

North Township NAVIGATOR

YOUR GUIDE TO NEWS AND SERVICES IN EAST CHICAGO, HAMMOND, HIGHLAND, MUNSTER AND WHITING · SUMMER 2018



NO MORE SECRETS SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN EXPANDS

The strength of North Township's "No More Secrets" campaign to end child sexual abuse is prompting other Indiana communities to begin programs of their own.

The effort assists victims, educates those who work with children and engages law enforcement to help those who have been harmed.

Delaware Township Trustee Debbie Driskell, who also serves as director of the Indiana Township Association, said more than 125 attended a "No More Secrets" symposium held in suburban Indianapolis in April.

"Reaction in our community has been overwhelmingly positive."

Indiana township trustees were alerted to the program and its

success when North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan spoke at their annual conference in September.

"Frank's talk is what inspired me to bring the program to Fishers," Driskell said.

"No community is immune to this threat," Mrvan said. "It is important to keep talking about preventing child sexual abuse and giving victims a place to get help."

Driskell is a believer.

"We are just beginning a statewide effort called Townships United Against Child Sexual Abuse," she said. "Every community should have a program like this."

INFO: To learn more, visit us online at northtownshiptrustee.com.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS RETURNS TO WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

North Township's Battle of the Bands will make a triumphant return August 21 to Wicker Memorial Park.

"This is a great opportunity for local bands to introduce their sound to a live audience while competing for fantastic prizes," Activities Director Kelly Bridges said.

Local music celebrities – Tom Lounges and Roman Sawczak – will be two of the judges on our panel.

First prize is \$250 plus studio time at Thunderclap Recording Studio in Hammond. Second prize is a \$150 gift certificate from Broadway Music in Merrillville. Third prize is a gift certificate compliments of Billy O's Dynamite Music in Griffith.

Every band must have at least one high school student and provide web-based audition material with its entry.



JOIN THE BATTLE!

Complete Battle of the Bands details and entry forms are online at northtownshiptrustee.com or wickermemorialpark.com.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT NORTHTOWNSHIPTRUSTEE.COM.



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NORTH TOWNSHIP SEEKING FAMILY FOR EAST CHICAGO VETERAN'S BUILD

North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan is looking for a veteran's family to take part in an initiative designed to create a happy, self-sustaining future.

Mrvan lauded the City of East Chicago, which is providing a two-story residence free of charge for two years.

"We are excited to see this effort coming together," he said. "Our plan has been developed to provide everything a struggling veteran's family will need. Our hope is to have a very special family in this home this summer."

INFO: To apply to be part of the Veteran's Build Program, please contact North Township Director of Operations Lori Polgar at (219) 932-2430 ext. 324 or email polgarl@ntto.net.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

A transitional housing program for veterans is possible thanks to the generosity of the region's building trades. Electricians, plumbers and carpenters are donating hundreds of hours to create a home for a veteran and their family. "I can't thank them enough for their gift to a veteran," North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan said.



LETTER FROM THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE



"This summer promises even more exciting township activities, partnerships and programs"

From our parks to the community vegetable garden at Circle of Services, the township is awash in new life.

I could say the same about our programs, which are producing the fruit of the labors of staff, who are excited at the prospects of tackling even more new initiatives. Let me introduce you to just a few of these programs.

ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISIS ...

What began as the township's first drug take-back day – where four carloads of unneeded medications were collected – has led to a new, vital partnership. North Township is spearheading the Northwest Indiana Information Sharing Network – a partnership with Lake County's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force and Chicago's Drug Enforcement Agency to curb drug use in our area.

CREATING A CONTINGENCY PLAN ...

Representatives from our eight steelworkers unions are negotiating new contracts for 14,000 region residents. We have every expectation these negotiations will be successful. However, if there is a work disruption, we have a plan to provide for families. In partnership with Lake Area United Way, we are creating a master template for this contract season and those that follow.

FUN IN THE SUN ...

Please join us for an afternoon at the splash pad, 18 holes of golf, a senior bus trip or an upcoming concert at Wicker Memorial Park this summer. North Township has something for everyone!

FRANK J. MRVAN
 North Township Trustee

Summer in the Park

THE TALK OF THE TOWNSHIP ...

Summer is magical at Wicker Memorial Park. Enjoy the shade and gentle breezes provided by our hundred-year-old oaks while walking the newly paved trail from the dog park to the Prairie Avenue entrance. Outdoor fitness equipment is available from sun-up to sunset and our Splash Pad is a great respite from summer's balmy temperatures. The tennis courts have been replaced this year with recreational green space. Welcome to the park and these activities:

SPLASH PAD

Open seven days a week, our popular 8,500-square-foot water playground boasts more than 30 spray features. INFO: Visit us online at www.wickermemorialpark.com for special needs, hours and fees.

WALKING & BIKING

The 2.5-mile trail along the perimeter of the park and the half-mile inner trail is perfect for walking, running, biking – or even roller skates! All our trails are paved and open from dawn to dusk.

BANQUET FACILITIES

Looking for a place to host your wedding, retirement or meeting? Call (219) 923-3830 or visit diningsolutionswickerpark.com

SUMMER GOLF RATES

This 18-hole, par-72 course offers tree-lined fairways, a practice green and driving range. Summer rates are \$35 to ride 18 holes on the weekend for residents, \$38 out of township. Weekdays with cart are \$29 for residents, \$32 out of township. INFO: For more info or to schedule a tee time, call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809.

JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

Instructor Bill Springer will teach young golfers – ages 7 to 18 – all aspects of the game including grip, swing, short game and etiquette! Golf camp will be held from 10 a.m. to noon July 16-19. Cost is \$60 per child or \$100 for two or more children. RESERVATIONS: Call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Free yoga sessions are held in the park at 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June 16 through September 30, weather permitting. The class is suitable for high school students through seniors. All you need to bring is a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Yoga-in-the-Park is taught by certified yoga instructor Sandra Tomera, who provides poses and exercises for all levels of fitness. INFO: Call (219) 718-9856.



OUTDOOR FITNESS

Get your groove on at our outdoor fitness area. Open year-round, the handicapped-accessible equipment includes an elliptical machine, leg press, rower bike, vertical press and pendulum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

WickerMemorialPark.com or (219) 838-3420

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

WHEN: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Showtime is 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Rain or Shine! In case of inclement weather, the event will move inside.

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park
Social Center Gazebo, 2215 Ridge Road, Highland

TICKETS: \$7 per person – ages 21 and over. Season pass is \$50.
Table reservations also available.
Visit www.eventbrite.com to purchase yours today!

NOTE: Food and cash bar. Outside food and drinks prohibited.

INFO: (219) 932-2530, 331 or wickermemorialpark.com

JUNE 14 ★
WITHOUT U2 ★
withoutu2.com

JUNE 21
GONE 2 PARADISE
frankpaulentertainment.com

JUNE 28
SOUTHERN ACCENTS
southernaccentsband.com

JULY 5
ST. JIMMY THE GREEN DAY EXPERIENCE
reverbnation.com

JULY 12 ★
INFINITY ★
infinity2k.com

JULY 19
PEARL JAM TRIBUTE
pearljamtributechicago.com

JULY 26 ★ ★
KASHMIR
kashmirchicago.com

AUGUST 2
DICK DIAMOND & THE DUSTERS
dickdiamond.net

AUGUST 9 ★ ★
TRIPPIN' BILLIES
trippinbillies.com

AUGUST 16
ECHOES OF POMPEII
echoesofpompeii.net

SEPTEMBER 6
MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION WITH TOGETHER
togethermusic.com



FOOD ■ **DRINKS** ■ **ENTERTAINMENT** ■ **UNDER THE STARS**

Sensational Summer!

■ ■ ■ ■ SUMMER CRUISE NIGHTS ■ ■ ■ ■

Check out the coolest classic cars and trucks during our summer cruise nights at Wicker Memorial Park. Our DJ will be spinning some tunes at this annual event. Food trucks will be on site. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfortable seating and enjoy the evening!

WHEN: 6:30 to 9 p.m. June 27, July 25 and August 22

WHERE: Wicker Park Pavilion, 2215 Ridge Road

ADMISSION: Free

■ ■ ■ ■ BATTLE FOR BLOOD ■ ■ ■ ■

North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan challenges you to participate in the 8th Annual North Township Battle for Blood. Which community will win this year: East Chicago, Hammond, Highland, Munster or Whiting? The first 25 donors will receive free admission to that night's Summer Concert at Wicker Park with Southern Accents – Tommy Petty Tribute.

WHEN: 1 to 7p.m. June 28

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park Clubhouse

■ ■ ■ ■ MOVIES IN THE PARK ■ ■ ■ ■

Join us for an evening in the park to watch "Wonder" on the big screen. The evening includes free giveaways and a raffle of a child-sized "Wonder" astronaut helmet. Bring a blanket or comfortable lawn chair. The concession stand will be open.

WHEN: Dusk July 6 **ADMISSION:** Free

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park



INFO

For more information on these township events, please call Activities Director Kelly Bridges at (219) 932-2530, ext. 331.

SCHOOL CAREER FAIR

North Township – in partnership with the School City of Hammond – will host a job fair to fill open full-time and substitute teaching positions. Resumes must be submitted at www.hammond.k12.in.us prior to the job fair.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **June 19**

WHERE: Wicker Park Social Center

ADMISSION: Free

RESERVATIONS: Call Cindy Rivera at (219) 803-0659.



FOUR WINDS CASINO

Roll the dice and let Lady Luck guide you to fame, fortune or at least a rollicking good time on this trip to New Buffalo, Michigan.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **June 26, July 30 and August 28**

WHERE: Four Winds Casino

FEE: \$26 per person includes round-trip transportation to/from Wicker Park. Upon arrival at the casino, you'll receive a \$15 slot credit and a \$10 food credit.

RESERVATIONS: Please call our Senior Coordinators Renee or Deena at (219) 838-3420.



SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Enjoy great food, entertainment, guest speakers and door prizes for only \$5 at the monthly luncheon at Wicker Park Social Center in Highland. Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch begins at noon.

RESERVATIONS: Call the township at (219) 932-2530, ext. 2.



SENIOR VOUCHERS

Health starts with nutrition. North Township is promoting healthy eating for the township's seniors 55 years of age and older through monthly gift certificates in the amount of \$20. There is a limit of one certificate per household.

INFO: Call Chief Deputy Virginia Carter at (219) 932-2530.

4 - 8 PM SATURDAY • JUNE 30

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK • HIGHLAND

SAMPLE MORE THAN 100 CRAFT BEERS • ENJOY MUSIC BY THE CRAWPUPIES

\$45-\$55 GENERAL ADMISSION includes unlimited beer samples and commemorative sampling cup. Food available for purchase.

\$75-\$85 VIP ADMISSION includes 3 p.m. admittance, unlimited beer samples along with featured brews available only to VIPs, commemorative sampling cup, unlimited buffet and access to a private VIP lounge.

\$15 DESIGNATED DRIVER includes unlimited pop, water and a food voucher.

INFO & TICKETS: WWW.PINTSINTHEPARK.NET



Frank J. Mrvan



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NORTH TOWNSHIP BATTLE OF THE BANDS

7 - 10 PM AUGUST 21

WICKER PARK SOCIAL CENTER GAZEBO
2215 RIDGE ROAD • HIGHLAND • IN

ADMISSION IS \$5 • RAIN OR SHINE!
FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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