



# THE CITY OF ERIE

## 2024 SUMMER RECREATION GUIDE



City of Erie Residents: Discover **FREE** Programs Inside!



# There's something for everyone this summer in Erie!

Welcome to the 2024 Summer Parks and Recreation Guide. Erie is an amazing place to be in the summer and there's no place better to be than in one of our 45 parks or greenspaces. Whether it's playing at a playground, enjoying a free concert, participating in team sports or the arts, or learning a new skill, there is something for everyone - all at no cost for City of Erie residents.

In 2023, there was record participation in Erie's Summer Rec programs and so much has happened in the course of a year.

The Baldwin Park Pickleball Courts were completed on West 25th Street and Berst, so in addition to basketball, roller skating and a playground, park visitors can enjoy this wildly popular new sport. If you haven't tried it, Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It's a lot of fun and a great workout.

Check out the newly renovated Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 4th and Chestnut, or the upgraded playground equipment at Lighthouse Park next to the Land Lighthouse built in 1867 to help sailors navigate the waters of Lake Erie.

Take time during the nice summer weather to enjoy Pulaski Park or Rodger Young Park or take a break from the action, pack some snacks, and eat at one of the new picnic pavilions at McClelland Park, Glenwood Park, or MLK Park.

Also, very popular last summer was the Footlights Theatre Program where over 130 children learned about the performing arts through acting, singing, and dancing - no experience necessary. It's a great program for children of

all ages and abilities in a fun, safe, inclusive, and diverse environment.

For over three decades, every summer boys and girls ages 6-16 have enjoyed the Spoons Summer Basketball League. In its 34th year of service to the community, the league provides a positive atmosphere filled with learning, fun, and friendships.

Or perhaps the game of golf is more your speed. The City of Erie manages two outstanding public golf courses at Downing and J.C. Martin - both of which are fantastic for young and old, from beginner to seasoned golfer. Also making a return in 2024 is Glow Golf - a fun and unique way to play golf at J.C. Martin in the evening. Make sure to call in advance to book your tee times!

And the future of Erie's parks and recreation is going to be even brighter. Recently, the City was awarded a planning grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program to fund a Comprehensive Recreation, Park, and Open-space Plan for all city-owned parks. This plan will include recommendations for improvements based on resident input, so please keep your eyes open for opportunities to share your thoughts and priorities.

I look forward to seeing you all, this summer!



**Joe Schember**  
Mayor, City of Erie

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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 Parks and Amenities Locations

This summer, take advantage of 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

### Andrews Park

Andrews Park Way  
and Lake Avenue  
*greenspace*

### 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  
*greenspace*

### Franklin Park

East Seventh Street  
and Marne Road  
*softball*

### Hillside Park

East 41st Street and  
Old French Road  
*playground/baseball fields*

### Holland Street Playground

East 23th and Holland Streets  
*playground/basketball*

### John G. Carney Park / Woodlawn Park

1900 Block of Woodlawn Avenue  
*playground/greenspace*

### Joseph Walczak Sr. Park

East 44th Street and Alan Drive  
*playground/baseball/soccer/  
basketball/volleyball/shelter*

### Kosciuszko Park

East 12th and Wayne Streets  
*playground/softball/basketball*

### Lake Park

Lakeside Drive and Lake Avenue  
*greenspace*

### Land Lighthouse Park

Foot of Lighthouse Street  
*playground*

### McCarty Playground

East Second Street and  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
*basketball/softball*

### McClelland Park

East 26th Street and  
McClelland Avenue  
*greenspace/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/gardens/benches*

### Pulaski Park

East 10th Street and Hess Avenue  
*playground/softball*

### Rainbow Park

East 15th and Wallace Streets  
*greenspace/garden/benches*

### Rodger Young Park

Buffalo Road 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  
*greenspace/trails*

### Wallace Street Playground

East Front and Wallace Streets  
*playground/soccer/softball*

### Wayne Park

East Sixth Street and East Avenue  
*picnic shelters/benches/  
greenspaces/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 Memorial Park / Baur Park

West 21st 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  
*greenspace/benches*

### Glenwood Park

Glenwood Park Avenue  
and West 41st Street  
*playground/horseshoes/  
picnic pavilions*

### Gridley Park

Park Avenue and Liberty Street  
*playground/passive*

### Griswold Park

West 14th and Peach treets  
*fountain/benches*

### Hagerty Park

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

### Larry Fabrizi Park

1700 Block of West 27th  
between Ellsworth Avenue  
and Harvard Boulevard  
*greenspace*

### Martin Luther King Jr. Park

West Fourth Street near  
Chestnut Street  
*playground*

### Orush Park

1700 Block between West  
27th and 29th Streets  
*greenspace*

### Pebble Lake Playground

Washington Avenue and  
Cold Springs Drive  
*swings/gardens/benches*

### Perry Square West

State Street and North Park Row  
*event stage/gardens/benches*

### Ruby Schaaf Park

West 19th and Myrtle streets  
*basketball*

### Victory Park

West 13th Street and  
Lincoln Avenue  
*playground/baseball*

### Washington Square Park

West 24th and Raspberry Streets  
*gazebo/benches*

### Woodland Park

Woodland Drive and  
Kahkwa Boulevard  
*natural woods/creek*

### Woodlawn Park

West 32nd Street and  
Harvard Road  
*greenspace*

# 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 \$20  
9 Holes \$13

## 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 \$24  
9 Holes \$15  
Twilight (4:30 p.m.) \$12

## Cart Specials

18 Holes \$34 Weekdays (Anytime)  
Weekends & Holidays (After 12 p.m.)

## Sunset Cart Fee

— \$22 Everyday (after 6 p.m.)

## Senior (55+) and Military

18 Holes \$27 Everyday (Anytime)

## Youth Clinic Series

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

**Location:** J.C. Martin Golf Course  
**Dates:** May 22 – July 27

### May:

Wednesdays: 22, 29  
Saturdays: 25  
Rain Date: 30 (6:30–7:30 p.m.)

### June:

Wednesdays: 5, 19, 26  
Saturdays: 1, 8, 22, 29  
Rain Dates: 6, 20 (6:30–7:30 p.m.)

### July:

Wednesdays: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Saturdays: 6, 13, 20, 27  
Rain dates: 11, 25 (6:30–7:30)

Clinics will end July 27 with season pass give-aways

**Time:** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
and Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
**Ages:** 8 to 14 (boys and girls)

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

## Glow Golf

**Location:** J.C. Martin Golf Course  
**Dates:** June 1 – September 2, Fridays and Saturdays  
**Time:** Begins ½ hour before dusk.  
**Phone:** 814-864-1821

Glow Golf is back in 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 10 – August 9 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 [kervmaz@hotmail.com](mailto:kervmaz@hotmail.com).

# 63rd Annual City Recreation Tennis Tournament

**Location:** Frontier Park

**Junior:** July 15–18 starting at 4 p.m. daily

**Adult:** August 1–4 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 [kervmaz@hotmail.com](mailto:kervmaz@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, Erie County Sheriff's office, Erie County Juvenile and Adult Probation, and the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

**Ages:** Students grades 4-12

The PAL program unlocks the cop-kid relationships through police officers mentoring, interacting with, and playing sports with students. The program promotes positive character development and offers free programming after school and during the summer. Four featured events this summer are:

**June 17-21:** 4th Annual PAL Camp at Boys & Girls Club of Erie

**July 8-12:** 4th Annual Junior Police Academy

**July 17-18:** 2nd Annual Intelligence / Cyber Security Camp

**July 29 – August 2:** 8th 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 Erie's Public Schools, 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](mailto: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 EPD's Community Outreach Program spends time at 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
- Holding sessions on the effects that drugs and alcohol have on our personal/professional goals
- Promoting a healthy drug-and alcohol-free lifestyle

To sign up for the Booker T. Washington Center 2024 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 “Down on the Farm”

While attending the Trinity Center’s Summer Recreation Program, youth will have the opportunity to learn where our food comes from through hands-on activities that will include reading, writing, math, and science investigation, field trips, and guest speakers.

- Visit a family run dairy farm and milk processing plant and hatch chicks from eggs.
- Field trips including swimming, fishing, Erie Zoo, Pymatuning Animal Park, bowling and roller-skating.
- Physical fitness and sports activities in the gym, arts and crafts, team building, community service projects, and investigating careers.
- Families will have the opportunity to attend a Wellness Fair and a family day at Waldameer.

**Location:** 462 West 18th St.  
**Phone:** 814-724-7510, ext. 526  
**Dates:** Monday July 1 – Friday, August 9 | Closed July 4  
**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:** Families are required to attend a Parent Orientation and complete a registration packet, which is available at the Trinity Center.

**Contact:** Esther Thompson at 814-724-7510, ext. 526 or [ethompson@bethesda1919.org](mailto:ethompson@bethesda1919.org).

## Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center

**Location:** 312 Chestnut St.  
**Phone:** 814-459-2761 ext. 241  
**Dates:** Monday – Friday, July 1 – August 9 | Closed July 4  
**Time:** 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
**Ages:** 6 to 14

The MLK Summer Program will provide constructive, organized activities designed to promote social interaction and positive behaviors.

**Registration:** Applications will be available June 17.

**Contact:** Darlean Henderson at 814-459-2761, ext. 234 or [admin@mlkcentererie.org](mailto:admin@mlkcentererie.org).

## John F. Kennedy Center, Inc. Bobby Harrison Way

**Location:** 2021 East 20th St.  
**Phone:** 814-898-0400 ext. 3029  
**Dates:** Monday – Friday, June 14 – August 23 | Closed July 4  
**Times:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m. for ages 5-18 | 3–7 p.m. for ages 13-18  
 Breakfast 9–10 a.m. | Lunch 12–1 p.m.  
**Ages:** 5 to 18

- Free breakfast and lunch programs
- Indoor sports and games
- Outdoor activities and field trips
- 21 Century learning program
- Golf
- Nature trail
- Fishing
- Drone technology
- Pa Adopt-A-Highway
- Girl Scouts
- Life skills
- Prevention Based Program (Drugs & Alcohol)
- Arts & Crafts

Also accepting youth workers through GECAC summer youth employment program.

To participate, all youth and parents/guardians must schedule and attend a program orientation. Applications for 2024 summer/fall available beginning June 5.

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

## Boys & Girls Club of Erie, Inc. “Summer in the City Camp Experience”

**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 10 – August 16 | Closed July 4  
**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 and Erie Arts & Culture, 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 includes:

- The arts
- Character & leadership
- Guidance & education
- Health & life skills
- Social recreation
- Sports & fitness
- Swim lessons & open swims
- Drive club (r/c car racing, drones, boats)
- Community gardening

Youth campers will also go on local and regional field trips. Breakfast and lunch are available daily. Applications are available at the Boys & Girls Club or on their website [eriebgc.com](http://eriebgc.com).



## 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 12 – Friday, August 16  
**Time:** 12–5 p.m.

**Ages:** 6 to 17 (birth certificate required for 6-year-olds)

Registration will start June 11 with a meet-and-greet event from 4–6 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 4–6.

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

2024 Summer of Success Program (SAIL)

**Location:** 1720 Holland St.  
**Phone:** 814-453-5744  
**Dates:** Monday – Friday, July 1 – August 16 | Closed July 4  
 Breakfast 8:30–9 a.m. | Education 9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
 Lunch 12–1 p.m. | Enrichment 1–4 p.m.  
**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.

## Dafmark Creative Arts Center (DCAC)

Sponsored by the City of Erie, The Housing Authority of the City of Erie and the PA Department of Education

**Location:** 2110D East 10th Street  
**Dates:** Monday – Friday, June 10 – August 23 | Closed July 4  
**Time:** 12–5 p.m.

A creative FREE summer program for youth who live in public housing at the John E Horan Garden Apartments or for youth who attend a qualifying school: Edison, East, RB Wiley, and The Eagles Nest. DCAC provides art lessons taught by professional teaching artists. Our summer program rotates artists so that each week features 1 or 2 different art forms. Previous art forms taught include: painting, drawing, ceramics, printmaking, stop motion animation, digital art, drumming, Indian dance, hoop dance, theater, and more. Students are provided one-on-one tutoring at least once a week by our Education Specialists as well as fun and engaging educational group lessons taught daily by our Education Specialists. Healthy snacks provided daily.

**Contact:** Jennifer Dennehy, 814-449-8327 or email [dafmarkarts@gmail.com](mailto:dafmarkarts@gmail.com)

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, Buffalo Rd. 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](http://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:** Burton Park, Bayview Park, Gridley Park,  
McKinley Park, and Rodger Young Park

**Phone:** 814-882-3218

**Dates:** Monday - Friday

Beginning Wednesday, June 12 - Friday, August 9

**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 4 & 5 for observance of Independence Day. **Contact:** Jen Sikora at 814-882-3218.

# Our West Bayfront Events

**Contact:** Anna Frantz, [anna@ourwestbayfront.org](mailto:anna@ourwestbayfront.org)

## Free Fishing Day

Sponsored by AmeriHealth Caritas

**Dates:** May 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Liberty Pier

Join Our West Bayfront and the SONS of Lake Erie for a kid-friendly, free fishing day at Liberty Pier! All necessary equipment will be provided. Adults and children are welcome and do not need a fishing license to participate. If transportation is needed down to Liberty Pier, meet at the MLK Center (312 Chestnut Street).

## West BayFit

Sponsored by Erie Community Foundation  
Activities and Learning sponsored by National Fuel Gas

**Location:** Bayview Park

**Dates:** June 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17 and 24 **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

West BayFit at Bayview Park combines fun, fitness, and family with a variety of activities, sports, local community organizations, fresh produce, and more. There is a little bit of something for everyone! Join us each Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Bayview Park, except for the week of the Fourth of July.

## Farmer's Market

Sponsored by UPMC Health Plan

**Location:** Bayview Park

**Dates:** July 31, August 7, August 14 **Time:** 6-8 p.m.

OWB partners with Burch Farms to keep the Farmer's Market at West BayFit going through August! Join us every Wednesday through August at Bayview Park from 6 to 8 PM, where Burch Farms will be offering all sorts of goods, produce and more. A free \$5 voucher is available to anyone 18 years and older each week.

## Gridley Park National Night Out

**Location:** Gridley Park **Date:** August 6 **Time:** 5-8 p.m.

Join the West Bayfront community for the neighborhood party of the summer! All your favorite activities will be back, including:

- Free hot dog dinner from Three B Saloon
- Music from Familiar Spirit Band
- Children's activities, including bounce slides, games and more
- Dozens of organizations providing helpful information and resources
- A basket raffle featuring over 20 local organizations and businesses
- And so much more!

## West Bayfront Porchfest

Sponsored by Federal Resources Corporation

**Location:** Across the West Bayfront

**Date:** September 28 **Time:** 12-6 p.m.

Featuring local musicians hosted by West Bayfront neighbors on their beautiful porches scattered through the neighborhoods, PorchFest is a family-friendly, fun-filled day. Don't miss the new addition to the festival! Head over to Gridley Park throughout the day for food and drinks from local restaurants and breweries. Plus, grab some PorchFest merch!

## Eerie Fall Fest at Gridley Park

Sponsored by AmeriHealth Caritas

**Date:** October 19, 11 a.m.-2 p.m at Gridley Park

On Saturday, October 19, join Our West Bayfront and Gannon University from 11AM to 2PM at Gridley Park for Eerie Fall Fest! Enjoy free, kid-friendly crafts, games, carriage rides, music, and so much more! At 12:00, there is a trick-or-treat parade for kids of all ages, featuring candy stations with our community partners and organizations.

## MLK Center Events

**Ice Cream Social:** May 17

**Summer Festival:** August 3

**Halloween Party:** October 31

## Hagen History Center Free Days

June 9, August 11, November 10

# Nature in Your Neighborhood

Presented by Asbury Woods

Sponsored by Erie Community Foundation

**Contact:** Sarah Bennett, Director of Education and Community Programs | 814-836-6178 | [asburywoods.org](http://asburywoods.org)

**Locations:** Perry Square, McKinley Park,  
Bayview Park, Wayne Park, McClelland Park

**Dates:** Thursdays, June 13 - August 15 **Time:** 2-3 p.m.

**All Ages**

**Weekly programs (Thursdays):**

**June 13:** Perry Square - Insides & Outsides:  
Explore Animal Pelts & Skulls

**June 20:** Bayview Park - Underwater Creatures:  
Find Creatures Big and Small

**June 27:** McKinley Park - Trees Are Terrific

**July 18:** Bayview Park - Insides & Outsides:  
Explore Animal Pelts & Skulls

**July 25:** Perry Square - Underwater Creatures:  
Find Creatures Big and Small

**August 1:** Wayne Park - I Spy: Nature Scavenger Hunt

**August 15:** McClelland Park - Trees Are Terrific

# 34th Annual Spoon's Summer Basketball League

Spoon's League has provided summer basketball for inner city youth for years at E. 19th St. between French and Holland Streets. The League hosts an average of 270 youth participating in the City sponsored program. In addition to City support, several local businesses and non-profit organizations also sponsor teams.

Volunteer coaches needed for all age groups: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-16. Register online at [spoonsleague.org](http://spoonsleague.org).

*All coaches must present an updated child abuse certificate from the State in order to coach.*

## Spoon's Courts

Sponsored by the City of Erie and local businesses

**Location:** E. 19th St. between French and Holland streets

First games start **July 8, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.\***

## Bayview Park Courts

Sponsored by the City of Erie and local businesses

**Location:** Bayview Park, W. 2nd St. between Cherry and Walnut streets

First games start **July 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.\***

**COMBINE: Bayview Park | May 11 at 10 a.m.**

*Sign-ups for the league will be accepted at the combines. Attendance is mandatory to play in the leagues. Erie Housing Authority and PAL teams are exempt from the combine and draft.*

Spoon's League games combined men and women due to low female turnout in recent years. If enough women sign up for 2024, separate divisions will return, with women's placement based on skill and age.

**\*Spoon's Courts: Mon, Wed, Fri | Bayview Park: Tues, Thurs**

At both courts, 9-10 age group will begin at 5:30 p.m.; 11-12 will begin at 6:15 p.m.; 13-14 at 7:00 p.m. and 15-16 at 7:45 p.m. Game schedules will be posted on [spoonsleague.org](http://spoonsleague.org), local media, and City of Erie website.

## Co-ed Biddy Basketball Camp

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

**Location:** Spoon's Court II | 1126 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Registration:** Online at [spoonsleague.org](http://spoonsleague.org)

Only the first 40 campers will be accepted.

**Camp:** June 24-28 **Ages:** 6 to 9

The camp is co-ed and the age limit is from 6-9 years old (with few exception made by the Commissioner). 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 28. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.





## Mid-Day Dance Break

**Location:** Perry Square  
**Dates:** Thursdays June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18, 25  
**Time:** 12-1 p.m. | **Ages:** All ages

The Crime Victim Center of Erie County (CVC) is excited to once again collaborate with Jennifer Dennehy of Kinetic Creativity to present an interactive art series titled “Mid-Day Dance Break” (MDDDB) in downtown Erie throughout June and July. Taking place at Perry Square, this series will offer six performance and workshop sessions on Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m., aiming to infuse dance, music and art into the community’s daily rhythm, embracing a diverse perspective, and fostering a sense of unity and joy.

The overarching theme of MDDDB is “celebrating empowerment.” Each week, dance artists will interpret this theme through a short performance showcasing their unique style, followed by a workshop segment inviting audience members to explore the dance form themselves. Additionally, MDDDB will feature a visual artist each week who will create a piece inspired by the session, actively engaging with the community by sketching, photographing, or crafting on-site. These artworks will be exhibited and available for purchase in gallery format at CVC on September 27 | 4:30 - 9 p.m. For more details call CVC at 814-455-9414 or visit [cvcerie.org](http://cvcerie.org).

No prior registration is necessary. The events are free and open to everyone in the community.

## Footlights Theatre Performing Arts Center

**Phone:** 814-566-0807  
**Email:** [kc@footlightspac.com](mailto: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 50th annual summer production at the Footlights Theatre Performing Arts Center. Students will spend the weeks in their respective programming learning to act, sing, and dance, and will put those skills together to perform a musical production that will be free for the community to attend. Rehearsal and performance locations

will be announced soon. Registration opens May 1. Call or visit [footlightspac.com](http://footlightspac.com) to register. Auditions will be held at the end of May in the evening, and students will begin learning the skills and show material on June 10. All students who register will be in the show. Auditions are held to simply place students in the roles that are appropriate for their comfort and ability. No experience is necessary to participate or audition. Students will learn everything they need to know through the camp.

A picnic will be held at the end of the program on Sunday, July 28th.

## Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka

**Ages:** 6-18  
**Dates:** June 10 - July 26  
**Time:** 9-11:30 a.m. (Monday - Friday);  
 9-2:45 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka follows enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats: the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka’s rules in the factory...or suffer the consequences.

There will be three evening performances on July 24, 25, and 26. Attendance will be mandatory July 15-26.



# 2024 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,  
 June 10 - August 16  
**Times:** 12-6:30 p.m.  
 11 a.m.-7 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:** Monday - Friday  
**Time:** 3-7 p.m.  
**Phone:** 814-449-8327  
**Email:** [hoopsbydennehy@gmail.com](mailto: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 12 - August 17  
**Time:** 12-5 p.m.

### 27th Annual Family Picnic - Waldameer Park

**Date:** Friday, July 17  
**Cost:** \$7  
 Sign up at your management office by July 11. Public housing residents only.

### Summer Lunch Program

**Locations:** John F. Kennedy Center  
**Dates:** Monday - Friday,  
 June 14 - August 23  
**Time:** 12-1 p.m.

### John F. Kennedy Center Summer Recreation Program

**Location:** 2021 East 20th St.  
**Dates:** Monday - Friday,  
 June 14 - August 23  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-7 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:** Monday - Friday  
**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 13:** Eastbrook  
**June 27:** John Horan Garden Apartments  
**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 17 - August 16  
**Time:** 1-6 p.m.

### Mentor / Youth Junior Golf Clinic Lessons

Learn the basics of golf. Clubs provided.  
**J.C. Martin Golf Course**  
 July 29 - August 2, 3-6 p.m.

### Mentor/Youth Golf Tournament:

**Date:** August 3  
**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:** July 23 - 25  
**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 4  
**Time:** 3-4 p.m.  
**Location:** John Horan Garden Apartments, 730 Tacoma Road  
**Dates:** Every other Thursday,  
 beginning June 6  
**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 17 - 21:** Nature Program, JFK Center and YMCA

**June 19 - August 31:** Spoon’s Basketball League, East 19th and French streets

**June 26 - 30:** Spoon’s Biddy Basketball, Eagle’s Nest, 1126 Pennsylvania Ave.



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**JULY 21**  
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*East 32nd and Holland Streets*

**JULY 28**  
Nate Levy Park  
*East Second and Holland Streets*

**AUG. 4**  
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**AUG. 11**  
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