

# ADAMS TOWNSHIP TEA



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## “In Every Season, There Is Meaning”

Seasons change and so do we. Each one brings something different. Some bring warm sunshine and gentle breezes. Others arrive with bitter cold, steady rain, strong winds, and even the threat of tornadoes. Over time, I have realized that every season has its purpose, even the ones we sometimes dread.

The other day I lifted my garage door and, without realizing it, walked straight into a downpour. It is April, a month when rain should not be a surprise. Yet in that moment I felt almost offended seeing the rain coming down. It interrupted my plans and dampened my mood.

What struck me most was how quickly my attitude shifted. Just moments before, I felt grateful for the day. Then suddenly my gratitude turned into frustration simply because of the weather.

The truth is I already know rain is necessary. It waters the grass, nourishes the plants, and helps the food we depend on grow. Rain is part of the natural cycle that keeps everything around us alive and thriving. Without it, the beauty and abundance we enjoy would not exist.

That moment reminded me that seasons in life work much the same way. Some days feel bright and easy. Others come with storms we did not expect. But just like the rain, those difficult moments often carry something essential for growth.

Maybe the challenge is not learning how to avoid the rainy seasons. Maybe the challenge is remembering their purpose even while we are standing in the middle of them.

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# Community Information

## Summer Programs And Camps For Youth

It's that time of the year to start registering your youth for summer programs. Below is some organizations that will be offering a variety of summer camps and programs.

### Outdoor & Nature Camps

- Franke Park Day Camp: Features nature education, crafts, and outdoor activities for ages 4-17, with registration beginning March 23, 2026.
- Botanical Conservatory Camp ACTiVenture: Offers active, plant-themed fun.
- Farmin' Fun Day Camp: Located at Salomon Park, focusing on agriculture and animals.
- River Camp: Explores local history through the St. Joseph, St. Mary's, and Maumee rivers.

### Arts, Music & Performance

- Fort Wayne Youtheatre: Offers summer theater workshops.
- Sweetwater Rock Camp: Music performance and production camps.
- Fire & Light Summer Musical Theatre Camp: Focuses on performance.
- PFW Community Arts Academy: Offers 5-day visual arts workshops.

### STEM & Academic

- Indiana Tech STEAM Academy: Offers Build + Learn (middle school), High School STEM, and Forensic Science camps.
- Science Central: Provides STEM-focused activities.
- SF Discovery Academy: Offers Game/Tech, Animation/Film, and Science expedition camps.

### General Interest & Youth Support

- YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne: Offers various sites including Camp Harris and Renaissance Pointe.
- Wellspring Interfaith Social Services: Free 6-week day camp for Pre-K through 7th grade.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne: Programs for skill-building and socializing.

### Specialty Camps

- Camp Red Cedar: Features recreational riding and "Buckaroo" horse camps.
- Junior Chef Camp: Offered through the Jorgensen Family YMCA.

Many organizations, including Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation, offer scholarships to qualifying families.

Please reach out to individual organizations to get more information about each program and to get details on how to register your youth.



# Community Information

## *Free Fun For The Entire Family*

Enjoy free activities in Fort Wayne in April 2026 by exploring the downtown Promenade Park with its Tree Canopy Trail, walking along the riverfront, or biking the 140+ miles of local trails. Free cultural experiences include the Fort Wayne Museum of Art (free on Thursdays 5–8 PM), the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, and visiting the historic Old Fort.

### **Top Free Activities in April 2026**

- Outdoor Exploration: Promenade Park offers a kid's canal, a Tree Canopy Trail, and excellent river views.
- Trails & Parks: Hike or bike the extensive Fort Wayne Trails network and visit Lakeside Park & Rose Garden.
- Arts & Culture: Browse the Fort Wayne Museum of Art (free on Thursday evenings) or explore the Artlink Contemporary Gallery.
- History: Tour the Old Fort for a glimpse into 1815 life or visit the Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum.
- Genealogy: Visit the Allen County Public Library, known for having one of the nation's largest genealogy collections.
- Interactive Fun: Engage with the Fort Wayne Outdoor Pass, a digital passport that rewards you for checking in at various spots.
- Events: Look for April-specific events like Get Green Fest (if scheduled early in the month) and Fort Wayne Zoo's opening day (check for free/special opening events).

*Note: The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory often has special, low-cost or educational, free-admission events in their community programs, and DeBrand Fine Chocolates offers free, self-guided tours, which are great for a budget-friendly trip.*

*Note: If you reside in Adams Township, we have free passes to the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory.*

*To tap into the details for the activities listed above, you can go to the organizations website or you can go to your friendly google search engine for information.*



# Community Information

## Fair Housing Month

April is the month when we celebrate National Fair Housing Month. In this month we feel grateful for the Fair Housing Act that was passed on April 11, 1968. This law was designed to protect Americans from facing discrimination in selling or buying houses. It is also a basic human concept, and entitlement for people. As a community, we have the right to be free of any form of discrimination. In our communities, people belonging to diverse backgrounds should be warmly welcomed as neighbors.

In the past, people used to show discrimination towards others in terms of housing. Some of the most damaging discrimination examples are found in the past, including minority neighborhoods that were located far from quality schools, public transportation, and jobs.

The Fair Housing Act was signed by President Johnson, and it was passed after the death of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was in Memphis on April 4, 1968, to support the sanitation workers strike when he was shot and killed. As a result of the tragedy, Congress collectively passed the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

The City of Fort Wayne, along with METRO are having their annual FAIR HOUSING SUMMIT. The Summit will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Memorial Coliseum. If you have not registered yet, you still have time. The event is FREE and all are welcome.

This year's keynote speaker is Brian Goldstone, author of "There Is No Place For Us: Working And Homeless In America." In this gripping, high-stakes account of America's housing emergency, Goldstone exposes the growing crisis of the "working homeless" through the unforgettable Stories of five Atlanta families striving to remain housed while working full-time jobs. As housing costs soar and wages lag behind, families are forced to sleep in cars and extended stay motels, revealing a stark truth: in today's America, full-time work is no guarantee of stable housing.

The summit also features breakout sessions led by top fair housing speakers from various organizations. Registration is required so head on over to Event Brite and search 2026 Fair Housing Summit Tickets to register. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

You do not want to miss this year's Fair Housing Summit. Tickets are going FAST so act NOW!



***"What we know matters, but who we are matters more." Brene Brown***

# Community Information

## Facing Eviction? Legal Help Is Available

Dealing with housing issues can be stressful — but you don't have to figure it out alone.

Each month, the Volunteer Lawyer Program Northeast Indiana (VLPNEI) hosts a Free Housing Advice Clinic, where you can meet with a volunteer attorney virtually to get answers to your questions about rent, leases, or eviction concerns.

The attorneys are there to help you understand your rights and the options available to you.

Sessions are free, confidential, and open to all residents of Northeast Indiana.

Visit [vlpnei.org](http://vlpnei.org) for upcoming clinic dates and details on how to join.

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## FREE HOUSING ADVICE CLINIC

Ask an attorney questions about  
eviction, rent, leases, etc.

<b>Date</b>	2nd Wednesday of the month
<b>Time</b>	12:00 - 2:00 PM
<b>Location</b>	ZOOM
<b>Info</b>	Meeting ID: 827 1403 9310 Phone Number: +1-646-568-7788



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## Energy Assistance Still Available

Are you still having trouble with your utility bills? If so, Brightpoint's Energy Assistance Program is still taking applications for assistance with your electric and gas bills. They will be taking applications until April 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM. If you have not applied for this program year that started October 1, 2025, you can apply in person at the Brightpoint office or online at [www.mybrightpoint.org](http://www.mybrightpoint.org). Don't delay, apply today!



## Employment Opportunities

Are you or someone you know looking for employment? If so, join local companies and organizations who are looking for qualified candidates to fill several roles within their organization and company. Meet them between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Electric Works.

## SAVE THE DATE Allen County Hiring Event

**Electric Works Union Street Market**

1622 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

1-3 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2026

Multiple area employers are looking for qualified candidates to fill openings

For more information, visit [www.indianaCAREERconnect.com](http://www.indianaCAREERconnect.com), Job Order# 10833401

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# Community Information

## Community Room Rental

Looking for space to have your baby shower, graduation party, meeting, etc. If so, look no further! We have a space available to rent for your party/event. The room is \$40 per hour for parties up to 90 people. We have a full kitchen that is available for use. The summer calendar is filling up quickly so get your graduation parties and family gatherings booked ASAP! Please feel free to contact the office at (260) 749-4162, option 1, with any questions or to schedule a time to stop in.



## Food Distribution Locations

**The Impact Center (WOW)**, Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 11-1, 3420 E. Paulding Rd, Fort Wayne, IN

**First Baptist Church**, Every Thursday, 1-4, 1716 Werling Rd, New Haven, IN

**New Haven Food Bank**, Every Tuesday, 9-11:45, 800 Green St, New Haven, IN

**Wellspring Interfaith Social Services**, Monday & Wednesday, 9-11, Tuesday 4-6, Thursday, 2-4, 1316 Broadway St, Fort Wayne, IN

**New Haven Community Center (WOW)**, Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10-12, 7500 SR 930 East, New Haven, IN

**The League (WOW)**, Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10-12, 5821 S. Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN

**\*CALL 211 TO LOCATE MORE FOOD BANKS AND PANTRIES\***



## Financial Resources

**In As Much (Broadway Christian Church)**  
930 Broadway Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (Door #11)  
Contact Info: 260.422.3498

**Salvation Army**  
2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
Contact Info: 260.744.2311

**\*211 First Call For Help For More Resources\***

## Mental Health Resources

**Raphael Bosley, Licensed Therapist**, 260.255.4182

**Women's Bureau**  
260.424.7977

**Parkview Behavioral Health**  
260.373.7500

**Park Center**, 260.481.2700

**Mental Health America Of NE Indiana**, 260.422.6441

**Uniquely You Counseling & Wellness Center**, 260.387.7445

**Oaktree Guidance**, 260.570.4515



*Thank you for reading!*