



WILMINGTON CONNECTS





WILMINGTON RECEIVES GRANT FOR KAYAK LAUNCH

COST ESTIMATE
\$300,000



North Island Park - Wilmington, IL
Kayak Launch Schematic
Forest Preserve District of Will County



March 2023

EXHIBIT A

We are pleased to announce that Wilmington has been awarded a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to install a new kayak launch on North Island Park! The city has partnered with the Forest Preserve District of Will County to construct this project. Once completed, the launch area will feature a fully accessible floating dock, new parking lot enhancements, and an accessible path to connect the project. This will be a great addition to our community as well as a fantastic destination for those looking to enjoy more of Wilmington’s natural resources!

Corridor Subareas

- IL Route 53 Corridor**
Serves as Wilmington’s primary arterial roadway running through downtown, across South Island, and the City’s core to the rest of the community
- Strip Mine Road Corridor**
Provides a direct route to I-55 and one of Wilmington’s industrial and commercial growth areas
- Water Street Corridor**
Runs south of downtown to one of the City’s primary residential growth areas and a potential commercial growth corridor
- Lorenzo Road Corridor**
Provides access to industrial growth areas west of I-55
- Arsenal Road Corridor**
Provides access to industrial growth areas east of IL Route 53



WANTED: YOUR IDEAS

AS THE CITY UPDATES ITS **COMPREHENSIVE CITY PLAN AND CREATES A MASTER PARKS PLAN.**

PLEASE JOIN US:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH
4 - 7:00PM AT CITY HALL

How would you reimagine our business corridors?
Share your thoughts online at <https://egretandoxplanning.officialpinpoint.com/wilmington>



SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



The City of Wilmington offers a Sidewalk Improvement Program for residential properties in an effort to reduce potential liability due to hazardous and deteriorated sidewalks.

In order to take advantage of this cost sharing program, residents or property owners pay for the materials required and the city provides the labor which typically covers half of the cost. Due to our limited budget, we can only accommodate residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wondering if your sidewalk meets our criteria for replacement? Once you complete the application and return it to City Hall, our Public Works Department will inspect your sidewalk and let you know if your sidewalk meets the criteria for repair.

Don't hesitate to participate in this program! Applications are available at City Hall or on our website at www.wilmington-il.gov.

Let's work together to make our City a safer and better place to live!

Senior News You Can Use

Need a lift? You're in good hands with the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Transportation Program!

This program is available to eligible participants until the end of 2024 and rides are FREE! Where can you go? Medical appointments up to 75 miles, one way - shopping - dining - spiritual needs - education needs - and more.

The Transportation Program is being offered through the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. To register, please contact (815) 523-9918



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



What's going on this spring!



WILMINGTON PARK DISTRICT



SPRING 2024



Stargazers

Sat., March 2nd & Apr. 6th 2pm

The Union Pacific Railroad Community Ties Giving Program bestowed a grant to our community to purchase new stargazing equipment and they want to share it with you! Join us to unbox the equipment and learn about the basics. March will be dedicated to the 2024 eclipse! Open to all ages.

Boat Safety Class

Sat., March 9th 9am-5pm (Ages 12+)

The WPD is partnering with the United States Coast Guard to offer a safe boating class to our residents. The boating course provides instruction to boaters of all levels, from the fundamentals to the more advanced. Learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe this summer boating season!

Sourdough Class

Sun., March 10th 10am

It's all the rage. Want to learn how to make sourdough bread? Join us to learn from start to finish plus take home your very own starter to do this journey at home.

Easter Breakfast with the Bunny!

Sat., March 23rd 9-11am

Bring the whole family and enjoy a breakfast buffet, pictures with the bunny, and an easter craft with the Park District and the VFW! Space is limited, reserve your time slot today!

SPRING INTO ACTION!
Check out all we have to offer to achieve your health goals this season.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Check out our adult leagues and times at www.islandparkdistrict.com. All leagues are a fun way to socialize and spring yourself into action. Show off your athletic abilities and hang out with friends. More leagues to come, so stay tuned!



**Basketball
Volleyball**



FAMILY FUN!

Family Feud

Sat., March 2nd 6-9pm

Put together a team of five and showcase your random knowledge for a fun night out with the whole family. Friends are family too!

Line Dancing

Mondays starting in April

Bring the entire family (12+) and learn a new skill (or enhance an existing skill). There's no better way to move and groove!

Farmer's Market



Market season is approaching us quickly. Be on the lookout for fun announcements, markets dates, and vendor listings as we make this year our biggest yet. Call us today if you are interested in becoming a vendor.

Register online or at front desk

www.islandparkdistrict.com

MOTHER/SON DATE NIGHT

Let's GLOW Crazy!

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 6TH
2-4PM & 6-8PM
RIVERFRONT LANES**

Attention boy moms! It's your turn to show your moves and challenge the boys to a game of bowling! Enjoy a night out with your sweet boy(s) socializing, snacking, and bowling. Moms deserve to have fun too! Tickets go on sale March 20th, so keep your eyes peeled!

See you soon!
**The
Wilmington
Park District**



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Earth Day with Proclamation Flowers

Wed., April 17th 1pm
Free event for kids 12 and under! Come dissect flowers while learning about the earth.

Lil' Adventurers Club

Join us in March and April for a fun and interactive playtime with your lil ones! You will work with your lil ones on gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and interaction while socializing with other parents! Each week has a new theme and activities. Visit our website to register today!

Spring Break Camp

March 25-29 6am-6pm
Your kids will enjoy 5 days filled with fun and engaging activities including bowling and a movie at the Mar. Register today by visiting our website.

GYM HOURS:

Mon-Fri: 5am-8pm
Sat: 7am-6pm
Sun: 7am-2pm

CLOSED:

March 31st
May 12th
May 26th & 27th



WILMINGTON PARK DISTRICT



Register online or at front desk

www.islandparkdistrict.com

March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27 *WPLD Weekly Recurring Programs: Homework Happy Hour: Wednesdays 3:30pm; Coffee, Tea, My Toddler, & Me: Thursdays 11am; Kidz Crafternoon: Thursdays 6pm	28	29	1 Spice Club: Coriander Senior Stretch w/ Athletico @11am Dr. Seuss Party @3:30pm	2 Family Feud @6-9pm
3 	4 Movie Day! @1pm Kid's Trivia @1-3pm Genealogy Club @6pm	5 Homeschool Fun @10am City Council Mtg. @7pm	6 Stargazers @2pm Seed Swap @5pm Mother/Son Dance Tickets on Sale!	7 Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm	8	9 Boat Safety Class @9am-5pm NutritionTEA w/ the Cove @10am
10 Sourdough Bread Class @10am-2pm Percy Jackson Book Club @1pm Park District Community Forum @5pm	11 LEGO Club @3:30pm	12 PJ Story Time @5:30pm Committee of the Whole Mtg. @5:30pm	13 In-person Craft: Twig Bunny @1pm Historical Society: A Swan Story @1-3pm	14 Electronics Recycling @4-7pm	15 Mobile S.O.S. Event @10am-2pm Free Low-Impact Class @10am Senior Lunch @11am	16 Historical Lecture w/ Sandy Vasko @1pm
17 	18 Library Board Meeting @6pm	19 Winter Sowing @6pm General Primary Election @6am-7pm	20 Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	21	22 LIHEAP @9-11:30am	23 Book Sale! @9am-5pm Breakfast w/ the Bunny @9am Easter Egg Hunt @2pm Library Road Trip Begins!
24 Book Sale! @12-5pm (*Rain Date: Easter Egg Hunt @2pm*)	25 Barbie Club @3:30pm Book Club @6pm	26	27 Decades Day: 1960's! @1pm	28 Park District Board Mtg. @7pm	29 City Hall Closed	30
31 	1	*Park District Weekly Recurring Classes/Programs: Adult Basketball: Sundays @6-8pm; Adult Volleyball: Mondays @7-9pm; Adult Belly Dancing (3/7-3/21): Thursdays @6:30-8pm Lil' Adventurers: Tuesdays @10-11am *No Workout Classes 3/25-4/6*		CALENDAR KEY		

CITY
HALL

LIBRARY:
ADULT
SERVICES

LIBRARY:
YOUTH
SERVICES

PARK
DISTRICT:
ADULT
PROGRAM

PARK
DISTRICT:
YOUTH
PROGRAM

OTHER
LOCAL
ORGANIZER



April 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 31	1 Spice Club: Basil April Fools Game Day @1pm Genealogy Club @6pm	2 Baby Story Time @11am Stargazers @2pm Big Kid Story Time @4pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	3 In-Person Craft: Painted Pinecone Wreath @1pm	4 Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm	5	6 Percy Jackson Book Club @1pm Mother/Son Date Night @6pm
7	8	9 Homeschool Fun @10am Committee of the Whole Mtg. @5:30pm	10	11	12 Senior BINGO @11am	13 Fly a Kite Day!
14	15 Free Chair Class @10am LEGO Club @3:30pm Library Board Mtg. @6:30pm	16 PJ Story Time @5:30pm Native Plants & Your Home Landscape @6pm Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm	17 Earth Day w/ Proclamation Flowers @1pm City Comprehensive Plan Open House @ City Hall @4-7pm	18	19 Coloring Club @11am-12pm	20 Historical Lecture w/ Sandy Vasko @1pm DMA - Wine Walk! @6pm
 21	22 Earth Day Craft @4pm Book Club @6:30pm	23 Homeschool Fun @10am William Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration @1pm	24 Decades Day: 1970s! @1pm	25 Park District Board Mtg. @7pm	26 Cozy Mystery Book Club @1pm	27 Percy Jackson Book Club @1pm
28	29 Barbie Club @3:30pm	30 Library Road Trip Ends!	1	2	3	4

CALENDAR KEY



***Park District Weekly Recurring Classes (4/8-5/24 unless noted):** Men's Basketball (4/7-5/12): Sun @6-8pm; Volleyball (4/7-5/12): Sun @6-8pm; Line Dancing (4/8-5/13): Mon @6-7pm (Beginners) & @7-8pm (Intermediate); Low-Impact Chair: M/W/F @10am; Yoga: Wed @6:30pm; HIIT: M/W @11am & T/Th @5-6pm; FIT: Sat @10am; Kickboxing: Thurs @11:30am; Belly Dancing (4/11-4/25): Thurs @6:30pm
 Lil' Adventurers: Tues @10am; Tumbling: Mon @4pm (3 & 4 y.o.) & @4:45pm (5+ y.o.); Ballet/Tap (3 & 4 y.o.): Tues @4pm; Ballet/Tap (5+ y.o.): Thurs @4pm; Mommy & Me Tumbling: Sat @9am

***WPLD Weekly Recurring Programs:**
 Homework Happy Hour: Wednesdays 3:30pm;
 Coffee, Tea, My Toddler, & Me: Thursdays 11am;
 Kidz Crafternoon: Thursdays 6pm

May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
All Park District recurring classes starting in April continue through 5/24, unless otherwise noted.			Spice Club: Thyme	Planning & Zoning Mtg. @5pm		Red Carpet Corridor @9am-4pm! Rotary Donut Sale @9am-4pm!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Library Road Trip Passports Due For Drawing on 5/6!	LEGO Club @3:30pm	Homeschool Fun @10am City Council Mtg. @7pm	In-Person Craft: Spool Flowers @1pm Presentation by Jennifer Barnes Organizing @6pm			Percy Jackson Book Club @1pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Basketball and Volleyball Classes End!	Line Dancing Classes End!	Last Lil' Adventurers Class @10am! PJ Story Time @5:30pm Committee of the Whole Mtg. @5:30pm				Historical Lecture w/ Sandy Vasko @1pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Barbie Club @3:30pm Library Board Mtg. @6:30pm	Homeschool Fun @10am Butterfly & Pollinators @6pm Finance & Land Mtg. @6:30pm City Council Mtg. @7pm		Park District Board Mtg. @7pm	Cozy Mystery Book Club @1pm Spring Classes End!	



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CITY HALL	LIBRARY: ADULT SERVICES	LIBRARY: YOUTH SERVICES	PARK DISTRICT: ADULT PROGRAM	PARK DISTRICT: YOUTH PROGRAM	OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZER
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NEW LOOK AT THE LIBRARY!

The Library was gifted some very fine shelving from the Oak Park Public Library In January. This gift was so appreciated as the shelving was in wonderful condition and included end panels. We would not have been able to accept this gift if not for the generosity of so many wonderful people. First, we must thank the Clennon family for sending two wonderful workers and two lift trucks to help us haul the pallets of shelving from Oak Park to its temporary location in Davy Lane where, in a warehouse space leant to us by the Park District, the multi-talented James Kreske refinished the end panels which were sun faded and a bit worn. Josh Parsons was also very instrumental in installing and readying our new shelves. Steve Evans leant us many items from his space, so that they were easily moved once again by Clennon's team. Installation saw many helpers from DuPont, Manny's Landscaping, and a host of library friends. The staff worked harder and happier than any Director could ever wish for. We hope you come check out the new look. We are very pleased with our gifted equipment!

Director- Maria Meachum

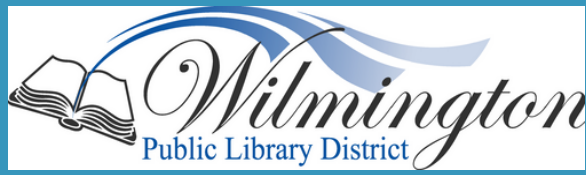


ILLINOIS MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE @YOUR LIBRARY!

The Illinois Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at the Wilmington Public Library on March 15th, from 10am-3pm. They will be able to provide all services except behind the wheel and written driving exams. Please call the library to set up a 15 minute appointment to secure your slot in this very popular program. Some walk-ins may be served. Skip the DMV and come to the library!

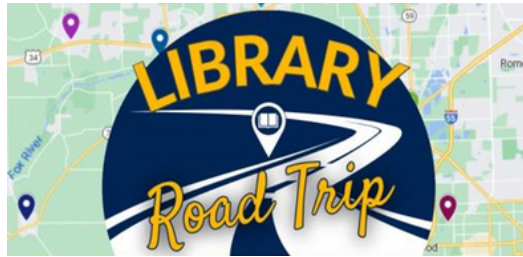


WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



NEWS
WWW.WILMINGTONLIBRARY.ORG

LIBRARY ROAD TRIP 2024



Where will your adventure take you? Make time this spring for the 3rd annual Library Road Trip! Plan your visits to various Illinois libraries to see the sites and explore their unique offerings. Pick up a library passport at our circulation desk or any participating library. Visit each library to collect a souvenir for visiting (while supplies last) and a stamp on your passport. Collect as many stamps as you can, then turn in your passport at your home library for entry into a drawing for an awesome prize basket offered by your home library!



A huge thank you to the Wilmington Lions Club for sponsoring the Youth Winter Reading Program prizes and to Ace Hardware for their YETI brand prize donations.

Wilmington Lions Club



WHITMORE
ACE Hardware

SEED LIBRARY



Check out our Seed Library. We have a wide range of vegetable, and flower seeds to offer this year to plant and enjoy in your home gardens. All seeds are free and open to any garden enthusiast. Seeds will be available first come, first served while supplies last.



Coming soon! Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program 2024! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok for up to date information.

NOTICES

The Library will be closed on March 31st- Easter Sunday, May 12th- Mother's Day and May 27th- Memorial Day

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



PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM

SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW FOR
THE LATEST
INFORMATION ON
THE PLANNING
PROCESS AND
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
EFFORTS



Interested in free childcare, a chance to win a raffle prize, and helping out your community? Join the Wilmington Park District on Sunday March 10th at 5pm to share your thoughts, ideas, and priorities as we develop our 2025 Master Parks Plan. There will be a short presentation on our vision followed by a Q&A session. Snacks and drinks will be provided!

If you are unable to attend the Forum, please email your comments and suggestions to Amy at aschmucker@islandparkdistrict.com



The 16th Annual

Red Carpet Corridor

Sat., May 4, 2024
9am-4pm

This festival is all about family fun on the most famous two-lane highway in America - Route 66. Flea markets, live music, food trucks, and more!

Check the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Facebook for all of the latest information.



Rotary Club of
Wilmington
Donut Sale

Scan the QR code below to order delicious Krispy Kreme donuts from the Wilmington Rotary Club. The donuts will be available for pickup at the Red Carpet Corridor festival.



Senior Corner

•CHECK OUT ALL WILMINGTON HAS TO OFFER•

April is senior month in Wilmington! Come to one of these great events and fill out a survey about resident needs.

WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Please call the library or see staff for more details.

- Seniors are welcome at all adult library programs
- Homebound Book Delivery Service
- Online apps for audiobooks and eBooks with variable font size
- Seniors get free regular and Real state IDs at our Mobile Sec. of State events
- Get assistance with Benefit Access Program application for license plate discounts
- Senior Tax Freeze Assistance

WILMINGTON PARK DISTRICT

FREE GYM HOURS
MON-FRI / 1PM-3PM

Check with your insurance provider to see if you have Silver Sneakers. If so, come see us to get you signed up for the gym for free!

Low Impact Chair Class
Want to start working out but unsure where to start? Start here and get back in the habit with Renee! Try us out for free on 3/15 & 4/15 @10am

3/1 @ 11am - Senior Stretch with Athletico

3/15 @ 11:30-1pm Senior Lunch

4/12 @ 11am - Senior bingo

4/19 @11am - Coloring Club

Grief? Depression? Bullying?

Text 476-HELP

Students. Parents. Youth.

Free & Confidential community

help line available 24/7

