



NORTH TOWNSHIP ADVOCATE

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

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NORTH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

North Township made huge strides this year – protecting the township’s most vulnerable residents while creating opportunities to tap into grant funding for Wicker Memorial Park.

The Indiana General Assembly has been operating under the mistaken notion that township government is irrelevant. The services we provide to those who need assistance are most effective when provided close to home. Township trustees across the state will continue the fight for those we serve.

I am excited to see our first park master plan moving forward. It was a necessary step for North Township to qualify for grant funding for capital projects. I will update you as we move forward on this essential first step.

LEARN MORE
Learn more about us at WickerMemorialPark.com.

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN



ENHANCING THE PARK EXPERIENCE

North Township ended 2025 with an initial draft of a master plan that will guide the next century of use for Wicker Memorial Park.

Developed by Rundell Ernstberger Associates as the first master plan for the 25-acre park, planners have created a detailed inventory and analysis of land use to “assess current and future needs, develop a strategic plan and create a budget for capital improvements.”

REA Partner Daniel Liggett said the long-range guide will also be used to identify budget needs for capital improvements and as a tool to accompany public or private funding appeals.

“Wicker Memorial Park is highly valued by township residents and an asset to the region,” he said. “The challenge is in finding innovative ways to expand opportunities for use and enjoyment.”

DISCOVERY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Improve entrance, trail connection and parking
- 2 Create water access
- 3 Cleanup tree lines and add landscaping
- 4 Update splash pad
- 5 Open lawn and expand event space
- 6 Reconfigure parking, driveway
- 7 Connect east and west park activities
- 8 Expand park experience

SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Visit WickerMemorialPark.com and tell us what you’d like to see at Wicker Memorial Park!

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RADIO SHOW

Join us at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month on WJOB Radio + JEDTV to learn about the latest North Township news and events!

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

The Advocate is mailed quarterly throughout the township on a rotating basis. Please note that you may not receive a newsletter each time it is published. Hard copies are available at our offices and online at NorthTownshipTrustee.com.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



EASTER BINGO



EARTH DAY CLEANUP



TULIP FESTIVAL



EASTER EGG HUNT



FAMILY CAMPOUT



YOGA IN THE PARK

WINTER IN THE PARK

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

WINTER SNOW TRAILS

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

DELIGHTFUL DOG PARK

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

SHELTER & PICNIC RENTALS

Reservation requests begin **Monday, March 2** for the 2026 season (May 1-Sept 30). **The 2026 rates will be available at the end of January.** Reservations are available for out-of-township and out-of-state residents at a higher cost. Discounts are available for nonprofit organizations, veterans, police officers and firefighters who are township residents. Prices are subject to change without notice.

- * In-person reservations only. No phone reservations accepted.
- * Rentals must be paid in full at time of booking. Credit cards, money orders and cashier's checks accepted.

Learn more at WickerMemorialPark.com.

GOLF OUTINGS

Golf outing reservations open **Monday, February 2** for the 2026 season. Our 18-hole, par-72 course offers beautiful tree-lined fairways, a practice green and driving range. **The 2026 golf rates will be available at the end of January.**





THE TAYLOR EXPERIENCE



JAZZ & BLUES IN THE PARK



WICKER CRUISE NIGHTS

WHAT A MAGICAL YEAR IN NORTH TOWNSHIP!

The celebrations that marked 2025 may be in the record books, but will live on as memories of a year well loved at Wicker Memorial Park. So many residents tell us that the park is woven into their family celebrations, into sultry summer nights where they laughed with friends and moved to the music of some of the best groups in Northwest Indiana. The park is the place where many toddlers find their first Easter egg in the spring and enjoy their first campout a few months later. At the park dedicated to veterans of World War I, we paid our respects to those who died in service to their country and raised funds at the Victory for Veterans Ride in September to help those returning to civilian life. In 2025, the park was witness to the happenings that impacted tens of thousands of lives in North Township. **Visit us on Facebook and Instagram to view more amazing photos!**



WICKER MEMORIAL PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



TOWNSHIP JOB FAIR



TASTE OF WICKER



TRUNK OR TREAT

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



MEXICAN DAY PARADE



VETERANS DAY PARADE



VICTORY FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL RIDE



MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS



VETERANS ROUNDTABLE



VETERANS BBQ SOCIAL



SENIOR LUNCHEON



SENIOR PICNIC & RESOURCE FAIR



VETERANS COFFEE SOCIAL

VETS & FRIENDS SOCIALS

Our Vets & Friends Coffee Socials bring veterans and their family members or supporters together to establish meaningful connections through camaraderie and resource sharing.

WHEN: 9-11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park Club House, 2215 Ridge Road

INFO: Please call (219) 932-2530 for more information.

VETERANS ROUNDTABLE

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

WHEN: Noon-1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park Social Center, 2215 Ridge Road

INFO: Please call (219) 932-2530 for more information.

EVENT REMINDER

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



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AND THE NORTH TOWNSHIP TEAM

are wishing you ...

**Happy
Holidays**

... and a joyous

New Year!