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Sundays are better Together!

Join us this Sunday at **First Baptist Pekin!**

We're an imperfect bunch, but we've discovered God's love and grace—and we'd love to share it with you.

- **Service Times**

- **9:00 a.m.** – Traditional Service
- **10:30 a.m.** – Contemporary Service with a live band (Nursery & Children's Ministry available during this service)

- **Dress is Casual** – Come as you are.

- **Music is Uplifting** – From hymns to modern worship.

- **Messages are Biblical & Practical** – Encouraging truth for everyday life.

- **The People are Friendly** – A great place to build authentic relationships.

Whether you're new to church, coming back after some time away, or looking for a place where faith meets real life, we'd love to see you this Sunday.

Because all of us need God's love.



Celebrating 175 years of
Loving God and People!

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FACILITIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

PARKS

Blenkiron Park
601 Park Ave.
Pekin, IL 61554

Coal Miners' Park
300 S. Parkway Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554

Independence Park
612 Lasalle Blvd.
Marquette Heights, IL 61554

James Field
101 S. 9th St.
Pekin, IL 61554

John T. McNaughton Park
217 McNaughton Park Rd.
Pekin, IL 61554

Kiwanis Park South
On the Corner of Ninth & Koch St.
Pekin, IL 6554

Miller Park
121 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Mineral Springs Park & Lagoon
1701 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Railsplitter's Park
268 Derby St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Riverfront Park
121 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Rotary Park
1115 State St.
Pekin, IL 61554

**Southside Business
Association Park**
200 Sapp St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Sports Complex
300 Koch St.
Pekin, IL 61554

Tante Park
Broadway Rd.
Pekin, IL 61554

Willow Park
500 Willow St.
Pekin, IL 61554

GOLF COURSES

Lick Creek Golf Course
2210 N. Parkway Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 346-0077

Parkview Golf Course
2300 Broadway St.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 346-8494

FUN & GAMES

Boating on the Lagoon
Phone: (309) 347-7275

DragonLand Water Park
193 Red Bud Memorial Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 347-4000

Parkside Fitness
300 Red Bud Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 347-6644

Magic Dragon Mini Golf
210 Recreation Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 353-1244

Pekin Archers, Inc.
2510 Edgewater Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Email: pekinarchers1@gmail.com

Blazin' A Trail Riding & Boarding
217 McNaughton Park Rd.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 382-1268

COMMUNITY CENTERS

IRVSRA Recreational Center
1715 Dragon Dr., Suite B
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 201-4005
Email: info@irvsra.org

Miller Center
551 S. 14th St.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 346-5210
Email: millercenter@pekinparkdistrict.org

Pavilion on the Lagoon
257 Pavilion Rd.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 201-4008
Email: rentals@pekinparkdistrict.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Recreation Department
Veterans Memorial Arena
250 Redbud Memorial Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 347-7275

**Robert N. Blackwell
Administration Building**
1715 Dragon Dr., Suite A
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 353-5330
Fax: (309) 353-1787

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Park Police
Phone: (309) 346-3132

FACILITY STATUS & TEXTS

**Inclement Weather Details: Facility, Field,
or Ball Diamond cancellations:**





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Find your Fun!

Good news, filling your free time has never been more fun, safe, or affordable! So get out and explore our hiking and biking trails. Let your kids run wild at our brand new adaptive playgrounds perfect for built on our many golf courses, schedule a tour, request a play date at our dog parks. Or find a new passion with a mix of our many classes and programs. Every season, all year long, we've got you when it comes to finding your fun.



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LIVE FACILITY STATUS



Pekin Park District

Fun & Follow Your Interest! With our new 'FollowYourInterest' platform, you can: 1. Check on the status of your facility 2. Contact us: Clicking the contact us button will open your text messaging app to start a text conversation routed to the staff member with the correct information. 3. Follow: Clicking the follow button will open your text messaging app to subscribe to text alerts on news and updates for your favorite programs or most visited facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connections @ Mineral Springs Park
P&A Ping Pong
P&A Volleyball
P&A Large Pelican Dock/Pier - Closed

ACTIVITIES

ENDLESS FUN

Kids to adults, our programs are designed to get you moving, teach you new skills, and make amazing friends while you're at it. Plus, online registration makes joining easy!

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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FACILITY STATUS & TEXT ALERTS

WE WANT TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNICATION WITH YOU! WHEN YOU VISIT OUR NEW 'FOLLOWYOURINTEREST' PLATFORM, YOU CAN:

- Check on the status of your facility of interest. Click 'FollowYourInterest' to visit the webpage to view live facility status details.
- Contact us: Clicking the 'Contact Us' button next to the facility or program of interest will open your text messaging app to start a text conversation routed directly to the staff member with the correct information.
- Follow: Clicking the 'Follow' button will open your text messaging app, allowing you to subscribe to text alerts on news and updates for your favorite programs or most visited facilities. Follow as many as you'd like!

NEW BUTTON ON OUR HOMEPAGE! OR VISIT WWW.FOLLOWYOURINTEREST.COM/PEKINPARKDISTRICT/

We want better two-way communications with you! With our new 'Follow Your Interest' platform, you can:

- **Check on the status** of your facility of interest.
 - Visit the webpage and see the green, red, or yellow icons with status details on facilities.
 - Text 'status channel name' to 309-347-7477 to get an immediate automated response about the status.
- **Contact us:** Clicking the 'Contact Us' button will open your text messaging app to start a text conversation routed directly to the staff member with the correct information.
- **Follow:** Clicking the follow button will open your text messaging app allowing you to subscribe to text alerts on news and updates for your favorite programs or most visited facilities. Follow as many as you'd like!

Boating on the Lagoon

@paddleboats

Contact Us

Follow

Paddleboats
#paddleboats - 7 days ago
Status: OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY
HOURS:
Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - Dusk
Open Weekends Only: August 16 - September 28

Community Events

@communityevents

Contact Us

Follow

0 - Community Events News & Updates
#communityevents - 13 days ago
Subscribe to text alerts, news, and updates for community events, many of which are FREE. Click 'Follow' or text 'follow communityevents' to 309-347-7477.

1 - Kiss Me In The Park Finale
#kmitp - 2 hours ago
LIVE BAND Event at the Steven D. Skinner Performing Arts Venue with Kiss Me In The Park winners announced on stage by KissFM: live music, beer sales, and food trucks.
FREE - Open to the Public
Performances by:
Backseat Radio & Manual H.S. Drumline
Thursday: 9/18/2025
5:30p - 8:30p

2 - Letters to Santa
#santaleters - 3 hours ago
Receive a custom letter in the mail from Santa!
Deadline to turn in your forms: 5:00 p.m., December 6, 2025.
Cost: \$5 per child

3 - Breakfast with Santa
#santabreakfast - 3 hours ago
Come enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage cooked up by some of the best elves the North Pole has to offer. Santa will be there to hear all of your wish lists and stories. Make a craft to take home and share with your family.
Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Location: Miller Center
Time: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
Cost: \$6 per person for breakfast (no registration required)

4 - Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast
#easteregg - 3 hours ago
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Location: Pavilion on the Lagoon - Mineral Springs Park
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Cost: Optional \$6 per person for breakfast
Easter Egg Hunt - FREE
8:45 a.m. | 3 and under
9:15 a.m. | 4-7-year-olds
9:45 a.m. | 8-11-Year-Olds

5 - Winter Wonderland Festival
#winterland - 2 hours ago
Tree Lighting Ceremony: 11/25/2025

PEKIN PARK FOUNDATION



The Pekin Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit charitable organization. Its mission is to provide a means by which park supporters can help improve and beautify our parks and expand participation in activities and programs through a well-funded Gift Program and long-term sustaining Endowment Program. By having this funding mechanism in place to meet future needs and enhancements, the park will continue to serve as the cherished community icon that it has become. It also provides a means to leave a lasting legacy to be enjoyed by future generations of park users.

THE PEKIN PARK FOUNDATION:

Provides funding and acquisition assistance and in-kind donations for purchasing, developing, promoting and maintaining parks, land, buildings, facilities, equipment, supplies, activities and programs for the Pekin Park District.

Promotes programs that serve the purposes and objectives of the Foundation, including endowment, gifting, sponsorship and volunteerism.

Promotes other activities and developments for the benefit of the Pekin Park District.

Compliments and enhances, and does not conflict with the activities of the Pekin Park District, a unit of

local government.

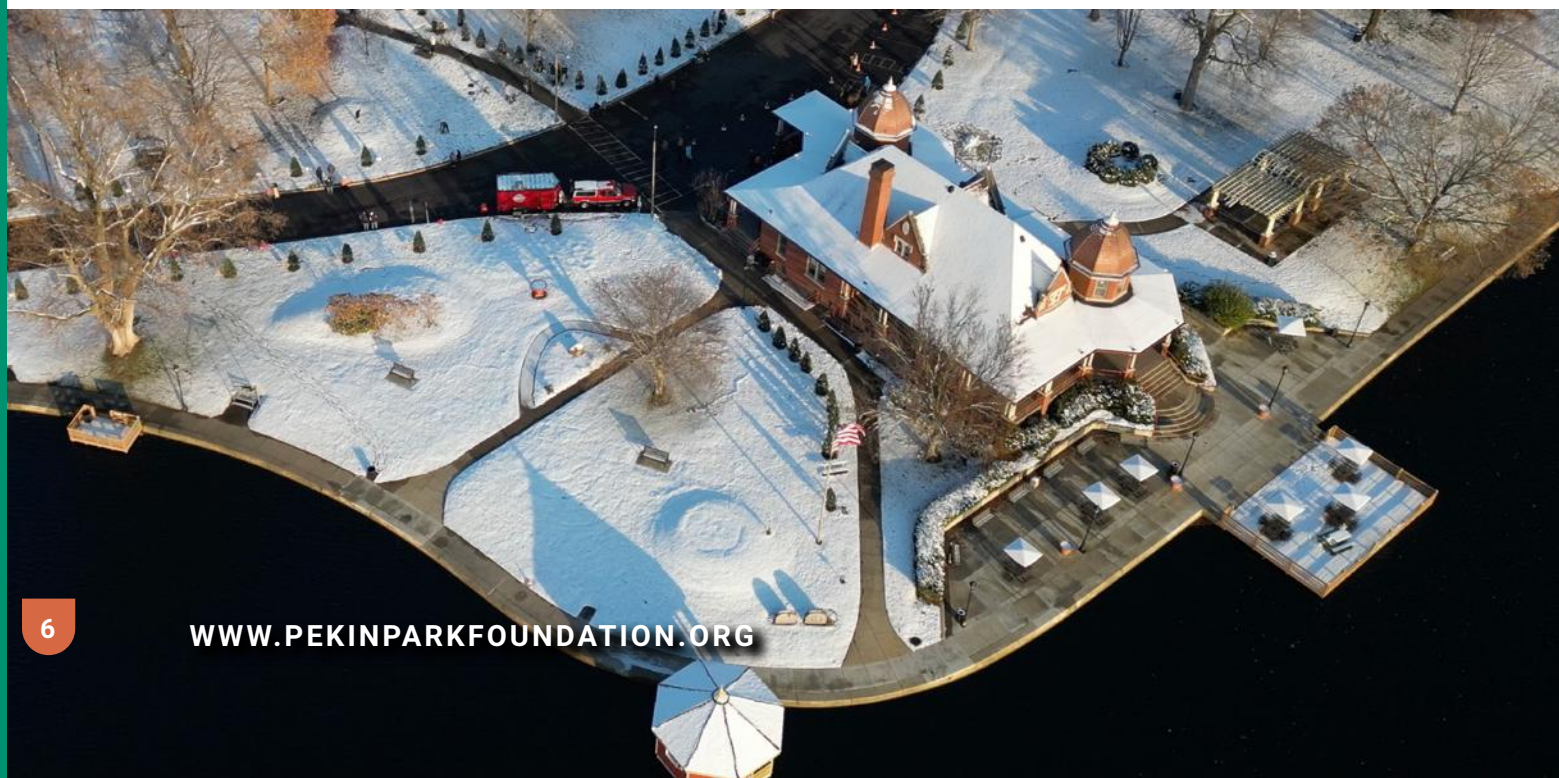
Maintains a close working relationship with the Pekin Park District so as not to in any way diminish the power and authority of the Pekin Park District in performing its mission of working with the community to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities, open space resources and wildlife protection.

Engages in other activities related to the Foundation's specific objectives and purposes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Various gifting opportunities can provide maintenance, scholarships, enhancements, improvements, recognitions, and memorials. The Pekin Park Foundation will assure your anonymity in your gift or bequest, or publicly recognize you or your family if desired. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible.

For additional information, contact Cameron Bettin at (309) 353-4328 or cbettin@pekinparkdistrict.org or visit www.pekinparkfoundation.org/donate to view the various ways you can support the Pekin Park Foundation.



**TERRI GAMBETTI
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**







Financial Assistance Available

For Program Registration



Taking time for recreation is important to everyone's health physically, socially, and mentally. The Pekin Park District recognizes this and understands financial assistance may be required for some individuals to participate in Park District programs. To provide equal access to Park District programs regardless of ability to pay, The Terri Gambetti Scholarship Fund has been established by the Pekin Park Foundation for qualified Pekin residents to ensure everyone can experience the healthy benefits of participation in recreation programs. Eligibility is based upon family size and income level. Awards are made without regard to race, religion, age, disability, or national origin. Scholarship application packets with all the eligibility guidelines and instructions can be picked up at the Recreation Office inside Veterans Memorial Arena, or downloaded from our website.

Contact

 (309) 347-7275  @ppdrecreation
 recreation@pekinparkdistrict.org
 www.pekinparkdistrict.org/scholarships

- Financial assistance towards registration fees
- Free Application Process
- Provides equal access to Park District programming regardless of ability to pay
- Recreation benefits everyone's physical, social, & mental health

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY



Follow Community Events

Subscribe to text alerts on news and updates for all Pekin Park District Community Events, many of which are FREE! Click or Scan the QR Code below to open your messaging app and subscribe to news on upcoming events open to the community like Live Bands at the Performing Arts Venue, Movie Nights, Egg Hunts, Parades, and more!

KISSFM's PARTY IN THE PARK

Kiss Me In The Park Finale Event

Join 98.5 KissFM Peoria and the many sponsors for the 2025 Kiss Me in the Park dream wedding contest for an evening of fun, live music, beer garden, food, and more. During the band's break, the grand-prize winners of the 2025 Kiss Me in the Park Dream Wedding contest will be announced. This event is free to the public and open to all ages. Alcohol wrist bands will be free for ages 21 and over upon ID check.

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Location: Performing Arts Venue - Mineral Springs Park

Time: 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY:

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WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL



Get ready to celebrate the holiday season at the Pekin Winter Wonderland festival on November 30th! Mineral Springs Park will be aglow with over 400 lighted trees, creating a magical winter spectacle. This year, you can experience the festive fun of the live reindeer from Snowman's Reindeer

Farm, proudly sponsored by the Pekin Park Foundation. Enjoy the annual parade, live entertainment, and a breathtaking fireworks show. It's the perfect way to make cherished holiday memories! For more details and a schedule of events, visit: <https://pekinwinterwonderland.com/>

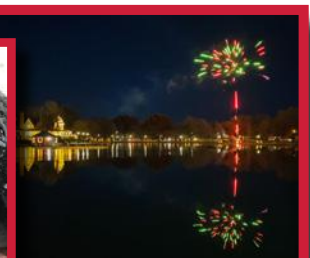
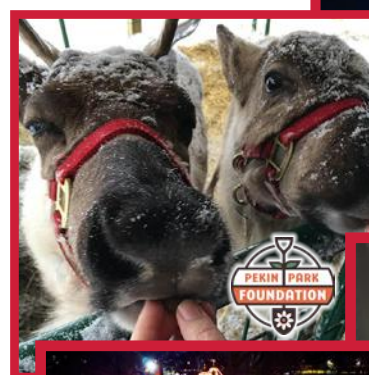
2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY - NOVEMBER 25, 2025

Our first ever tree-lighting ceremony. Join us for a live event held at the Pekin Park Pavilion featuring an appearance by Santa. Christmas Bingo to follow in the Pavilion. For more details please visit: <https://pekinwinterwonderland.com/>

OPENING CEREMONIES – NOVEMBER 30, 2025

2:30p	Diamond #1	Candy Cane Hunt (ages 3-9)
2:30p - 6:00p	Park Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and Gramma Nana's Kitchen will have refreshments for sale • The Unique Twist and Twisting Crew • Raffle Ticket Prizes
3:00p - 5:00p	Park Pavilion	Live reindeer from Snowman's Reindeer Farm in Canton, IL
3:30p	Broadway St (from James Field to Park Pavilion)	Annual Winter Wonderland Parade
4:30p - 6:00p	Inside Park Pavilion	Visit Santa
5:15p	Park Pavilion Porch	Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
5:30p	Lagoon	Annual Fireworks Show



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage cooked up by some of the best elves the North Pole has to offer. Santa will be there to hear all of your wish lists and stories. Make a craft to take home and share with your family.

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Location: Miller Center

Time: 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Cost: \$6 per person for breakfast



LETTERS FROM SANTA

We have contacted Santa Claus himself and he will write a letter to any child that signs up. To sign up, simply stop in the Recreation Office or register online at pekinparkdistrict.org. Santa can't wait to hear from you and write you a letter. Once you register through our standard registration software, a form will be emailed to you. Fill out the form online to have Santa send you a personalized letter.

Deadline to turn in your form: 5 p.m. December 6, 2025

Cost: \$5 per child



EASTER EGG HUNT & BUNNY BREAKFAST

The Easter Bunny and his friends are cooking a wonderful breakfast of pancakes and sausage for you to enjoy. The Easter Bunny will be visiting with everyone and getting pictures so make sure to bring your cameras.

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026

Location: Pavilion on the Lagoon - Mineral Springs Park

Time: 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Cost: Optional \$6 per person for breakfast

Easter Egg Hunt – **FREE**

8:45 a.m. | 3 and under

9:15 a.m. | 4-7-year-olds

9:45 a.m. | 8-11-Year-Olds



ROTTEN EASTER EGG HUNT

ADULTS, this one is for you! Come out and find some Easter Eggs hidden on the Golf Course. These eggs have been hidden for a while so they may be a little "rotten", BUT the good news is that the really "rotten" ones contain adult beverage tickets! Some eggs even have gift certificates to local restaurants. Last year was great fun, so come on out for this enjoyable evening.



Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Location: Parkview Golf Course

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person



CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

Completing this class will give you an American Heart Association certificate accepted by most employers and daycare facilities. You will learn life-saving skills through Video and Hands-on based learning. Units covered will be Adult/Pediatric/Infant CPR and First Aid. Your instructor will also provide real-life scenarios to provide the best learning environment. Minimum class size is 4.



Location: Veterans Memorial Arena: Activity Room

Times: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost per class: \$45/person

Dates: Sept. 18, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Jan. 15



Richey for more information:
arichey@pekinparkdistrict.org | (309) 201-4006

DAVINCI'S WORKSHOP

Explore the world of STEAM. This very hands-on program will introduce participants to the exciting concepts of the world around us. We will experience magic, science, art, building projects, friends, and so much more. The possibilities are endless! Sessions are 4 weeks long. Register for the session or for the week. Come check out this exciting new program.

Location: Veterans Memorial Arena: Activity Room

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (No classes on 5th Thursdays)

Cost: \$65R/\$70 NR per Session (per month)

or \$20 R/\$23 NR per week (per class drop-in)

October: Welcome to the Workshop

November: TBA

December: (No Classes)

January: TBA

February: TBA

March: TBA



FIELD TRIP ADVENTURES

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RECREATION NEWS



ATTENTION EDUCATORS:

Pekin Park District offers field trips to McNaughton Park where students can discover the flora and fauna of the Illinois River Valley. In each workshop, park educators introduce key concepts tied to state learning goals and present lessons through discussion, storytelling, show and tell, walks in the woods, highly engaging games, and arts and craft activities. School field trip programs are available to public, private elementary and middle schools, and home-school groups of 10 or more students. Offered September through May.

Cost is \$5 per child.

AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS

Wild or Not? (Grades K – 2)

Participants will learn the differences between wild and domesticated animals, compare natural environments with man-made environments, and consider appropriate interactions between humans and wildlife.

Nature All Around (Grades K – 3)

Participants will learn that through careful observation and knowing what clues to look for, one can quickly discover a great diversity of living things. Using our senses, examining clues animals leave behind, and understanding the concept of “habitats” and what they provide will be presented through show and tell items, hiking, and hands-on activities.

Feasts, Famine, & Food Webs (Grades 4 – 7)

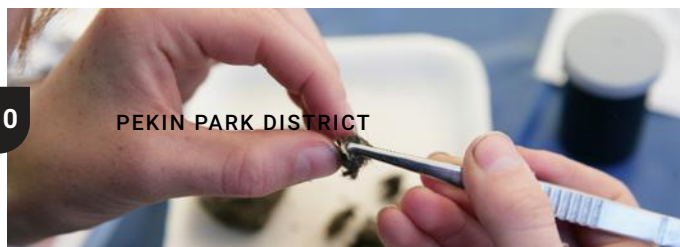
Examine the relationships between predators and prey, what happens when animal populations explode and crash, what makes animal food sources unstable, and the elements of an ideal balance in these interrelationships.

Field Trips may also be brought to your space for an additional fee.

For further information or to register, contact Andrew Richey at arichey@pekinparkdistrict.org or call (309) 201-4006.

Owl Pellet Discovery (Grades 4 – 8)

Who, who, whoo ever knew that the habits of owls could be learned in examining their pellets? In this workshop, students will have the opportunity to dismantle owl pellets to discover what surprises might be inside!



Pond Explorations

(Grades 4 and up)

Water, water everywhere! Water is important for every living thing! During this program, we will look at the water cycle and talk about freshwater habitats and the creatures they support. Students will have hands-on activities that encourage them to learn about ponds and streams, and weather permitting, we will take a walk through the woods to one of McNaughton Park's streams (children may get dirty).

End of the Year Rewards Days (All ages)



Teachers, are you looking for a way to reward your students for their year of hard work? Rewards Day programs are three hours of activities such as a hike in the woods, team challenge games, nature art, mad scientist experiments, and simple survival skills. Pack a sack lunch.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATIONAL BACKPACK LOANER PROGRAM

Pekin Park District is pleased to be a host site for an IDNR Field Trip Pack. The Backpack Loaner Program provides educators with a multitude of outstanding resources to help prepare students for exploration of nature. They are great for formal and non-formal educators to use. Teachers, youth group leaders, scout leaders, home-schooling educators, pre-service teacher instructors, librarians, nature-center personnel, museum staff, Ag in the Classroom staff, University of Illinois Extension staff and Soil and Water Conservation District staff are just some of the people who have borrowed and used the loaner program.

Suggested use is for students in Pre-K through 3rd grade. Please call the Pekin Park District Recreation Office at (309) 347-7275 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday – Friday to reserve the use of this educational resource free of charge.



THE FIELD TRIP PACK

DAY CAMP ADVENTURES

SCHOOL'S OUT DAYS (AGES K - 13)

When school is out, adventures are in with Pekin Park District! School's Out Adventure Days are one day activities held on "no school days" such as Columbus Day, MLK Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Staff Institute days, etc. Each adventure day will include a field trip (schedule and field trips subject to change). School's Out Adventure Days are open to Child Care Connection program members.



School's Out Adventure Dates:

- October 13 – Ice Skating
- **October 23 – Roth Pumpkin Patch
- **October 24 – Bowling
- November 11 – Movie
- November 26 – Ice Skating
- January 29 – Movie
- February 16 – Bowling
- **February 27 – Ice Skating

Location: Veterans Memorial Arena

Hours: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$38 R/\$41 NR per day

**May be limited due to staff availability



Questions?

Go to pekinparkdistrict.org for the most up-to-date information and schedule of adventures for the 2024-2025 school year or contact:

Andrew Richey, Program Manager

arichey@pekinparkdistrict.org | (309) 201-4006

WINTER CAMP - ARENA (AGES K - 13)

School's out for winter, so come on out to camp for your winter break. Our trained counselors from summer will be all geared up for winter and ready to have some fun and make memories.

We will do as much sledding and outdoor play as we can. Think SNOW! When we do have to stay inside, we'll do dance parties, gym room time, crafts, sharing talents, games, and sooo much more. Breakfast and snacks are included; a daily sack lunch will be needed.



Winter Adventures Camp Dates & Themes

SESSION 1: DECEMBER 22, 23, & 26

– Fun in the Snow - Ice Skating

SESSION 2: DECEMBER 29, 30, & JANUARY 2

– Celebration Week - Movie

Location: Veterans Memorial Arena

Cost: Session 1: \$105R/\$114 NR

Session 2: \$105R/\$114 NR

Daily Drop-In: \$38 R/\$41 NR per day

SPRING BREAK - ARENA (AGES K - 13)

Spring break is a time to start enjoying the sun again and finding your fun in the park. Come out to camp to enjoy a fun week of games, crafts, friends, and memories. Fees include a field trip during the week, breakfast, trained staff, fun activities, and a daily snack.



MARCH 30 - APRIL 6

Location: Veterans Memorial Arena

Hours: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Cost: Full 6-Day Session: \$210R/\$218 NR

5-Day Session: \$175R/\$190 NR

Daily Drop-In: \$38 R/\$41 NR per day

Child Care Connection Accepted for all Camps. You must contact Andrew at least 4 weeks prior to the start of camp to make sure we are set up with your account to accept Child Care Connection or any other grant programs.





PARKSIDE FITNESS



Parkside Fitness has everything Pekin families need to reach their health and fitness goals. If you're a beginner or an elite athlete, we have world-class solutions and trainers dedicated to helping you achieve the results you're looking for. Be our guest and discover our extensive equipment options, dynamic group fitness classes, adult and

youth tennis programs, pickleball, racquetball, wallyball, personal and group training, plus a wide range of athletic programs for every fitness level and interest!

Parkside Fitness

300 Red Bud Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 347-6644
parksidefitnesspekin.com

Hours

Monday – Thursday: 5 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday: 5 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Manager: Keith Knox

kknox@pekinparkdistrict.org or (309) 347-3278

Member Account Coordinator: Margaret Frazell

mfrazell@pekinparkdistrict.org or (309) 347-8601

Visit parksidefitnesspekin.com for information on all the classes and many fitness offerings available at Parkside Fitness!

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

We offer a class for everyone – all included with your membership! We make fitness fun no matter your current level of fitness and work hard to motivate you to succeed. If you are not a member, you can still join in! Grab a punch card or pay to drop-in for any class. Check out parksidefitnesspekin.com for a class schedule.



PERSONAL TRAINING



With James Welton

ACE Certified Personal Trainer, Precision Nutrition Level 1, and Mike Boyle Certified Functional Strength Coach. James is available to help build your body and bring you into the best shape of your life.



With Brooks Flick

NASM Certified Personal Trainer. Brooks is a dedicated fitness professional with a passion for weightlifting and personal health.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY (MORE ON PAGE 15)

Join the Pickleball Revolution at Parkside Fitness! Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis, and is played on an indoor or outdoor court that is approximately half the size of a tennis court.

Cost: FREE to members. Non-members: \$5/drop-in or \$45/punch card (10 visits).

Pickleball is offered:

Mon., Wed., & Fri.: 6 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 1 – 3 p.m.
Saturday: 7 – 11 a.m.
Sunday: 3 – 6 p.m.





RATES
STARTING
AS LOW AS

\$20/MONTH

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

• 4 STAR

Access to the entire facility. All group fitness classes are included as well as pickleball, racquetball, wallyball, use of the saunas and our entire free weight, functional training, and cardio equipment areas. Guest tennis court fees still apply to 4 Star Members.

Membership Type	Annual Agreement	Month-to-Month
Junior Fitness Pass (14-18)	N/A	\$20/mo
Junior (19-22)	N/A	\$23/mo
Individual (23-64)	\$25/mo	\$30/mo
Joint	\$50/mo	\$60/mo
Family of 3	\$75/mo	\$90/mo
Family of 4+	\$90/mo	\$105/mo
Senior (65+)	\$20/mo	\$25/mo
Senior Joint (both 65+)	\$40/mo	\$50/mo

• 5 STAR

Same access to the facility and group classes as the 4-Star Membership PLUS unlimited open tennis court usage.

Membership Type	Annual Agreement	Month-to-Month
Junior (14-22)	\$54/mo	\$67/mo
Young Adult (23-28)	\$64/mo	\$84/mo
Individual (29-64)	\$73/mo	\$100/mo
Joint	\$88/mo	\$121/mo
Family of 3	\$108/mo	\$140/mo
Family of 4+	\$116/mo	\$147/mo
Senior (65+)	\$59/mo	\$87/mo
Senior Joint (both 65+)	\$75/mo	\$113/mo

• CORPORATE & BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP PLANS

Same access to the facility and group classes as the 4-Star Membership. Guest tennis court fees still apply.

Membership Type	Annual Agreement	Month-to-Month
C&B Individual	\$20/mo	\$25/mo
C&B Joint	\$40/mo	\$50/mo
C&B Family of 3	\$60/mo	\$75/mo
C&B Family of 4+	\$72/mo	\$90/mo

ANNUAL FEES

Membership agreements require an annual \$40 fee. This fee renews each year in February for Annual Agreements. Month-to-Month Agreements pay the annual fee on the first full month which renews that same month annually. All membership agreement types are subject to the annual fee, with the exception of two: Junior Fitness Passes & Junior Memberships.

GUEST FEES & CHARGES

Group Fitness Punch Card: \$65/10 classes
Group Fitness Drop-In: \$8/class
Pickleball Punch Card: \$45/10 visits

Pickleball Drop-in: \$5/visit
Guest Fee: \$10/day
Tennis Court Fee: \$30/hour

TENNIS CLINICS

DATES:

Session 1: September (M & TH - 4, TU - 5)

No clinics September 1

Session 2: October (M & TU - 4, TH - 5)

Session 3: November (M & TU - 4, TH - 3)

No clinics November 27

Session 4: December (M, TU & TH - 3)

No clinics Dec. 22, 23, 25, 29, & 30

Session 5: January (M, TU & TH - 4)

No clinics January 1

Session 6: February (M, TU & TH - 4)

Session 7: March (M & TU - 5 & TH - 4)

Session 8: April (M & TH - 4, TU - 5)

Session 9: May (M - 3, TU & TH - 4)

No clinics May 25



FEES:

3-week rates | 1 hr. clinic: \$63 | 1.5 hr. clinic: \$94.50

4-week rates | 1 hr. clinic: \$84 | 1.5 hr. clinic: \$126

5-week rates | 1 hr. clinic: \$105 | 1.5 hr. clinic: \$157.50

Members receive a 10% discount

Volley Kids (5 to 8-year-olds) | Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Clinic uses low-compression balls along with smaller racquets and nets. This age group also plays on 36' modified courts.

Rally Kids (9 to 10-year-olds) | Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Clinic uses low compression balls along with smaller racquets and plays on the regular net. This age group also plays on 60' modified courts.

Junior High Smashers | Thursdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Clinic is for junior high students who are thinking about playing HS tennis or have taken limited lessons before.

High School Hot Shots | Mondays 5:30-7:00 p.m. -or- Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. (both begin in November)

Clinic is for high school players getting ready for the upcoming season as well as staying in practice during the off-season.

Adult Skill Drills | Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m. (begins in November)

Clinic is for players with limited experience who can sustain short rallies. Instruction will be directed at stroke development and refining skills in point play. The clinic features drills that will get you moving for a great workout while playing points in a fun and competitive atmosphere.

PICKLEBALL



• PARKSIDE PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Clinics will utilize a state-of-the-art ball machine & a PPA Certified Coach. Registration with the front desk is required.

• SEPTEMBER - MARCH

Power of 10

10th of every month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (no clinic in Oct.)

Fee: \$22 member / \$27 non-member

Focus: Beginner & New Player Basics

• SEPTEMBER

Dink Like a Ninja

Sept. 22, 24, & 29 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$66 member / \$81 non-member

Focus: Footwork, Paddle Angle, Soft Hands

• OCTOBER

Third Shot Showdown

Oct. 13, 15, 20, & 22 | 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$88 member / \$108 non-member

Focus: Strategic decisions: Drive, Drop or Both

• NOVEMBER

Smart Shots Only

Nov. 18 & 20 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$66 member / \$81 non-member

Focus: Pickleball IQ, Court Awareness, Simulations

• DECEMBER

Chaos To Control

Dec. 7 & 14 | 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$66 member / \$81 non-member

Focus: Winning Transition Zone Battles: No Man's Land

• JANUARY

Frozen at the Line

Jan. 12, 14, & 19 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$99 member / \$121.50 non-member

Focus: Punch Volleys, Roll volleys, Attack off Dinks

• FEBRUARY

Fix My Game February

Session 1: Feb. 2 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

-OR-

Session 2: Feb. 11 | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$44 member / \$54 non-member

Focus: Semi-Custom Clinic, Fine Tune Personal Skills

• MARCH

Drills & Games

Session 1: March 16 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

-OR-

Session 2: March 18 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$33 member / \$40.50 non-member

Focus: Importance of Drills, New Drills, Apply to Game



BOO BASH

12 Team Men's Doubles

12 Team Ladies Doubles

12 Team Mixed Doubles

OCT 25

START TIME FOR MENS/LADIES 8:00AM

MIXED DOUBLES START 10:30AM

MEMBERS: \$50 PER TEAM

NON MEMBERS: \$65 PER TEAM

Parkside Fitness
Pekin, IL

REGISTER: CIPICKLE.COM

• CENTRAL ILLINOIS PICKLEBALL CLUB

SUNDAY FUNDAY at Parkside Fitness. Registration Required. Go to www.cipickle.com to register.

STRUCTURED OPEN PLAY EVERY SUNDAY FROM 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Preregistration is required. We will have 6 courts available for these sessions, and registration will be limited to 30 participants to keep wait times off court to a minimum. It is free to register; however, there will be a \$5.00 drop in fee payable to Parkside Fitness when you check in at the front desk. Parkside Fitness Members are Free. You do not need to be a member of Central Illinois Pickleball Club or Parkside Fitness to participate. All Pickleball enthusiasts are WELCOME!

Novice/Social (Self-rated players up to 3.5)

OCTOBER 5	DECEMBER 7	JANUARY 18	MARCH 1	APRIL 19
NOVEMBER 2	DECEMBER 21	FEBRUARY 1	MARCH 15	MAY 3
NOVEMBER 16	JANUARY 4	FEBRUARY 15	MARCH 29	

Intermediate/Advanced (Self-rated players of 3.5 and up)

OCTOBER 12	NOVEMBER 23	JANUARY 11	FEBRUARY 22	APRIL 12
OCTOBER 26	DECEMBER 14	JANUARY 25	MARCH 8	APRIL 26
NOVEMBER 9	DECEMBER 28	FEBRUARY 8	MARCH 22	MAY 10

You're invited!

PARKSIDE FITNESS 50th Celebration Event



**Saturday
November 8
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**



PARKSIDE FITNESS
THE COURTHOUSE - PARKSIDE ATHLETICS

**FREE
Weekend**

**PLUS
Free Facility
Use All
Weekend
Long
11/8 & 11/9!**

FREE ACTIVITIES DURING THE 4-HOUR CELEBRATION

- Group X Classes
- Tennis Games/Instruction
- Pickleball Games/Instruction
- Racquetball Open Play
- Wallyball Open Play
- Chair Massage
- Vendor Fair
- Snacks



GOLF

Lick Creek & Parkview Golf Courses

Pekin Park District Director of Golf – Cory Proehl, PGA
cproehl@pekinparkdistrict.org | (309) 346-1969



**LICK CREEK
GOLF COURSE**
Pekin Park District



**PARKVIEW
GOLF COURSE**
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GREEN FEES

WEEKDAYS	18 Holes	18 Holes	9 Holes	9 Holes
	Parkview GC	Lick Creek GC	Parkview GC	Lick Creek GC
Adult Resident	\$24	\$26	\$17	\$18
Adult Non-Resident	\$37	\$43	\$27	\$30
Senior Resident	\$23	\$25	\$16	\$17
Senior Non-Resident	\$33	\$38	\$25	\$28
Junior Resident	\$18	\$21	\$13	\$15
Junior Non-Resident	\$27	\$31	\$22	\$24

WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS	18 Holes	18 Holes	9 Holes	9 Holes
	Parkview GC	Lick Creek GC	Parkview GC	Lick Creek GC
Adult Resident	\$26	\$29	\$18	\$19
Adult Non-Resident	\$39	\$45	\$29	\$32
Junior Resident	\$19	\$22	\$14	\$16
Junior Non-Resident	\$28	\$32	\$23	\$25

GOLF CART FEES

All persons must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart.

	Parkview GC	Lick Creek GC
18-Hole ½ Cart Fee	\$19	\$20
9-Hole ½ Cart Fee	\$12	\$13
2025 Golf Cart Pass	\$1,500 Unlimited Cart Fees at Both Courses	

For more details please contact:

Lick Creek Golf Course: (309) 346-0077
www.lickcreekgolfcourse.com

Parkview Golf Course: (309) 346-8494
www.parkviewgolfcourseil.com



THE 18TH ANNUAL

**LICK
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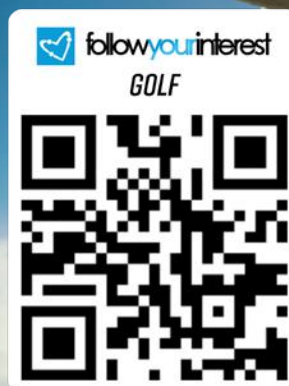
You're invited to participate in the 18th Annual Lick Creek Invitational, a two-man scramble, match play tournament. There are eight teams per flight and entries are first come first serve — so get your entry in early!

Date: September 5 – 7, 2025

Entry deadline: August 29

Entry fees: \$260 per player

Entry forms are available at Lick Creek and Parkview Golf Course pro shops!



SUBMIT YOUR PEKIN PARK PHOTOS

EASILY UPLOAD ONLINE



SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA APP



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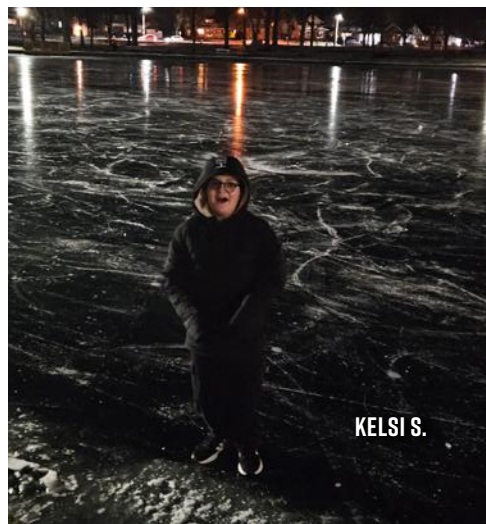
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WE WANT YOUR PHOTO IN THE NEXT PEKIN PARK PLAY GUIDE

Have you taken an amazing photo of yourself or a family member at one of Pekin Park District's many parks, facilities, or programs? Perhaps you snapped a unique perspective during a community event, recorded a precious moment full of smiles, documented park wildlife, or captured a landscape image highlighting the seasonal beauty. Great! We would love to showcase your photo in our next Pekin Park Play Guide, website announcement, or social media post! We are accepting photos of all kinds linked to Pekin Park District in some way. Upload your submissions using the QR Code at the top of the page or by visiting: <https://am.lol/p/BgSOnIU>



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ASHLEY B.



SAMANTA S.



JAMI H.



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SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Tournament Fundraiser benefiting special needs programming with Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association (IRVSRA). Play for fun and trophies, play for money, play for a purpose.

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 8:00 a.m. - Elimination

Location: Mineral Springs Park Sand Volleyball Pits & DragonLand Water Park

Cost: \$40 per player

Two Divisions (max 12 teams per division)

Recreation – Co-Ed 6's (at least 2 women on the court at all times)

Competitive – Co-Ed 4's (at least 1 woman on the court at all times)

Format

Pool play & Single Elimination Tournament. Must be at least 13 years old with a guardian's signature.

Entry/Payment Deadline For T-Shirts & Goodie Bags

Sunday, September 7, 2025

How To Register

Team captain registers the entire team. Team entry must be paid by team captain prior to day of event.

Prizes

All players registered and paid before Sept. 10th will receive a T-shirt & goodie bag. One trophy will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place recreation teams. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four competitive teams: \$400** for 1st, \$300** for 2nd, and \$200** for 3rd.

** Prize money based on 10 team entries. Prize money will increase or decrease based on entries.



In-House Registration:

Over the Phone or In Office
IRVSRA Rec. Center
1715 Dragon Drive
Pekin, IL 61554
(309) 201-4005
Open Mon-Fri
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Email: shelly@irvsra.org

Register Online:



rebrand.ly/cd97bf



ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

IRVSRA.ORG

All Pekin Park activities and programs are open to individuals with special needs. We are pleased to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations to make reasonable accommodations for participation, made on an individual basis. We provide reasonable accommodations to all participants, as needed. Pekin Park District must be notified 2 weeks prior to the individual's start date.

In addition to making any reasonable adaptive inclusions into all our Pekin Park activities, we offer additional special needs specific programs through our association with the Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association (IRVSRA).

IRVSRA is a cooperative extension of Pekin and Fon du Lac Park Districts to provide recreational programs and leisure services for individuals with developmental disabilities. These integrated and specialized programs are available for both residents and nonresidents with special needs.

It is our pleasure to provide these athletic and social settings, through IRVSRA, to the special needs population within the Tazewell County area. IRVSRA publishes a seasonal brochure quarterly containing all their recreational programs and offerings. Some of the programs like Special Olympic Sports have age requirements while other programs like dances and parties are open to all age groups.

The IRVSRA Recreation Staff handles all IRVSRA registration, program and activity related questions. They are available to assist and advise participants, parents or caregivers to assure comfortable, quality recreational experience. Stop by their office during business hours or visit irvsra.org anytime to connect and stay up to date.



IRVSRA.ORG specializes in:

- Special Olympic Team/Individual Sports
- Parties, Dances & Socials
- Live Shows & Movie outings
- Classes & Crafts
- Clubs & Service Projects
- Group Outings & Special Events
- Day camps for spring, summer, winter & holiday breaks

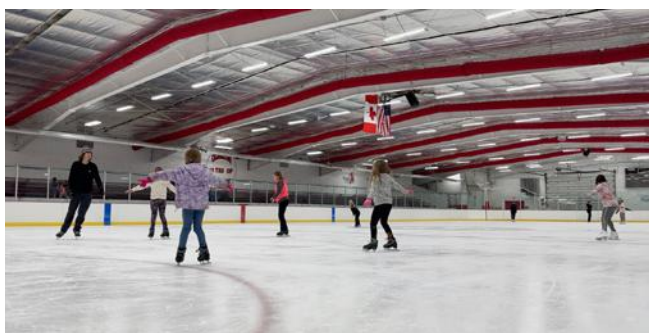
IRVSRA Contact Info:

IRVSRA Recreational Center
1715 Dragon Drive, Pekin, IL 61554
Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Call or Text: (309) 201-4005 | Fax: (309) 353-1787
Email: info@irvsra.org



www.irvsra.org

VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA



ICE SPORTS AND CLASS INFORMATION

***Open Skate Session:**
all non-registration ice activities (Stick & Puck, Public Skate, Rat Hockey) require participants under 12-years of age to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

VIEW LIVE
SCHEDULE
& REGISTER
ONLINE
NOW
OPEN SKATE



*PUBLIC SKATE

(Schedules updated monthly on our website)

Trade the outside cold for the inside ice! Come join us for our public skate sessions open to family and friends, pros and amateurs. Call us and schedule your own Birthday Party experience with us (More information on Birthday Party Page)! You might even consider some of our other programs after giving it a try! (Skate rental at no additional charge.)

*FREESTYLE SESSIONS

(Schedules updated monthly on our website)

Freestyle sessions are for figure skating only. Figure skaters may work on moves-in-the-field, ice dancing, jumps, and spins. Skaters take turns playing their music as they are practicing their programs. There are higher level skaters on freestyle sessions that are moving fast and performing double and triple jumps, along with complicated footwork and dance patterns. It is important to look out for all other skaters. Due to the limited number of spots available, there are no refunds on admission fees paid online for missed sessions.

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OPEN SKATE



*RAT HOCKEY

(Schedules updated monthly on our website)

Rat Hockey (aka Pick-up or Open Hockey) is designated scrimmage ice time which is open to the public. Players sign up and split into teams on their own. There is no checking allowed. Players officiate themselves. Rat Hockey sessions are open to players of all skill levels and abilities in the appropriate age level for the session wishing to skate. Adult Rat Hockey is for players ages 18 and over. Players ages 16 and 17 may also skate, but they must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver for that session.

*STICK & PUCK

(Schedules updated monthly on our website)

Stick and Puck sessions are an opportunity for hockey players of all ages to practice individual hockey skills such as skating, shooting, and passing.

Stick & Puck Requirements:

- Skaters who are under 17 years of age must wear full equipment.
- Players who are 18 and older must wear a helmet and gloves, at minimum.
- No organized practices or scrimmaging are permitted.
- All ages are permitted at every session.
- Share the ice and be mindful of others around you big and small.

PRECISE ICE TEAM



On the Precise Ice Team, skaters build strength, develop artistry on the ice, and learn choreography for performance and competitions. Participants must be at the Gamma level or higher and be registered for at least one Learn to Skate class per session.

Team practices begin August 25:

Mondays: 4 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:15 p.m.

Saturdays: 8 a.m.

Cost: \$135 R/ \$140NR

REGISTER
ONLINE
NOW
PRECISE ICE



Veterans Memorial Arena
250 Redbud Memorial Dr.
Pekin, IL 61554
Phone: (309) 347-7275

LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to skate with the Pekin Park District! Ice skating lessons are a great way for all ages to learn new skills and have fun. Lessons are 45 minutes long. Rental skates are included in the session price, or you can bring your own. Lessons begin August 25 and are held on Mondays at 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. or Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Session cost: \$80 R / \$85 NR



Level Descriptions

Tots (3-5 years): Preschool age skaters learn the fundamentals of skating to develop preliminary coordination and strength to maneuver on the ice. Skills include the correct way to fall, how to get up properly, skill-building games, basic movement on the ice, glides, dips, and swizzles.

Pre-Alpha: Beginning skaters are introduced to basic moves such as one and two-foot glides, dips, and swizzles.

Alpha: Progressively builds on the beginning basics. Skills include forward stroking, snowplow stop, forward crossovers, and backward swizzles.

Beta: Skaters learn backward stroking, backward crossovers, and T-stops.

Gamma: Moves at a faster pace and includes a combination of skills learned in Beta.

Delta: Skaters work on the positioning, techniques, and speed that form the foundation for jumps. Delta skaters also learn inside three turns, edges, shoot the duck, lunges, and bunny hops.

Jump and Spin: Skaters learn a progression of jumps, spins, and advanced combinations.

Team: Skaters build strength, develop artistry on the ice, and learn choreography for performance and competitions. Participants must also register for at least one Learn to Skate class per session. Final session of the season will end with an Ice Show for all skaters to participate.

For the most up-to-date class and activity schedules and registration information, go to pekinparkdistrict.org/activities-programs/ice-sports/



LITTLE STARS HOCKEY

Our popular Little Stars Hockey

program is designed for the youngest hockey star hopefuls ages 3 to 5.

Little Stars works on the fundamental skills of hockey: power skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, and most importantly, sportsmanship and team play. No prior skating experience is necessary. Our coaching staff has many years of hockey experience as former players and coaches.

Actual games begin at the end of the first session. All games are non-competitive, set up to teach team play, and concentrate on only the love of the game.



The league schedule will be two 45-minute practices and one game weekly. Loaner equipment will be provided at no extra charge.

Sessions are scheduled to begin September 16.

Practices and games are typically held:

Tuesdays: 5 – 5:45 p.m.

Wednesdays: 5:15 – 6 p.m.

Fridays (Games): 5:15 – 6 p.m.

Cost: \$90 R/\$95 NR per session



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RECREATION NEWS



PEKIN PARK DISTRICT TUMBLE, DANCE, AND CHEER

The Pekin Park Districts Tumble, Cheer, and Dance programs are centered around building great fundamentals that translate to both the activities and overall fitness! Students will see improvements in coordination, flexibility, body awareness, and strength. Classes are taught compassion and a FUN-FIRST outlook so activity is seen as an enjoyable activity and not a chore! Tumble, Cheer, and Dance classes are taught at the Pekin Veterans Memorial Arena and **scheduled to begin the week of August 25th, with 6-week sessions** feel free to join us for single or multiple sessions throughout the year. This allows students to build off of previous classes while still being able to integrate new students simultaneously.

Go to pekinparkdistrict.org/activities-programs/tumbling-dance-cheer/ for the most up-to-date class and registration information.

TUMBLE

BEGINNING TUMBLE – MONDAY/TUESDAYS

Tumble Tykes #1 | 5 – 5:30 p.m. | \$60NR/\$55R
(Ages 2 – 3; must be potty trained)

In this introductory class, students learn basic gymnastics skills through play. Students use the downstairs gym to work on strength, flexibility, and social skills. This class is preparation for the recreational tumble program.

Tumble Tykes #2 | 5:30 – 6 p.m. | \$60NR/\$55R
(Ages 4 – 6)

Tumble Tykes #2 is the advanced version of Tumble Tykes #1. Students progress at a quicker rate and work on physical and social skills.

MASTERING TUMBLE – MONDAYS/TUESDAYS

Tumble 1/2 | 6 – 7 p.m. | \$60NR/\$55R
(Ages 6 and up)

This is a beginner class that teaches the fundamentals of tumbling including backward and forward rolls, handstands, back-bends, bridges, and cartwheels. No experience necessary.

MONDAYS ONLY

Tumble 3/4 | 7 – 8 p.m. | \$70NR/\$65R
(Ages 6 and up)

In this advanced class, we introduce front limbers, back-bends to kick overs, walkovers, running hurdle cartwheels, back handsprings, tucks, and more. Tumble 1/2 is recommended prior to participating in this class, but it is not required.



Each child will be evaluated by an instructor and placed in the appropriate tumble class level on the first week of class.



ASHLEY B.



CHEER

CHEER TEAMS – WEDNESDAYS

Mini Cheer | 5 – 6 p.m. |

\$70NR/\$65R | (Ages 3 – 5)

Mini Cheer is a great opportunity to introduce your preschooler to the sport of cheerleading. Athletes in Mini Cheer learn the basics of arm motions, tumbling, and stunting.

Junior Cheer | 6 – 7 p.m. | **\$70NR/\$65R** | (Ages 5 and up)

Junior Cheer incorporates tumbling progressions and cheer fundamentals. Students work on basic progressions such as forward rolls, backward rolls, handstands and handstand drills, cartwheels, and round-offs. Students also learn cheer motions, jumps, and stunts.

Elite Cheer | 7 – 8 p.m. | **\$70NR/\$65R**
(Ages based on skill and ability)

Elite Cheer is for the cheerleader wanting to step it up. This is a fast-paced, condition-oriented class including tumble strength and cardio endurance training. Cheer is tough and only the determined should enroll at this level.



DANCE

BALLET – TUESDAYS

Pre-K Ballet | 5 – 6 p.m. |

\$70NR/\$65R | (Ages 3 – 5)

This is an introductory class containing ballet and creative movement. Young dancers learn basic ballet steps while learning how to follow direction and imitate movement in a positive and fun environment. Engaging music is used to get these little ones inspired to dance.

Ballet #1 | 6 – 7 p.m. | **\$70NR/\$65R** | (Ages 6 – 8)

This class is for beginner dancers ready to learn the basics of ballet. Students build off the five basic positions and master plié variations among other level-appropriate skills. Dancers utilize both barre and center floor work.

JAZZ / HIP HOP – TUESDAYS

Jazz / Hip Hop | 7 – 8 p.m. | **\$70NR/\$65R** | (Ages 6 and up)

A fun creative movement class with a dash of jazz, hip hop, and swag for tiny dancers to become comfortable on the dance floor.



Online: pekinparkdistrict.org

Fax: (309) 347-3970 | Email: recreation@pekinparkdistrict.org

Mail: 1701 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554

Walk-In: Veterans Memorial Arena

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A note about our classes:

Our more popular classes fill up quickly. Classes may be added, moved, combined, or dropped depending upon enrollment numbers.

What do I wear to Tumble, Dance and Cheer classes? For their safety, tumblers wear leotards or elastic waistband shorts with a T-shirt tucked in tightly (please no baggy shirts or jeans). Tumblers are barefooted or wear non-skid tumbling shoes. Hair needs to be pulled back away from the face. No jewelry please. Cheer wears a white tennis shoe (or cheer shoe). These shoes are to be worn in the gym only; no outside street shoes will be allowed on the Tumbl Trak™.

Dancers wear leotards, tights, or T-shirt with dance appropriate pants. All ballet classes wear ballet shoes; hip hop classes wear slip-on jazz shoes. Hair needs to be pulled back away from the face. No blue jeans or loose-fitting pants please.

Policy regarding observation of classes:

Because students focus and concentrate better without Mom or Dad in the class, family and friends are not allowed to observe classes. Periodically we will offer "Watch Week," a time family and friends are invited to watch their dancer during the last 15 minutes of class. "Watch Week" dates to be announced.





MILLER CENTER

Pekin Park District

Enjoy Your Age!



MILLER CENTER

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The Miller Center engages adults 50+ in active life through active living! Drop by the center to meet with friends and make new ones too! Feel active and youthful when participating in the various activities and events offered here. There is always a friendly face to greet you as you enter. Once inside, join friends for a class or one of many games; express yourself through woodcarving and crafts; maintain a healthy body, mind, and spirit through exercise classes; or hop on the Miller Center bus for an adventurous day trip. At the Miller Center you will **ENJOY YOUR AGE!**



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Liberty Village of Pekin, Pekin Estates, and Pekin Manor sponsor our monthly newsletter, Reflections. It can be picked up at the Miller Center at the beginning of each month or check our website for a digital copy.

RENT THE MILLER CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT:



- RECEPTION
- REUNION
- PARTY
- SHOWER
- LUNCHEON
- MEETING
- VENDOR SHOW



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AVAILABLE**

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MILLER CENTER MERCHANDISE

We are now selling branded items to help support the Miller Center! Call or stop by the front desk to place your order!

RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER

Contact us for information or assistance concerning education, nutrition, health issues, legal aid, employment, transportation, recreation, counseling, and other topics for mature adults.



NEED A RIDE?



LET THE MILLER CENTER PICK YOU UP!

Pekin residents 50 and older can call to schedule a ride for destinations in Pekin and the surrounding areas. Medical appointments take precedence. This service is made available partly through the Pekin Park District, Pekin United Way, fundraising events, and rider donations. Suggested minimum rider donations are \$4 per in-town trip and \$11 per out-of-town trip. Wheelchair transportation is available upon request, with suggested minimum rider donations of \$15 per in-town trip and \$25 per out-of-town trip.

Call to schedule your ride today!



The Power of Age Expo 2025

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION ON AGING
HOT TOPICS • LOCAL VENDORS • FREE LUNCH
MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN EXPO

The doors open at 10:30am. Lunch is served while you listen to the speaker and there is time to check out the vendors and ask questions.

REGISTER NOW

309.346.5210

***Registration limited

**OCT
28TH**

**10 Common Medicare
Mistakes**

Presented by:
Sherry Gordon-Harris, Health Alliance

**Lunch is
sponsored by:**



**NOV
25TH**

**Volunteerism and the
Impact You Can Make**

Presented by:
Ruth Arms, Carle Health Pekin Hospital Volunteer Services

**Lunch is
sponsored by:**



**DEC
16TH**

**What you need to know
about Cannabis**

Presented by:
Ryan Sykes, NuEra

**Lunch is
sponsored by:**



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Planning for 2026... What topics do you want to hear about?

551 S. 14th Street, Pekin 309-346-5210 @pekinmillercenter





FIND YOUR FUN AT MILLER CENTER

There is no shortage of fun and engaging activities at the Miller Center; there is something here for everyone! For a full schedule of activities, stop by the Miller Center for a copy of our monthly newsletter or check out our website for a complete schedule of fun and games.

PLAY & FUN

Drop in for **FUN & GAMES** throughout the week.

Check the newsletter or website for dates and times.

- Bingo
- Breakfast Bingo
 - 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Sponsored by Timbercreek Rehab & Health Care
 - 5th Tuesday of the month
- Sponsored by Charter Senior Living
- Dartball
- Double Pinochle
- Euchre
- Game Day - Sponsored by Villas of Holly Brook Pekin
- Hand & Foot
- Mah-Jongg
- Pinochle
- Popcorn Fridays!
- Pool
- Show Time
- Shuffleboard

LEARN: Expand your mind and the rest will follow!

- AARP Driver's Safety Course
- Digital Literacy Classes (YWCA Adult Literacy & AARP)
- Computer Lab – open to the public
- Matter of Balance – 8-week classes offered in Spring/Fall
- Rules of the Road

MOVE: Get fit on any level!

- Exercise with Ann
- Line Dance Lessons
- Square Dances & Lesson
- Fit & Strong Class - Offered through Taz. Co. Health Dept. (fall & spring classes offered)
- Walking Club+

CREATE: Get inspired to *CREATE* or learn a new skill with a group!

- Crafters & Conversations
- Lapidary Workshop
- Paint Days
- Quilters
- Woodcarving Shop

CLUBS

- Book Club - sponsored by Pekin Library
- Bottle Collector's Club
- Miller Melodies
- Pekin Garden Club

GO!

- Next Stop Thrift Shop - Day Trips
- Golden Tours - Call Tracy: (309) 369-3171
 - More tours to come in 2026!

RIDE

- Transportation Service

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Power Of Age Expo Mini Series**
- **Halloween Party** - Sponsored by Charter Senior Living
- **Friendsgiving**
 - Join us as we celebrate FRIENDSHIP at Miller Center. We'll have a light lunch, dessert, games and a craft beginning at noon. This is a free special event brought to you by The Villas of Holly Brook.
- **Line Dance & Euchre Parties** - Monthly
 - I hope you are all "Set" for a fun night of Euchre. You can "Go Alone" or bring some friends. Nothing will "Trump" a fun night of cards. Miller Center is now holding this event every month! We have the McNaughton Lounge open for Euchre during our monthly Line Dance Party. Our Euchre Players have been very pleased with this event. You get to enjoy a pleasant, low-level background music while you play cards. We have had great player turnout. Join the fun!
 - Dates: 1st Saturday of each Month
 - Times: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - Cost: \$3 – Coffee, Tea, Water, and Popcorn included!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

PEKIN PARK DISTRICT, THE PLACE TO HAVE **YOUR PARTY!**

We offer parties of all different styles across the park at the DragonLand, Veterans Memorial Arena, & Parties in the Park. These parties include an event attendant to help you with the hassle of set up and party outline. This also includes a gift from the park district for your person of honor. Let us take the stress of planning your party and put in all the fun!

\$140

Covers 15 participants per party. Please call the Recreation Office at (309) 347-7275 with any questions.

- **Party Attendant**
 - ▶ Meeting and greeting party, stores gifts, aids in party setup/preparing party area, and party games (For specific parties).
- **DragonLand Water Park**
 - ▶ Celebrate your birthday with some fun in the sun at DragonLand! Enjoy your own personal table for 2 hours with swim time and designated present and cake time (Cake and ice cream not included). Two times allotted each day excluding holidays, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Veterans Memorial Arena**
 - ▶ Birthday on ice! Have your party be a skate party with ice skates provided, organized games, and time for presents and cake (Cake and ice cream not included). Reserve your table and time slot during Open Skate hours, only one party available per Open Skate so look to book ahead!
- **Parties in the Park**
 - ▶ Have your birthday party at one of the Park Facilities, sports fields, or even just out in Mineral Springs. Our facilitator will bring the fun to you!

TYPES OF PARTIES AVAILABLE:

Sports Parties at a ball diamond or field.

Princess/Prince Tea Party*

Mad Scientist Party

Mini Golf Party (seasonal)

Campfire Party at McNaughton

Just Fun and Games Party

Video Game Party (limited availability)*

Craft/Art Party*

Got a theme in mind? We can come up with activities to match!

*Will require an additional facility fee (Miller Center/Pavilion).

For more information on private rentals, please see corresponding event location page.

PARTIES AT IRVSRA RECREATIONAL CENTER

Dance Party

Packages for 3 or 5 hours include: Room rental fee, customized 190 inch backdrop/wall-splash, DJ, lighting package, Dance & Party lights, and dance floor.



Karaoke Party

Packages for 3 hours include: Room rental fee, DJ for karaoke, dance & party lights, lighting package, and dance floor.

Putt-Putt Party

Package: room rental fee, customized 190 inch backdrop/wall-splash, and one round of Magic Dragon mini-golf per guest

Packages are customizable, and upgrades can be added individually per client request. For pricing and custom quotes contact (309) 201-4005 or email rentals@irvsra.org.



RENTAL FACILITIES

Spaces & Places Available for Rent

(Pricing & rental applications are available on our website)

INDOOR FACILITIES

Pavilion on the Lagoon

Phone: (309) 201-4008

- Historic facility
- Kitchen access
- Includes tables and chairs
- Air conditioned/heated
- Overlooking the beautiful lagoon

Miller Center

Phone: (309) 346-5210

- Three spacious rooms
- Kitchen facilities
- Fireplace in McNaughton Lounge overlooking lagoon
- Audio visual equipment available

IRVSRA Recreational Center

Phone: (309) 201-4005

- Two spacious rooms
- Includes tables and chairs
- Dance floor
- Audio visual equipment available



IRVSRA REC CENTER

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Pekin Park District offers small and large shelter rentals at local parks. Outlying parks are first come, first serve. For reservation information call (309) 201-4008.

- Royal Avenue Shelter
- 4-H Shelter
- Rotary Park Shelter

SEASONAL FACILITIES

During specific seasons, there are opportunities to rent the following facilities. For reservation information call (309) 347-7275.

- DragonLand Water Park | (309) 201-4008
- Magic Dragon Mini Golf | (309) 347-7275
- Veterans Memorial Arena | (309) 353-4319
- Boating on the Lagoon | (309) 347-7275

WEDDING FACILITIES

During specific seasons, there are opportunities to rent the following facilities for your outdoor wedding.

Call (309) 201-4008 for reservation information.

- Fountain
- Gazebo
- Pergola



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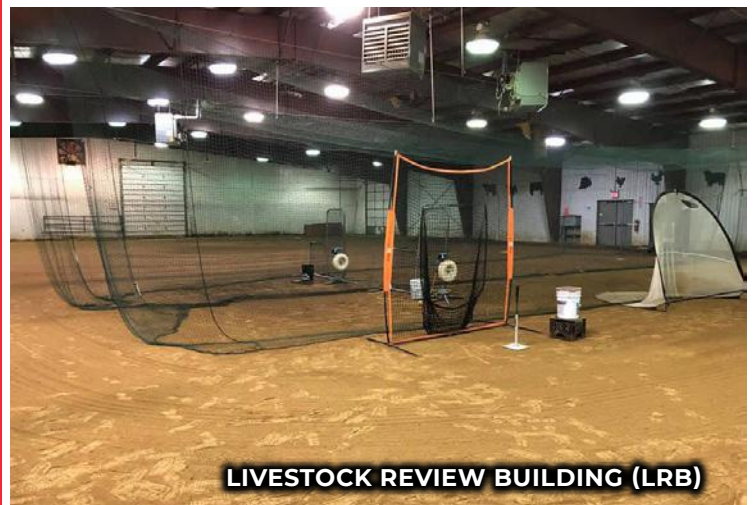
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(1) 90-min slots per week: \$500

(2) 90-min slots per week: \$800

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LIVESTOCK REVIEW BUILDING (LRB)

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QUESTIONS?

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT

The Pekin Park District complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits discrimination in the provision of programs, services or activities to individuals with disabilities. We invite any resident with special needs to contact our staff upon registration so that a smooth inclusion may occur. Our district provides additional specialized services for people with developmental disabilities through IRVSRA. Feel free to call (309) 353-4328 if you:

- Have questions about the Pekin Park District's commitment regarding the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) policy
- Believe you have been unfairly discriminated against by the Park District
- Wish to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of a disability in the provision of programs, services or activities by the Pekin Park District

CONTACT:

Cameron Bettin

Executive Director

ADA Coordinator/Compliance Officer

Pekin Park District

Robert N. Blackwell Administration Building
1715 Dragon Drive, Pekin IL 61554

Office Phone: (309) 353-4328

E-mail: cbettin@pekinparkdistrict.org

HOW TO REGISTER

Online: pekinparkdistrict.org

Fax: (309) 347-3970

Mail: 1701 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554

Walk-In: Veterans Memorial Arena
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday

QUESTIONS ABOUT A PROGRAM?

Program descriptions contain the Program Manager's contact information. Please call or email them with any questions you have.

PROGRAM REFUNDS

Refunds are given if a request is received seven days prior to the start of a program, less \$5 service charge. Refund requests less than seven days prior to the start date will receive a 50% refund. Refunds are mailed within three weeks. If a credit card was used with your online registration, your card will be credited. Refunds are not given after the start of a program, except for illness (note from doctor must be submitted) or if moving from the area.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to Pekin Park District residents in need. Forms are available in the Recreation Reception Office. See page 7 for more information.

PARK DISTRICT RESIDENCY

Residency is available to anyone living within the Pekin Park District boundaries and paying taxes to the Pekin Park District. If you are in question regarding your residency, please call the Recreation Office at (309) 347-7275. Non-residents will pay an additional \$3 per program (unless otherwise noted).

PROGRAM WAIT LIST

Popular programs fill up fast! If this happens, please ask to be placed on a wait list for the next available opening.

LOST & FOUND

Items found on park grounds are turned into the Recreation Office located in Veterans Memorial Arena. If you discover you've lost something, please call the Recreation Office at (309) 347-7275 to inquire.





PEKIN PARK DISTRICT

	Blenkiron Park 601 Park Ave.	Coal Miners' Park 300 South Parkway Dr.	Everette McKinley Dirksen Park Route 98	Independence Park Enter at LaSalle Blvd.	James Field 101 South 9th St.	Kiwanis Park South 9th and Koch Streets	Kiwanis Park North 1620 Parish Ave.	John T. McNaughton Park 217 McNaughton Park Rd.	Miller Park 121 Court St.	Mineral Springs Park & Lagoon 701 Court St.	Railsplitter's Park 268 Derby St.	Riverfront Park 121 Court St.	Rotary Park 1115 State St.	Southside Business Assoc. Park 200 Sapp St.	Sports Complex 300 Koch St.	Tante Park Broadway Rd.	Willow Park 500 Willow St.	Lick Creek Golf Course 2210 N. Parkway Dr.	Parkview Golf Course 2300 Broadway Rd.
PARKS, FACILITIES, AMENITIES & MORE	.25 acres	47 acres	459 acres	340 acres	2 acres	6.5 acres	6.5 acres	800 acres	2.5 acres	220 acres	3 acres	2.5 acres	1.9 acres	1.2 acres	82 acres	43 acres	.25 acres	160 acres	101 acres
Archery Range			1																
Ball Diamonds					2	1				4	1		1	1	12				
Basketball Courts										2			1	2			1		
Boating (fee at Mineral Springs Park)										1		1							
Camping (tent only) (fee)								1											
Concession Stands										2					2			1	1
Disc Golf								1											
Dog Park (lighted)										1									
Driving Range (fee)																		1	
Fishing (Lake Butterfield, Zuercher, Lagoon & River)								1		1		1							
Football Fields															4				
Golf Pro-Shop																		1	1
Hiking/Biking/Paths/Lagoon (total length trails) (x around = miles)		4.3 m	1	12.3 m	5x= 1m			1	1	2x= 1m		4.3 m			1x= 1.6 m	1			
Horse Stables (fee)								1											
Horseshoe Pits									1										
Indoor Ice Skating Rink (fee)										1									
Facility/Room Rentals (fee) Pavilion, Shelters, Miller Center, IRVSRA										5			1					1	
Miniature Golf (fee)										1									
Pekin Bike Trail - 4.3 miles (Allentown Rd. to Riverfront Park)		1							1	1									
Playgrounds	1					1	1		1	1	1		1	1	2		1		
Racquet & Full Fitness Facility (fee)										1									
Radio Controlled Airplane			1																
Restrooms/Comfort Stations	1	1						1	1	5		1	1		2			1	1
Rollerblade Hockey Court																	1		
Senior Center (50+)										1									
Shelters (fee)/TeePee Shelters	1	1	2			1	1	7	1	2		1	1	1		2			
Skate Board Park										1									
Soccer Field															10				
Swimming/Water Play Area										1		1							
Tennis Courts										5									
Volleyball Courts										4									

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