



NORTH TOWNSHIP ADVOCATE



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

ADRIAN A. SANTOS NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Preparing to begin a new year means looking back at what we've done well and how we can better meet the needs of North Township.

I love what we do here and am proud of how we do it.

Take energy assistance, for example. We've fine-tuned how we move North Township residents through the process to help take some of the stress out of it.

My staff is second-to-none. They have been selected based on their expertise in the processes we use to get you assistance and their passion for helping others. Both are vital to helping the thousands of individuals we assist every year.

We are here to help!

We wish you the blessings and peace of this holiday season and a happy 2025!

LEARN MORE

Learn more about us at WickerMemorialPark.com.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPS RESIDENTS SAVE ON WINTER UTILITIES

North Township is now taking applications from residents seeking energy assistance to help ease the sting of higher utility bills this winter.

Begin by making an appointment with Asst. Chief Deputy Sabrina Bell. "Bring the paper required to qualify for the program sponsored by the Community Action Partnership of Lake County – known as CoAction for short.

Bell said CoAction uses Indiana's income guidelines (see graphic), which are updated each year to identify those who qualify for the program.

"People who have benefited in the past should be prepared: heating assistance has been reduced this winter," she said.

"We are here for you. North Township does its part to help every resident in need qualify for every dollar available. Don't wait. We do take walk-ins but appointments make the process easier!"

INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Households that make 60% of the state median income (60 SMI) or less may qualify. Eligibility is based on the most recent three months. Requirements for 45%-60% of SMI:

HH	1 month	3 months
1	\$2,686	\$8,059
2	\$3,513	\$10,539
3	\$4,339	\$13,018
4	\$5,166	\$15,496
5	\$5,992	\$17,978
6	\$6,819	\$20,458
7	\$6,974	\$20,923
8	\$7,129	\$21,388

EAP is available by appointment only. Call (219) 932-2530 x 332 for the Hammond office or x 311 for the East Chicago office.

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HAMMOND OFFICE

5947 Hohman Ave.
Hammond, IN 46320

Phone: (219) 932-2530

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F
Please note this office is closed for lunch from noon-1 p.m.

EAST CHICAGO OFFICE

2100 Broadway
East Chicago, IN 46312

Phone: (219) 398-2435

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F
Please note this office is closed for lunch from noon-1 p.m.

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK

8554 Indianapolis Boulevard
Highland, IN 46322

Phone: (219) 838-3420

Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F
Please note the park office is closed for lunch from 2-3 p.m.

WickerMemorialPark.com

OAK HILL CEMETERY

6445 Hohman Avenue
Hammond, IN 46324

Phone: (219) 932-0206

Gate: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

Office: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F

OakHillHammond.com

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2024 REVIEW



DOWN SYNDROME DAY



EASTER EGG HUNT



FAMILY CAMPOUT

For every season, Wicker Memorial Park has an abundance of activities planned to remember, delight and celebrate. We began 2024 spreading messages of love and acceptance as part of **World Down Syndrome Day** in March. A few weeks later, it was the beloved bunny who made an appearance at the **Easter Egg Hunt**. Last summer, we welcomed families to camp out for one wonderful night under the stars. The event included a DJ, crafts, movies and a bonfire. We love that many of our families now make the **Family Campout** an annual event. We love that summer also included **monthly luncheons for seniors**, a **senior picnic** in the park and a **senior resource fair** tailored exclusively to the needs of the community.



SENIOR LUNCHEONS



SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR & PICNIC



WINTER IN THE PARK

Bundle up for a brisk walk or bring the kids and dog to frolic in the snow. Wicker Memorial Park is alive with activity throughout the winter season.

WINTER SNOW TRAILS

When the weather outside is frightful, walkers and runners hit Wicker Park's snow-plowed trails. Join the fun on either the 2.5 mile trail or half-mile inner path. Snow-shoe enthusiasts and cross-country skiers are invited to enjoy our snow-filled golf course. Bring your own equipment.

DELIGHTFUL DOG PARK

Our dog park features agility equipment, benches and plenty of space to run around. The annual fee is \$25 for township residents, \$60 for out-of-township and \$100 out-ofstate. Register at the Wicker Memorial Park office beginning in January. Download forms at WickerMemorialPark.com.

SHELTER & PICNIC RENTALS

Reservation requests begin Monday, March 3 for the 2025 season (May 1-Sept 30). The 2025 rates will be available at the end of January. Reservations are available for out-of-township and out-of-state residents at a higher cost. Discounts are available for nonprofit organizations, veterans, police officers and firefighters who are township residents. Prices are subject to change without notice.

- * In-person reservations only. No phone reservations accepted.
- * Rentals must be paid in full at time of booking. No 14-day holds. Check or credit card preferred.

LEARN MORE: WickerMemorialPark.com.

GOLF OUTINGS

Golf outing reservations open Monday, February 3 for the 2025 season. Our 18-hole, par-72 course offers beautiful tree-lined fairways, a practice green and driving range. Golf outing packages and rates will be available at the end of January.

Let IT Snow





SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

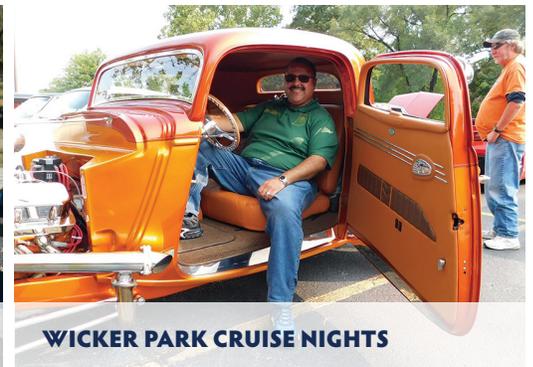
The best moments of summer 2024 were spent at Wicker Memorial Park. The entertainment lineup – forever favorites, cover bands, Soul, Latin and more – drew crowds that sold out the venue and made the **Summer Concert Series** one for the record books followed closely by **Wicker Cruise Nights** and the **Taste of Wicker Park**. Blessed by an abundance of warm weather and crowds excited to take in all that the park has to offer, Cruise Nights always welcome newcomers at the same time it reunites owners of the most-coveted classic, electric and one-of-a-kind cars in the region. We merged summer seamlessly into fall with our annual **Trunk or Treat**. It was spooktacular! Our kiddos loved parading the park in their Halloween finest and were captivated by the vehicles decked out for the season. Make a date with us for summer 2025 for these annual events – and more!



TASTE OF WICKER PARK



TRUNK OR TREAT



WICKER PARK CRUISE NIGHTS



TRAVELING TRIBUTE WALL



VICTORY FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL RIDE

The **Victory for Veterans Memorial Ride** was a celebration 25 years in the making. When veterans atop their favorite motorcycles took to the streets in 1999, no one was sure there would be another. But there was. Storms couldn't stop it. In 2024, the committee pulled out all the stops with a daylong event that provided an opportunity for fellowship, to pay homage at the **American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall**. Trustee Adrian A. Santos has expanded veterans events that now include **Vets & Friends Coffee Socials** and **Veterans Roundtables** to discuss issues facing our veterans. North Township had a successful **coat drive** thanks to the Women Veteran's Conference, Crossroads YMCA, Calumet Breweries, BP and NIPSCO.



VETERANS ROUNDTABLES



VET & FRIENDS COFFEE SOCIALS



TOWNSHIP COAT DRIVE

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Santa will be hand to meet with all good little girls and boys from **3-5 p.m. December 19** at our Hammond office, 5947 Hohman Ave. North Township families are invited to celebrate the holiday season with a picture with Santa.

INFO: Call (219) 313-3934.



VETS & FRIENDS SOCIALS

Vets & Friends takes place from 9-11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Wicker Park Clubhouse and is open to veterans, family members and supporters – both in and outside the township.

INFO: Call (219) 932-2530.

VETERANS ROUNDTABLE

Under the leadership of North Township Trustee Adrian A. Santos, commanders and members of veterans organizations meet on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss issues facing veterans.

EVENT REMINDER

Keep in mind that some township events, like our senior luncheons, break for winter. For updates, visit wickermemorialpark.com.

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!

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Les Misérables

BUS TRIP TO

LES MISERABLES
AT THE CADILLAC THEATER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

Balcony Seats and round trip coach bus ride
\$75/North Township Residents
\$80/Out of Township Residents

Check in-4:00pm - Bus leaves at 4:30pm - Return to Wicker Park at 11:00pm

Open to all ages | Must be paid for in advance

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS,
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