

North Township NAVIGATOR



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VICTORY FOR VETERANS



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“YOU DO NOT STAND ALONE”

Welcome Wanisha Gail Joseph and her young son Isaiah, the first residents of Narva House – a home rehabbed and furnished for a veteran who needs a helping hand to become self-sufficient again.

Following a dedication, blessing and celebration at the East Chicago house on a particularly stormy day in May, the real work has begun to provide the makings of productive lives – and even brighter futures.

Joseph knows it won't be easy.

She trusts the partners in the Victory for Veterans Initiative will assist her at every turn. The home – and the program – has already been a life-changer.

“Wanisha is a survivor in a world where returning veterans have inherent difficulties adjusting to day-to-day life outside the confines of military service,” North Township Trustee Frank J. Mrvan said. “In the military, mission is everything. Losing that focus can cost you your life and that of your fellow soldiers.”

Joseph's return to civilian life was complicated by PTSD, a sexual assault and a related substance abuse issue that eventually left her and Isaiah homeless.

“As she says, that was her past,” Mrvan said. “Narva House is the gateway to her future.”

RELAY4AUTISM BRINGS FAMILIES TO WICKER PARK FOR DAY OF FUN

Wicker Memorial Park's Splash Pad is reserved and emergency vehicles have been booked for North Township's first-ever Relay4Autism.

The Aug. 3 event will bring families together for a day of fun and fellowship, fostering awareness and growth of the township's autism safety initiative.

Community Development Coordinator Rosie Quintanilla is still looking for event sponsors and relay teams.

“We have 180 families signed up as part of the autism safety project,” Quintanilla said. “Studies show that individuals with autism are most at risk when they come into contact with law enforcement. The township is providing training to local law enforcement, bracelets that identify autistic individuals to police and sensory bags to help make interactions less frightening.”

RELAY4AUTISM

Join us for the first Relay4Autism. Sign up for our Autism Bracelet Program, peruse the resource fair, enjoy the sensory calming area or cool off at our Splash Pad. The event also features music, games, food trucks, face painters and more!

WHEN: 9 a.m. -1 p.m. August 3

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park

INFO: www.inautism.org.



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



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MISSING PERSONS DAY

JUNE 29 | 11 AM – 3 PM | WICKER MEMORIAL PARK CLUBHOUSE

For many families, a spouse or child who disappears is the nightmare that never ends. Nationwide, 600,000 men, women and children go missing every year.

North Township's Missing Persons Day will draw attention to local residents who have disappeared without a trace and look for clues to aid in solving cold cases.

Families are invited to join professionals from the National Missing & Unidentified Persons System for assistance in finding those who have disappeared.

NamUs specializes in finding missing persons and identifying the 4,400 bodies recovered each year – 1,000 of which remain unidentified after one year.

"We have families in our region whose hearts break every day a loved one remains unaccounted for," Trustee Frank J. Mrvan said. "This event provides free assistance to families who need to know what happened."

RESERVATIONS

For reservations or more information, please call (219) 313-3934 or email bridgesk@ntto.net.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Family and friends of a person missing more than 24 hours.

WHAT TO BRING?

- » Photos of missing person
- » X-rays, dental-medical records and other identifying documents
- » One biologically-related family member, who can provide DNA samples (cheek swab)
- » Police reports



MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS WORKSHOP

Law enforcement, medical examiners and coroner professionals are invited to a free Missing and Unidentified Persons Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 28 at Lincoln Community Center in Highland.

To register, please provide your title, name, agency, email and phone to Melissa Gregory at Melissa.Gregory@unthsc.edu or (817) 304-0893.

SUMMER IN THE PARK

Summer is magical at Wicker Memorial Park. Enjoy the shade and gentle breezes provided by our hundred-year-old oaks while walking the 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. Welcome to the park!

SPLASH PAD

Open seven days a week, our popular 8,500-square-foot water playground boasts more than 30 spray features. **INFO:** Visit WickerMemorialPark.com for special needs, hours of operation 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.

DOG PARK

Our dog park features pet fountains, benches for leash holders and plenty of space to run around. **INFO:** The annual fee is \$25 for township residents, \$60 for out-of-township and \$100 out-of-state. Register your dog at the Wicker Memorial Park picnic office.

SUMMER GOLF RATES

This 18-hole, par-72 course offers tree-lined fairways, a practice green and driving range. Summer rates are \$37 to ride 18 holes on the weekend for residents, \$40 out of township. Weekdays with cart are \$31 for residents, \$34 out of township. **INFO:** For more information or to schedule a tee time, please call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809.

JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

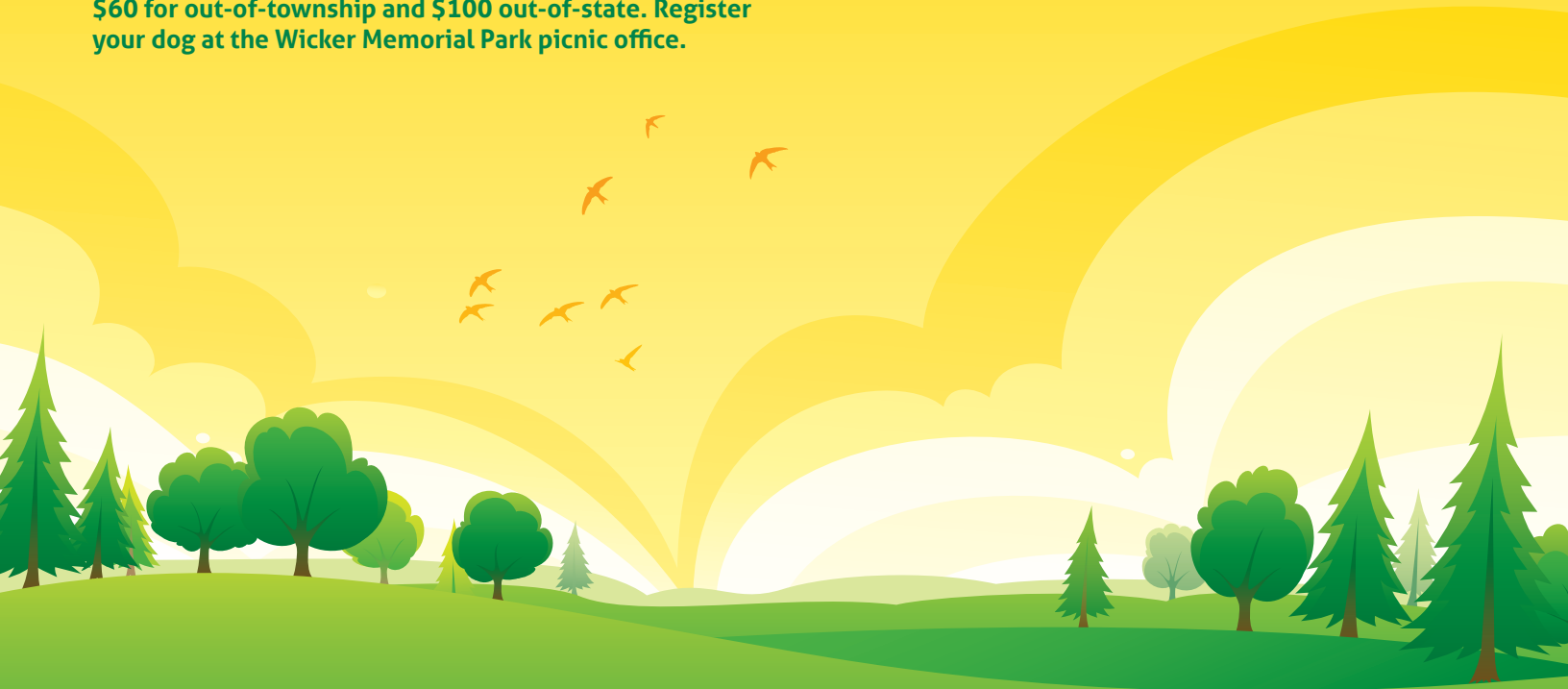
Instructor Bill Springer will teach young golfers – ages 7 to 18 – all aspects of the game including grip, swing, short game and etiquette! Golf camp will be held from 10 a.m. to noon July 15-18. Cost is \$60 per child or \$100 for two or more children. **RESERVATIONS:** Please call the Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809.

OUTDOOR FITNESS

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

YOGA IN THE PARK

Free yoga sessions are held in the park at 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, June 8 through September 29, weather permitting. The class is suitable for all ages. Please wear comfortable clothes. Yoga mat or blanket, towel and water bottle are optional, but not required. Yoga in the Park is taught by certified yoga instructor Sandra Tomera, who provides poses and exercises for all levels of fitness. **QUESTIONS?** Please call (219) 718-9856.



WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

Summer CONCERT SERIES



DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM

SHOWTIME: 7:30-10:30 PM THURSDAYS

TICKETS: \$7 AT EVENTBRITE.COM

RAIN OR SHINE!

RESERVATIONS: Reserve a table for 8-10 (\$10 per person) by calling 219.932.2530 ext. 324. Food and beverages are available for purchase. No food, drinks or coolers are allowed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please visit us online at WickerMemorialPark.com.

NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE FRANK J. MRVAN PRESENTS ...

JUNE 13
PEARL JAM CHICAGO
Pearl Jam Tribute

JUNE 20
**KICK - THE INXS
EXPERIENCE**
INXS Tribute

JUNE 27
QUEEN FLASH
Queen Tribute

JULY 11
SOUTHERN ACCENTS
Tom Petty Tribute

JULY 18
INFINITY
Classic & Current Rock

JULY 25
ONE OF THESE NIGHTS
Eagles Tribute

AUGUST 1
KASHMIR
Led Zeppelin Tribute

AUGUST 8
ECHOES OF POMPEII
Pink Floyd Tribute

AUGUST 15
**DEAN FORD &
THE BEAUTIFUL ONES**
Prince Tribute

SEPTEMBER 5
TOGETHER
Motown



... THIS SUMMER AT WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

FAMILY CAMP OUT

Grab the family and your tents for an overnight camp out. Activities include an outdoor showing of “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World.” All ages are welcome. Park grills are first come, first serve.

WHEN: 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. June 14-15. Check-in and setup starts at 6 p.m.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5 township residents, \$10 out of township, \$15 out of state. Valid ID required.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED : Call (219) 313-3934.

CRUISE NIGHTS

Check out the coolest exotic, muscle and collector cars and trucks at our summer cruise nights.

WHEN: 5 to 8 p.m. June 26, July 24, August 28 and September 25

BATTLE FOR BLOOD

North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan challenges you to participate in the 9th 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 concert at Wicker Park with Queen Flash – a Queen tribute band.

WHEN: 1 to 7 p.m. June 27

WHERE: Wicker Park Clubhouse

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join us for an evening in the park to watch Disney’s “Christopher Robin” on the big screen. Bring a blanket or comfortable lawn chair.

WHEN: Dusk July 19

WHERE: Near the Splash Pad

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

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: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 25, July 30 and August 27.

PLEASE NOTE: Bus now departs from casino promptly at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

WHERE: Four Winds Casino

FEE: \$30 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.

INFO: Please call Deena Schriks at (219) 838-3420.



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 \$15. There is a limit of one certificate per household.

QUESTIONS? Please call Chief Deputy Virginia Carter at (219) 398-2435 for more information.



SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Seniors 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. All meals include bread and butter, hot tea and coffee.

JUNE 12: Mixed green salad, alfredo, broccoli and pudding.

JULY 10: Mixed green salad, pot roast, boiled potatoes, carrots and chocolate pudding.

AUGUST 14: Chicken BLT salad and cherry cobbler.

RESERVATIONS: Please call (219) 932-2530, ext. 2.

Not a member? Please call Deena Schriks at (219) 838-3420.

4 - 8 PM SATURDAY • AUGUST 10

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK • HIGHLAND

MORE THAN 100 CRAFT BEERS • LIVE MUSIC BY THE CRAWPUPIES

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

\$65-\$75 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.

\$20 DESIGNATED DRIVER includes unlimited pop and water.

INFO & TICKETS: WWW.PINTSINTHEPARK.NET



Frank J. Mrvan



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Join us for North Township's ...

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 8 | 2-8 PM

ADMISSION IS \$3 | RAIN OR SHINE!

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION
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