- * **Best Snow Creature**
- * **Best Snow Sculpture** (anything besides first two)

Awards: Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall Council Room

Fee: FREE!

Phone Calls from Santa!

Youth, ages 2 - 6

Again this year, we've lined up a special connection to the North Pole so area youth, ages 2 to 6 years, can speak to Santa Claus about their Christmas wishes!

Separate registration forms will be available closer to the holidays at special collection sites around town. So, if you want that special call, be sure to fill one out and return it to city hall!

Date: Saturday, December 9

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Location: Santa calls your number!

Fee: FREE!



Breakfast with the Grinch!



Breakfast with the Grinch has been so popular Right out of the world of Dr. Seuss, we've invited the Grinch to join us for breakfast, and extending that invite to you, too! Our young guests will have the opportunity to listen to the story of how the "Grinch Stole Christmas!" and then

"HOLIDAY" CHALLENGE! x 2



Who will be designated the most creative artist in this year's Holiday Challenges - Gingerbread and Brickmania!? All entries must be carried into City Hall, displayed all day and judged at our monthly park board meeting. Awards will be given to 1st & 2nd places in three divisions: Individual, Family & Organization. See the official registration forms for a complete set of rules. Will you accept the challenge?!

Contest Categories:

* **Gingerbread House Decorating** - All ingredients, house and decorations, must be edible. See registration form for a complete set of rules.

* **Brickmania: Santa Claus!** - Using Lego® or other building blocks, we challenge you to build your interpretation of "Santa Claus!" Entrants will be asked to display their creations at the **Brickmania: Lego Christmas Party!** on Sunday, December 10. See official registration form for a complete set of rules.



Delivery: Wednesday, December 6, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Judging & Awards: Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 1 North Locust Street, Greencastle

Fee: FREE!

Brickmania: Lego® Christmas Party!

All!

In this special holiday edition of Brickmania, we're putting a Christmas twist on our Birthday Bash event. Special holiday Lego® displays and dioramas, including those assembled for our "**Brickmania: Santa Claus! Contest**" will be on display. Attendees will have the opportunity to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks piled high on the floor, assemble varying kits located throughout city hall, "Build Your Own" mini-figures for sale, along with treats and drinks.

Stocking stuffer idea: Past Brickmania project kits will be for sale.

Date: Sunday, December 10

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Fee: Free-Will Donation



Everyone!

eat "Green eggs and ham" with the Grinch, play games and take their photos with the Grinch.

As part of the festivities, we're holding a "Little Cindy Lou Who" Costume Contest, as well. Join in on the fun!

Date: Saturday morning, December 17

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Putnam Inn

Fee: \$5.00 per person for all "Who" attend

Enrollment: 6 Minimum

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.



Did you know that Dr. Seuss' real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel and he was born on March 2, 1904? We celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a special program on March 2nd!



WINTER 2017

Greencastle Parks & Recreation Department's "Energy Assistance Plan"

The custom of burning the Yule Log goes back to, and before, medieval times. It was originally a Nordic tradition. Yule is the name of the old Winter Solstice festivals in Scandinavia and other parts of northern Europe. The Yule Log was originally an entire tree that was carefully chosen and brought into the house with great ceremony. The largest end of the log would be placed into the fire hearth while the rest of the tree stuck out into the room! The log would be lit and slowly fed into the fire through the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Nowadays, of course, most people have central heating, so it is very difficult to burn an entire tree; but some people still use wood burning stoves. "No" we aren't going to let you cut down a tree in one of our parks; however, on occasion we have to remove one, trim one or clean up after a storm. If we do and leave a pile of wood curbside along the roadways, please feel free to take it home. One rule does apply - because of the threat of spreading harmful insects or plant fungus; it is a requirement the firewood doesn't leave Putnam County. Thanks, and stay warm!

Brickmania: Santa Claus!

All!



"Who's at the head of the line waiting in an easy chair this time of year?" Santa Claus that's who!

In our stockings, we found twelve (12) retired Lego® Santa Claus kits, so we're holding a special "Night at City Hall". This special night will include the official Lego® Santa Claus, a chance to view special holiday Lego® displays and dioramas, the opportunity to free-build with our collection of building blocks piled high on city hall floor, as well as special Santa Claus treats and drinks. "Build Your Own" mini-figures and left-over projects from past Brickmania events will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds used to replenish our Lego® Building Blocks.

Only open to the first 12 paid registrants, register early!

When: Tuesday, December 12

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Greencastle City Hall Council Room

Enrollment: Minimum 6, Maximum of 12 participants

Entry Fee: \$12.00/person

Brickmania: Melt These Winter Blues!

All!

In January we've built tropical projects and we've done snowmen! We've even constructed a snowmobile to help us escape this winter mess! What special Brickmania project do have in-store for you this time? Want a hint?



Get out of the cold and join us in city hall to "melt away these winter blues!" This program is open to the first 12 participants with paid registration and includes a special Lego® kit to take home that is sure to warm things up! Included is the opportunity to free-build with the department's collection of building blocks, "Build Your Own" mini-figures will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds used to replenish our Lego® Building Blocks. don't forget the treats and drinks!

The Brickmania: Melt these Winter Blues! program is open to the first twelve (12) registrants, so don't be left out in the cold and help us melt this mess by registering early!

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2018

Time: 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Fee: \$12.00/person (pre-registration required)

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 5, 2017

Winter Walk & Talk Program

All!

Speaking of a "Winter Escape"; here's a way to get out of the house and enjoy an indoor walking opportunity for those blustery winter mornings. Join us and friends on Wednesday and Friday mornings at DePauw University's In-Door Track Facility for a self-timed walk or run. If you are a regular and join us 10 times, win a special award!

Days: Wednesday & Friday mornings

Dates: January 5 to February 28, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Fee: FREE!



Winnie the Pooh Day!

All!

Inquiry: "When is Winnie the Pooh's birthday?"

Answer: "The day honey was invented by bees!"

One of the cuddliest holidays has to be **Winnie the Pooh Day**, celebrated on author A. A. Milne's birthday. It's a special anniversary fans just can't "bear" to miss! **Winnie the Pooh** first appeared in 1926 together with friends Piglet, Tigger and Eeyore. All were based on toys owned by the author's son, who was also featured in the stories as Christopher Robin. The characters later starred in Walt Disney films.

Join us at the Putnam County Public Library as we celebrate **Winnie the Pooh Day!** The occasion includes story-book readings about Pooh and his friends, a teddy bears' picnic, a game of Poohsticks; and since it's a birthday party, cake and ice cream will be served!

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Putnam County Public Library

Fee: FREE!

Enrollment: 6 minimum participants

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 16



Brickmania Birthday Bash!

All ages!

The LEGO® BUILDING BLOCK was born 60 years ago on January 28th, 1958; so we're throwing a birthday party in recognition of that fantastic date! All LEGO® BUILDING BLOCK fans are invited to come view special displays and City train layouts, play LEGO® Stadium basketball, soccer and downhill skiing sports games, flip through the department's LEGO® library and then free-build our building blocks! Oh yeah, and since it's a birthday party, cake & ice cream will be served!

Date: Sunday, January 28, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Fee: FREE-Will Donation (to help replenish our collection of LEGO® Building Blocks!)



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“Cupid’s Valentine!” Workshop



“Who or what is Cupid?”
“Why does Cupid carry a bow and arrow?” “Why is Valentine’s Day symbolized with a heart shape?”
“Why do we pass out special greeting cards to our loved ones?”

Join us as we seek the answers in regards to this fun and loving holiday! After we find the answers, we will construct special Valentine cards. In preparation for this workshop, we’ve emptied our supply closet and gathered our card stock, construction paper, stickers, glue, envelopes, and more!

Open to everyone, snacks are provided!

Date: Monday, February 12, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Cost: \$5.00 per participant

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants

Registration by: Friday, Feb. 10, 2018

National Tell A Fairy Tale Day All!

“A fairy tale is a fictional story that may feature folkloric characters such as fairies, goblins, elves, trolls, giants, mermaids or gnomes and usually magic or enchantments. The term is also used to describe something blessed with unusual happiness, as in a “fairy tale ending” (a happy ending); though not all fairy tales end happily!”



- Wikipedia

Each participant will create their own fairy tale character and a story book based on that character’s adventures. Will your story begin with “Once upon a time ...” and end “Happily ever after ...”?

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Greencastle City Hall

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Enrollment: Minimum of 6 participants

Registration By: Friday, Feb. 23, 2018

Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party! All!

“Oh, the places you’ll go!” “You have the brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” – Dr. Seuss

Follow the advise of Dr. Seuss and steer yourself to the Putnam County Public Library as we celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with story reading, games, crafts and more!

Oh yeah, since it’s a birthday party, cake and ice cream will be served!

Date: Friday, March 2, 2018

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Where: Putnam County Public Library

Fee: FREE!



DESCRIPTION OF GREENCASTLE’S MUNICIPAL PARKS SYSTEM

Robe-Ann Park (28-acres) - Located at 405 South Bloomington Street, Robe-Ann Park is centrally located in Greencastle and hosts the Greencastle Aquatics Center, Bob York Splash Park, Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Log Cabin, Emerald Palace Playground and 3 other playgrounds, three picnic shelters, lit softball diamond, 3 tennis courts, 6 Pickle Ball, 2 basketball courts, 2 horse shoe pits, skate park, and the Greencastle Parks & Recreation Dept. administrative office.

Big Walnut Sports Park (78.8 acres) - Located at 1300 S. Co. Rd. 275 East, Big Walnut Sports Park is located east of Greencastle includes 10 soccer fields, 3 Little League Baseball diamonds, 3 girl’s softball diamonds, 1 adult softball diamond, 1 NCAA/Babe Ruth baseball diamond, 19-hole disc golf course, the Keith Carr Basketball Court, dog park, Joanne Haymaker Pine Grove, 3 picnic shelters, and 1.28 mile perimeter walking pathway.

Jaycee Park (22 acres) - Located at 1681 East Co. Rd. 225 South, southeast of Greencastle and just south of the Putnam County Airport, this nature park provides a great opportunity to relax and enjoy wildlife in a natural setting. A small pond that is accessible for fishing, wooded nature trail, mountain bike trails, pit restrooms, and 2 picnic shelters providing many forms of outdoor recreation.

Maple Berry Park (1 acre) - Located at the intersections of Maple and Berry Streets on the south side of Greencastle, Maple Berry Park was designed as a neighborhood park containing a basketball court, park benches, picnic tables, and an open grassy play area.

Calbert Way Park (1.5 acres) - Located at the intersection of Highway 240 and Calbert Way Drive on the east end of Greencastle, Calbert Way Park serves as the trailhead for the Greencastle-to-Fillmore Trail and offers a picnic shelter, park benches, open space, and trail use parking.

Mary Rogers Field Park (.5 acres) - Located next to Greencastle City Hall, this small pocket park was created in memory of a long-time Greencastle citizen and park advocate Mary Rogers Field. The park offers picnic facilities, bench, ornamental flower beds and is a great place for meditation.

Micaela Cancilla Park (1 acre) - Named after a life-long resident of the area, our newest municipal park is located at the site of the old parking lot behind Mama Nunzio’s Restaurant and includes a newly installed playground, picnic table and green space.

Walter & Eleanor Ballard Family Park (1 acre) - Located at the intersection of Highway 240 and Calbert Way Drive on the east end of Greencastle, the east entrance/exit from Wal-Mart, the Walter & Eleanor Ballard Family Park is expected to be added to the municipal parks system this year. It will serve as a trail stop for the Big Walnut Sport Park trail with park benches and open space, and is home to at least 1 geocache.

Rokicki Community Park (40 acres) - Located at the intersection of Veterans Memorial Highway (Hwy 240) and Zinc Mill Road, this park was named for city councilman and longtime parks advocate Mike Rokicki, and is home to the Ivy Tech Community College campus. The park will provide future access to the People Pathways Phase IV: Campus Link Trail.

People Pathways (10 miles) - Approximately 10-miles of pathways and trails are located within and around the City of Greencastle. The Greencastle-to-Fillmore Trail links to a shared bike system in Greencastle and is a portion of Peoples Pathway that links to the Vandalia Trail to Coatesville and will be a part of the future National Road Heritage Trail which will eventually span 160 miles from Terre Haute to Richmond. On the People Pathways Trails, a hiker or biker can view the many exquisite buildings of the DePauw University campus and Greencastle’s many parks, restaurants, shops, museum and even ride across a covered bridge.



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