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2026 2nd Quarter Report
April 1, 2026, through June 31, 2026

Park Office Administrative Staff Report

Beach Management

Water Quality Testing and Notification

- IDEM grant \$9,148
- 1 test at each location 7 days per week, Washington Park, Stop 1 and Stop 7
- Water quality testing began on May 27, 2026, and is conducted daily through Labor Day

Capital Projects & Equipment

- Wings of Wonder Exhibit construction in underway \$535,279
- Demolition of Millennium Plaza completed \$189,929
- Maintenance Dump Truck purchased \$ 75,645
- Zoo Club Carry All purchased \$ 16,100

Grant Awards and Donations

- LaPorte County CVB donation for Trail Creek Week \$ 1,000
- 1st Source Bank grant award for Fedder's Alley Playground \$ 75,000

Trails & Greenway Grants

Singing Sands Phases III-A, C & D \$9,077,292

- NIRPC Group II Funding \$1,931,164
- NIRPC RAISE & READI Grants \$5,588,897
- City Match \$1,557,231
- Construction Scheduled for 2027

Training & Staff Development

- Maintenance Director Pat Voltz graduated from Leadership LaPorte County – CONGRATULATIONS PAT!

4/24/2026	Admin	Allie Mellen	Operation	Public GenAI 101- Generative AI training	Online through IU
4/24/2026	Admin	Melissa Moore	Operation	Public GenAI 101- Generative AI training	Online through IU
5/25/2026	Zoo	Jamie Huss	Operation	ZAA: Understanding Welfare Training	Online

Parking Operation

2nd Qtr Revenue	2025	2026	VAR \$	VAR %
Daily Parking	\$366,532	\$277,588	(\$88,944)	-21%
Park Stickers	\$68,281	\$77,846	\$9,565	16%
TOTAL	\$436,838	\$357,460	(\$79,379)	-17%
PARKING OPERATION	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
2nd Quarter	\$436,838	\$357,460	(\$79,378)	-17%
REVENUE	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
01 Personal Services	\$34,400	\$29,062	(\$5,338)	-18%
02 Supplies	\$1,817	\$479	(\$1,338)	-103%
03 Other Services	\$3,530	\$8,522	\$4,993	6657%
Total Expense	\$39,746	\$38,063	(\$1,683)	-5%
NET	\$397,092	\$319,397	(\$77,695)	-17%

NOTE: In 2026, we made a capital investment of \$23,785 for the new parking equipment. That expense is not included in the expenses above. The zoo's revenue increased by \$57,583 compared to the 2nd quarter of last year. The \$2 fee increase for children is estimated to have generated \$3,400 in additional revenue, while the rest is attributed to the lower parking fees drawing in more visitors.

Public Art

- MAC installed three new sculptures (two leased and one purchased for permanent collection)



2026 Sculptfusion

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Recreation Department Report

Programming

Youth Baseball, Adult Softball, Summer City Sweat, and City Kids Day Camp will all be reported in the 3rd quarter report since these programs run through the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Also, programs that last throughout the whole year will be in the annual report, like Bike the City, Chess Club, Food Trucks, and Pour and Paint.

The following events/programs have been ongoing in the second quarter:

Bike the City

Bike the City is a community cycling event that invites riders of all ages and skill levels to explore Michigan City's scenic routes and neighborhoods. Whether you're a casual cruiser or a seasoned cyclist, this guided group ride promotes healthy living, environmental awareness, and local pride. Helmets are encouraged, and good vibes are guaranteed!

Chess Club

The Michigan City Chess Club welcomes players of all ages and skill levels to learn, play, and compete in a friendly environment. Whether you're a beginner or a grandmaster in the making, join us for meetups, tournaments, and strategy sessions that sharpen the mind and build community. Chess Club is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

Craft Corner

Craft Corner was created to extend the day camp experience throughout the year. Now that we have partnered with Kazidelicious Creations, this art class is free and open to all ages. There may be a featured craft of the day, but the supplies are there for the public to show up and get creative.

City Kids Day Camp

City Kids Day Camp is a summer-long (June and July) adventure for children ages 6 to 12, filled with outdoor games, creative activities, field trips, and friendships. Campers enjoy structured fun in a safe, supervised environment while exploring Michigan City's parks, nature trails, and gems. Each week brings new themes and excitement!

Open Game Night

Open Game Night is all about bringing the community together for laughter, friendly competition, and connection. There is a variety of board games, card games, and group games available, perfect for all ages and skill levels. Bring your favorite game or try something new from our collection!

Summer City Sweat

Summer City Sweat is a free, outdoor fitness series that brings workouts to Michigan City parks. Led by certified instructors, each session features a different style, from yoga and Zumba to bootcamp and High-Intensity Interval Training. No registration required; just show up and sweat! Programs run in June and July. Visit the Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page or our website for the calendar.

The Plug-In

This is an expansion of 2025's Party in the Plaza, where we have movie nights, music, and fun at different parks and locations around town throughout the summer months. This year, the event has focused on movies in the park.

Trail Hikes

Trail Hikes are guided nature walks through Michigan City's scenic trails and green spaces. Led by local naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts, these hikes offer fresh air, exercise, and education about local flora, fauna, and conservation efforts. All ages welcome!

Quilting Club

Quilting Club is the meeting place for all things quilting. Sessions feature a lesson on new techniques or quilting history. Jan Weinig is a seasoned quilter who has spent years engulfed in the culture. We welcome people of all skill levels to come out, sit with other quilting lovers, and socialize while you work on different projects. Whether you show up for help, to offer guidance, or just to mingle, this is the spot for you. Eventually, we would like to expand this to include knitting, crocheting, and all thread-based crafts.

Adult Softball

Michigan City's Adult Softball League offers competitive and recreational play for co-ed teams. Games are held at Patriot Park and Gardena Park, with seasonal leagues and tournaments. Whether you're chasing a championship or just having fun, softball season is always a hit!

Youth Baseball

Youth Baseball leagues range from ages 4 to 14. The goal is to train your players in the basics and fundamentals of the game, foster a sense of community, and try to wrap that up into making sure all players are having a great time.

Committee and Social Involvement

- Pillar Sub-Committee (Youth Sports)
- Coalition of African American Leaders
- LaPorte County Convention and Visitor Bureau Advisory Board
- YMCA MC Branch Advisory Board
- Juneteenth Celebration Committee Chair
- B.R.O.S. Board
- Marsh 2nd Grade City Government Speaker
- Talked about summer programming at Westside Neighborhood Association Meeting
- Spoke at an Exchange Club meeting about what summer activities are to come
- Volunteered at the Zoological Society's annual Brew at the Zoo event

Park Maintenance Report

Events

Aided in the set-up process of the following events:

- City Event Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt
- City Event Department's annual MC Food and Music Fest at the Amphitheater
- Pride Fest
- City Event Department's Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the Amphitheater and Fedder's Alley
- WAIR fundraiser at Gardena Park

City Departments

- Deliveries to Washington Park Zoo (4 labor hours)
- Drop off/pick up MC Shines Tool Trailer to/from Streibel Pond, Senior Center, and the Eastport neighborhood

Parks and Facilities

- Prepped pickleball courts for the season at Krueger Middle School
- Prepared North Pointe Pavilion for the season by putting the sun sails up, setting out furniture, and inspecting the alarm
- Cleared large amounts of sand from underneath North Pointe Pavilion and various locations in Washington Park
- Cleared trees knocked down during storms at the following locations: Walker Street Park, Tall Timbers Park, and the Singing Sands Trail
- Beach mats were placed on all public beach paths
- Multiple improvements were made at the Senior Center, including the installation of a new stove, replacement of burners in the stove, and tree removal behind the facility
- Improvements at Gardena Park included improving the flower beds, resetting the bricks, and rebuilding the pitching net frame

Special Projects

- Trash cans were delivered to Barker Middle School for students to paint inspirational messages on for their Better World Day event
- Installed various signs related to the new parking program through the park and poured concrete pads for the parking kiosk

Education

- Director Pat Voltz graduated from Leadership of Laporte County
- Director Pat Voltz participated in the city's rewrite of the policy and procedure handbook, combining all city department handbooks into one
- Department wide AED training

HOLIDAY LIGHTS (per hour)	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
Repairs - Labor Hours	35	48	13	Made new display in-house
Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0	
Electric Installation - Labor Hours	0	0	0	
Breakdown - Labor Hours	0	0	0	
TOTAL	35	48	13	

YEAR 2026	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
BANQUET TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	12	6	-6	Less picnic table rentals for shelter rentals
BARRICADES Setup/Remove	30	20	-10	Better use of fence for events
BOLLARD Replacement/Installation	2	0		
GARBAGE CANS Delivered/Picked Up	168	130	-38	Better planning in 2026, resulting in less labor
GARBAGE Collect and Dispose of (yards)	330	180	-150	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in less visitors
ICE RINK Labor Hours	0	0	0	
MOVIE SCREEN Setup/Remove	0	0	0	
PICNIC TABLES Delivered/Picked Up	460	480	20	One additional event for quarter
RISERS Delivered/Picked Up	0	0	0	
SNOW FENCE Installation/Removal (linear feet)	9600	7730	-1870	Left fence up between events to allocate time elsewhere
TENT Installation (10' x 20')	0	0	0	

TRAILS UPKEEP (clearing, snow removal, inspection) - Labor Hours	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
Bismarck Hill	2	6	4	increased storm clean up
Gardena Park	6	2	-4	needed time in other trails
Hansen Park	1	1	0	
Karwick Nature Park	0	0	0	
Memorial Hall	2	12	10	increased storm clean up
Ruby Woods	4	8	4	increased storm clean up
Patriot Park	0	1	1	
Singing Sands main to Oak Hills (added 3rd qtr. 2025)		2	2	
Singing Sands Peanut Bridge	2	2	0	
Singing Sands Waste Inc.	6	32	26	spring cut backs, increased storm clean up
Singing Sands Co Line to Amtrak	28	18	-10	section closed for construction.
Winding Creek Cove	2	12	10	increased storm clean up
TOTAL	53	96	43	

Leaves (per hour)	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
Adams Park	0	16	16	neighbors disposing yard waste into park
Canada Park	2	8	6	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
City Hall (began in 2012)	2	4	2	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Emily Street	0	0	0	
Gardena Park	8	18	10	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Hansen Park	33	6	-27	Staff kept up with this park's maintenance compared to 2025
Henry Lake	0	0	0	
Jernegan's Hill	0	0	0	
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	8	18	10	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Krueger Memorial Park	4	12	8	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	4	8	4	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Oak Hills Park	2	12	10	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Patriot Park	0	10	10	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Ridgeland Park	0	2	2	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Ruby Woods	0	1	1	
Tall Timbers	0	2	2	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Walker Street Park	6	8	2	
Washington Park	0	10	10	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Water Tower Park	24	19	-5	Better upkeep due to new playground
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	0	22	22	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
Winding Creek Cove	0	2	2	25 to '26 snow started early and stayed late, didn't have as much cleaned up in fall of 25 as planned
TOTAL	93	178	85	

SAND REMOVAL (per hour)	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
Clean up and removal	501	612	111	record breaking amount of sand blowing into park
Beach Mats (set up/take down)	102	72	30	Method for placing mats is getting more efficient
Winter Berm (fall)	0	0	0	
Level Berm (spring)	225	280	55	Bigger berms in 2025- 2026
Beach sanitizing	333	295	-38	Increased rain (+5") kept us and visitors off beach
TOTAL	1161	1259	98	

MOWING (per hour)	Q2 25	Q2 26	VAR	COMMENTS
Adams Park	48	65	17	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Canada Park	26	30	4	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Carroll Avenue & Michigan Blvd	20	19	-1	
City Hall (began in 2012)	32	45	13	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Emily Street (began in 2023)	12	14	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Gardena Park	100	110	10	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Hansen Park	45	48	3	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Henry Lake (began in 2023)	18	12	6	too wet
Joe Hawkins Memorial Park	23	25	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Krueger Memorial Park	20	22	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Millennium Plaza and Old Lighthouse Museum	35	25	-10	Other parks required more time
Oak Hills Park	24	26	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Pullman Park	95	115	20	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Ridgeland Park	20	19	-1	
Ruby Woods	12	10	-2	Other parks required more time
Tall Timbers	30	32	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Walker Street Park	44	46	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Washington Park	365	382	17	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Water Tower Park	41	44	3	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Westcott Park (began in 2012)	24	30	6	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
Winding Creek Cove	10	12	2	Increased rainfall (+5.0") resulting in more growth
TOTAL	1044	1131	87	

Golf Pro Report

Course Conditions

In June, the South Course was closed 9 days, and the North Course 4 days, due to rain and wet conditions. In the 2nd quarter of 2026, we had just under 16" of rain compared to just over 9" in 2025.

Junior Golf

- 3 kids participated in Junior Golf this year
- Revenue \$120 (registration of \$40 per child)
- Expense \$20 (lunch on last day of camp)
- NET \$100

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
MERCHANDISE				
merchandise Revenue	\$22,783	\$32,389	9,606	42%
COGS	\$15,642	\$19,578	3,936	25%
Net (profit/loss)	\$7,142	\$12,811	5,670	79%
Percent of Profit	31%	40%	0	26%
Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
LESSONS				
Lessons	4	3	(1)	-25%
Lesson Revenue	\$770	\$275	(495)	-64%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
SEASON PASS SALES				
Season Pass w/Cart				
Family/Spouse	9	10	1	11%
Family/Spouse Revenue	\$10,250	\$8,500	(1,750)	-17%
Single	8	2	(6)	-75%
Single Revenue	\$11,200	\$2,800	(8,400)	-75%
Senior-Veteran	22	21	(1)	-5%
Senior-Veteran Revenue	\$29,260	\$27,930	(1,330)	-5%
Junior	0	0	0	0%
Junior Revenue	\$0	0	0	0%
Season Pass w/o Cart				
Family/Spouse	8	8	0	0%
Family/Spouse Revenue	\$5,150	4000	(1,150)	-22%
Single	6	5	(1)	-17%
Single Revenue	\$4,200	3500	(700)	-17%
Senior-Veteran	10	12	2	20%
Senior-Veteran Revenue	\$6,300	7560	1,260	20%
Junior	3	4	1	33%
Junior Revenue	\$900	1200	300	33%
Total Passes Sold	66	62	(4)	-6%
Total Revenue	\$67,260	\$55,490	(11,770)	-17%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
GIFT CERTIFICATE				
Sold	10	14	4	40%
Revenue	\$625	\$1,239	\$614	98%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
CONCESSIONS				
REVENUE	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
Food & Drink	\$21,282	\$21,865	583	3%
Food & Drink Outing	\$266	\$143	(124)	-46%
Alcohol	\$25,030	\$29,407	4,377	17%
Alcohol Outing	\$1,320	\$1,799	479	36%
Total Revenue	\$47,898	\$53,214	5,316	11%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
OUTINGS				
NC Number of Outings	1	1	0	0%
NC Outing Players	56	44	(12)	-21%
NC Outing Revenue	\$2,340	\$1,540	(\$800)	(\$0)
SC Number of Outings	3	5	2	67%
SC Outing Players	291	438	147	51%
SC Outing Revenue	\$14,512	\$20,540	\$6,029	\$0
Total Number of Outings	4	6	2	50%
Total Number of Players	347	482	135	39%
Total Outing Revenue	\$16,852	\$22,080	\$5,229	31%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
GREENFEES NC				
employee	32	8	(24)	-75%
employee revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
league	462	418	(44)	-10%
league revenue	\$5,110	\$5,434	\$324	6%
member	321	556	235	73%
member revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GolfNow Prepaid Online	1,044	1,189	145	14%
GolfNow Prepaid Online Revenue	\$26,351	\$30,158	\$3,807	14%
public	2,906	2,510	(396)	-14%
public revenue	\$38,343	\$42,795	\$4,452	12%
specials	182	872	690	379%
specials revenue	\$1,456	\$9,895	\$8,439	580%
Sold	4,947	5,553	606	12%
Revenue	\$71,260	\$88,282	\$17,022	24%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
GREENFEES SC				
employee	300	138	(162)	-54%
employee revenue	\$0	\$0	0	0%
league	1,684	1,438	(246)	-15%
league revenue	\$26,951	\$23,008	(3,943)	-15%
member	2,640	2,502	(138)	-5%
member revenue	\$42	\$0	(42)	-100%
online	1,159	1,153	(6)	-1%
online revenue	\$41,977	\$37,958	(4,019)	-10%
public	3,717	3,106	(611)	-16%
public revenue	\$87,334	\$76,554	(10,780)	-12%
specials	664	969	305	46%
specials revenue	\$5,259	\$10,151	4,892	93%
Sold	10,164	9,306	(858)	-8%
Revenue	\$161,563	\$147,671	(\$13,892)	-9%

Category	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR %
CARTS				
NC cart pass	161	229	68	42%
SC cart pass	1,722	1,719	(3)	0%
NC cart rental	2,988	3,316	328	11%
NC revenue	\$32,102	\$38,108	\$6,006	\$0
SC cart rental	6,604	5,773	(831)	-13%
SC cart revenue	\$95,066	\$91,729	(\$3,337)	-4%
Sold	9,753	9,318	(435)	-4%
Revenue	\$127,168	\$129,837	\$2,669	2%

Q2 Financial Report

REVENUE	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
2nd Quarter	\$297,889	\$334,813	36,924	12%
EXPENSE				
01 Personal Services	\$112,465	\$115,771	3,307	3%
02 Supplies	\$73,036	\$67,176	(5,860)	-8%
03 Other Services	\$75,885	\$31,856	(44,028)	-58%
Total Expense	\$261,385	\$214,804	(46,582)	-18%
NET	\$36,504	\$120,009	83,505	229%

Golf Maintenance Report

General Updates

- North Course opened for the year on April 11th, 2026
- Assistant Superintendent, Andrew Harrell, resigned on June 3rd, 2026, taking a grounds maintenance position at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, IN

Course Maintenance

- Prepped the course for a successful season by completing spring clean-up, mulching tee areas and flower beds, and trimming trees for better cart traffic and mowing ease
- Heavy rainfall in June caused weeks of flooding, and the subsequent high temperatures caused turf to wilt and die, leaving bare areas that will need to be reseeded in the fall
- North American Pump Company serviced all pumps on both courses on April 13th, 2026
- Reliable Tree Service is completing tree work that was left unfinished by Homer Tree Service, including grinding 5 stumps, and cleaning the stump grindings

Mowing	Per Week
Greens (South)	7
Greens (North)	7
Tees, collars, and approaches (South)	3
Tees, collars, and approaches (North)	2
Fairways (South)	5
Fairways (North)	5
Raking	
Bunkers	2

Equipment

Damaged Equipment included:

- (3) Golf carts
 - 2 rollovers resulting in broken canopy supports

- 1 cart with front end damage that bent the frame

Completed maintenance on the following equipment from other departments:

- (2) Washington Park carts
- Zoo's John Deere Gator 855D

Rainfall

2nd Quarter	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR%
April	2.70	4.64	1.94	72%
May	2.20	1.50	(0.70)	-32%
June	<u>4.25</u>	<u>9.80</u>	<u>5.55</u>	<u>131%</u>
Total	9.15	15.94	6.79	74%

*Rainfall measured in inches

Irrigation

2nd Quarter	2025 Q2	2026 Q2	VAR	VAR%
South Course	5,446,000	3,880,000	(1,566,000)	-29%
North Course	<u>3,318,000</u>	<u>1,698,000</u>	<u>(1,620,000)</u>	<u>-49%</u>
Total	8,764,000	5,578,000	(3,186,000)	-36%

*Measured in gallons

Senior Center Report

Membership

2nd Quarter	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
Members				
Men	498	507	9	2%
Women	1,096	1,071	(25)	-2%
Total Members	1,594	1,578	(16)	-1%
New Members	144	122	(22)	-15%
Volunteer Hours				
Senior Center	2,111	2,343	232	11%
Attendance				
Events	5,666	5,942	276	5%
Day Trips	36	34	(2)	-6%

Programs and Events

Apr 1	Approximately 68 volunteers stuffed eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 2	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
Apr 2	The South Shore Seniors Investment Club monthly meeting
Apr 2	Life Memories Matter (advanced course on writing your autobiography)- 6 participants
Apr 6	Monthly Hearing Evaluations (free)

Apr 6	Chair Zumba class
Apr 7	Chair Zumba class
Apr 9	Life Memories Matter (advanced course on writing your autobiography)- 6 participants
Apr 9	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
Apr 10	Blue Skies & Butterflies Spring Dance had over 30 members participate
Apr 13	Popcorn & a Movie featured "Up in the Air"
Apr 13	Chair Zumba class
Apr 14	Chair Zumba class
Apr 14	Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting
Apr 15	French Club meeting
Apr 16	Bi-annual Trivia Challenge was a huge success with 16 teams participating
Apr 16	Life Memories Matter (advanced course on writing your autobiography)- 6 participants
Apr 20	1 st Travel's pre-departure meeting for upcoming Washington DC trip- 34 attendees
Apr 20	Chair Zumba class
Apr 21	Chair Zumba class
Apr 21	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
Apr 22	Gut Health w/Dr. Margie had 16 members attend
Apr 23	Our monthly group of volunteers for the newsletter met.
Apr 28	Coffee with the Mayor- 26 attendees
Apr 28	Card Making Class had 14 members attend who each made 3 greeting cards.
May 4	Our monthly Hearing Evaluations (FREE) was held.
May 4	Chair Zumba class
May 5	Chair Zumba class
May 5	Line Dancing (a new class)- 8 participants
May 7	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
May 7	South Shore Seniors Investment Club met for their monthly meeting.
May 7	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
May 11	Popcorn & a Movie featured "Enchanted"
May 11	Chair Zumba class
May 12	Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting
May 12	Chair Zumba class
May 12	MC Seniors Inc participated in Hacienda's "Give Back" night to raise programming funds
May 12	Line Dancing (a new class) has 8 members attend.
May 16	Spring Game Night- sold 69 tickets to this event and raised over \$1,000 for MC Seniors
May 18	Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - 80 attendees
May 18	Chair Zumba class
May 19	Chair Zumba class
May 19	Holistic Massage Therapy offered to members at a discounted rate
May 19	Line Dancing (a new class)- 8 participants
May 20	French Club meeting
May 21	"Hot Dogs on the Patio"- sold out of everything and raised over \$200
May 26	Coffee with the Mayor- 20 attendees
May 26	Chair Zumba held its classes with participation between 6-13 members.
May 26	Card Making Class- 15 attendees
May 26	Line Dancing (a new class)- 8 participants
May 27	"Spring is Busting Out All Over" presentation by Lynea Hinchman- 11 attendees
May 28	Monthly newsletter meeting

May 28	YMCA's blood pressure program demonstration & discussion on offered classes for seniors
June 1	Our monthly Hearing Evaluations (FREE) was held.
June 4	North Shore Health Free Blood Pressure Checks
June 4	South Shore Seniors Investment Club met for their monthly meeting.
June 4	Sunrise Yoga on the Beach
June 9	The Senior Center Advisory Board met for their monthly meeting.
June 11	Sunrise Yoga on the Beach
June 13	Hot Dogs on the Patio fundraiser sold out of hamburgers and made \$280.
June 12	Monday Musicale presented "Celebrate Summer with Song." - 19 members attendees
June 17	French Club meeting
June 18	Sunrise Yoga on the Beach
June 22	Popcorn & a Movie featured "Field of Dreams"
June 24	"Feed Your Brain" by Dr. Margie had 14 members in attendance.
June 25	Sunrise Yoga on the Beach
June 25	Fiddleheads Restaurant hosted "Cocktails for a Cause" to raise money for SC programming
June 25	Monthly newsletter meeting
June 30	Coffee with the Mayor- 12 attendees
June 30	Card Making Class- 13 attendees

Marketing

Senior Center programs and events have been marketed through press releases and radio advertisements through WLOI/WCOE and the Eagle.

Future Goals

- Review and update the director and assistant's job descriptions to accurately reflect responsibilities
- Add new, exciting programs that will encourage seniors to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle
- Continue facility rentals to provide additional funding for facility upkeep
- Provide marketing support to the Parks & Recreation Department

Washington Park Zoo

Opening day was on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, with a slow start to the weekend due to inclement weather. However, the introduction of early opening weekends in 2024 has consistently strengthened our annual revenue streams. The official opening day remains April 1st.

General Updates

- Field trip reservations continue to be successful, with over 160 groups set to visit this season
- Family day passes were donated to the Exchange Club for its Students in Court program
- Our newly acquired troop of ring-tailed lemurs, as well as our other zoo updates, have been featured in positive news releases, including coverage from The Beacher, local radio, and other news outlets. We also had a great WPA history segment on South Bend's Channel 22.

- Six weeks of Zoo Camp were fully booked and set to begin in June; however, due to staffing shortages and construction delays on the Wings of Wonder exhibit, the program was cancelled
- The construction staging area is currently restricting access to the classroom entrance
- A representative from the Margaret and Otto Zack Foundation conducted an on-site inspection to review past funded projects
- Conducted our annual fire extinguisher inspection and replaced expired equipment with All Points Fire and Safety Inc.

Special Events

- Mother's Day allowed all mothers and grandmothers half off admission with a paid ticket
- Military members, both active and retired, were honored on Memorial Day with free admission upon presenting a valid ID
- Five internship students began their roles for the summer season, contributing to our ongoing educational efforts
- Preparations and ticket sales are now underway for this year's Boo at the Zoo event, scheduled for October 17th, 2026
- Month-long round-up fundraiser at both ACE Hardware locations in Michigan City, where customers can choose to round up purchase totals to give back to the zoo
- The Zoological Society hosted its Brew at the Zoo event on Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Attendance

ATTENDANCE	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
April	6,007	5,985	(22)	-0.37%
May	17,836	17,266	(570)	-3.20%
June	16,050	16,354	304	1.89%
Number of Vistors	39,893	39,605	(288)	-0.72%
ATTND REVENUE	2025		VAR	VAR %
April	\$46,986	\$59,605	\$12,619	26.86%
May	\$134,224	\$150,928	\$16,704	12.44%
June	\$139,456	\$163,274	\$23,818	17.08%
Total	\$320,666	\$373,807	\$53,141	16.57%

Capital Improvements

- The Safari Train successfully passed the state amusement park ride inspection and was reopened to the public
- Full construction began on the Wings of Wonder Exhibit after delays due to supply and weather issues. The project will not be completed before the projected contract goal date of June 30th, 2026
- A new golf cart was purchased with capital funds and significantly improved staff efficiency during daily operations
- In-house renovations to the upper aviary were completed, enhancing visitor viewing while meeting USDA requirements for additional distance and safety measures
- Double-gated entrance has been installed to prevent potential escapes
- Installation of wolf shift cages to enhance the safety of both keepers and the wolves
- Local volunteers from GAF collaborated with staff to install a shade shelter on the Eastside Red Barnyard

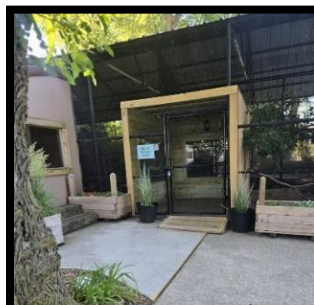
- Two toilets in the women's main restroom and one in the men's had to be replaced due to bowl breakage and cracks



Progress on the Wings of Wonder Exhibit.



GAF volunteers and the shade shelter on the Eastside Red Barn they generously help build.



New upper aviary design, allowing viewing from the west-side mesh or north-side viewing platform.



Wolves's Holding Yard



Emergency Access Double Gates on Wolf Exhibit

Volunteer and Community Appreciation

Thank you to the Feline Community Network Resource Center for donating feed and supplies for our animal residents. We appreciate them including the Washington Park Zoo in their community support program.

A huge thank you to the Chikaming Township Fire Department for donating retired fire hoses. Our team often repurposes a variety of materials into enrichment that encourages animals to explore, manipulate, and solve problems. Fire hoses are repurposed as feeders, habitat furnishings, and enrichment for animals of all sizes.



Employees from Blue Chip and Josan have generously volunteered their time at the zoo, assisting staff with ground maintenance and construction projects.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Michiana Lions Club for their generous donation of materials and time to repair our drinking fountain.



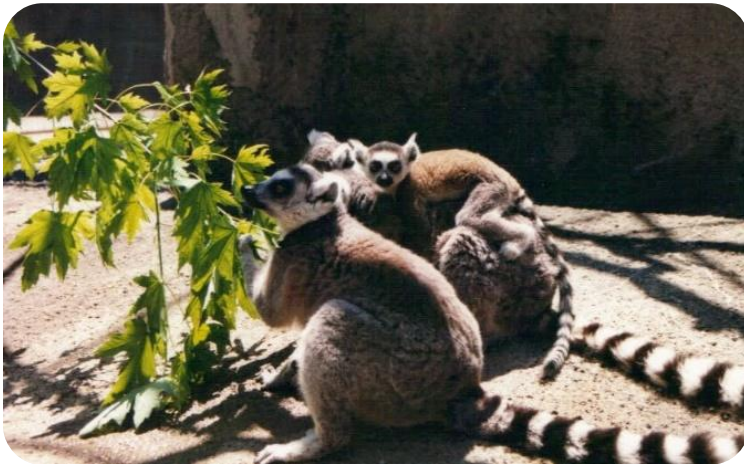
For his birthday this year, Jasper Tetlow collected donations for the Washington Park Zoo with donations of all kinds.

Animal Acquisitions/Dispositions

Acquired	9 Ringtail Lemurs	Rescue group
Acquired	2 Black Crown Heron	Zoo Transfer
Acquired	2 Swedish Ducks	Donation
Acquired	North American Opossum	Injured Wildlife – Non releasable
Birth	5 Ringtail Lemurs	
Death	Parakeet	Fatty Liver
Death	Mountain Lion	Euth Kidney Failure
Death	Ringtail Lemur	Umbilical cord sepsis
Acquired	2 Canadian Lynx	Zoo Transfer
Acquired Loan	River Otter	Purchase
Transfer	Parakeet	Genetic foot and leg weakness progressed not acceptable to be in the flock - rescue
Transfer	2 Silkie Chicken	Return loan since Wings Exhibit is under construction
Transfer	Alpaca	Rescue – male dominance issues better suited for larger herd home
Death	Ringtail Lemur	Breast Cancer
Death	Timber wolf	Mass eruption on heart and spleen



Ring-tailed lemurs enjoying their new home on the Island, being extremely popular and active with visitors.



Male Canada Lynx from the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Department. Both cats have adjusted well to their home in the North American Carnivore Complex.

Q2 Financial Report

Zoo				
REVENUE	2025	2026	VAR	VAR %
2nd Quarter	\$196,168	\$207,874	\$11,706	5.97%
EXPENSE	2025		VAR	VAR %
01 Personal Services	\$178,834	\$173,593	(\$5,241)	-2.93%
02 Supplies	\$19,954	\$41,381	\$21,427	107.38%
03 Other Services	\$231,553	\$73,570	(\$157,983)	-68.23%
Total Expense	\$430,341	\$288,544	(\$141,797)	-32.95%
Less roof repairs (insurance paid)	(\$185,905)		\$185,905	
Total Expense	\$244,436	\$288,544	\$44,108	18.04%
NET	(\$48,269)	(\$80,671)	(\$32,402)	67.13%