

WILMINGTON CONNECTS

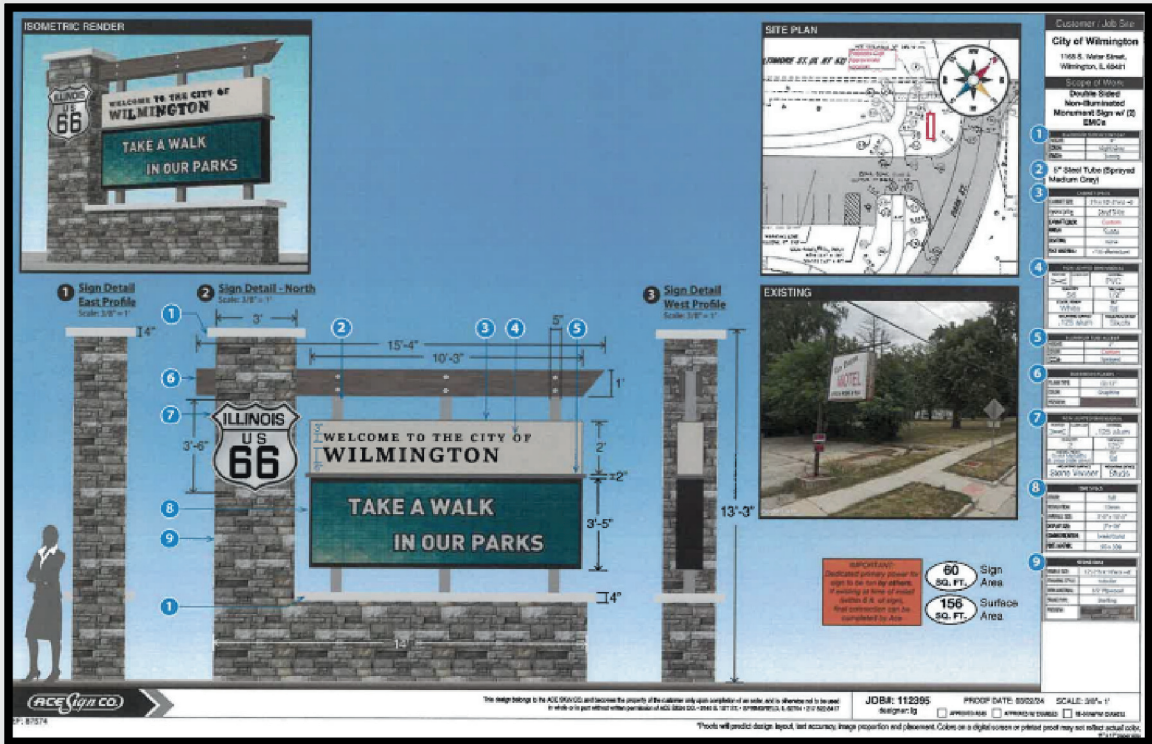


SUMMER

EDITION



WILMINGTON RECEIVES GRANT TO INSTALL WELCOME SIGN



The City of Wilmington would like to thank Heritage Corridor Destinations Convention and Visitors Bureau for providing grant funds that will cover the cost of a new LED welcome sign at South Island Park. The sign is part of a new park project fronting Bridge Street (RT 66). This new park will be home to the Gemini Giant once he has had some repair work done at the Giant museum. The sign is scheduled to be installed by the end of June. The remainder of the project will commence this summer with plans to complete Phase I by the end of the summer and a new access road next summer.

Senior News You Can Use



Don't be a victim...the top scams affecting seniors include:

- 1) **IRS/Department of Revenue** - Phone calls around tax season regarding a person committing tax fraud or owing back taxes and needing to transfer money before IRS seizes assets or garnishes wages.
- 2) **Tech Support Scams** - Phone calls or emails advising your computer has been hacked and you need to purchase a tool or a service to clean your computer system
- 3) **Relatives arrested/threatening you to be arrested** - Phone calls involving a relative or friend being arrested and needing money to post bail. Threatening they have incriminating evidence against you and will turn evidence over to police unless a sum of money is sent to someone to keep the evidence under wraps.
- 4) **Romance** - developing a romantic relationship and slowly asking for money and monetary value increases as the duration of the "relationship" increases.

If you think you are a victim of fraud, call Wilmington Police at 815.476.2813 and ask to speak with an officer

SEWER GAS ODORS



Our city periodically cleans sewer lines to ensure proper functionality and prevent blockages. This process involves using high-pressure jets to clean the sewer mains.

While this cleaning is crucial for maintaining the integrity of our sewer system, it can result in temporary sewer gas odors in nearby homes and businesses.

Alleviating Sewer Gas Odors:

If you detect a sewer gas odor in your home, we recommend the following steps

Run Water in Fixtures -

To address dry drain traps, run water in all fixtures (sinks, showers, toilets) for a few moments. Additionally, pour a pitcher of water into each floor drain. This action refills the traps and creates a barrier to block sewer gas.

If you have any questions or concerns about sewer maintenance, please contact Wilmington Public Works at 815-476-3104.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the proper functioning of our sewer system and maintaining a clean and safe environment for all residents.

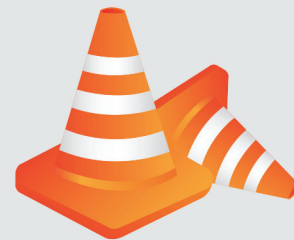
CONSTRUCTION AHEAD

The City of Wilmington received an award of \$2 Million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding last year for much needed infrastructure improvements in the downtown area.

The improvements will include storm sewer rehabilitation, manhole rehabilitation, sanitary sewer lining, and water main improvements on North Kankakee Street, North Main Street, and North Water Street. In addition, North Kankakee and North Main Streets will also be repaired and repaved.

Construction will begin no earlier than August of 2024 and completed by June of 2025. Intermittent daytime closure will be required as work progresses. All roads will be open to traffic at the close of each work day.

**Thank you for your
patience and
cooperation during
construction!**



LET FREEDOM ROCK! ON THE ISLAND

The City of Wilmington invites you to join us in celebration of the Independence Day Holiday on **Friday, June 28th** on the island from **6pm to midnight**. This free event features a live music performance by **Maggie Speaks**, food trucks, a beer stand, glow-in-the-dark putt putt golf, facepainting, interactive games for the kids, and of course **FIREWORKS!**



Please be reminded that folding chairs are recommended and no outside alcohol is permitted on the grounds



CITY OF WILMINGTON



SUMMER WITH THE PARK DISTRICT



FARMERS MARKETS



Get ready to turnip the beet at our summer farmers markets! With live music that's fresher than our locally sourced veggies, you'll be dancing in the aisles. Chow down on delicious eats from our food trucks while browsing handcrafted goodies that are as unique as your uncle's backyard experiments. Don't miss out on the fun – it's the ultimate veg-out session of the season!

June 20th July 18th August 15th September 19th
5-8pm
N. Water St.

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

Schools out for the summer (wahoo)! But that also means no sports (boo!). Join us for your fix; we are offering:

Sand volleyball
Street basketball
Bean Bags
Summer Fitness Challenge (free!)

Visit our website to register today!

LIL' ADVENTURERS

Where tiny feet make big strides!

Lil' adventurers is designed for 1-3-year-olds wanting to socialize while refining their fine and gross motor skills. This summer, we'll be at our new & improved Children's Memorial Park!

Visit our website to enroll now and set your child on the path to a lifetime of active, healthy living!

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Grab the chairs, blankets & bugspray, we are watching movies in the park!

Fri., June 14th - Trolls Band Together

Fri., Aug 10th - The Sandlot

Movie starts at dusk (approx 7:30pm) in Veterans Park

SPORTY SPROUTS

Introducing Sporty Sprouts – where little athletes bloom!

This program caters to 4-5-year-olds, providing a fun-filled environment to refine their gross motor & athletic skills.

Visit our website to enroll now and set your child on the path to a lifetime of active, healthy living!



Register online or at front desk

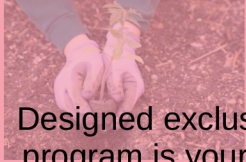
www.islandparkdistrict.com



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ADVENTURES IN ABILITY



Designed exclusively for young adults and teens aged 14 to 21 with special needs, this program is your passport to fun-filled adventures in nature and the community. Picture days spent exploring lush parks, learning new skills, and forging lasting friendships under the sun. With each step, participants will not only build confidence but also create memories that will last a lifetime.

Join us as we redefine possibilities and embrace the beauty of inclusivity in every outdoor excursion!

More Details & Sign Up @ www.islandparkdistrict.com or Contact McKenna @ mcapwell@islandparkdistrict.com

WE WILL GROW COMMUNITY GARDEN

Dive into a summer of growth & greens at Children's Memorial Park! Thanks to an \$11,000 grant from Will County Land Use Department, our community garden is set to bloom brighter than a sunflower on a sunny day.

From hands-on programs tailored for both adults & children, cultivating your green thumb has never been this fun!

Plus, get ready to savor the fruits (& veggies) of our labor at our farmers markets.

Don't miss out on the chance to sow, grow, and glow with us this season!



KIDS SUMMER OLYMPICS

Paris isn't the only place to find the Olympics this summer. We're bringing them to Wilmington!

Tiny feet, big feats – join the fun at the Kids' Summer Olympics!

**August 5th - August 8th
9:30am - 11:30am**

New sport everyday!
Visit our website to register today!

SUMMER CAMP

Summer and summer camp, what could be better? Keep those kids active, engaged, and entertained all summer long!

Sports, Nature, Field Trips, Movies, Bowling, & Friends!

Sign up a week at a time or join us for the whole summer! Contact mcapwell@islandparkdistrict.com for more info.



June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Soundbath in the Park 9-10am
2	3 Genealogy Club @6pm	4 City Council Mtg. @7pm	5 Stamp Club @3:30pm	6 Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm	7 Town Garage Sales Lemonade Stand @3-5pm	8 Historical Lecture w/ Sandy Vasko @1pm Town Garage Sales
9 Wilmington Area Community Band Concert @6pm	10 Summer FIT Challenge @6pm	11 Committee of the Whole Mtg. @5:30pm	12 Paint Your Own Birdhouse @1pm Stamp Club @3:30pm The Forge Field Trip	13 Father's Day Take & Make Craft Paint Your Own Birdhouse @1pm Electronics Recycling @5-7pm	14 Movie @ Veteran's Park @7pm	15 Summer Reading Program Kick-Off @12:30pm HIIT Yoga @9-10am
16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	17 Build Your Summer Character @1pm Proclamation Flowers @1pm Library Board Mtg @6:30pm	18 Story Time & Story Telling @1pm Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	19 BINGO @1pm Witch & Wizard Workshop @3:30pm AIA in the Park! @6-8pm	20 Nature Walk @Midewin @10am Bean Bags @1-3pm Farmer's Market @5-8pm	21 Cozy Mystery Book Club @1pm Patriotic Paint Night	22 Kid's Fishing Derby @3-7pm
23 Wilmington Area Community Band Concert @6pm	24 Movie @ the Mar @10am Mythology Puppets Part 1 @1pm Book Club @6pm	25 Mythology Puppets Part 2 @1pm	26 Brookfield Zoo Trip Mini Fairy Garden Craft @1pm Hero's Journey: Walking the Labyrinth @3:30pm	27 Medusa Head Mask Craft @6pm	28 LIHEAP @9-11:30am Let Freedom Rock Celebration! @6pm Car Show Fireworks	29 Hunter's Safety @8am-3:30pm Book Club @1pm
30 Hunter's Safety @8am-1pm	<p><u>*Park District Weekly Recurring Classes (06/14 - 07/26):</u> Ballet: Friday @8:30-9am (3 & 4 y.o.) & @9-9:45am (5-9 y.o.); Tumbling: Friday @9:45-10:30am (3 & 4 y.o.) & @10:30-11am (5-9 y.o.); *Recurring Classes (6/10 - 8/17): Youth Basketball: Mon @5-6pm; Adult Basketball: Mon @6-8pm; Adult Sand Volleyball: Tues @6-8pm; Adult Pickleball: Wed @8-10am; Teen Sand Volleyball: Wed @5-7pm; Yoga: Wed @6:30-7:30pm; Cardio-Box: Thurs @11:30am-12pm; Low-Impact Chair: M/W @10-10:45am; HIIT - Mid-day: M/W @11am-12pm; HIIT - Evening: T/Th @5-6pm; AIA: Tues @9-10am; Lil Adventurers: Tues @10-11am; Sporty Sprouts: Wed @10-11am</p>					<p><u>*WPLD Weekly Recurring Programs (June - August):</u> Coffee, Tea, My Toddler, & Me: Thurs @11am</p>

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July 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Picky Piggy Construction @1pm Genealogy Club @6pm	2 Tale of Two Piggies Storytelling @1pm	3 Jack & the Beanstalk Craft & Mickey & the Beanstalk Movie @ 3:30pm	4 	5	6
7	8 Dragon Egg Craft @1pm Youth Water Safety Class @1pm	9 Magical Creatures Story Time @1pm City Council Mtg. @7pm Slammers Game Bus Trip	10 "Watch Out For Giants!" Game & Mini Canvas Ogre Contest Starts @3:30pm	11 Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm Electronics Recycling @5-7pm Teen Bean Bags @6pm Wooden Dragons Craft @6pm	12	13 Book Club @1pm
14 Wilmington Area Community Band Concert @6pm	15 Soundbath in the Park 9-10am Making of a Knight @1pm Library Board Mtg. @6:30pm	16 Reptile Show @ North Island @10am Knight Tales @1pm Committee of the Whole Mtg.@5:30pm	17 BINGO @1pm Knight Training @3:30pm AIA in the Park @6-8pm	18 Nature Walk @Pilcher Park @10am Farmer's Market @5-8pm Unicorns & Dragons Craft @6pm	19 Taylor Swift Bracelet Making Party @6-8pm	20 HIIT Yoga @9-10am Ren Faire Bus Trip @TBA
21	22 Soundbath in the Park 9-10am Movie @The Mar @10am Blood Drive @2pm Book Club @6pm	23 Movie Day: Pagemaster @2pm Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	24 Garden Stake Craft @1pm Stamp Club @3:30pm	25 Catfish Days Begin!	26 Ballet & Tumbling Classes End Cozy Mystery Book Club @1pm	27 
28 Wilmington Area Community Band Concert @6pm Catfish Days End!	29 Twisted Tales Part 1: The Making of a Villain @1pm	30 Twisted Tales Partn2 @1pm	31 Villain's Tea Party @3:30pm			

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August 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm	End of Summer AIA Sock Hop @6-8pm	Sharefest!
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Soundbath in the Park 9-10am Movie Day: Fern Gully @2pm Genealogy Club @6pm	TP Castles @1pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	Theatre Bus Trip @10am Mini Ogre Contest Ends & Recap of Summer Characters @3:30pm	Zoo Bus Trip! Electronics Recycling @5-7pm	Home Run Derby @4pm Family Movie Night in the Park: The Sandlot @7pm	HIIT Yoga @9am SRP Wrap Party: Welcome to the Ball! @1pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wilmington Area Community Band Concert @6pm		Committee of the Whole Mtg. @5:30pm	Bath Bomb Craft @1pm	Nature Walk @10am (Location TBA) Farmer's Market @5-8pm		HIIT Yoga @9am Park District Workout Classes End!
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Soundbath in the Park 9-10am Library Board Mtg. @6:30pm	Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	BINGO @1pm		Cozy Mystery Book Club @1pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Book Club @6pm					

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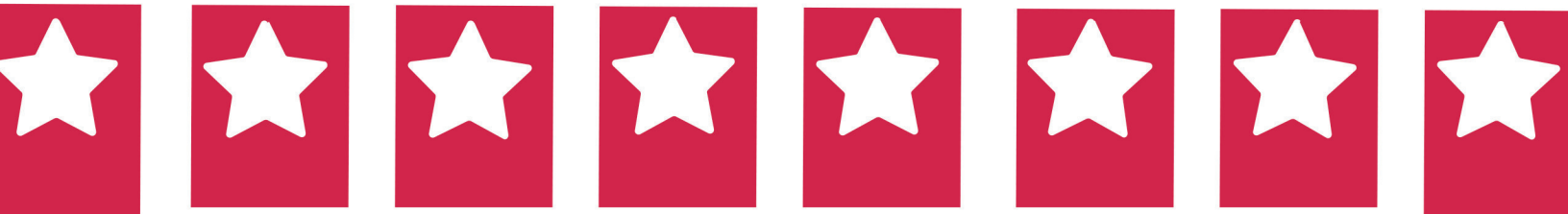
The biggest event of the year. You would have major FOMO if you didn't attend. And this year is only bigger and better!

4-7pm Rotary Car Show
"Cars for a Cause"

6-9pm Inflatables, face paint, putt-putt, and kids games

9:30pm FIREWORKS!

6pm-12am Live Music by Alex Hoffer & Maggie Speaks
Beer Garden, Food Trucks & Fun!



FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH



SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Your story is happening right now! Make it more exciting this summer by participating in our Summer Reading Program. Summer is an ideal time for children and adults to immerse themselves in reading. Our theme this summer is Imagine Your Story, and we've lined up exciting presentations, crafts, and story times. Please call ahead to sign up for our craft programs. Register for the Summer Reading Program at our kick off event at the Children's Memorial Park in Northcrest Saturday June 15th, 2024 from 12:30-3:30pm or at the Wilmington Public Library any time after the kick off date. Children will then read books and earn prizes just for completing weekly check-ins, where you will also receive raffle tickets for your chance to win one of our grand prizes in August. Adults

will earn a raffle ticket for every book read. That ticket can be entered for one of our prize baskets. The program will end on August 10th, 2024.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page, website, and TikTok for updates including information on our upcoming bus trips!

NATURE WALK SERIES

Join Wilmington library's adult services dept. this summer for a nature walk series focusing on various aspects of the great outdoors, including wildflower & bird identification at a different nature center/park each month. Our first nature walk will be on June 20th at Midewin.

Transportation is on your own and walks will begin at 10 AM, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather on the day, please contact the library to confirm the program will take place. Details of specific meeting locations will be available closer to program dates. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments while getting your exercise and a dose of vitamin D!





SCIENCE KITS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES GRANT



We are so excited to announce that we have been selected by IEEE Region 4 to receive the Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant! Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL), a project of IEEE Region 4, inspires and engages all children in a lifelong pursuit of scientific discovery. Wilmington Public Library District is adding \$2000 worth of circulating STEM kits to our small but mighty children’s collection. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and these kits will have engaging activities geared toward those themes. Our kits will be able to be checked out for one week at a time.

NOTICES

The Library will be closed on Sunday June 16th (Father’s Day), July 4th (Independence Day), and July 28th (Catfish Sunday)

CHILDREN’S STORYWALK

Do you have a child who can't seem to sit still long enough to read a book? Thanks to the new StoryWalk(R) project at Children’s Memorial Park in Northcrest, they won't have to – they can hop, skip, walk, run and jump to each of the pages of a storybook along the trail! Each station along the trail has a page of the storybook and is accompanied by a fun corresponding activity. The StoryWalk is a great way to promote literacy, physical activity and family time. The StoryWalk(R) Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg–Hubbard Library in Montpelier Vermont. Storywalk(R) is a registered service mark owned by the Kellogg–Hubbard Library.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am- 5 pm
Sunday 12- 5pm

Library Phone Number 815-476-2834
Get our PrairieCat Mobile app in the Google Play Store or in Itunes

Keep an eye on our website and social media for information on upcoming bus trips!





CATFISH DAYS
 25 YEARS OF
ROCKETING THE RIVER
 JULY 25-28, 2024

PERFORMANCES BY:

FEARLESS - A TAYLOR SWIFT COVER BAND | THURS 9PM
 COWBOY COUNTRY | FRIDAY 7PM
 ANY GIVEN WEEKEND | SATURDAY 7PM
 RICK LINDY BAND | SUNDAY 2PM

CARNIVAL | PARADE
 LIVE MUSIC | BEER GARDEN
 FLEA MARKET | FOOD TRUCKS
 FAMILY FUN & GAMES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, FOLLOW US

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Just added Library Bus Trips!

Families can embark on a journey to the Bristol Renaissance Fair on July 20th. And adults are invited to visit the Stolp Island Theatre in Aurora, IL to witness the legendary *Million Dollar Quartet* on August 7th.

Grief? Depression? Bullying?
Text 476-HELP
 Students. Parents. Youth.
Free & Confidential community
 help line available 24/7

