



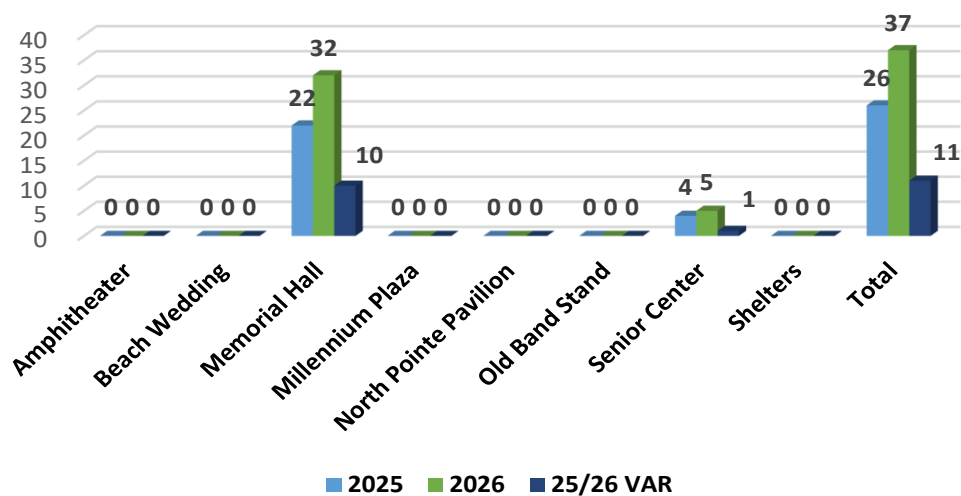
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2026 1st Quarter Report
January 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026

Park Office Administrative Staff Report

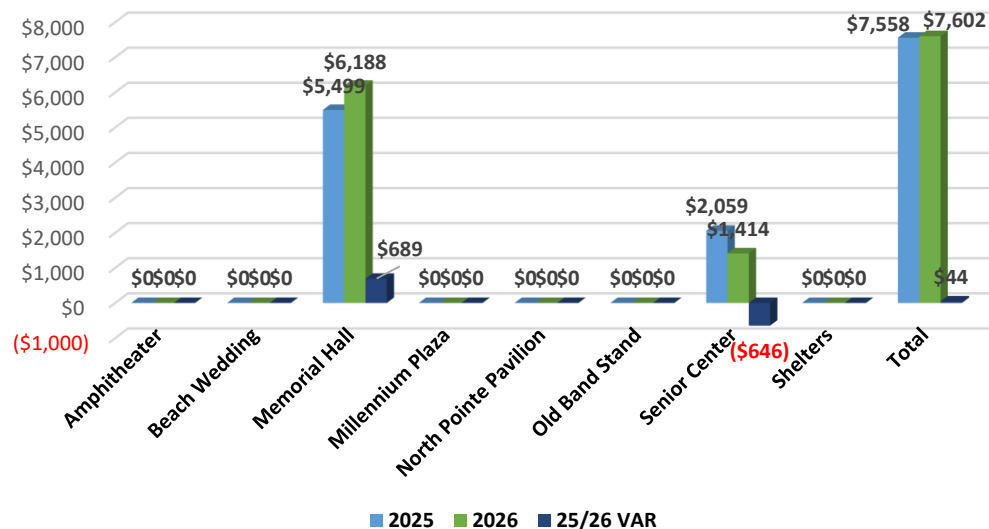
Facility Rentals

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2025 13 paid reservations/9 park programs
2026 14 paid reservations/18 park programs

Facility Revenue



Fedder's Alley All Inclusive Playground and Fitness Park Project

- Mayor and Superintendent presented the project to business leaders, non-profits, and city officials on March 13th, 2026. This resulted in donation pledges of over \$91,000.00 in just two weeks. We continue to fundraise.
- Applied for \$75,000.00 1st Source Bank Foundation grant for the Fedder's Alley Project (awards expected early June)

Millennium Plaza Fountain Demolition

- Solicited Quotes (due April 1st, 2026)

Park Foundation

- Partners to Parks – Michigan City received its Articles of Incorporation moving the new Park Foundation forward

Parking Operation

- The Park Board approved moving forward with automated parking in Washington Park this year

Personnel

- All full-time staff evaluations were completed
- Training

DATE	DEPT	EMPLOYEE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
3/4/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Operation	ZAA Professional Development: The Practical Zoo: How Conversational AI is Transforming Guest Engagement and Staff Efficiency	Zoom ZAA training
3/11/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Operation	Welfare Considerations: Exhibit Design	Zoom ZAA training
3/17/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Opeation	Technology & the Guest Experience at Zoos and	Zoom ZAA training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Safety	Sunburned: An Evidence-Based Update on UVB Lighting for Captive Exotic Species.	Online /Zoom
3/18/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Elizabeth Emerick	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Courtney Studnaiz	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Amber Jenks	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Megan Stienhiser	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Briana Stantz	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	handout from training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Dave Dipart	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	handout from training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Jessica Hart	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Nicole Adams	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	handout from training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Shannon Eason	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Will Walker	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Sally Williams	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Melissa Moore	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Allie Mellen	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Pat Voltz	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Paul Cornwell	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training
3/18/2026	Zoo	Mychal Moore	Procedures	Budget & Purchase order training	In person training

Recreation Department Report

Training

- Park Mobile / Park Loyalty Training
- AI Training – IU

Programming

Lorcan the Ludic Leprechaun (Leprechaun Hunt)

The Leprechaun Hunt is an effective method to encourage community members to visit our parks. We hid a leprechaun yard sign, Lorcan, in various parks around the city. The Assistant Park Superintendent posted riddles relating to which park Lorcan was at on the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page. Once Lorcan was found, the finder would bring the sign back to the park office where they chose a prize from our treasure chest. This year, we had six different winners, and one person found Lorcan twice (the maximum prizes allowed). We were incredibly happy with the turnout for this inaugural hunt and look to have more in years to come. We unfortunately had to say goodbye to the original Lorcan, who was captured by a dog before anyone found him.

Michigan City Chess Club

Chess Club is held at Krueger Memorial Hall on 1st and 3rd Mondays from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It is truly the meeting place for all chess players in the city, regardless of age or skill level.

Whether you are wanting to learn, or are a skilled player looking for a challenge, MC Chess Club is the place to be.

Chess Club	2025	2026	Var	Var %
Total Participants	74	51	-23	-31%
Expenses	(\$280)	\$0	\$280	-100%

MC Park & Rec Pour & Paint

Our Wine and Canvas-like experience is held each month with instructor Emily Blossom, who carefully walks participants through freehand painting a picture in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. This experience has been at Krueger Memorial Hall but will change locations throughout the year. The program is currently priced at \$15 per person, which includes all painting materials and instruction. In late 2025, we decided to open this program up to kids as well.

Pour and Paint	2025	2026	Var	Var %
Attendance	42	20	(\$22)	-52%
Revenue	\$1,050	\$300	(\$750)	-71%
Expenses	\$774.90	\$245.00	(\$530)	-68%
Total (profit)	\$275.07	\$55.00	(\$220)	-80%

Quilting Club

Michigan City Quilters is the official quilting club of the city and is one of the most attended programs we offer. Two sessions are held on the 2nd and last Wednesdays of each month at

Krueger Memorial Hall. Session one is from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM, and session two is from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Jan Weinig and her crew welcomes anyone and everyone in for free. Each session of the club has a learning aspect, then participants get to work with cutting, prepping and stitch work.

Park Maintenance

Events

- Coldest Night of the Year 5K in Washington Park
- Shelf Ice at Farmer's Market location on Washington Street
- Senior Center "Trash n Treasure Sale" event
 - Between both days, we moved tables back and forth for a total of 45 labor hours

City Departments

- Assisted the zoo with deliveries (12 labor hours)
- Assisted the Street Department with street plowing (230 hours)

Parks

- A great deal of the department's project time in Q1 was spent on snow removal throughout all the parks
- Cleaned up our parks from two wind events (93 labor hours)
- Cleared large amounts of sand from underneath North Pointe Pavilion from winter/spring storms
- Record amounts of sand were cleaned up in Washington Park; cleared sand multiple times only to have it come back worse each time
- Cleaned up 7th St Plaza from the Festival of Lights events. We plan to reuse wood chips in Washington Park flowerbeds.
- Cleaned out the garage at Memorial Hall
- Assisted in setup for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Fedder's Alley

Special Projects

- Repaired 320 picnic tables (72 labor hours)
- Repainted garbage cans and repaired lids (36 labor hours)
- Installed mounts on new dumpster for use with loader; dumpster was purchased by Special Events to aid with clean up in parks
- Painted floor of garage in Maintenance shop
- Painted North Pointe Pavilion's lobby
- Repaired 40 barricades
- Cleaning out yard around shop
- Washed all cushion covers for NPP

Equipment

- Completed preventative maintenance service on all equipment, including 19 mowers and tractors

- Rehabbed our beach sanitizer, adjusted the belts and chain, and repaired and/or replaced tines (18 labor hours)
- Completed a rebuild of the trailer for Patriot Park and added new brakes

Education

- Maintenance Director participates in the Leadership for Laporte County program
- Maintenance Director engaged in the rewrite of the city's handbook

PROCESS	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
BANQUET TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	36	48	12	2026 Trash n Treasure set up
BARRICADES Setup/Remove	0	50	50	2026 different set up for Coldest Night of the Year event
BOLLARD Replacement/Installation	0	0	0	
GARBAGE CANS Delivered/Picked Up	36	12	(24)	2026 more snow, less visitors
GARBAGE Collect and Dispose of (yards)	60	30	(30)	2026 more snow, less visitors
ICE RINK Labor Hours	0	0	0	
MOVIE SCREEN Setup/Remove	0	0	0	
PICNIC TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	0	45	45	2026 Shelf Ice Brewfest set up
RISERS Delivered/Picked Up	0	0	0	
SNOW FENCE Installation/Removal (linear fee)	0	0	0	
TENT Installation (10' x 20')	0	0	0	

TRAILS UPKEEP (clearing, snow removal, inspection) - Labor Hours	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
Bismarck Hill	16	0	(16)	2026 too much snow to address
Gardena Park	8	32	24	2026 cleaned snow from walking trail
Hansen Park	0	4	4	2026 cleaned snow from walking trail
Karwick Nature Park	0	0	0	
Memorial Hall	1	24	23	2026 cleaned up storm damage
Ruby Woods	20	36	16	2026 cleaned up storm damage
Patriot Park	0	0	0	
Singing Sands Peanut Bridge	14	8	(6)	2026 snow removal, no projects
Singing Sands Waste Inc	8	6	(2)	2026 snow removal, no projects
Singing Sands Co Line to Amtrak	32	12	(20)	2026 snow removal, no projects
Winding Creek Cove	14	2	(12)	2026 snow removal, no projects
TOTAL	113	127	14	

LEAVES (per hour)	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
Adams Park	0	0	0	
Canada Park	8	8	0	
City Hall (began in 2012)	0	4	4	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Emily Street	0	0	0	
Gardena Park	25	24	(1)	2026 snow delayed clean up
Hansen Park	10	8	(2)	2026 snow delayed clean up
Henry Lake	0	0	0	
Jernegan's Hill	0	0	0	
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	0	4	4	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Krueger Memorial Park	18	32	14	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	10	0	(10)	2026 snow delayed clean up
Oak Hills Park	4	16	12	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Patriot Park	0	0	0	
Ridgeland Park	0	2	2	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Ruby Woods	4	16	12	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Tall Timbers	8	8	0	
Walker Street Park	4	8	4	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Washington Park	37	24	(13)	2026 snow delayed clean up
Water Tower Park	22	16	(6)	2026 snow delayed clean up
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	6	8	2	2025 early snow, cleaned in 2026
Winding Creek Cove	10	2	(8)	2026 snow delayed clean up
TOTAL	166	180	14	

SAND REMOVAL (per hour)	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
Clean up and removal	382	618	236	2026 record amount of sand
Beach mats (install/remove)	0	0	0	
Build berm (fall)	0	0	0	
Level berm (spring)	0	0	0	
Beach sanitizing	17	0	(17)	2026 snow kept us off of the beach
TOTAL	399	618	219	
SNOW REMOVAL/SALTING	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
snow removal/salting	1101	1485	384	2026 consistent snow in the quarter

HOLIDAY LIGHTS (per hour)	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	COMMENTS
Repairs - Labor Hours	45	52	7	
Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0	
Electric Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0	
Breakdown - Labor Hours	497	285	(212)	2026 due to snow/freezing temps, assigned more staff to remove quickly when weather cleared up
TOTAL	542	337	(205)	

Golf Pro

Operations

South course opened on March 9, 2026.

Financial

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
SEASON PASS SALES				
Season Pass w/Cart				
Family	0	20	20	100%
Family Revenue	\$0	\$17,000	17,000	100%
Single	0	12	12	100%
Single Revenue	\$0	\$16,800	\$16,800	100%
Spouse	0	0	0	0%
Spouse Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Senior-Veteran	0	38	38	100%
Senior-Veteran Revenue	\$0	\$50,540	\$50,540	100%
Junior	0	0	0	0%
Junior Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Season Pass w/o Cart				
Family	4	0	(4)	-100%
Family Revenue	\$1,100	\$0	(\$1,100)	-100%
Single	3	0	(3)	-100%
Single Revenue	\$2,100	\$0	(\$2,100)	-100%
Spouse	3	0	(3)	-100%
Spouse Revenue	\$1,370	\$0	(\$1,370)	-100%
Senior-Veteran	6	0	(6)	-100%
Senior-Veteran Revenue	\$3,780	\$0	(\$3,780)	-100%
Junior	0	0	0	0%
Junior Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Total Passes Sold	16	70	54	338%
Total Revenue	\$8,350	\$84,340	\$75,990	910%
Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
GIFT CERTIFICATE				
Sold	2	1	(1)	-50%
Revenue	\$40	\$150	\$110	275%
Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
LESSONS				
Lessons	0	0	0	0%
Lesson Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
CARTS				
NC cart pass	0	0	0	0%
SC cart pass	101	175	74	73%
NC cart	4	0	(4)	-100%
NC revenue	\$43	\$0	(\$43)	(\$1)
SC cart	238	481	243	102%
SC cart revenue	\$4,126	\$8,589	\$4,463	\$1
Sold	242	\$481	239	99%
Revenue	\$4,169	\$8,589	\$4,420	106%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
GREENFEES NC				
employee	7	0	(7)	-100%
employee revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
league	0	0	0	0%
league revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
member	151	0	(151)	-100%
member revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
Golf Now Hot Deal Trade Times	0	0	0	0%
GolfNow Pay at Course	0	0	0	0%
Golf Now Pay at Course Revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
GolfNow Prepaid Online	9	0	(9)	-100%
GolfNow Prepaid Online Revenue	\$180	\$0	(180)	-100%
public	232	0	(232)	-100%
public revenue	\$2,579	\$0	(2,579)	-100%
specials	7	0	(7)	-100%
specials revenue	\$70	\$0	(70)	-100%
Sold	406	0	(406)	-100%
Revenue	\$2,829	\$0	(\$2,829)	-100%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
GREENFEES SC				
employee	7	1	(6)	-86%
employee revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
league	0	0	0	0%
league revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
member	151	286	135	89%
member revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GolfNow Hot Deal Trade Times	12	4	(8)	(1)
GolfNow Pay at Course	0	0	0	
Golf Now Pay at Course Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	
GolfNow Prepaid Online	7	0	(7)	-100%
GolfNow Prepaid Online Revenue	\$203	\$0	(\$203)	(\$1)
public	232	513	281	121%
public revenue	\$2,579	\$6,907	\$4,328	\$2
specials	7	25	18	257%
specials revenue	\$70	\$110	\$40	\$1
Sold	416	829	413	99%
Revenue	\$2,852	\$6,917	\$4,065	143%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
OUTINGS				
NC Number of Outings	0	0	0	0%
NC Outing Players	0	0	0	0%
NC Outing Revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
SC Number of Outings	0	0	0	0%
SC Outing Players	0	0	0	0%
SC Outing Revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
Total Number of Outings	0	0	0	0%
Total Number of Players	0	0	0	0%
Total Outing Revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
CONCESSIONS				
REVENUE	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
Food & Drink	\$238	\$448	\$210	88%
Alcohol	\$298	\$321	\$23	8%
Total Revenue	\$536	\$769	\$233	44%

Category	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR %
MERCHANDISE				
merchandise Revenue	\$643	\$1,828	\$1,186	185%
COGS	\$410	\$1,444	\$1,034	252%
Net (profit/loss)	\$233	\$384	\$151	65%
Percent of Profit	57%	21%	-36%	-63%

Revenue & Expense

Q1 REVENUE	2025	2026	VAR \$	VAR %
1st Quarter	\$46,707	\$130,636	\$83,929	328%
Q1 EXPENSE	2025	2026		
01 Personal Services	\$72,332	\$98,112	\$25,781	30%
02 Supplies	\$16,972	\$24,894	\$7,921	46%
03 Other Services	\$40,748	\$40,555	(\$193)	0%
Total Expense	\$130,052	\$163,561	\$33,509	23%
NET	(\$83,345)	(\$32,925)	\$50,420	-43%

Golf Maintenance Report

Operations

Assistant Superintendent, Dane Busch, resigned on March 19th to further his career in turf management by taking an internship at Chicago Golf Club.

Education

Assistant Superintendent Andrew Harrell received his Category 3B pesticides applicator license by passing the Core exam (part 1) and the certification exam (part 2).

Equipment

Extensive preventative maintenance programs have been completed for all turf equipment to limit breakdowns during the season. We have also completed preventive maintenance on the entire rental golf cart fleet and maintenance golf cart fleet.

Course Maintenance

- Spring clean-up has been a struggle this year due to multiple days having high winds, forcing staff to restart the process
- We have mowed greens, tees, collars, and approaches multiple times
- We have started mulching flower beds and tee areas where the benches, trash cans, and ball washers are located

Special Projects

- Repaired and painted 50 benches for both courses
- Repaired and painted the garbage cans for both courses
- Painted tee markers for the North Course

Other Departments

Completed maintenance on the following:

- (4) Club Car carts – Washington Park Zoo

- John Deere Gator – Washington Park Zoo
- (4) Club Car carts – Parking Washington Park
- Club Car carts – Patriot Park

Irrigation (in gallons)

1st Quarter	2025 Q1	2026 Q1	VAR	VAR%
South Course	0	0	0	0%
North Course	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0%

**Irrigation is measured in gallons*

Rainfall

1st Quarter	2024 Q1	2025 Q1	VAR	VAR%
January	1.85	1.11	(0.74)	-40%
February	0.50	0.97	0.47	94%
March	3.70	3.87	0.17	5%
Total	6.05	5.95	(0.10)	-2%

**Rainfall is measured in inches*

Senior Center Report

Membership

1st Quarter	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
Members				
Men	433	494	61	14%
Women	968	1,029	61	6%
Total Members	1,401	1,523	122	9%
New Members	88	73	-15	-17%
Volunteer Hours				
Senior Center	2,153	2,031	-122	-6%
Attendance				
Events	4,551	4,610	59	1%
Day Trips	0	0	0	0%

Programs and Events

January 5	Monthly Hearing Evaluations (free)
January 8	The South Shore Seniors Investment Club monthly meeting
January 8	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
January 13	Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting
January 13	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
January 21	French Club meeting

January 22	Newsletter monthly meeting
January 26	Soup Day- Ham & Potato with cheese
January 27	Coffee with the Mayor- 32 attendees
January 27	Monthly Card Making with Jamie- 9 attendees
February 2	Chair Zumba
February 3	Chair Zumba
February 5	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
February 5	The South Shore Seniors Investment Club monthly meeting
February 9	Monthly Hearing Evaluations (free)
February 9	Chair Zumba
February 10	Chair Zumba
February 10	Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting
February 10	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
February 16	Chair Zumba
February 17	Chair Zumba
February 18	French Club Meeting
February 19	Soup Day- Chicken & Wild Rice
February 20	Sign-Ups were held for Trash & Treasure Sale in March.
February 23	Popcorn & A Movie showing <i>The Sixth Sense</i>
February 23	Chair Zumba
February 24	Chair Zumba
February 24	Coffee with the Mayor- 17 attendees
February 24	Monthly Card making with Jamie- 10 attendees
February 26	Newsletter monthly meeting
March 2	Monthly Hearing Evaluations (free)
March 2	Chair Zumba
March 3	Chair Zumba
March 5	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
March 5	The South Shore Seniors Investment Club monthly meeting
March 9	Chair Zumba
March 10	Chair Zumba
March 10	Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting
March 10	Salute to Park Dept & Senior Center Advisory Board event
March 12	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
March 13	March Madness walkthrough with assistant superintendent, Will Walker
March 16	Chair Zumba
March 17	Chair Zumba
March 18	French Club meeting
March 23	Popcorn & a Movie showing <i>Guarding Tess</i>
March 23	Chair Zumba
March 24	Chair Zumba
March 24	Soup Day- Irish Potato w/ Gouda
March 24	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
March 26	Newsletter monthly meeting

March 27	Annual Trash & Treasure Sale set-up
March 28	Annual Trash & Treasure Sale was held and drew large crowds
March 30	Chair Zumba
March 31	Chair Zumba
March 31	Coffee with the Mayor
March 31	Krueger's Children's Choir Performance
March 31	Card making with Jamie-13 attendees

Marketing

- Press releases
- Advertising for Trash & Treasure Sale
- Senior Center advertisement on radio WLOI/WCOE & The Eagle

Challenges

- Encouraging existing members to take advantage of the events that we offer to give them the most enjoyment out of their membership

Future Goals

- Review and update the director and assistant's job descriptions to accurately reflect responsibilities
- Increase marketing for Senior Center to attract seniors in our community who are unfamiliar with the programs the center offers
- Offer more health education presentations on topics in the news, such as gut health
- Add exciting programs that encourage seniors to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle
- Continue facility rentals to provide additional funding using the non-reverting fund for continued maintenance of the facility
- Provide marketing support to the Parks & Recreation Department

Washington Park Zoo

Washington Park Zoo was closed for a large portion of this quarter, being closed all of January and February, and nearly all of March. Opening day was on Saturday, March 28th, 2026.

Education

- Staff attended a city budget training session hosted by the Park Administration on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026.
- Zookeepers visited Brookfield Zoo for a facility tour and professional development in exploration training.

Special Events

On March 28th, the zoo officially reopened to the public for its 98th season. The Mayor, Park Superintendents, Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, and the Zoological Society attended the event. The season launch received media coverage from the Herald Dispatch, Channel 22 in

South Bend, Channel 57 in Michiana, and various online, radio, and print outlets. Despite the very chilly weekend weather, we experienced strong sales and robust community support.

Opening Day Visitors

	2025	2026	Variance
Visitors	776	608	-168
Admission	\$ 6,218	\$ 5,487	\$ (731)
Gift shop	\$ 2,974	\$ 2,199	\$ (775)
Concession	\$ 346	\$ 398	\$ 52

General Attendance

Month	2025	2026	Variance
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	789	1,264	475
Total	789	1,264	475

Capital Improvements and General Updates

January

Our website underwent a comprehensive update, including price adjustments and revised forms, enhancing the accuracy of information, and streamlining the online experience for visitors and prospective registrants.

February

- Ongoing painting, repairs, and facility upgrades were executed in anticipation of the upcoming season, providing a safe, visually appealing, and welcoming environment for all guests
- The Zoo Emergency Safety Plans and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) were thoroughly reviewed and updated in accordance with current safety regulations and industry best practices. This initiative-taking approach reinforces our commitment to the safety and well-being of staff, visitors, and animals as we prepare for the upcoming season
- Significant progress continues with the Wings of Wonder exhibit. Preconstruction meetings have concluded successfully, and construction is scheduled to commence on April 27th
- Staff dismantled much of the existing exhibit structure, maximizing available resources, and reducing overall project costs
- The golf cart fleet underwent comprehensive annual maintenance, performed by the Michigan City Golf Course staff

March

- The IT Department resolved the computer issues that had persisted since the data breach, and installed a fiber line to the Coop Concessions so we could install a point-of-sale register in the building
- The Club Cart, approved in the 2026 city budget for capital purchases, has been ordered and should be here mid-April. The cart will help staff perform their daily tasks more efficiently, as it features a dump bed, mirrors, and headlights, safety features we did not have in previous carts
- We are working to implement a QR digital sign program. This will share behind-the-scenes animal facts, history, and educational content
- Fence Masters installed double entrance gates for the upper aviary, and a new southside fence line was installed on the Grant Zebra enclosure to address potential security issues caused by eroding sand

Before



After



- The zoo's comprehensive five-year strategic plan was recently reviewed and approved by the Park Board. This plan outlines objectives for animal care, educational programming, facility improvements, and community engagement.
- Construction of a viewing platform inside the Upper Aviary began. This addition will create a more immersive experience for guests. The building's walls will be decorated to look like a bird-watching outpost.



- High winds caused a tree limb to fall, which damaged two sections of the back perimeter fence, and repair quotes are being collected.



Animal Acquisitions/Dispositions

January

Death	River Otter	Euth: Cancer ruptured disk
Death	Parakeet	No cause found
Death	Tuff Capuchin	Euth: Cancer
Death	Stripped Skunk	Euth: Heart failure
Death	Green Iguana	Egg Bound complications
Death	Tomato Frog	Advance age organ failure

February

Birth	2 Chinchilla	
Death	Cockatiel	Age related health complications

March

Birth	5 Ring tail Lemurs	
Acquisition	9 Ring tail Lemurs	Donation Rescue
Acquisition	Turkey Vulture	Non-releasable vet rescue
Acquisition	2 Khaki Cambell Ducks	Donation
Death	Red Ear Slider	Shell Trama
Death	Cockatiel	Euth: Tumor
Death	Crested Duck	Age Related Organ Failure

