



(Santa's Workshop New in 2024)

WHITESTOWN



PARKS + RECREATION

December Monthly Report

2024

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General Parks Updates

- Samantha Baker graduated December 20th with her Masters in Recreation Administration from Indiana University Bloomington.
- Community engagement meetings held with regards to the park at the Wrecks site. Two meetings, with about forty people in attendance.

Event Updates

Winter Market:

The second Winter Market in December had over 35+ vendors. We saw over three hundred guests come through the Municipal Complex. There was food, crafts, jewelry, and so much more. We cannot wait to see what the December market brings.

- 35+ vendors in the Municipal Complex.
- Sponsors:
 - Pure Life Chiropractic - Community Sponsor
 - Renewal by Anderson – Community Sponsor
 - Curious Squirrel Bookshop – Community Sponsor
 - Chiro One - Community Sponsor
 - LJ Stone Co. - Community Sponsor
 - Merrifield Exteriors - Presenting Sponsor

Misc:

- Hattie's Secured for 12/14
- Infinity Band
- Kinds Craft Table- Santa Letters

The next Market is January 11th, February 8th, and the final market is March 8th, 2025.

Santa's Workshop: (NEW) Decembers guest included: Santa, Mr. Grinch, and the Coca Cola Polar Bear.

- Location: Main Street Park (Red and Green Workshop near Shelter C)
- Dates: Saturdays beginning November 30th.
- Time: 12pm-2pm
- What: Free pictures with a special guest. You never know who could be in the workshop each weekend.
- Sponsors: Lowes, CRG, First Due Company, Coca-Cola Consolidated of Whitestown, Hallmark Homes, Braun Property Development, R&R Sound, and the Whitestown Parks Foundation.

Merry at Main:

Description:

Welcome to our outdoor holiday event Merry at Main! This event is free to attend. Create cherished memories with family and friends at Main Street Park on December 7, 2024, from 12 – 3 p.m. The event will have a holiday market where you can purchase local hand-crafted items, baked goods, and much more! Reindeer will

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be visiting from the North Pole, and we have been hearing rumors the Grinch is planning to show up! A schedule will be out closer to the event date to make sure you do not miss a minute of this merry event.

Vendors:

- Twenty-four approved.
- Eight additional vendors have verified they will be at the event.
- Waiting to hear back from the other fifteen.

Sponsors:

- Five confirmed, two waiting to hear back from.

Food:

- Three confirmed: Flavors of Colibries, Tapestry Coffee, and Topsy Truck.
- Looking into getting an additional food type that is not similar in cuisine and is more kid friendly.

Entertainment:

- Reindeer from Silly Safari confirmed.
- This company does not require gates, the reindeer will be on a lead the entire time so people can come up and hug them!
- Live Music!
- Grinch will be in attendance and arrested again.

Outcome:

Merry at Main moving forward will no longer be a market event. We are still looking to see what the best option would be but the way we are leaning towards right now is a "kick off the holidays" event. Something like what downtown Indy does with their tree lighting, we would like to "Light Up Main Street" with more decorations, tree lighting, carolers, hot food & drinks. We would also like this event to be on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and at night to really highlight the decorations.

Viking Fest 2025:

- Sent contracts to & waiting to hear back from:
 - Brent Allen (Stoopid Human Tricks)
 - Hexxen
- Have signed contract back from:
 - PICTUS
- Reached out to apply:
 - Incendiary NPCs (fire spinners)
- Will not be returning next year:
 - Take Flight!
 - Because of this, I am looking back into bringing the wolves to Viking Fest again! If this is not possible, I will reach out to Silly Safari and Extreme Raptor Show for pricing.

Community Programming

Pickleball- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-12pm

Volleyball- Fridays from 12pm-4pm, and Saturdays 11am-2pm

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DanceFit- Mondays and Fridays 9am-10am/ Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30am-6:30am

Adult Basketball- Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Yoga- Wednesdays, 2:00pm-2:45pm

Senior Sweat (Chair Aerobics)- Mondays, 1pm-1:45pm

Badminton- Mondays from 6pm-8pm, and Fridays from 6pm-8pm

Adult Basketball League- Wednesdays games at 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm through the month of September.

Expansion of Programming

A survey has been launched to gauge the community's interest in the following potential programs: Survey is live until December 31, 2024.

- Indoor/Outdoor Futsal
- Indoor Dodgeball
- Kickball
- Crafting Classes (ex: painting, sewing, jewelry making, origami)
- Workshops (ex: financial literacy, coding, photography, language learning)

As of now, we have met with instructors to begin the following in 2025:

- Futsal
- Stitching/Sewing
- Zumba Gold
- HITT Classes

Leagues:

The Whitestown Adult Basketball League (WABL) will be expanding to ten teams with the season starting in March. Plan to open registration in December.

Park/Town Facilities Maintenance Updates

- New keypads and locks were added to the new maintenance facility.
- Four doors at the Municipal Complex are now ADA compliant. Automatic entry accessibility.
- Decorated Main St. for Merry at Main
- Put gator in for service.
- All equipment is prepared for winter.
- Built new parks events picnic tables.
- Created instructions for setting up/winterizing splash pad.

The Team:

A large photograph of a park playground with blue and grey equipment. Overlaid on the photo is the title 'WHITESTOWN PARKS STAFF' in large white letters. Below the title are ten circular portraits of staff members, each with a blue rounded rectangular nameplate underneath. The staff members are arranged in two rows of five. The top row includes Ben (Operations Manager), Sam, Bethany, Fred, and Ana (all Events Coordinators). The bottom row includes Kyle, Kristian, Logan, Tony, and DJ (all Maintenance Technicians).

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Ben Operations Manager	Sam Events Coordinator	Bethany Events Coordinator	Fred Events Coordinator	Ana Events Coordinator
Kyle Maintenance Technician	Kristian Maintenance Technician	Logan Facility Maintenance Technician	Tony Maintenance Technician	DJ Maintenance Technician