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**VENUES PARKS & ARTS**



## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### Welcome to the very first issue of SPARK\* Magazine.

We hope this inaugural print publication inspires and generates excitement about everything happening in South Bend. With each issue we will illuminate untold stories of people and places making our city such a special community in which to live and grow. We'll also offer an overview of Venues Parks & Arts programs & events available to you and your family.

Along with the Magazine, you will find an additional booklet inserted – The SPARK\* InfoGuide – which will give you all the dates, times, and contact information you are seeking in order to plan, schedule, attend, and experience the exciting activities South Bend has to offer all year round.

The Magazine will be released 2 times per year (Fall/Winter, Spring/Summer) and will be filled cover-to-cover with all the latest and greatest information to keep you in the know. Both SPARK\* pieces will always be available to you 24/7 on our website at [sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org).

## ENJOY!

As a department of the City of South Bend, Venues Parks & Arts creates exceptional experiences and opportunities for everyone in the areas of arts and culture, parks and ecology, and health and wellness.



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\* SBVPA FEATURE STORIES

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**VENUES PARKS & ARTS**

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M-F 8:00AM-4:30AM  
vpa@southbendin.gov  
[sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org)

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South Bend Events App

**Maintenance Concerns**  
574-235-9414

**Park Ambassadors**  
574-286-6827

**Byers Softball Complex\***  
1300 Mayflower Rd.  
574-282-1449

**Century Center**  
120 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.  
574-235-9711  
centurycenter.org

**Charles Black Recreation Center (under renovation)**  
3419 W. Washington St.  
574-235-7712

**East Race Waterway\***  
126 N. Niles Ave.  
574-233-6121

**Elbel Park Golf Course\***  
26595 Auten Rd.  
574-271-9180  
sbparkgolf.org

**Erskine Park Golf Course\***  
4200 Miami St.  
574-291-3216  
sbparkgolf.org

**Four Winds Field\***  
501 W. South Street  
574-235.9988  
milb.com

**Howard Park Recreation Center (under renovation)**  
219 S. St. Louis Blvd  
574-235-9428

**Kennedy Water Playground\***  
2700 Westmoor St.  
574-235-9407

**Leeper Park Tennis Center\***  
907 Riverside Dr.  
574-235-9405

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center**  
1522 W. Linden  
574-235-9445  
M-TH 9-9, F 9-6:30PM

**Morris PAC**  
211 N. Michigan St.  
574-235-9190  
M-F 12-5PM  
morriscenter.org

**O'Brien Fitness Center**  
321 E. Walter St.  
574-299-3482  
M-F 5AM-9PM  
SA 7AM-4PM  
SU 9AM-2PM

**Palais Royale**  
105 W. Colfax Ave.  
574-235-5612  
palaisroyale.org

**Potawatomi Conservatory**  
2105 Mishawaka Ave.  
M-F 10AM-4PM,  
SA 10-3PM,  
574.235.9442  
potawatomiconservatories.org

**Potawatomi Pool\***  
2000 Wall St.  
574-235-9438  
M-SU 12-6PM

**Potawatomi Zoo\***  
500 S Greenlawn Ave  
574-235-9455  
See website for hours.  
potawatomizoo.org

**Rum Village Nature Center**  
2626 S. Gertrude St.  
574-235-9455  
M-F 8:30-4:30PM  
SA 10-4PM, SU 1-5PM

**Studebaker Park Golf Course\***  
718 E. Calvert St.  
574-287-6634

\*Enjoy seasonally.



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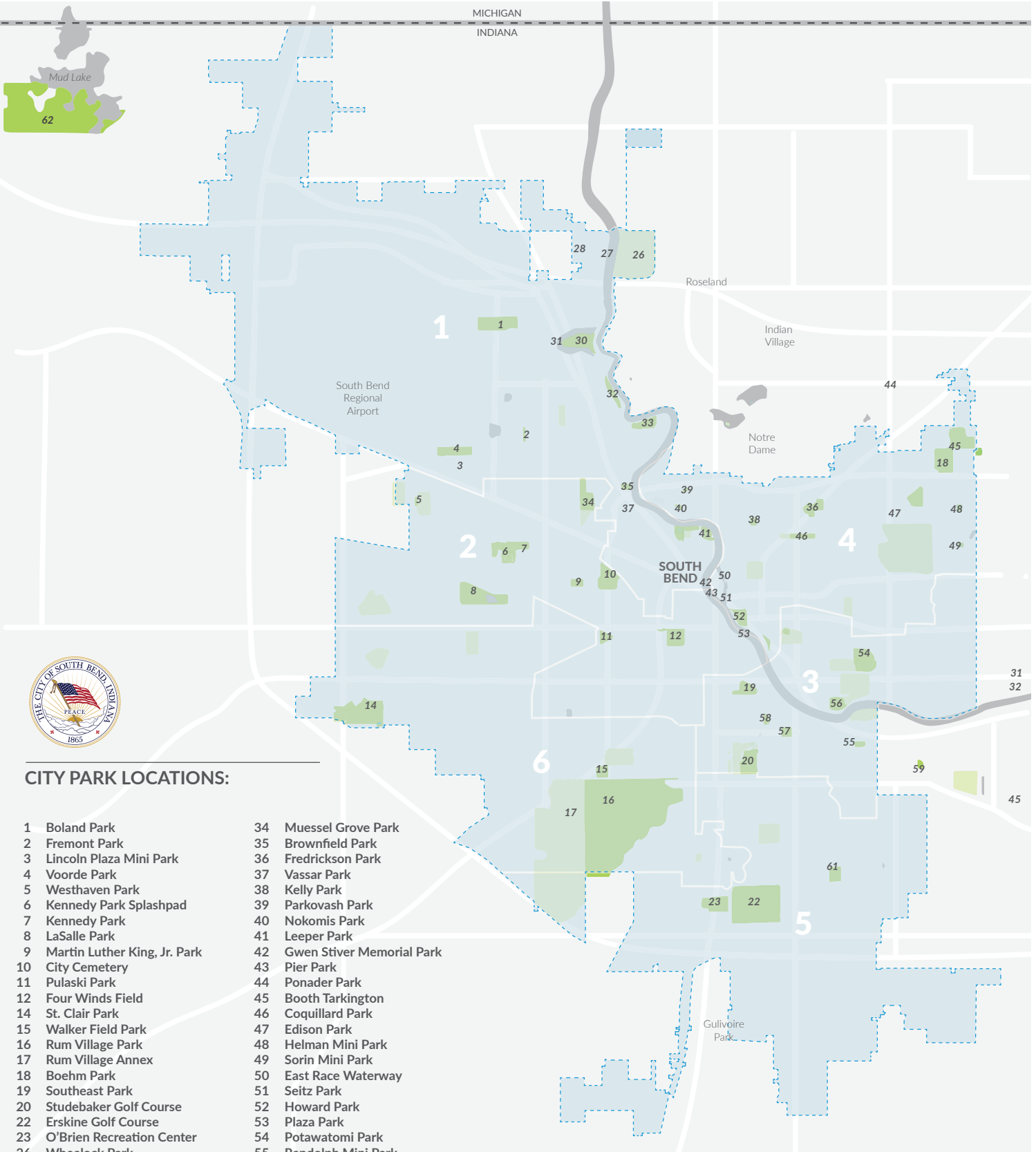
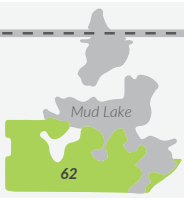
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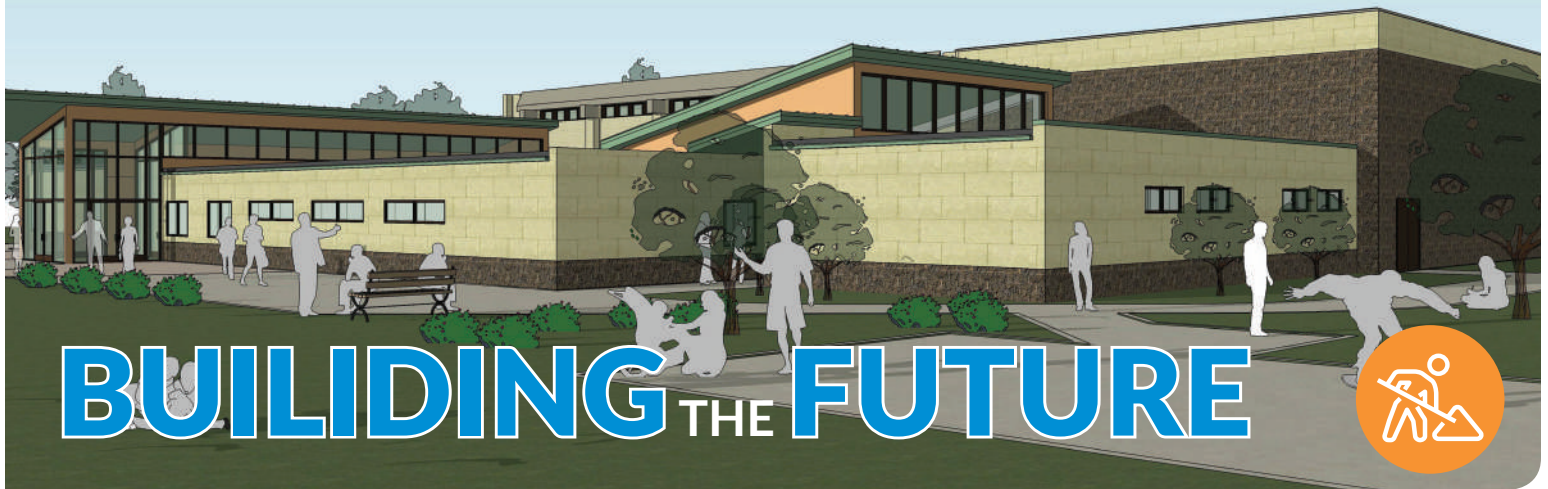


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■ - City of South Bend Parks

■ - Districts



## AT CHARLES BLACK RECREATION CENTER

**I**f you've ever been to the Charles Black Recreation Center for any one of its numerous events or programs, you've probably noticed the kind, welcoming faces of its staff. Their hard work and genuine demeanors are consistent, making it a place many have returned to year after year.

The many years of those events and programs are now showing their wear and tear, evident inside and out. Recently, the Center was identified as a "high priority" in the Venues Parks & Arts Master Plan. Two years of planning and public meetings have led to the development of a new facility.

"It is exciting to see this project, initiated and planned by the community, come to fruition. We will continue to make it a priority to engage the neighborhood as construction starts and programming is relocated," said Aaron Perri, Executive Director of Venues Parks & Arts.

The upgraded facility will continue to serve as a neighborhood anchor, serving everyone from youth to seniors. Not only will the smell of new paint and the feel of new floors be an exciting change, the overall footprint of the

building will increase by 50%. This will provide an expansive list of new features, including:

- ✓ Three Practice Basketball Courts
- ✓ Bike Repair Shop
- ✓ Expanded Fitness Center
- ✓ Locker Rooms
- ✓ Performance Platform
- ✓ New Hv/Ac Systems & Storage



Current Facility

"I am excited about the renovation, because it will give us additional space to better serve the community, and provide not just quantity but quality programming for all of our families, participants, and partners," said Cynthia Taylor, Director of Charles Black Recreation Center. Curb appeal will also be upgraded, with new landscaping and a beautiful entrance to welcome all ✨

Construction is expected to last approximately 12 months. During the renovation, every staff member will be retained and all programming will continue as normal at various locations in the neighborhood. New programming locations and schedule are listed below.

### NOTE: Temporary Recreation Center Relocation Information

Visit [MYSBPARKSANDTRAILS.COM](https://mysbparksandtrails.com)

#### HOWARD PARK

All programs have been relocated to the community room at the Zion Church, located at 211 S. St. Peter Street, while Howard Park Recreation Center is being built.

#### CHARLES BLACK

**Real Services Senior Program:** Relocated to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 1522 Linden Ave.

**Afterschool All-Stars Program:** Relocated to Harrison Primary School, 3302 W. Western Ave.

**Open Recreation and Fitness:** Relocated to Lafayette School, 245 N. Lombardy Dr.





# YOUTH SPORTS

## GET YOUR KIDS IN THE GAME

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

#### O'BRIEN RECREATION CENTER

- ✓ Pee Wee Basketball
- ✓ Basketball Classes
- ✓ Pee Wee Soccer
- ✓ Beginning Soccer
- ✓ Princess Ballet
- ✓ Beginning Ballet
- ✓ Fierce Cheerleading
- ✓ Jazz Funk Class
- ✓ Meet & Play
- ✓ Open Preschool Gym
- ✓ All Hands In
- ✓ Preschool Crafts
- ✓ Homeschool Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Wiggles & Giggles
- ✓ Tae Kwon Do

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECREATION CENTER

- ✓ MLK After School Recreation Program
- ✓ Teen Open Recreation & Fitness
- ✓ Step It Up with T-Speedz! Hip Hop Cardio Step Class
- ✓ Soldiers Travel
- Basketball Team Tryout
- ✓ Soldiers Basketball Clinic Misc. Locations
- ✓ River City Youth Basketball

#### CHARLES BLACK RECREATION CENTER

- ✓ Afterschool All-Stars Program
- ✓ Open Recreation & Fitness

**Register Now!** Call 299.2765 or visit [sbvpa.org/activities](http://sbvpa.org/activities)

# GOLF

OUR PARK COURSES  
HAVE SOMETHING  
FOR EVERYONE

Courses open into the fall season (weather depending).

## SOUTH BEND PARK COURSES:

### ELBEL PARK GOLF COURSE

26595 Auten Rd.  
271-9180 | 18 holes  
Play alongside nature.



### ERSKINE PARK GOLF COURSE

4200 Miami St.  
291-3216 | 18 holes  
Where Arnold Palmer played.



### STUDEBAKER PARK GOLF COURSE

718 E Calvert St.  
287-6634 | 9 holes  
The perfect course for beginners.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Recreational sledding and cross country skiing are allowed during the snowy winter months at Elbel Park Golf Course, Erskine Park Golf Course, and Rum Village Park. Bring your own sled and/or gear and enjoy!

**Book Your Tee Time!** Call 271-9180 or visit [sbparkgolf.org](http://sbparkgolf.org)

# A CHORUS LINE

AT THE MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

A Chorus Line tells of the achingly poignant ambitions of professional Broadway gypsies to land a job in the show, and is a powerful metaphor for all human aspiration.

Get your tickets to see this memorable performance. Visit [www.morriscenter.org](http://www.morriscenter.org), stop by the Box Office (211 N. Michigan St.) Mon – Fri, 12pm – 5pm, or call 800-537-6415.

FEBRUARY 9 – FEBRUARY 11

[MORRISCENTER.ORG](http://MORRISCENTER.ORG)



## ADVERTISE WITH US!

Within the pages of SPARK, we celebrate and encourage a community of positivity, inclusivity and optimism in South Bend. You can be a part of something bigger – call us for more information on advertising opportunities with the pages of SPARK.

Contact: Adam Miller, Director of Development  
574-235-5940 | [amiller@southbendin.gov](mailto:amiller@southbendin.gov)

[SBVPA.ORG](http://SBVPA.ORG)



# GROUP FITNESS

STAY MOTIVATED AND STAY ACTIVE ALL WINTER LONG.

South Bend Venues Parks & Arts offers group fitness options for ages 14 and up. Adults can enjoy a variety of interval classes with engaging instructors and flexible schedule options.

## O'BRIEN CENTER

- ✓ Beginner Middle Eastern Dance
- ✓ Body Sculpt
- ✓ Body Toning
- ✓ Cardio Mix
- ✓ Cardio Mix "Plus"
- ✓ Country Heat
- ✓ Cycling
- ✓ Intermediate Middle Eastern Dance
- ✓ Interval Training
- ✓ Kettlebells
- ✓ Pilates
- ✓ Pound
- ✓ Qigong
- ✓ Rockin' Cardio
- ✓ Ruby's Aerobics
- ✓ T'ai Chi
- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Zumba

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECREATION CENTER

Adult Fitness Membership Includes:

- ✓ Cardio Room
- ✓ Weight Room
- ✓ Gymnasium
- ✓ Circuit Training
- ✓ 40+ Fit Club
- ✓ Chair Aerobics (55+)
- ✓ St. Joseph's Medical Center for 55+\*

## RILEY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Learn to Swim
- ✓ Lifeguard Class

## CLAY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Aqua Aerobics
- ✓ Lifeguard Class

## WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

- ✓ Lifeguard Class

## VARIOUS LOCATIONS

- ✓ South Bend Swim Club

## HOWARD PARK RECREATION CENTER

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- ✓ Active Aging

\*St. Joseph's Medical Center for 55+ also available at Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, O'Brien Fitness Center, & Pinhook Pavilion



321 E. Walter Street | 574-299-3482

### HOURS

Monday-Friday 5:00am-9:00pm  
Saturday 7:00am-4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm

CLOSED FOR MAJOR HOLIDAYS

O'Brien Recreation Center is very proud to provide the public with a full size fitness center featuring a vast assortment of treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, stair masters, and a fully equipped weight room. Fitness Center membership gives you access to our cardio and weight center; group exercise classes are at additional cost.

Become an O'Brien Fitness Center member and enjoy **discounted group fitness class pricing.**

More information at [sbvpa.org/groupfitness](http://sbvpa.org/groupfitness)

**Sign Up!** Call 299.4765 or visit [sbvpa.org/groupfitness](http://sbvpa.org/groupfitness)





# ADULT SPORTS

FIND YOUR TEAM. WIN WITH ADULT SPORTS.

Looking for a competitive challenge? Team up with men and women from the area for our Adult Sports opportunities this fall and winter.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

### BYERS SOFTBALL COMPLEX

✓ Byers Softball Leagues\*

\*Fall registration now closed. Come watch the teams compete and visit [southbendparks.vicid.net](http://southbendparks.vicid.net) for Spring registration information.

### O'BRIEN RECREATION CENTER

✓ Pickleball

### EDISON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

✓ Co-Ed Volleyball

**Join the game!** Call 299-4765 or visit [sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org)



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# SOUTH BEND'S HIDDEN GEM

*I went ziplining  
yesterday!*

*South Bend  
has that?!*

Did you know South Bend has a high ropes course? Or a Nature Center with naturalists on staff, mountain biking trails, dedicated hiking trails and a disc golf space? For many, it's easy to overlook one of the beloved hidden gems located just outside of downtown: Rum Village Park.

**T**he autumn breeze which sweeps through the 160 acres of rolling woodlands is always refreshing, almost ringing in a sense of renew with the crisp coolness. Five miles of biking and three miles of hiking trails wind throughout the park. Nature is in its full glory: squirrels rustle in the leaves, deer roam about, and birds chirp in the treetops.

"The fall season is my favorite around here at Rum Village with the crisp fall air and the beautiful colors of the trees," said Hannah Teshka, Naturalist at Rum Village Nature Center.

Within the park sits Rum Village Nature Center. At any given time throughout the season, visitors will see deer, foxes, reptiles, birds and more in their natural state. Whether you're a nature lover or simply curious, the Nature Center is an intriguing place. Fun hands-on activities are open for

play and if you stand for too long at the large bird-viewing window you may get swept away in the animal oasis.

"The Nature Center is so unique. You don't have to love nature to appreciate it, either," said Nick Simpson, resident of South Bend. "Every time I'm there, I see something new, especially in the fall. There's something about it that makes that place seem extra special in the fall."

Rum Village Park is also home to Edge Adventure, a thrilling ropes course within the trees.

"Here at Edge, we are all about giving families, friends, and groups a challenging, memorable, exhilarating experience that gets them away from all the digital devices and connects them to nature, to each other, and to themselves," said Nick Holt, manager at Edge Adventures.





*Every time I'm there I see something new. There's something about it [Rum Village Park] that makes that place extra special in the fall.*



Strapped to a safety harness, adventurers will find 5 courses from beginner to advanced. At any given time, you'll find those as young as 8 years old navigating with pride. A sharp squeal is heard every few minutes, signifying the end of a course with a zipline to the ground level.

If an adrenaline rush isn't your type of excitement, there are other family-friendly events that happen within the park throughout the year. One in particular draws thousands in October each year with pumpkin carvings, live music, carriage rides and games for the kids. The Fall Family Fun Fair is free and open to all ages; this year, it will be held on Saturday, October 14.

Bring the kids by for a fun nature day. Take the dog for a walk through the trails. Spend the day mountain biking in the middle of the city. Whatever interests you have, there's something at Rum Village Park. \*



Celebrate Autumn with all of your favorite fall activities, including a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, carriage rides, contests, nature programs, food and treats, live music, and much more.

OCTOBER 14 at 10:00AM | FREE EVENT  
RUM VILLAGE, 2626 S. GERTRUDE ST.

**[SBVPA.ORG/ACTIVITIES](http://SBVPA.ORG/ACTIVITIES)**



# 10 FUN THINGS

TO DO THIS FALL & WINTER IN SOUTH BEND

The changing seasons are upon us: School is back in session, leaves are painted in stunning hues of oranges, reds, and yellows, and the brisk morning air ushers in the need for hot coffee. It's tempting to hibernate during the cold months but with so many activities happening in South Bend, there's no reason to stay home! Here's 10 ideas powered by SBVPA to keep the fun going all fall and winter long: \*

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## FIRST FRIDAYS

**First Friday of each month in downtown South Bend**

Celebrate the changing of seasons and holidays throughout the upcoming months during Downtown South Bend's First Fridays events. The first Friday of every month will have a theme throughout downtown, including activities for the kids, live music, dining, shopping, and more!

**5:00PM – 9:00PM | FREE ADMISSION**

[dtsbfirstfridays.com](http://dtsbfirstfridays.com)

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## FALL FAMILY FUN FAIR

**October 14 at Rum Village Park**

Attend the annual Fall Family Fun Fair. This family-friendly event has all your fall favorites, including: pumpkin decorating, carriage rides, nature programs, and live music. It's the perfect opportunity to bring friends and family, and get into the spirit of autumn.

**10:00AM – 3:00PM | FREE ADMISSION**

[sbvpa.org/activities](http://sbvpa.org/activities)

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## ZOO BOO

**October 20 – 22 at the Potawatomi Zoo**

Trick or Treat! A favorite Halloween tradition full of pumpkins, lights and decorations which transform the Potawatomi Zoo. It's the perfect opportunity for the kids to dress in their costumes and trick-or-treat in a safe environment.

**SEE WEBSITE FOR TIMES & COST**

[potawatomizoo.org/events](http://potawatomizoo.org/events)

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## SIMPLY AUTUMN HIKES

**October 22 & 29 at Rum Village Nature Center**

Join us as we take a stroll through the autumn woods to enjoy the beautiful leaf coloration that comes but once a year.

**2:00PM | FREE ADMISSION**

[sbvpa.org/parks](http://sbvpa.org/parks)



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## AERIAL ROPES COURSE

Through November 4 in Rum Village Park

Experience the thrill of aerial obstacles and zip lines. It's one unique challenge after the other with 5 courses, testing your courage and endurance. Great for families with kids 8 and older. Be prepared to test your balance and coordination while having fun.

10:00AM - 7:00PM DAILY | COST: \$29 - \$79

[edgeadventureparks.com](http://edgeadventureparks.com)

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## TREE LIGHTING

December 1 on the Jon R. Hunt Plaza

Ring in the holiday season and attend the tree lighting in downtown South Bend. This annual tradition marks the start of the holiday season on the streets of downtown South Bend with live music, special treats, and the arrival of Santa.

5:30 - 6:30PM | FREE ADMISSION

[downtownfortheholidays.com](http://downtownfortheholidays.com)

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## MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

December 1-3 at the Morris PAC

Change up your weekend routine and attend a Broadway show. Motown the Musical kicks off the 2017-2018 Broadway season at the Morris Performing Arts Center. It's a beautiful story of the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy.

TICKETS: \$45 - \$75

[morriscenter.org](http://morriscenter.org)

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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS WITH SBSO

December 16-17 at the Morris PAC

Make it a date night at the historic Morris Performing Arts Center. The South Bend Symphony Orchestra will perform 4 concerts throughout the fall and winter season, ranging from classical to contemporary shows.

TICKETS: \$20-\$75

[morriscenter.org](http://morriscenter.org)

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## WINTER RESTAURANT WEEK

End of January in downtown South Bend

Experience the variety of cuisine from 17 downtown restaurants. The menus include breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner options. A portion of the proceeds go to Memorial Children's Hospital.

MENU PRICES: \$11, \$22, OR \$33

[eatdrinkdtsb.com](http://eatdrinkdtsb.com)

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## DADDY-DAUGHTER & MOM-SON DANCES

Daddy-Daughter Dance: January 30, 2018

Mom-Son Dance: February 27, 2018

Dads/daughters and moms/sons each experience their own fun-filled night of memories. Enjoy music, dancing and refreshments at the Century Center.

BOTH EVENTS 6:00PM - 8:30PM | TICKETS: \$20

[sbvpa.org/activities](http://sbvpa.org/activities)



# SPECIAL EVENTS

'TIS THE SEASON FOR MAKING LASTING MEMORIES

## SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULE:

### SEPTEMBER 2017

- ✓ Centier Bank Chamber Business Expo After Hours: Sept. 14
- ✓ Director's Youth Scholarship Golf Outing: Sept. 15
- ✓ Ramencon 2017: Sept. 15-17
- ✓ Zoo Brew: Sept. 16
- ✓ South Bend Jazz Festival 2017: Sept. 23

### OCTOBER 2017

- ✓ NAACP Annual Luncheon: Oct. 5
- ✓ First Fridays Downtown Oktoberfest: Oct. 6
- ✓ South Bend Paranormal Rally by Sacred Cow: Oct. 13-14

- ✓ 8th Annual Gala 100 Black Men of Greater South Bend: Oct. 14
- ✓ Fall Family Fun Fair: Oct. 14
- ✓ Zoo Boo: Oct. 20-22
- ✓ WeddingDay Bridal Tour: Oct. 22

### DECEMBER 2017

- ✓ Tree Lighting Ceremony: Dec. 1
- ✓ First Friday Downtown for the Holidays: Dec. 1

### JANUARY 2018

- ✓ First Fridays Downtown: Jan. 5
- ✓ Bridal Spectacular: Jan. 7
- ✓ Valley RV & Camping Show: Jan. 13-15

- ✓ South Bend Hall of Fame Banquet: Jan. 14
- ✓ Daddy Daughter Dance: Jan. 30
- ✓ Winter Restaurant Week: Late Jan.

### FEBRUARY 2018

- ✓ First Fridays Downtown: Feb. 2
- ✓ For the Love of Art Fair: Feb. 17
- ✓ Mom Son Dance: Feb. 27

### YOUR OPINION:

Attended one of our events or visited one of our facilities? We value your opinion! Please take our survey at [sbvpa.org/survey](http://sbvpa.org/survey)

**Get Your Tickets!** Call 299.4765 or visit [sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org)



# The Morris

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Paul Anka: Celebrating 60 Years of Hits
- ✓ SBSO – Mahler's "Titan"



### OCTOBER

- ✓ Brian Wilson presents Pet Sounds: The Final Performances
- ✓ Halestorm
- ✓ SBSO: Cirque de la Symphonie
- ✓ Bret Michaels' The Party Starts Now
- ✓ Keisha Cole in Concert



### NOVEMBER

- ✓ Peppa Pig's Surprise Live!
- ✓ Whose Live Anyway?
- ✓ SBSO – An American Celebration
- ✓ Michael Carbonaro Live!
- ✓ SBSO: Youth Concerts
- ✓ Charles Esten & Clare Bowen from Nashville



### DECEMBER

- ✓ Motown, the Musical
- ✓ The Nutcracker
- ✓ SBSO: Holiday Pops



### JANUARY

- ✓ SBSO: MLK Celebration
- ✓ Sleeping Beauty
- ✓ Paw Patrol



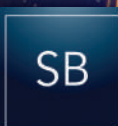
### FEBRUARY

- ✓ Wait Wait Don't Tell Me
- ✓ A Chorus Line
- ✓ SBSO – Beethoven's "Emperor"
- ✓ RAIN
- ✓ Comedian Bill Engvall

GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE OR AT THE BOX OFFICE

[morriscenter.org](http://morriscenter.org)

## SOUTH BEND'S MOST UNIQUE WEDDING VENUES



CENTURY CENTER  
SOUTH BEND

### CENTURY CENTER

120 S. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd | 574-235-9711  
[centurycenter.org](http://centurycenter.org)



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### MORRIS PAC

211 N. Michigan St. | 574-235-9190  
[morriscenter.org](http://morriscenter.org)



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECREATION CENTER

# GUIDING YOUTH

WITH LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAM



## RULE Nº 1:

Your life is the most valuable possession you own.

There are many times in life where this valuable lesson is learned through many trials and tribulations. It's especially important that the youth of our community – and our world – know and understand this important concept in life.

The staff at Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center know all-to-well that this lesson can mean life or death, which is why they have instilled a list of rules for the youth of South Bend to abide by. Rule #1: Your life is the most valuable possession you own. This is the first and most important rule taught through the MADE program.

What is MADE exactly? MADE is an award-winning program that mentors and provides strong examples to thousands of young people in South Bend. It teaches how to end violence, change lives, and skills to cope with many experiences and tragedies our youth face today.

"Across the country, we see a lot of kids that are dying and getting locked up for violence and other social behaviors," said Center Director, Maurice Scott, "Here at the center, we have a cure for it. First, we identify and eliminate the problems causing the behavior. Secondly, we help them deal with the emotional



## DID YOU KNOW?

SBVPA's MADE received an Indiana Parks & Recreation Association award in 2016 for Most Innovative Program



residue. Then, we help to give these young people new rules to live by."

Originally starting with values from San Francisco's Alive and Free Movement, MADE was initially introduced through Martin Luther King, Jr. Rec. Center's True Soldiers basketball program. The positive impact was proven evident, making MADE values an active piece of the center through other programs like open gym, neighborhood meetings, power jam sessions, and summer trips.

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"After a lot of one-on-one here, I made the decision to turn my life around, and things went from bad to good," said Jason Jordan, center program coordinator and long-time participant of MADE.

Recently, the outreach for this program developed even outside of the center. MADE is currently in local





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high schools, with intentions to implement it in local intermediate centers soon.

“As a former member of South Bend Community School Corporation, I know that teachers are restricted with how they can help these kids. But at the center, if you’re hungry, I’m going to make sure you have something to eat. If you need help with money, I’m going to help you get that job when you come here,” said program coordinator, Estelle Hollaway.

For their efforts, Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center received recognition at Indiana Park and Recreation Association’s (IPRA) 2016 Awards of Excellence when MADE won the Innovative Program Award. Even through this important acknowledgment, the center’s staff members remain humble and continue to look for new ways to improve the program.

“I don’t do it for the income. I do it for the outcome,” said program coordinator, Cedric Joseph-Pauline.

“We know that changing behavior isn’t a one-step process -- you can’t hug it away. But, we are offering the cure and we believe in these kids,” said Scott, “Male or female, we are all on a journey to be MADE daily.” ✨



## VOLUNTEER WITH VENUES PARKS & ARTS

Whether you’re an individual, business, or club looking to help better your community, there are opportunities to get involved in South Bend.

Contact us today!

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# VPA PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

## SEASONAL AND YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMING

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RECREATION CENTER

##### YOUTH & FAMILY:

- ✓ M.A.D.E. Power Jam Motivation Forum
- ✓ MLK Family BOO! Fest
- ✓ Cookies, Cocoa & Canvas for Christmas
- ✓ MLK Afterschool Rec Program

##### SENIORS:

- ✓ Movies & Popcorn
- ✓ 55+ Special Events
- ✓ 55+ Chair Exercise Class & Line Dancing

#### HOWARD PARK SENIOR RECREATION CENTER

All Howard Park programs have been relocated to the community room at the Zion Church, located at 211 S St. Peter Street, while Howard Park Recreation Center is being revitalized.

- ✓ Senior Halloween party
- ✓ M-F free activities

#### RUM VILLAGE FALL SUNDAY PROGRAMS - 2PM

- ✓ Log Exploration
- ✓ Tree I.D.
- ✓ Fall Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Simply Autumn
- ✓ Live Animal Learning
- ✓ Simply Autumn 2
- ✓ South Bend/Elkhart Audubon Society Meeting & Presentation
- ✓ A Time to Prepare
- ✓ What Are the Birds Up To?



### FAMILY PASSPORT TO PLAY EVENTS

- ✓ Hayride NOV. 3
- ✓ Ice Skating DEC. 19
- ✓ Snowflake Follies JAN. 13
- ✓ Hike the Sugar Bush FEB. 24

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**Join A Program!** Call 299.4765 or visit [sbvpa.org](http://sbvpa.org)





It's the day of the Great Adventure Bay Race between Adventure Bay's Mayor Goodway and Foggy Bottom's Mayor Humdinger, but Mayor Goodway is nowhere to be found. PAW Patrol to the rescue! Visit [www.morriscenter.org](http://www.morriscenter.org), call 800-537-6415, or visit the box office (211 N Michigan St., South Bend, IN) Mon - Fri, 12pm - 5pm.

JANUARY 30 & 31

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## SOUTH BEND RIVER LIGHTS

It's doesn't have to be summer to enjoy South Bend's favorite light installation along the river! The River Lights are fun to watch, easy to admire, and the perfect location for your next Instagram story. Lights turn on ½ hour before sunset, and stay on until sunrise.

ENJOY THIS FALL & WINTER!

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# JOIN US FOR ZOO BOO!

October 20<sup>th</sup>  
6-9 pm

October 21<sup>st</sup>  
3-9 pm

October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12-4 pm  
Little Zoo Boo

ZOO IS ONLY OPEN ZOO BOO HOURS OCT. 20<sup>TH</sup>-22<sup>ND</sup>

FREE ADMISSION FOR ZOO MEMBERS  
GENERAL ADMISSION FOR NON-MEMBERS



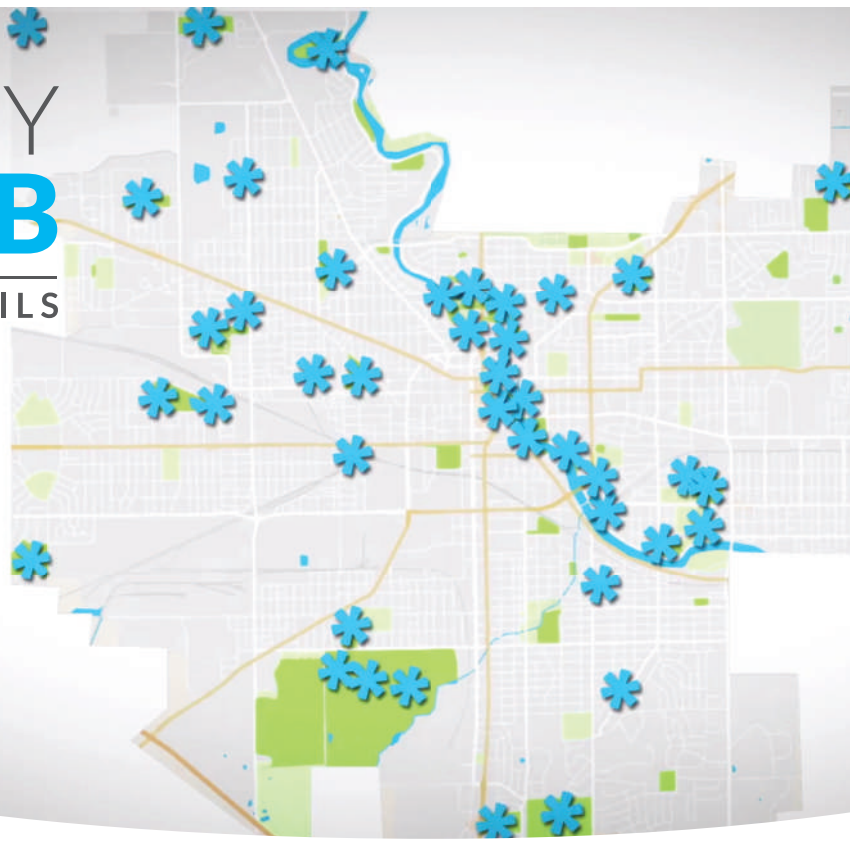
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