



WHITESTOWN
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PARKS + RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION MONTHLY REPORT

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Parks Director



General Parks Updates:

- Gateway Park is still under construction, December 15th is the target date for completion. (This will be delayed again, due to unforeseen circumstances)
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory Kickoff in December, a IDEM Clean Community Program project.
- New Event for 2026, Boards and Brews. More details to come.
- Sponsorship Guide has been released for 2026 Events.
- 2026 Summer Concert Series Bands booked.
- Added “Paint like Bob Ross” classes to the programming lineup. Next class is Saturday, December 20th at the Municipal Complex.
- Ana Disselhorst, Ben Campbell, Samantha Baker, and Dominic Cornett all attended the 2025 Indiana Parks and Recreation Conference.
- Dominic Cornett was awarded the Outstanding Parks Professional Award, along with the Outstanding Parks Advocate Award.

Event Updates:

Santa’s Workshop: December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

- Grinch or Santa will be at the shop.
- Website updates

Merry at Main (**Canceled due to Weather**)

- Santa booked
- Lights delivered
- Website updates

Winter Market:

Vendors: 29

- Sponsors: 6
- Craft table: Artsy Alps confirmed for all 5 dates.
- Music: Confirmed for all 5 dates (either Jesse Jones or Andy Schomburg)
- Coffee: will have hot coffee on site (either one of the vendors or Panera-to-go carafes)
- Theme Days:
 - November: Gather & Give Market (incorporates WFD toy drive)
 - December: Jingle & Mingle Market (incorporates WFD toy drive)
 - January: Snow Much to See Market
 - February: Market of Love
 - March: Pot of Gold Market

Easter:

- Planning new events.
- Adding Activities to the Bunny Trail.

Viking Fest:

- Reached out to Entertainment Vendors.
- Updated application is now online.
- Food Vendors are being put under contract.

2026 Summer Concert Series:

- Bands Booked
- Themed Nights: 80's Night, Summer is Sweet, and Rodeo Night.
- Sound and Production booked.
- New Food Vendors for 2026.

Community Programming

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

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

Badminton- Fridays, 5pm-8pm

Knitting Classes- Saturdays, 9am-10:30am (beginning in May)

Cross Stitch Classes- Saturdays, 1-30am-12pm.

Home School Open Gym- Monday & Wednesday from 11 am-12:30pm.

Futsal- Monday 6pm-8pm.

Adult Basketball League: Games on Wednesday evenings.

Park/ Town Facilities Maintenance Updates:

- Installed coat rack in WWTP Office.
- Installed hanging wall basket in DPW Executive Assistant.
- Orkin applied pesticides to treat yellow Jackets entering parks office.
- Christmas decor up at the Complex.
- Got trees removed from bridge area on Big 4.
- Started repairing bridge on Big 4 from second round of tree damage.
- Received and built picnic tables for Gateway shelter.
- Repainted Santa's sleigh and moved Santa's workshop to Main Street.
- Set up Christmas lights at Main Street.
- Winterized splash pad.

- Got trucks and equipment ready for snow and had our first events of the season. Overall went well.
- Hosted our first weed wrangle and removed numerous loads of honeysuckle off the Big 4 Trail near the 575 crossing.
- Jackson Run shelter was delivered and just waiting on final additions.
- Removed large tree that fell through wrecks fence on Indianapolis Road trail.
- Repaired solar lights at Gateway Park.

The Team:

