

WILMINGTON CONNECTS





LET FREEDOM ROCK! AT NORTH ISLAND PARK

The City of Wilmington invites you to join us in celebration of the Independence Day Holiday on **Friday, June 30th** at the North Island Park from **6pm to midnight**.

This free event features a live music performance by Hairbangers Ball, food trucks, a beer stand, glow-in-the-dark putt putt golf, facepainting and bounce house for the kids, and of course FIREWORKS!



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

Mayor Dietz appointed to Convention and Visitors Bureau Board

The Heritage Corridor Destinations Convention and Visitors Bureau appointed Mayor Ben Dietz to represent the City of Wilmington in matters involving tourism.

Mayor Dietz is one of only two members who represent Route 66 communities.

This is an honor and big win for Wilmington!

Leash Your Animals and Keep Your City Clean

The City recently received complaints about residents allowing their animals to run at large and defecate on public property. As a reminder, the fines for these types of nuisances range from \$250 - \$750 per day.

Please follow the law to keep our City safe and clean!

The City of Wilmington Receives Route 66 Grant



The City recently received notice that we are a Heritage Corridor Destinations CVB Route 66 grant recipient in the amount of \$30,000 for a downtown wall mural/sign as well as a Route 66 monument sign (placement TBD). Our Downtown Plan identifies the Eagle Hotel and PK Guns as appropriate locations for a mural. Given the cost, size and time constraints of the project, the City has reached out to PK Guns as the most logical location for this grant.

The new sign will be installed along the Route 66 side of the building and your City Council is in the process of design approval. Project completion is anticipated in Fall '23.



Wilmington Seeks Planners To Create Comprehensive City And Master Parks Plan

The City of Wilmington is in the process of inviting consultants to submit qualifications in order to create a new document titled the **Wilmington Comprehensive City and Master Parks Plan**.

State law requires municipalities update their comprehensive plan every 10 years. Wilmington's current plan was completed in 2008 and we are excited for the process to begin as we update our existing Comprehensive Plan and create a new Master Park Plan within it. This document will represent the City's vision for future growth and development. The Plan will establish policies for growth management, land use, transportation and other community development-related issues and will build off of the City's existing Comprehensive Plan and other planning documents such as the Downtown Plan (available at <https://www.wilmington-il.com>). Wilmington businessness and residents are invited to participate in the process.

Please email jsmith@wilmington-il.com if you would like to help us celebrate everything great about Wilmington and plan for a fantastic future Wilmington!

Police Department Receives Speed Enforcement Grant

The Wilmington Police Department received notice that they will be awarded \$5,200 to cover 100 hours of speed enforcement from July 6th-31st.

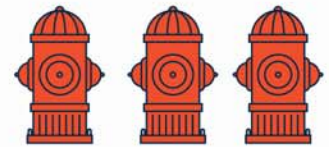
The goal is to address areas with a high volume of speeders, in order to keep the roads safer and lower the number of accidents during this busy time of year.

Pothole Patching Begins June 5th

Motorists are being asked to be mindful of workers and prepare for temporary lane closures on City streets.

Hydrant Flushing Notice

Public Works will be conducting hydrant flushing throughout the City starting **May 1st until Mid June**.
Hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM.



This may create rust-colored water in the system. If you have rust colored water, run your **COLD WATER TAPS ONLY** until the water runs clear. (Suggested taps: bathtub or laundry tub).

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR **HOT WATER** until you have clean running water again.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at 1-815-476-6732.



Employee Spotlight: Tannya Gross

Tannya Gross is a student at Wilmington High School where she attends WILCO for Early Childhood Education. She recently created a program with Caring Closet, Every Child Deserves a Birthday, where she asked for community donations of NEW clothes, toys, wrapping paper, tissue paper, etc. to donate to children. The Caring Closet distributes these items. This project received an award at the State competition.



Sand Volleyball

Teen and Adult Leagues! Get your team together and sign up today to get some competitive and active fun in the sand!
\$150/per team

Karaoke Night with LWSRA

Friday 6/16 join LWSRA! Head over to their website to find out more information and to sign up!
www.lwsra.org

Fairy Garden Making

Come on by for a *magical* afternoon and make a fairy garden with us.
June 13th 1pm at the Park District

Register online

Senior Luncheon

It's summertime and you know what that means? Hot Dogs! Join us for a senior luncheon. We will provide the hot dogs and you can bring a dish to share and enjoy time with friends and neighbors!

Register online or at front desk

Movies in the Park

Join us for another summer of movies under the stars! Movies start at dusk
Approximately 8:00pm

- Friday, June 2nd: **Minions: The Rise of Gru** 
Sponsored by Island City Baptist Church
- Friday, August 11th: **Parent Trap**



Sponsored by Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community

Summer Workout Classes

No Classes the week of 7/3

Boot Camp
M/W 11am-12pm

Adult Barre
Tues 8-9am

Kickboxing
Tues 11:30am-12pm

Deep Stretch & Abs
Mon 8-9am

Yoga
Wed 6:30-7:30pm

Holistic Wellness
*see website for pop-up dates!

Low Impact Chair Class
M/W 10-10:45am

Yoga in the Park
Tues in July 10-11am



Summer Fitness Challenge #NoExcusesWPD

Check out our *NEW* summer fitness challenge just for YOU! Grab your friends and family to stay accountable! Sign up Friday, June 2nd at our Movie Night and then enjoy a movie under the stars. You will receive a punch card to help you stay active and accountable this summer. When you meet each milestone, you will receive a raffle ticket in order for a chance to win great prizes from Water Street Fitness!

Special offer: 3 month gym membership - \$60.

Sign up by May 31 to receive this offer!

Youth & Adult Challenges

Kick Off to Catfish Days Cup in Hand Kickball Tournament



July 14th-16th

NEW this year! Cup in Hand & Youth Kickball Tournament is going to kick off the Catfish Days celebrations! Sign up today! We are expecting big competition so grab your team, come prepared, and ready to play for the parks! To find out more details, head over to our website www.islandparkdistrict.com

Farmers Markets

Its that time of year! The annual summer farmers markets are back! Join us each month for food trucks, live music, and local makers and artisans!

Now at the NEW parking lot on Water St. So many new and past vendors will be there with all of your summer needs. We can't wait to see everyone again!



4-7pm

June 15th - July 20th - August 17th - September 21st

Dance Camp

Ballet : Tuesdays

- Ages 3-5: 9-9:45 am
- Ages 6-8: 10-10:45 am

Tap : Thursdays

- Ages 3-5: 9-9:45 am
- Ages 6-9: 10-10:45am

Tumbling : Wednesdays

- Beginner: 9-9:45am

NEW Our Dance Camp now concludes with a performance on the Catfish Days Stage!

Family Night Slammers Game Bus Trip



It's Game Day!!

August 15th

\$15.00/ticket



Grab your friends and family and join us for a Family Night Out, Slammers baseball style! You will get a bus ride, game ticket, and meal ticket (includes hotdog and drink).

Toddler Time

Fridays 9:00-10:30

Get a punch card and come as you please all summer long!

Line Dancing Mondays



Beginner 6-7pm

Intermediate 7-8pm

Learn all the greatest now and be able to show us your moves at Catfish Days!



PARK NEWS

Register online or at front desk

www.islandparkdistrict.com



WILMINGTON PARK DISTRICT



June



Thursday, 01		Friday, 02		Monday, 05			Tuesday, 06			
Spice Club: Dill	Planning & Zoning Mtg. @ 5 pm	Movie at Veteran's Park @ Sunset	Kids Camp Starts!	Summer Workout Session Starts	Jellyfish Craft @ 1:30 pm	Genealogy Club @ 6 pm	Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Octopus Craft @ 1:30 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	
Wednesday, 07		Thursday, 08				Friday, 09	Saturday, 10		Monday, 12	
Rock Craft @ 1:30 pm	Holistic Wellness Class @ P.District @ 7:30 pm	Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ Noon	Crafting Inferno! @ 1 pm	Shark Craft @ 1:30 pm	Electronics Recycling 5-7 pm @ City Hall	Senior Lunch 11-12:30 pm	Summer Reading Program Begins! Kick-off Party @ North Island 12-3 pm		Sea Ecosystem in a Jar Craft @ 1 pm	
Tuesday, 13		Wednesday, 14	Thursday, 15			Friday, 16	Sunday, 18	Monday, 19		
Fairy Garden Making Class @ 1 pm	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	Bus Trip to Geneva! Leave WPLD @ 8:30 am	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Farmer's Market 4-7 pm	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	LWSRA Karaoke Night	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	Movie Monday: Songs of the Sea @ 1 pm	Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, 20			Wednesday, 21				Thursday, 22		Saturday, 24	
Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	Finance & Land Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	Workforce Job Van 9:30-12 pm	BINGO @ 1 pm	Historical Presentation w/ Jim Gibbons @ 6 pm	Holistic Wellness Class @ P.District @ 7:30 pm	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	Percy Jackson Book Club @ 1 pm
Monday, 26		Tuesday, 27		Wednesday, 28		Thursday, 29		Friday, 30		
Tissue Paper Turtle Craft @ 1 pm	Book Club @ 6:30 pm	Mobile Secretary of State 8:30 am-3 pm	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	In-person Craft: Pineapple Lamp @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	Rotary Car Show 4-7 pm	Let Freedom Rock at North Island Park 6 pm-midnight	

July

Saturday, 01		Monday, 03	Tuesday, 04	Wednesday, 05			Thursday, 06				
Spice Club: Mustard	Genealogy Club @ 6 pm		In-person Craft: Seashell Placemat Purse @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Octopus Craft @ 1:30 pm	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Planning & Zoning Mtg. @ 5 pm	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	
* Saturday, 08		Monday, 10	Tuesday, 11	Wednesday, 12		* Thursday, 13					
Sand Volleyball Tournament	Percy Jackson Book Club @ 1 pm	Take & Make Craft: Fish Seashell Craft	Captain's Log Craft @ 1 pm	Pirate Party! @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	Jazz Concert w/ Freddie Franken Group @ 6 pm	Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ Noon	Crafting Inferno! @ 1 pm	Electronics Recycling 5-7 pm @ City Hall	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	
Friday, 14	F, 14/S, 15/S, 16		Monday, 17	Tuesday, 18			Wednesday, 19				
Frozen Treat Tasting 11:30-2:30	Cup In Hand Kickball Tournament!		Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	Finance & Land Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	Workforce Job Van 9:30-12 pm	BINGO @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	Storm Chaser Program @ 6 pm
Thursday, 20			Saturday, 22				Monday, 24				
C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Farmer's Market 3-7 pm	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm			CFD 5K Race!	Dance Program Recital	Percy Jackson Book Club @ 1 pm	Underwater Diorama @ 1 pm	Book Club @ 6:30 pm		
Wednesday, 26	Thursday, 27		Monday, 31								
Movie Night: The Sea Beast @ 2 pm	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Kidz Crafternoon @ 6 pm	Paper Roll Squid Craft @ 1 pm								

Calendar Key:

Library: Adult Services

Library: Youth Services

Library: Adult & Youth Services

Rotary Club

Chamber of Commerce

Park District

City Hall

August



Tuesday, 01

Wednesday, 02

Thursday, 03

Saturday, 05

Spice Club: Poppy Seeds	Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	In-person Craft: Pinecone Flower Craft @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	Holistic Wellness Class @ P.District @ 7:30 pm	C, T, T, & M @ 11 am	Planning & Zoning Mtg. @ 5 pm	Kidz Craftenoon @ 6 pm	Sharefest!
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Monday, 07

Tuesday, 08

Wednesday, 09

Thursday, 10

Friday, 11

Saturday, 12

Take & Make Craft: Pressed Flower Lantern	Soap Craft @ 1 pm	Genealogy Club @ 6 pm	Explore & Color @ 1 pm	Water Wednesday Story time @ 2 pm	Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ Noon	Crafting Inferno! @ 1 pm	Electronics Recycling 5-7 pm @ City Hall	Movie Night at Veteran's Park @ Sunset	Summer Reading Program Wrap-up Party!
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Tuesday, 15

Wednesday, 16

Monday, 21

Friday, 25

Saturday, 26

Rotary Club @ Noon Park District	Finance & Land Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	City Council Meeting @ 7 pm	Family Night Slammers Game	BINGO @ 1 pm	Farmer's Market 3-7 pm	Holistic Wellness Class @ P.District @ 7:30 pm	Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Summer Workout Classes End!	Summer Fitness Ends!	Percy Jackson Book Club @ 1 pm
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Monday, 28

Book Club
@ 6:30 pm

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CATFISH DAYS

Down on the Farm

July 20-23

Save the Date!

FRIDAY

THURSDAY: TEEN NIGHT

- o Sponsored by Riverfront Lanes
- o \$25.00 all you can ride Carnival wristbands
- o Carnival and food will open at 6pm
- o Fear Factor Games
- o Wilmington Park District Farmers Market

SUNDAY

- o Food and Carnival open at noon
- o Greg & the Fender Benders
- o Rusty Nutz car show
- o \$2.00 beer till gone!
- o Parade at 1:00pm

- o Beer Garden, carnival, and food opens at 6pm
- o Hillbilly Rockstarz on the Main Stage
- o Fireworks

SATURDAY:

- o Carnival and food open at 12pm
- o Youth Bean Bag Tournament
- o Skinners Pet Parade
- o Women of Wilmington Flea Market on Water Street
- o "No Decisions" will be performing
- o Laser Show

Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Like us on Facebook for more updates throughout the summer!



@wilmingtoncatfishdays



@Catfish Days

LET FREEDOM ROCK!



Concept Plan
NORTHCREST PARK
Wilmington Park District

Wight

The Wilmington Park District will be serving up cold beverages in the beer garden to beat the summer heat while Hairbangers Ball gets the party started! Be there to rock out the town with all of your favorite 80's hits! The money raised through the beer garden will help fund the inclusive park project. We are adding inclusive equipment, concrete and a walking path with Story Walk to enhance the play experience in Wilmington. So come grab a cold drink for a great cause!

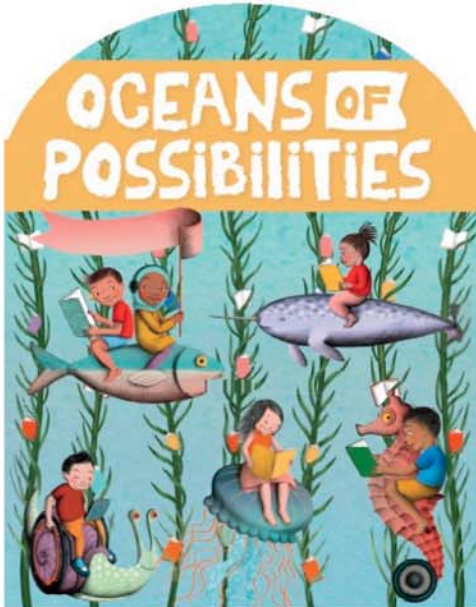


Band @ 8pm

Fireworks @ 9:30pm!

North Island Friday, June 30th 6:00pm-12:00am

SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Summer is an ideal time for children and adults to immerse themselves in reading. Join us for summer reading fun at the Wilmington Public Library District! Our theme this summer is Oceans of Possibilities, and we've lined up exciting presentations, crafts, and story times that reflect the theme. Please call ahead to sign up for our craft programs.

Register for the Summer Reading Program at our kick off event at the North Island Park Saturday June 10th, 2023 from 12:00-3:00pm or at the Wilmington Public Library any time after the kick off. 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 can be entered for weekly drawings or the grand prize baskets that will be drawn in August. The program will end on August 12th, 2023 so there is plenty of time to read!

Stay tuned to our Facebook page, website, and TikTok for updates.

PERCY JACKSON BOOK CLUB

Percy Jackson & the Olympians is a series of five fantasy novels written by American author Rick Riordan. Kids, tweens, and teens can sign up for our Percy Jackson book club, read the books, and explore the world of Percy Jackson with crafts and activities. The club will meet at 1PM on June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd, and August 26th. This program will run for two hours and snacks and drinks will be provided. Please register for these dates!

MYTHICAL MOVIE MATINEE

On July 26th, join Mrs. Amanda for a Mythical Movie Night. We will be showing "The Sea Beast." 2PM-Register!



Mobil Secretary of State

Friday, June 23rd 10 am-2pm

Skip the lines at the DMV and get most of the Services done at the library. Reservations are encouraged but walk-ins will be accepted if available. You can get most tasks accomplished during the event with the exception of actual driver's exams, and the newer REAL IDs. Perfect place to come for renewals, plates, ID cards, address changes, etc. Please check with the library staff regarding times available and standard state prices will apply.





WILMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



NEWS

WWW.WILMINGTONLIBRARY.ORG

Visit the 1893 Chicago World's Fair!

Wednesday, June 21st @ 6 PM,
we are celebrating the 130-year anniversary of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Historian Jim Gibbons will be discussing many of the highlights and events that took place during the Fair, including the various inventions, cultures, and literary works showcased. For example, after visiting the fair and seeing Thomas Edison's inventions, L. Frank Baum was inspired to write The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Mr. Gibbons will also touch upon the darker side of the Fair including the H. H. Holmes murders.



Illinois Storm Chasers

Wednesday, July 19th @ 6 PM
Nick Bartholomew will be covering severe weather, local climatology, past tornadic events, and storm-chasing. His presentation will also include photos and videos, and he will have time for a Q&A session. Both of these events will be held at the Wilmington Library in the community room. Our space is limited, so please call the library at 815-476-2834 to hold your place. We hope to see you!

NOTICES

The Library will be closed on
June 18th (Farther's Day)
July 4th, July 23rd (Catfish Sunday),
August 18th (Staff In-Service)

DOLLAR GENERAL SUMMER READING LITERACY GRANT BUS TRIP!

Thanks to the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant we are happy to announce we will be having a bus trip to the Shedd Aquarium. We will navigate the aquatic world of Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, IL for an exciting and educational adventure that perfectly coincides with our summer reading theme Oceans of Possibilities! More updates on the specific date and times will be forthcoming.



Community Band Sunday Dates
6 PM at Memorial Park
June 11-A Little Bit of Everything
June 25th-Patriotic
July 9th - Tropical Paradise
July 23rd- Salute to Movies and Musicals
August 6th - Section Features/Season Band Favorites



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am- 5 pm
Sunday 12- 5pm
Get our PrairieCat Mobile app in the Google Play Store or in Itunes

CARS FOR A CAUSE ROTARY CAR SHOW

Make sure you save the date for the Annual Rotary Car Show!
Food from Joey's Red Hots and Cream and Crunch
& More for the best ice cream treats!

Live DJ will be playing all of the hits from yesterday!

\$20 entry fee includes a dash plaque!

Use this QR Code to enter your car in the Car Show!



Use this QR Code to buy your Split the Pot Tickets from Rotary Club! Winner will be drawn at the Fireworks on 6/30!



Prizes include:

1st: \$350.00

2nd: \$250.00

3rd: \$100.00

Rotarians' Choice: \$100.00

Peoples Choice: \$100.00

All prizes will be donated to Rotary Park Project in Winner's Name.

Downtown N. Water St, Wilmington

Friday, June 30th

4:00-7:00pm



Grief? Depression? Bullying?

Text 476-HELP

Students. Parents. Youth.

Free & Confidential community help line available 24/7



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