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To say we were thrilled with the turnout at the May Job Fair is an understatement. More than 400 individuals – resumes in tow – attended. Many left with offers.

Others went home smiling, too, with contacts and follow-ups in hand.

It's just one of the things townships do that make a huge impact on so many individuals and families in East Chicago, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Munster and Whiting.

I love what we do here at North Township to enhance the quality of life for so many who are simply looking for a way to improve the lives of their families – and themselves.

These are uncertain times in our government to be sure. Please know that we are here to help.

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YOUR NORTH TOWNSHIP GUIDE TO ASSISTANCE, SERVICES AND RECREATION
IN EAST CHICAGO, GRIFFITH, HAMMOND, HIGHLAND, MUNSTER AND WHITING



Wicker Park Golf Superintendent Kyle Cade (top left) and Pro Shop Coordinator Terry Quinn (bottom left) ensure avid golfers, like Kevin Knight (right), have the ultimate experience at the Wicker Memorial Park Golf Course. Knight got started cutting grass at Wicker Park while his dad played in the leagues. He took up golf after college and has been playing ever since. "I've been coming to the park for 35 years – 25 of those have been as a golfer. Today, I'm a decent golfer, but there's always room for improvement." [PHOTOS PROVIDED]

WHERE GOLFING DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT

Beautiful surroundings. Happy people having a good time. For Terry Quinn, working as the pro-shop coordinator at Wicker Memorial Golf Course is an ideal second career and the job of a lifetime.

"This is a job that keeps me busy, so busy that I really don't find time to play golf," the Pepsi-Cola retiree said. "I love being at the park and meeting many of the 55,000 people who play the golf course between March 15 and Dec. 1."

Whether it's scheduling golfers, coordinating outings or making sure the

new carts stay in top shape, Quinn and his staff of 15 stay busy with the golfers who spend time perfecting their game at the 252-acre, tree-lined course.

"This is one of those jobs where I look forward to coming to work every day," he said. "We love to see our old friends and welcome the new."

Whether it's a branch that needs trimming or grass on the 9th hole that isn't looking quite up to par, Wicker Memorial Park Golf Superintendent Kyle Cade works every

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for lunch from noon-1 p.m.

EAST CHICAGO OFFICE

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East Chicago, IN 46312

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WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

8554 Indianapolis Boulevard
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WickerMemorialPark.com

OAK HILL CEMETERY

6445 Hohman Avenue
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RADIO SHOW

Join us at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month on WJOB Radio + JEDTV to learn about the latest North Township news and events!

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The Advocate is mailed quarterly throughout the township on a rotating basis. Please note that you may not receive a newsletter each time it is published. Hard copies are available at our offices and online at NorthTownshipTrustee.com.



Growing up in Highland, Phil Hupke (above) always knew Wicker Memorial Park as part of his hometown. "There's a bunch of us who have played on this course together for a really long time. Wicker is welcoming to everyone. It's an affordable and exceptionally beautiful course. I like how it's looking now that the new trees are filling out," he said. "Golf is a sport that takes a lifetime and even then, there's no guarantees. You just keep trying." [PHOTO PROVIDED]

GOLFING

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day to ensure the grounds stay in top condition. Now in his second year heading operations, Cade has gotten to know every inch of the park.

"My first year, I spent a lot of time watching to see how the different areas of the grounds evolved in season by season," he said. "We take great pride in this green space and what it means to the community. Most people don't know how many kids in the community get their first golf experience at Wicker Park." In May, Wicker hosted eight teams for the high school conference championship.

Another 18 young trees have been added this year that are greening up the fairways. "They add so much to the landscape," he said. "We want all of our visitors to have their own best experience here. It's the trees that help make that happen."

GOLF OUTINGS

VETERANS ROUNDTABLE OUTING

Join us Saturday, **June 14** at Wicker Park Golf Course for an afternoon of golf, fun, food and prizes, as we come together to raise funds for veteran organizations and programs. Check-in at 11 a.m. Shotgun at noon.

FEE: \$80 golfer or \$320 foursome

RESERVATIONS: Visit us online at wickermemorialpark.com to download forms to register or sponsor our events. **Questions?** Call Kelly Bridges at (219) 313-3934.

NATIONAL GUARD OUTING

North Township Trustee Adrian A. Santos and the Wicker Park Memorial Fund invite members of the Indiana National Guard – past and present – for a day of golf on Tuesday, **August 26** at the Wicker Park Golf Course. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Shotgun start at 11 a.m. Free with military ID.

INFO: Call (219) 313-3934.

VETERANS ACTIVITIES

VICTORY FOR VETERANS TICKETS

Tickets for the Victory for Veterans Memorial Ride go on sale **July 14** at victoryforveteranswickerpark.org. Single riders are \$25, double riders are \$40. Cost includes a souvenir pin for the first 2,500 riders and food/beverage tickets.

VET & FRIENDS COFFEE SOCIALS

Vets & Friends takes place on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wicker Memorial Park Clubhouse.

INFO: Call (219) 313-3934.

VETERANS ROUNDTABLE

Veteran organization leaders meet on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss issues facing today's veterans.

INFO: Call (219) 313-3934.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES POPS

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK | RAIN OR SHINE!

JUNE 26 THE FOUR HORSEMEN • **JULY 3** QUEEN FLASH •
JULY 10 SOUTHERN ACCENTS • **JULY 17** KASHMIR • **JULY 24**
• DON JOVI • **JULY 31** 7 BRIDGES • **AUGUST 7** BONFIRE •
AUGUST 14 FREEBYRD • **AUGUST 21** ECHOES OF POMPEII

LAWN TICKETS **\$10** • VIP PATIO TABLES **\$100-\$125**
• SEASON PASSES **\$75** at **EVENTBRITE.COM**



INFO: (219) 313-3934 OR INFO@NTTO.NET

SHOW STARTS

7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN

6 PM

Wicker Memorial Park

Summer is magical at Wicker Memorial Park. Hit the links for an afternoon of golf. Kick back in the shade under our hundred-year-old oaks while enjoying a family picnic. Outdoor fitness equipment is available from sun-up to sunset and our Splash Pad is a great respite from summer's balmy temperatures.

Splash Pad

Open seven days a week, our popular 8,500-square-foot water playground boasts more than 30 spray features. The Splash Pad is reserved for those with special needs from 10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. **July 8** and **August 12**. **INFO:** Visit wickermemorialpark.com for hours and fees.

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.

Playground

Check out our all-inclusive playground equipment for individuals of all abilities. There's so much for your young ones to explore. Mulch has been replaced to make the entirety of the playground ADA accessible.

Yoga in the Park

Free yoga sessions are held at 9 a.m. Saturdays, **June 7** through **September 27**, weather permitting. The class is suitable for high school students through seniors. Just bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Dress comfortably. Yoga in the Park is taught by certified yoga instructor Sandra Tomera, who provides poses and exercises for all levels of fitness. **INFO:** (219) 718-9856

Golf Course

Our 18-hole, par-72 course offers beautiful tree-lined fairways, practice greens and a driving range. Enjoy great golf at some of the most competitive rates in the region. **INFO:** Call our Pro Shop at (219) 838-9809 for rates or to schedule your tee time.

Scenic Trails

The 2.5-mile trail along the perimeter of the park is perfect for the avid walker, runner or bicyclist. The half-mile inner trail takes you on a scenic tour of the shelters and playground. **HOURS:** 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dog Park

Our fenced-in dog park features plenty of space to run around. Annual fee is \$25 for township residents, \$60 out-of-township and \$100 out-of-state. **INFO:** Call the park office at (219) 838-3420..



JAZZ & BLUES

at the breezeway

JUNE 24
DUNELAND JAZZ COLLECTIVE
WITH ERIC LESTER

JULY 1
NICK KAZONIS BAND

JULY 8
GERRY HUNDT & THE DIG 3

JULY 15
JOE MARCINEK BAND

JULY 22
JASON MARTIN TRIO

JULY 29
FUNKY MOJO DADDY

7-9 PM TUESDAYS

WICKER PARK BREEZEWAY • 2215 RIDGE ROAD • HIGHLAND

FREE ADMISSION • FAMILY-FRIENDLY

BBQ SOCIAL

Join us for our Vets & Friends BBQ Social, part of our monthly coffee social series that brings veterans and their families together to establish meaningful connections through camaraderie and resource sharing.

WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **July 8**

WHERE: Wicker Park Club House, 2215 Ridge Road, Highland

INFO: Call Special Events Director Kelly Bridges at (219) 313-3934 or email bridgesk@ntto.net.

CRUISE NIGHTS

Check out the coolest classic cars and trucks during our monthly summer cruise nights at Wicker Memorial Park. Our DJ will be spinning tunes and food will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfortable seating and enjoy the evening.

WHEN: 4-7 p.m. **June 25, July 23, August 27** and **September 24**

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park
INFO: Call Special Events Director Kelly Bridges at (219) 313-3934 or email bridgesk@ntto.net.

CROSTOWN CLASSIC

Join us for a trip to the South Side to watch the Chicago White Sox take on the Chicago Cubs in this year's Crosstown Classic series.

WHEN: 7:10 p.m. (game time) Friday, **July 26**. Check-in at 4:30 p.m. Bus departs Wicker Park at 5 p.m. and returns after the end of the game.

WHERE: Guaranteed Rate Field (White Sox ballpark)

FEES: \$130 per person includes game ticket (box section 147) and round-trip coach bus transportation to/from Wicker Memorial Park.

RESERVATIONS: Call Special Events Director Kelly Bridges at (219) 313-3934 or online at eventbrite.com. Must pay in advance, nonrefundable.

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Grab the family, your tents and head to the park for an overnight campout. Activities include a DJ, crafts, bonfire with S'mores and a movie. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Charcoal grills will be provided for attendees to share. Not allowed: Alcoholic beverages, personal charcoal grills or pets.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, **June 13** to 8 a.m. to Saturday, **June 14**. Check in begins at 6 p.m. Friday at the Wicker Park Pavilion. Check out is 8 a.m. Saturday.

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park Pavilion, 2215 Ridge Road

FEE: \$10 per tent for township residents, \$25 for out-of-township residents

RESERVATIONS: Call (219) 567-1560 to register by **June 11**.

FOUR WINDS CASINO

Roll the dice and let Lady Luck guide you to fame or at least a rollicking good time on this 55-and-over bus trip to New Buffalo.

WHEN: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **June 17**, **July 15** and **August 19**. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Four Winds Casino

FEE: \$30 township residents, \$35 non-township residents includes transportation to/from Wicker Park. You'll receive a \$15 slot credit and a \$10 food credit.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: (219) 313-3934

TASTE OF WICKER

Join us from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, **August 23** for our annual Taste of Wicker at Wicker Memorial Park. This family-friendly event features so many varieties of delicious food, live bands and cash bar.

INFO: (219) 313-3934

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7:30 PM SHOW

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GENERAL ADMISSION LAWN \$25
VIP PATIO TABLES (8 TICKETS) \$250-\$300

ALL AGES SHOW!

CHILDREN UNDER 18 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

FOOD VENDOR + CASH BAR

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OR FOOD ALLOWED

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