



La Porte City Park Foundation
PROVIDING GREAT PARKS FOR EVERY GENERATION

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A Launching Point for Community and Recreation: New Dock at Kiwanis-Teledyne Park

On May 16, the La Porte City Park Foundation celebrated a major step forward in lakeside recreation with the official ribbon cutting and dedication of the new dock at Kiwanis-Teledyne Park Launch on Pine Lake. This project, valued at \$40,000, was made possible by the remarkable generosity of Jim and Kathy Nova, who fully funded the amenity through a donation to the La Porte City Park Foundation.

Thanks to the Novas' support, this new launch provides a safe, accessible and easy way for users of all ages and abilities to enjoy Pine Lake. Designed with stability and convenience in mind, the dock allows for smooth, independent transfers into kayaks or canoes—making it easier than ever to get out on the water, no matter the conditions.

Whether you're a longtime paddler or just discovering the joys of lake life, this new launch helps ensure that Pine Lake remains an inviting place for exploration, relaxation and connection to nature.

We're proud to be part of a community where residents step forward to make a difference. Thank you again to Jim and Kathy Nova for their extraordinary gift, and to the La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership for supporting the dedication event.

Together, we're making La Porte even better—one project at a time.

*La Porte City Park
Foundation Team x*

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Coming Soon to a Park Near You: Foundation-Funded Improvements Approved

The La Porte City Park Foundation has approved funding for several upcoming projects that will enhance the safety, accessibility and enjoyment of our parks. While these improvements are not yet implemented, plans are moving forward and the Foundation is proud to support each of them.

One of the approved items is the replacement of the battery and pads for the automated external defibrillators (AEDs) used in park facilities. This ensures that the lifesaving equipment remains in good working order and ready for use in case of emergency.

The Foundation has also approved the replacement of vandalized tennis nets on public courts to improve playing conditions and maintain the quality of our recreational spaces.

At Larson-Danielson Park, shelters will be constructed over the dugout benches. These structures will offer players and coaches protection from the elements and contribute to a more comfortable experience during games.

Stone Lake Beach received a much-welcomed sand replenishment to restore and refresh the shoreline for beachgoers this summer. This improvement enhancement both the appearance and usability of the beach area.

Support has also been approved for the Summer Nature Camp. By underwriting the program, the Foundation is helping make outdoor education more accessible for local children, encouraging exploration and environmental stewardship.

Finally, the kayak storage unit near Pine Lake will receive a new wrap to enhance its visual appeal and better integrate it with the surrounding park landscape.

Each of these projects reflects the La Porte City Park Foundation's mission to promote, improve, and support La Porte's parks. As these enhancements are implemented in the coming months, they will contribute to a more vibrant, welcoming park system for the entire community.

Save the Date!
June 6 - Despicable Me
4 at Fox Park

June 27 - Moana 2 at
Kesling Shelter #4

July 18 - Inside Out 2 at
Fox Park

August 1 - Snow White
on Civic Lawn





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From 14 to 80: La Porte's First Earth Day 5K Proves Parks Are for Every Generation

On a crisp Saturday morning, the kind that promises spring but still carries a whisper of winter, La Porte lined up together — side by side — at Fox Memorial Park.

There were parents holding toddlers. Teenagers adjusting earbuds. Retirees stretching cautious knees. And somewhere among them, a boy not old enough to drive and a man old enough to have grandchildren were about to chase the same goal: a finish line.

When the starting horn sounded, it wasn't just the race that began. It was a story in motion. Talon Samford, 14, charged ahead with a jaw-dropping time of 19:08.1, earning first place overall. Almost two hours later, David Ralston, an 80-year-old Marine veteran, walker in hand, crossed the line to roaring cheers at 1:47:13.4.

In between came 184 others — every age, every stride, every reason for showing up. They ran for health. For joy. For each other. And they ran for the parks that made it all possible.

The inaugural Earth Day 5K raised over \$6,000 for the La Porte City Park Foundation, whose mission is simple but powerful: to make sure everyone, of every age, has a place to belong. To provide great parks for every generation.

"Every step out there today happened because of a park," said Emily Archambault, Foundation Liaison.

"Without these spaces — without these places — where would all these stories happen?"

It wasn't just the runners who told the story. There were toddlers bouncing in free inflatables. Locals unrolling yoga mats with Theresa from Living Tree Yoga. Musicians from Blue Sky Music tuning up. Friends sharing plates from Downs Family Catering under a blue April sky.

Each participant carried home a handmade wooden medal — a small, sustainable reminder that we are all part of something bigger, and that Earth Day is not a moment, but a movement.

There was no professional photographer there to snap a picture when David Ralston finished his final steps. But you didn't need one. The crowd's roar said everything. It said: you belong here. It said: this matters. It said: this is La Porte.

And that, perhaps more than any medal or official time, was the true finish line.

The La Porte City Park Foundation has been investing in those finish lines — in every joyful gathering, in every Saturday morning moment, in every park — for decades. And on April 26, the community ran not just for themselves, but for the future of the parks that hold their best memories, their milestones, and each other.

Because here, in La Porte, no one runs alone.



Full Tilt-Give Back

Picture this: it's a warm Thursday night in August, and the real energy is inside Full Tilt Arcade & Pinball. Lights flash, music pulses and nostalgia fills the air. You've got a joystick in one hand, pizza in the other—and every point you score supports the La Porte City Park Foundation.

Join us Thursday, August 7 for Giveback Night. Show the flyer—printed here or on your phone—and 25% of your purchases will benefit the parks you love.

WHO: La Porte City Park Foundation

WHEN: Thursday, August 7th, 2025

HOW: Show this flyer to our staff and your Organization will receive a 25% giveback of your total purchase



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Want to make an even bigger impact? Book a "Half Tilt" Party for August 7 and \$33 of your package goes straight to the Foundation. It's a great way to rally friends, celebrate summer and support our community parks all at once.

Whether you're a pinball wizard or just looking for a good time that does good—mark your calendar. Let's play with purpose and make August 7 a night to remember.



Park Foundation Golf Outing

Join us for the 2nd Annual La Porte Park Foundation Golf Outing on Friday, September 5 at Beechwood Golf Course—spots are filling fast! Every dollar raised ensures our parks continue to thrive, supporting everything from trail maintenance and beach lifeguards to youth scholarships. Don't miss your chance to make a difference and enjoy a great day of golf. Visit lpparkfoundation.org now to register and secure your spot before it's too late!



Picnic Under the Stars

Don't miss our 2nd Annual Picnic Under the Stars on Friday, November 21, from 6 to 10 PM at the La Porte Civic Auditorium! Enjoy appetizers, live music, and door prizes—all while supporting the La Porte City Park Foundation's vital work to preserve and enhance our parks and programs.

Tickets are only \$50 and selling fast! Purchase yours online today at lpparkfoundation.org — every ticket and auction bid helps create vibrant community spaces. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your ticket and donations are tax-deductible. Secure your spot now!

Share Your Story!

Do you have a feel-good story about how the La Porte City Park Foundation has made a difference in your life or community? We'd love to feature it in our next newsletter! Tell us why you love our parks and the impact they've had on you.

Submit your story to earchambault@cityoflaportein.gov or mail it to:

La Porte City Park Foundation

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We can't wait to hear from you!



Looking for a fun and healthy way to support the La Porte City Park Foundation? Join us for Walking Wednesdays! Weekly on Wednesdays, we meet at 12:15 pm at the Stone Lake Trail near the Beach House for a mid-day walk through nature.

Whether you're looking to get some fresh air, enjoy the scenery or just have a chance to connect with others, this group is for you! We'll walk as long as the weather cooperates, and all paces are welcome.

Keep up with the latest updates and potential cancellations on our Facebook page. We can't wait to see you there!



Calendar of Events

Visit our Events page on <https://lpparkfoundation.org> for more info and to register!

Walking Wednesdays:
Weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM

Full-Tilt Glve Back Night
Thursday, August 7

Park Foundation Golf Outing:
Friday, September 5

Picnic Under the Stars:
Friday, November 21

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Thank you for reading!

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