



THE CITY OF ERIE

2023 SUMMER RECREATION GUIDE



All programs inside **FREE** for City of Erie residents

Find your park and get outside!

Summer is here, and there is no better time to get outside! The City of Erie is home to 45 public parks and greenspaces and we are pleased to announce some exciting new changes for 2023.

We're thrilled to add a **skateboarding program** to our long list of summer offerings.

Our skatepark at Columbus Park, at West 16th and Poplar streets, is always busy and is a fun place to hang out and see the skaters show off their tricks. This summer – thanks to our partnership with The Isle Skate and Surf Shop – we're adding fun, laid-back skateboarding sessions for boys and girls ages 5-13.

On Saturdays, representatives from the shop will be at the park to provide assistance and fun activities. Parents are welcome to participate with their children. And don't forget Go Skateboarding Day, on June 21. Beginning at 2 p.m. The Isle Skate and Surf Shop will have a full day's worth of events at the skatepark. Details will be announced in early summer.

Glow Golf is coming to Erie.

We've received many requests for this fun, unique golf experience, and we're listening. Get your glow on from June 1 – Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays at J.C. Martin Golf Course. Play begins a half-hour before dusk. Call ahead to book your tee times.

Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. Working with the Erie Pickleball Association, our Public Works Department has added pickleball courts at Baldwin Park on West 25th Street and Berst Avenue. Those courts will be open in early summer. Now in addition to playing basketball, enjoying the playground, and roller skating at Baldwin Park, park-goers can play pickleball too.

Learn to Swim programs will again be featured at Rodger Young Park and the Downtown YMCA this summer.

Learning to swim is a critical and useful life skill, both for safety and recreation. These YMCA sponsored swim lessons emphasize water safety. No matter the child's ability to swim, certified YMCA swim instructors will develop your child's swimming ability, and boost their confidence. Classes will be available at the Downtown YMCA in the morning and at Rodger Young Park in the afternoon.

No matter what you're into, make sure you check out one of our city parks this year. Go for a **walk or run** at McClelland or Frontier parks, and **catch a sunset** at Bayview or Chautauqua. Use our fields and courts to play **baseball, softball, volleyball, basketball, tennis, soccer** and more. Find all the details about our new offerings and all our programs and events in this guide.

I challenge you to explore our city and find a new park this summer. You can find a full list of our parks and where they are inside this guide or online at cityoferie.pa.us/MyNeighborhood. Get up, get out, and enjoy all that Erie has to offer this summer!

I hope to see you around town!



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Our Mission

Build Opportunity.

Restore Hope.

Transform Erie.

Our Vision

Erie is a Community of Choice. We celebrate our:

Rich, Cultural Diversity

Welcoming, Vibrant Neighborhoods

World-class Downtown and Bayfront

Excellent Education for Everyone

Abundance of Family-sustaining Jobs

Recreational Park and Facilities Locations

This summer, take advantage of 45 beautiful parks conveniently located in our City neighborhoods. Each park has its own identity, some bustling with activity and others a quiet place to wind down and relax.

East Side

Burton Park

East 38th Street and Burton Avenue
playground/tennis/basketball

Chautauqua Park

Lakeside Drive and Chautauqua Boulevard
shelter/benches

Cranch Park

Lakeside Drive and Cranch Avenue
benches/landscaped

Euclid Park

Lakeside Drive and Euclid Avenue
green space

Franklin Park

East Seventh Street and Marne Road
softball

Garden Heights Playground

East 40th Street and Brewer Avenue
playground

Hillside Park & Sunset Boulevard

East 41st Street between Old French Road and Sunset Boulevard
playground/baseball fields

Holland Street Playground

East 23th and Holland streets
playground/basketball

Joseph Walczak Sr. Park

East 45th Street and Alan Drive
playground/baseball/soccer/basketball/volleyball/shelter

Kosciuszko Park

East 12th and Wayne streets
playground/softball/basketball

Lake Park

Lakeside Avenue
green space

McCarty Playground

East Second Street and Pennsylvania Avenue
basketball/softball

McClelland Park

East 26th Street and McClelland Avenue
green space/dog park/ADA accessible hiking trails/playground

McKinley Park

East 21st Street and East Avenue
basketball/tennis

Nate Levy/Jaycee Park

200 block of East Third Street
playground/tennis

Perry Square East

Between State and French streets, North and South Park rows
fountain/passive

Pulaski Park

East 10th Street and Hess Avenue
playground/softball

Rodger Young Park

Buffalo and Downing Avenue
playground/softball/soccer/pool/basketball/football

Roessler Park

East 15th and Reed streets
playground

Roma Park

East 35th Street and Zimmerman Road
green space/trails

Wallace Playground

East Front and Wallace streets
playground/soccer/softball

Wayne Park

East Sixth Street and East Avenue
picnic shelters/benches/green spaces/playground

Woodlawn Avenue Park

Woodlawn Avenue and Cameron Street
playground

West Side

Baldwin Park

West 25th Street and Berst Avenue
playground/basketball/pickleball/roller skating

Barbara Nitkiewicz Park

West Third and Cascade streets
playground

Bayview Park

West Second and Cherry streets
playground/baseball/basketball/tennis/splash pad/swings

Brabender Park

West 21st Street and Baur Avenue
baseball/soccer

Columbus Park

West 16th and Poplar streets
playground/tennis/basketball/skatepark

Frontier Park

West Sixth Street and Seminole Drive
playground/tennis/soccer/arboretum/trails

Garden Park / Pear Park

West 36th Street and Norman Way
green space/benches

Glenwood Park

West 38th Street and Glenwood Boulevard
playground/horseshoes/picnic pavilions

Gridley Park

Park Avenue and Liberty Street
playground/passive

Griswold Park

West 14th and Peach streets
fountain

C. Francis Hagerty Park

West 32nd Street and Schaper Avenue
playground/basketball/soccer/softball/shelter

Lakeside Park

Front Street between Peach and Sassafras streets
green space

Larry Fabrizi Park

West 27th Street and Harvard Road
green space

Martin Luther King Jr. Park

West Fourth Street near Chestnut Street
playground

Pebble Lake Playground

Washington Avenue and Cold Springs Drive
swings

Perry Square West

State Street and North Park Row
stage

Reservoir Park

West Grandview Boulevard and Wood Street
green space

Ruby Schaaf Park

West 19th and Myrtle streets
playground/basketball

Victory Park

West 13th Street and Lincoln Avenue
playground/baseball

Washington Park

West 24th and Raspberry streets
gazebo/shelters/benches

Woodland Park

Woodland Drive and Kahkwa Boulevard
green space

Woodlawn Park

West 32nd Street and Harvard Road
green space

Public Golf Courses

J.C. Martin Golf Course

9 holes, sharpen your game, great for everyone

Location: 652 Shunpike Road, Erie
Phone: 814-864-1821

Daily fees | Cart extra

Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays

18 Holes	\$19
9 Holes	\$11
Twilight (6:30 p.m.)	\$9

Downing Golf Course

Championship Layout

7,092 - Blue Tees | 6,580 - White Tees | 5,775 - Red Tees

Location: 1351 Troupe Road
Phone: 814-899-5827

Daily fees | Cart extra

Weekdays, Weekends & Holidays

18 Holes	\$22
9 Holes	\$14
Twilight (4:30 p.m.)	\$11

Cart Specials

18 Holes	\$32 Weekdays (Anytime) Weekends & Holidays (After 12 p.m.)
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Sunset Cart Fee

—	\$20 Everyday (after 6 p.m.)
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Senior (55+) and Military

18 Holes	\$25 Everyday (Anytime)
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2022 E.D.W.G.A.

Junior Girls Golf Program

Location: J.C. Martin Golf Course
Phone: 814-864-1821

Dates: Golf Clinic—Thursday, June 15
and Fridays, June 16 - July 21

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Ages: Girls 10 to 17

The first five Fridays will be regular league play and July 21 will be the traditional end of the season championship and picnic.

The girls will begin to tee off at 8:00 AM. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow time for groups to be assembled. This is also a good time for girls to practice putting and chipping before they play.

Youth Clinic Series

Location: J.C. Martin Golf Course

Dates: May 31 through July 29

Time: Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 p.m. & Saturdays, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 8 to 14 (boys and girls)

Teaching professionals and local area coaches introduce participants to the game of golf.

Contact: J.C. Martin Golf Course at 814-864-1821.

Glow Golf

Location: J.C. Martin Golf Course

Dates: June 1 - Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays

Time: Begins ½ hour before dusk.

Phone: 814-864-1821

Glow Golf is coming to Erie! Call ahead to book your tee times. Maximum of four golfers per tee time.

Before play, glow golf balls and safety glow sticks must be purchased at the J.C. Martin pro shop.

Baseball/Softball Open Play

East Side: Franklin Park, Hillside Park, Joseph Walczak Sr. Park

West Side: Bayview Park, Brabender Park, Victory Park

As part of the City of Erie's YMCA Kid's Club, Bayview Park will offer open play for baseball all summer from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Open play is also available at the following parks:

- Franklin Park (softball)
- Hillside Park - Sam Jethroe Field (baseball, softball)
- Joseph Walczak Sr. Park (baseball)
- Bayview Park - Pontiac Field (baseball, softball)
- Brabender Park (baseball)
- Victory Park (baseball)

Youth Tennis Program

Dates: June 12 - Aug. 11 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Locations: Frontier and Burton Parks

Ages: 5 to 18

10 - 11 a.m.: Beginners (Ages 5 to 9)

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Intermediates (Ages 10 to 18)

12 - 1 p.m.: Advanced (Ages 10 to 18)

Register on site. No fee. Flexible attendance.

Bring a racquet if possible. Loaner racquets available.

Contact: Kelly Maslar at 814-218-0415

or kermaz@hotmail.com.

62ND Annual City Recreation Tennis Tournament

Location: Frontier Park

Junior: July 17 - 20 starting at 4 p.m. daily

Adult: Aug. 4 - 6 starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Applications are available at Westwood Racquet Club, 2600 Zuck Road.

Contact: Kelly Maslar at 814-218-0415

or kermaz@hotmail.com.



Erie Police Department Youth Programs

The City of Erie Police Department works with other law enforcement organizations and community partners to mentor, coach, and spend time with Erie’s kids. These programs break down barriers and build positive relationships between the officers and the participants.

Erie Police Athletic League (PAL)

Supported by the Erie Police, Gannon University Police, and Erie County Sheriff’s departments; Erie County Juvenile and Adult Probation, and the Erie County District Attorney’s Office.

Ages: Students grades 4-12

The PAL programs unlock the cop-kid relationships by having police officers mentor, interact with, and play sports with local students. The program promotes positive character development and offers free programming after school and during the summer. Three featured events this summer of special note are:

June 12 – June 16: 3rd Annual PAL Camp at the Boys & Girls Club of Erie

June 26 – June 30: 3rd Annual PAL Junior Police Academy

July 24 – July 28: 7th Annual PAL Commuter Camp at Gannon University

PAL is dedicated to assisting and inspiring Erie youth to realize their full individual potential as productive members of society, and to avoid criminal activity. Erie Police officers and Erie County Sheriff’s deputies, supported by civilian volunteers, offer educational, athletic, and recreational programs to at-risk youth. Our efforts are coordinated with the Erie School District, existing community centers and programs to provide a safe place for Erie’s youth to learn and grow, nurtured by their relationship with deputies and officers. Our officers get as much or more out of this program than the kids do.

Contact: Lt. Tom Lenox at: tlenox@erie.pa.us or 814-870-1168.

Erie Police Community Outreach Program (COP)

Supported by the Erie Police Department, in collaboration with the Booker T. Washington Center.

Ages: Students grades 4-8

The EDP’s Community Outreach Program has been working in the Booker T. Washington Center during the after-school and Summer of Success programs, with a focus on:

- Building relationships with elementary and middle school students
- Tutoring
- Helping with homework and computer classes
- Holding informal group “chat” sessions
- Mentoring
- Building bonds through sports
- Group session on the effects that drugs and alcohol have on our personal/professional goals
- Living a healthy drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle

To sign up for the Booker T. Washington Center 2023 Summer of Success Program, see page 7.

Youth Summer Programs

Experience engaging summer youth programs created specifically for children and teens! From swimming and team sports, to music and the arts – there’s plenty to do this summer. And all at no cost for City of Erie residents. Meet new friends. Learn new skills. Build your future!

Bethesda Lutheran Services Trinity Center

Location: 462 West 18th St.
Phone: 814-724-7510, ext. 526
Dates: Monday – Friday.
Beginning Wednesday, July 5 – Friday, Aug. 11
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ages: 5 (and completed Kindergarten) to 15

- Free breakfast, lunch, and snacks
- Arts and crafts
- Physical fitness
- Sports activities
- Team building
- Community service projects
- Field trips include: fishing, swimming, the Erie Zoo, the Pymatuning Animal Park, Waldameer, and more.

Registration: Parents or guardians must attend an orientation session and also complete a registration packet for each child attending the Summer Recreation Program. Registration packets are available in May, and registration will begin in June by appointment. For more information, please call the Trinity Center.

Contact: Esther Thompson at 814-724-7510, ext. 526 or ethompson@bethesda1919.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center

Location: 312 Chestnut St.
Phone: 814-459-2761 ext. 241
Dates: Monday – Friday, June 12 – Aug. 11
(no program on July 4)
Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ages: 5 to 14

For more information and to register, contact the Martin Luther King Center.



John F. Kennedy Center, Inc. Bobby Harrison Way

Location: 2021 East 20th St.
Phone: 814-898-0400 ext. 3029
Dates: Monday - Friday, June 12 – Aug. 11
Time: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Ages: 5 to 18

- Free breakfast and lunch
- Academic enrichment activities
- 21st Century Community Learning Center
- Gardening
- Drone technology
- Sports leagues and tournaments
- Life skills
- Arts and crafts
- PA Adopt-A-Highway program
- Educational field trips
- Volunteer opportunities
- Guest speakers
- Anti-bullying and multi-cultural diversity
- Intergenerational and family programming

To participate, all youth and parents/guardians must schedule and attend a program orientation.

Contact: Tim Ward at 814-898-0400, ext. 3029.

Boys & Girls Club of Erie, Inc.

Location: 1515 East Lake Road
Phones:
John Popoff: 814-459-1977 ext. 223; 814-449-3040, cell phone
Joe Grucza: 814-459-1977 ext. 235; 814-449-2909, cell phone
Dates: Monday - Friday, June 12 – Aug. 18
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ages: 7 to 14

Program: Cops and Kids summer camp experience
Description: Club staff, supported by the Police Athletic League, will provide youth development and guidance activities for school-aged youth while fostering relationships with peers, Club staff and local law enforcement, in a safe, consistent environment. Programming is provided in six core areas:

- The arts
- Character & leadership
- Guidance & education
- Health & life skills
- Social recreation
- Sports & fitness

Youth campers will also go on local and regional field trips. Breakfast and lunch are available daily.



YMCA Rodger Young Pool – Open Swim & Recreation Program

Sponsored by the City of Erie and the Housing Authority of the City of Erie

Dates: Monday – Saturday. Beginning Wednesday, June 14 – Friday, Aug. 18

Time: 12 – 5 p.m.

Ages: 6 to 18 (birth certificate required for 6-year-olds)

Registration will start June 14 with a meet-and-greet event from 3 – 7 p.m. Youths must be registered by a parent or legal guardian at the pool office. Proof of age must be provided for six-year-olds who are swimming their first year and proof may be requested of others. Program is closed July 4.

Children will enjoy both recreational swimming and lawn games beside the pool. Bathing suits are required to swim. Lifeguards are always on duty when the pool is open. Pool closes for inclement weather.

Booker T. Washington Center

2023 Summer of Success Program (SAIL)

Location: 1720 Holland St.

Phone: 814-453-5744

Dates: Monday – Friday

Beginning Wednesday, July 5 – Friday, Aug. 18

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ages: Students grades K-8

- Life skills
- Movie day
- Peaceful playgrounds
- Library visits
- Weekly field trips
- Nutrition education
- Sports & recreation (fun competitions)
- Daily current events
- Arts & crafts (enrichment program)
- Erie Police Community Outreach Program (COP)

Our Summer of Success program balances education and recreation to give our students a chance to attain additional skills and bridge concepts over the summer in order to ensure their success beyond the school year.

Contact: Tim Cook at 814-453-5744 to register beginning in mid-June.

To ensure the safety of Erie's youth, parents/guardians are reminded that transportation to and from the program is your responsibility. Also, please register your child at each individual program. Additional safety rules and regulations are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization.

In addition to programs highlighted here, sports programming is available at the Martin Luther King Center, the JFK Center, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA Kids' Clubs, and the Booker T. Washington Center. Program information can be found throughout this guide.

Kids' Club Summer Recreation

The following programs are offered to City of Erie residents free of charge as part of the City of Erie's Summer Parks & Recreation program. Additional funding is provided by the Housing Authority of Erie.

Brian Lee Crosby Memorial Learn to Swim Program

Sponsored by the City of Erie and
Operated by the YMCA of Greater Erie

Locations:

Rodger Young Park, East 18th Street and Downing Ave.
Downtown YMCA, 31 West 10th St.

Phones:

Rodger Young Park: 814-452-3261, x221
Downtown YMCA: 814-452-3261, x221

Ages: City of Erie residents, 6 months to 17 years

Registration opens: June 5

These YMCA swimming lessons emphasize water safety. No matter the child's ability to swim, certified YMCA swim instructors will develop your child's swimming ability, and boost their confidence. Classes will be available at the Downtown YMCA in the morning and at Rodger Young Park in the afternoon.

Parents or guardians are responsible for registration, attendance, and transportation needs. Bathing suits are required. Class size is limited. **Advance registration is required. To register, call the Downtown YMCA at 814-452-3261, x221 or visit ymcaerie.org/programs.** Register once for either location.

Open swim is available to families of those registered. The open swim schedule is also available online at the above website. Children 5 and under must have a parent or guardian (18 years or older) in the water and within arm's reach at all times. Children 6 to 12 must have a parent or guardian on the pool deck. All swimmers will be tested for swimming ability. Bathing suits required. Certified lifeguards on duty.

YMCA Kids' Club Summer Parks & Recreation Program

Sponsored by the City of Erie

Location: Bayview Park, Burton Park,
Columbus Park, and McKinley Park

Phone: 814-882-3218

Dates: Monday - Friday

Beginning Wednesday, June 14 - Friday, Aug. 11

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Summer Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for ages 2 to 18.
Parent/guardian must be present for children ages 2 to 5.

Snack: 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Ages: 6 to 18

At the YMCA Kids Club Summer Parks & Recreation Program, kids spend their days taking part in a wide variety of summer play and learning activities while building a healthy spirit, mind and body. Each day, YMCA staff leads hands-on-activities such as:

- Group games
- Group sports
- Art & music
- Board games
- Group fitness

A hula hoop instructor will visit each park once a week to teach a "hoop" class. Before they know it, the day is done and they've made a new friend.

The program is closed on July 4th for observance of Independence Day. **Contact:** Jen Sikora at 814-882-3218.

Our West Bayfront Events

The Our West Bayfront neighborhood group has several free events scheduled this summer.

Locations:

Bayview Park, West Second St. between
Cherry and Walnut streets
Martin Luther King Center, 312 Chestnut St.

Events:

- **May 19, 5 - 7 p.m.:** MLK Center. Ice cream social.
- **June 14, 25, 28 & July 12, 19 & 26, 6 - 8 p.m.:** Bayview Park. West BayFit exercise classes.
- **June 22, 12 - 4 p.m.:** MLK Center. Summer festival.
- **Aug. 9, 16, 23, 30, 6 - 8 p.m.:** Bayview Park. Farmer's Market featuring local vendors.

Nature in Your Neighborhood

Presented by Asbury Woods
Sponsored by Erie Community Foundation
and H. Richard Obermanns

Location: Bayview Park, Gridley Park, John E. Horan
Apartments, Perry Square, and Wayne Park
Phone: 814-835-5356

Dates: Thursdays, June 15 - Aug. 17 | **Time:** 2 - 3 p.m.

All Ages

Weekly programs (Thursdays):

June 15: Bayview Park - Underwater Creatures:
Find creatures big and small

June 22: Rodger Young Park - I Spy! nature scavenger hunt

June 29: Perry Square - Insides & Outsides: Explore animal
pelts and skulls

July 6: Washington Park - What's in My Water:
Testing water quality

July 13: McKinley Park - Bees & Butterflies:
All About Pollinators

July 20: Bayview Park - I Spy! nature scavenger hunt

July 27: Rodger Young Park - Underwater Creatures: Find
creatures big and small

Aug. 3: Perry Square - Bees & Butterflies:
All About Pollinators

Aug. 10: McKinley Park - Insides & Outsides:
Explore animal pelts and skulls

Aug. 17: Washington Park - What's in My
Water: Testing water quality

33rd annual Spoon's Summer Basketball League

The City of Erie and local businesses partner with Spoon's League to provide a summer youth basketball league. For more information about the league and registration visit spoonsleague.org, or **contact:** Mel Witherspoon at 814-746-6854.

Spoon's Courts

Sponsored by the City of Erie and local businesses

Location: East 19th St. between French and Holland streets

Bayview Park Courts

Sponsored by the City of Erie and local businesses

Location: Bayview Park, West Second Street between Cherry and Walnut streets

The boys and girls leagues accepts a maximum of 80 players per age group (9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16). Maximum of 320 players. Must have a minimum of 40.

Dates: June 19 – Aug. 31

Spoon's Courts: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
9-10-year-olds play at 5:30 p.m.; 11-12, 6:15 p.m.; 13-14, 7:00 p.m.; 15-16, 7:45 p.m.

Bayview Courts: Tuesdays and Thursdays. 9-10-year-olds play at 5:30 p.m.; 11-12, 6:15 p.m.; 13-14, 7:00 p.m.; 15-16, 7:45 p.m.

Mandatory Workshop (Date TBD):

There will be a mandatory workshop for parents, coaches, and players that covers all code of conduct issues, parent authorization, game rules and conduct, and medical release signatures. One or both parents must attend for your child to play.

The player workshops will continue throughout league play. The workshops for the players (during league play) will take place one half hour prior to the start of their game, except the 9-10 year-olds, whose session will begin immediately after their game. Our theme is, "No workshop, no jump shot!" and it applies to both Spoon's Court and Bayview Park.

The Spoon's League would like to thank all the volunteers and those who have supported the program for the past 32 years. Visit the calendar on our website to follow the game schedule and view any rule changes. Please check the website for any rain-out information.

Under the new state law, all coaches and volunteers must obtain their child abuse clearance in order to participate. No exceptions.



Co-ed Biddy Basketball Camp

Sponsored by the City of Erie and the Housing Authority of the City of Erie

Spoon's Court II

Location: 1120 Pennsylvania Ave.

Registration: May 15 – June 2 online at spoonsleague.org. Only the first 40 campers will be accepted.

Camp: June 26 – June 30

Ages: 6 to 9

All participants will receive a T-shirt at the beginning of camp and they must wear it every day in order to participate. Those who attend the entire week will receive a medal of participation. Special event awards will be presented on June 30. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Skate Program

Sponsored by the City of Erie and The Isle Surf and Skate Shop

Location: Columbus Park's skatepark

Dates and times: Saturdays,
June 3 – Sept. 2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Fun, laid-back skateboarding sessions for boys and girls ages 5-13. For beginner, novice and experienced skateboarders. Representatives from The Isle Surf and Skate Shop will be on hand to provide assistance and fun activities. Parents are welcome to participate with their children. Bring your own skateboard. Helmets and pads are encouraged.

Contact: Dan Parra, 814-616-0136 or email theislesurfskate@gmail.com.

Go Skateboarding Day 2023:

Date: June 21

Location: Columbus Park

Time: Begins at 2 p.m.

The Isle Skate and Surf Shop will have a full day's worth of events at the skatepark. Details will be announced in early summer.



Mid-Day Dance Break

Location: Perry Square

Dates: Thursdays: June 15, 22 & 29 and July 6, 13 & 20

Time: 12 – 1 p.m.

Ages: All ages

The Crime Victim Center is pleased to again pair with Jennifer Dennehy to bring an interactive art series, the “Mid-Day Dance Break” (MDDB) to downtown Erie. This program will bring dance and art into people’s lives, providing a holistic viewpoint, and enriching the community with themes of empowerment and fun.

The overall theme for MDDB is “empowerment.” Each week, dance performers will convey that theme through a brief performance of their dance style, followed by a workshop portion to allow audience members to try out the dance style. MDDB also features a weekly visual artist who will create a piece inspired by that session. The artist will be present at the weekly events, sketching, photographing, or working on the piece. At the project’s conclusion, this artwork will be displayed for sale in a gallery format at the Crime Victim Center.

No registration required. Free and open to the public.

Footlights Theatre Performing Arts Center

Location: 947 West 12th St.

Dates: June 12 – July 28 (two productions)

Phone: 814-566-0807

Email: kc@footlightspac.com

Our mission is to continue our outreach of bringing performing arts education and experiences to students in the City of Erie and Erie County, and to bring them these experiences at no cost.

Join us for the 49th annual summer production. We have two performance opportunities for students this summer. Students will spend the weeks in their respective programming learning acting, singing, and dance essentials, and will put those skills together to perform musical productions that will be free to the community to attend. Rehearsals will be held at our studio location – 947 West 12th St. Performance locations will be announced soon.

Registration opened on May 1. To register, visit footlightspac.com or call 814-566-0807. Auditions will be held at the end of May in the evening, and students will begin learning the skills and show material on the first day we meet in June. All students who register will be in the show. Auditions are held to place students in the roles that are appropriate

for their comfort and ability. No experience is necessary to participate or audition. We will teach your students everything they need to know.

An end-of-program picnic will be held on July 29 for both casts.

Junie B. Jones Jr.

Ages: 6-12

Dates: June 12 – July 14

Time: 9 – 11:30 AM, Monday – Friday

There will be two performances in the evening on July 13 and July 14. Attendance is mandatory from July 10 – July 14.

Big Fish

Ages: 11-18

Dates: June 12 - July 28

Time: 12:30 – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday

There will be two evening technical rehearsals on July 24 and 25, and three evening performances from July 26 – 28. Attendance is mandatory from July 17 – 28.

2023 HACE Summer Activity Schedule

The Housing Authority of the City of Erie (HACE) has developed a comprehensive Youth Development Program from June 12 – Aug. 18 (unless otherwise specified). It includes weekly sports and educational mini-camps including biddy-basketball, mentor/youth golf, reading, art, photography, and learn-to-fish programs. **Contact:** Cherie Kinem at 814-452-2425.

YMCA Kids Clubs

Dates: Monday – Friday,

Time: 12 – 8 p.m.

Locations:

John E. Horan Garden Apartments

730 Tacoma Road
814-456-6558

Erie Heights/Pineview

4020 Garden Ave.
814-860-8499

Dafmark Art Club in the John E. Horan Garden Apartments

Location: 2110 East 10th St., Apartment C.

Dates: Mondays - Fridays

Time: 3 – 7 p.m.

Phone: 814-449-8327

Email: hoopsbydennehy@gmail.com

Rodger Young Pool

Open swim and recreation program. See details on this elsewhere in this guide.

Location: Buffalo Road and Downing Avenue

Dates: Monday – Saturday, June 14 – Aug. 18

Time: 12 – 5 p.m.

26th Annual Family Picnic – Waldameer Park

Date: Friday, July 14

Cost: \$7

Sign up at your management office by July 13. Public housing residents only.

Summer Lunch Program

Locations: John F. Kennedy Center, YMCA Kids Clubs at Horan Garden Apartments, Erie Heights, and Pineview

Dates: Monday – Friday,

Time: 12:00 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Center Summer Recreation Program

Location: 2021 East 20th St.

Dates: Monday – Friday, June 12 – Aug. 11

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-18

Phone: 814-898-0400, x3029

Breakfast and lunch provided. Registration required. All youth and parents/guardians must attend an orientation class. For information, and to register, call Tim Ward at the above phone number.

Erie Heights Library

Location: 4026 Garden Ave.

Dates: Mondays - Fridays

Time: 2 – 7 p.m.

Phone: 814-866-5986

Meet Your Neighbor Day

Pony rides, petting zoo, water slide, drum circle, hoop lessons, barbecue dinner

Dates:

June 15: Eastbrook

June 29: John Horan Garden Apartments

July 20: Lake City Dwellings/ Better Housing

Time: 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Playground Programs

Locations:

Agnes R. Priscaro Apartments, 1400 West 24th St.

Bird Drive, 1900 Bird Drive

Dates: Monday – Friday,

June 19 – Aug. 18

Time: 1 – 6 p.m.

Mentor / Youth Junior Golf Clinic Lessons

Learn the basics of golf. Clubs provided.

J.C. Martin Golf Course

July 24 – 28, 3 – 6 p.m.

Mentor/Youth Golf Tournament:

Date: July 29

Ages: 9 to 16

Contact: YMCA Kids Club, 814-456-6558, or the John F. Kennedy Center, 814-898-0400, to sign up. Public housing residents only.

Mentor / Youth Junior Learn-to-Fish Clinic

Learn hands-on fishing skills from adult mentors. Participants receive free fishing gear.

Location: John Horan Garden apartments and Presque Isle State Park

Dates: June 20 – 22

Ages: 8 to 14

Contact: YMCA Kids Club, 814-456-6558, or the John F. Kennedy Center, 814-898-0400, to sign up. Public housing residents only.

Erie County Public Library Bookmobile

Location: Erie Heights, 4026 Garden Ave.

Dates: Every other Tuesday, beginning June 6

Time: 3 – 4 p.m.

Location: John Horan Garden Apartments, 730 Tacoma Road

Dates: Every other Thursday, beginning June 8

Time: 3 – 4 p.m.

Summer Clinics

The Housing Authority is partnering with the YMCA, Dafmark, John F. Kennedy Center, and the Erie County Library to offer residents, ages 7 to 14, the opportunity to participate in several week-long mini-camps during the summer. Sign up at YMCA Kids Club, John F. Kennedy Center, and Dafmark Art Club in the John Horan Garden Apartments. For more information or to sign up, **contact:** Cherie at 814-452-2425.

Dates:

June 26 – 29: Nature Program, JFK Center and YMCA

June 19 – Aug. 31: Spoon's Basketball League, East 19th and French streets

June 26 – 30: Spoon's Biddy Ball, Eagle's Nest, 1120 Pennsylvania Ave.

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Washington Park
West 24th and Raspberry streets

JULY 30

Bayview Park
West Second and Cherry streets

JULY 16

Wayne Park
East Sixth Street and East Avenue

AUG. 6

Franklin Park
East Seventh Street and Marne Road

JULY 23

Nate Levy Park
East Second and Holland streets

AUG. 13

Baker Field
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