



*Summer 2024*



# Welcome to Godley Park District!

Just a short jog off Route 66, we are tucked away in the Southwestern corner of Will County in the Village of Godley. Our facilities, grounds, programs & events are open to visitors from all communities.

The Community Center is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are closed on Sundays. The grounds are open daily 6:00 am - 10:00 pm.



Our Community Center houses a gymnasium, fitness center, game room and childcare center. Our beautiful grounds include two large playgrounds, two softball/baseball fields, basketball & sand volleyball courts, various pavilions/gazebo, a pond, 1-mile paved walking path, and two off-leash dog parks.

Unique to our Park, is our Barn area behind the Community Center. There you can visit our donkeys, deer, horse, llama and sheep any time the grounds are open. Per doctor's orders, please refrain from feeding our furry friends.



## *Child Care, Preschool & Summer Camp*

Our Child Care Center offers a safe and educational environment to care for your children. Our secure facility operates from 6:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

### Classrooms Offered:

- ♦ Infants & Toddlers (6 weeks - 2 years)
- ♦ Busy Bees (2-3 years)
- ♦ Early Childhood (3-5 years & potty-trained)
- ♦ Preschool - Terrific 3s & Fabulous 4s
- ♦ Before/After School Program (Kindergarten-12 years old from Reed-Custer Elementary & Middle Schools & Braceville Elementary)
- ♦ Summer Camp (school aged students)

### *Now taking registrations for Summer Camp*

Please contact  
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information.  
(815) 458-6129 x5  
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# Fitness

## Fitness Center

The Park District Fitness Center offers state of the art fitness equipment. The Fitness Center is available during the hours that the Community Center is open. A fitness membership entitles the member access to the gymnasium (for no extra charge) during open gym times. Yearly, monthly & daily memberships are available.



Payment of membership fees and completed waiver is required before you are permitted to use the Fitness Center. Fitness members ages 13-17 are allowed but MUST be under direct supervision of a legal guardian who is also a fitness member. Locker room/shower facilities are available. Rates can be found on our website. Godley residents must show current proof of residency to receive resident rates.

### Fitness Center Amenities Include:

- ♦ Weight Machines
- ♦ Free Weights
- ♦ Kettlebells
- ♦ Cardio Equipment
- ♦ TVs
- ♦ Locker Rooms
- ♦ Water Bottle Refill Station

## Open Gym Pickleball!

It's finally here! We've setup a pickleball court in our gymnasium.

\$2.00 per player

Dates & times will vary.

Watch our website & look for the pinned post on our Facebook page for days & times.



## Gymnasium - Open Gym Time

Patrons from all communities are welcome to use our gymnasium during open gym times. Please call ahead for availability or check the calendar on the board outside the gym. Open to all ages. The fee for ages 18+ is \$2.

## Outdoor Walking Path, Basketball Court, Volleyball Court

A 1-mile, paved path throughout the park is available for walking or biking. There is an outdoor basketball and sand volleyball court on the grounds that are free to use.





**We have a fun summer season lined up! If you would like to become a sponsor of any of our annual special events, please contact us.**

## Children's Fishing Derby

**Saturday, June 8**

This is a *FREE* fishing derby for children ages 2-16 years old. Bait will be provided by the Park District, please bring your own fishing poles. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, sign-in, fishing judges, lunch preparation, and clean-up. Please call the Park District if you would like to volunteer. A big "Thank You!" to all the local businesses that have donated to make the fishing derby a free event!

Registration	9:00 am
Fishing	10-11:30 am
Lunch	12:00 pm
Awards	12:30 pm



## Daddy Daughter Dance

**Friday, June 14 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Girls, bring your dad, stepdad, grandpa, uncle, or other special guy out for a night you'll always remember! Enjoy music, dancing, photo booth and snacks.

**ALL Ages** welcome! Girls are **FREE!**

Pre-registration Fee: \$30 per Special Guy through June 13

Day of & at the Door Fee: \$35 per Special Guy



## All-American Country Fair Saturday, June 29 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for our annual summer festival! We'll have some amusement rides, a dunk tank, concessions, music, beer garden, lots of fun and a fireworks show that will blow you away!

The fun begins at 6:00 pm. At 8:30, the rides and concessions will shutdown so everyone can find the best spot and settle in for the fireworks show.

All amusements are **FREE!**

# Special Events

## Wacky Water Day - FREE Event!

**Saturday, July 13 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Grab your sunscreen & a towel and come cool off with us for a couple hours. Enjoy our huge slip-n-slide, misting tent, free sno-cones and a 22 foot waterslide! There will be a pool for our littlest friends.

Ages 2-12; Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Sign in at the tent when you arrive.



## Mudventures Jr. Fun Run Saturday, August 3

From mud to bubbles, this course will be full of sloppy fun! Race fee includes a T-shirt, finisher medal and after party with snacks and refreshments.

**Ages 5-12**

**Race Fee:** \$20 per participant for pre-registration  
\$25 same day registration

**Register by July 12 to guarantee a T-shirt**

Same day registration and race check-in begins at 8:00 am. All participants must have a parent/guardian sign a waiver in order to run the race.

Children will run in waves according to when they check in. First wave of runners will start at 8:30 am.

Waves will start every few minutes and will end when all kids have run.

Registration ends at 10:00 am with the final wave immediately following.  
Kids are allowed to run the course as many times as they like, but will only receive one medal.



## Coming in Fall:

**Touch-A-Truck - FREE Event! Saturday, September 14 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Do you drive something cool at work or just for fun? We'd love to have you join us and show off your awesome ride! Call Heather for more information and/or to be put on our list. Thank you to all our past participants for making this free event so much fun for kids in the surrounding communities!

**Craft Show Saturday, November 16 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Vendors! Save the date and watch for the Vendor Registration to open up. Forms will be available on our website, at our front desk or we can email one to you.





# Programs

## Family Bingo Nights

Take a Friday night off from cooking! Let us feed you and your family while you all enjoy playing bingo for prizes! Pre-registration only. No walk-ins.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Ages: 5 to Adult

Fees: \$6 ages 5-12, \$10 ages 13+

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Register/Pay by:</b>	<b>Dinner:</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>Tacos</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>August 9</b>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>Back-to-School Cookout</b>

## Gong Celebration

Join Cory and Mary for this outdoor Gong Meditation experience. Please dress comfortably and bring a mat to lie on. This session will meet in the Large Pavilion on the North end of our park grounds.

**July 27      1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

**FREE**

There is no charge for this outdoor session. Free will offerings accepted.

## Gong Meditation

We will begin & end with a brief guided meditation in order to draw you deeper into the experience. Cory Flanagan will play the gong for an hour. Wear layers of comfortable clothing that do not constrict the body, allowing for deep abdominal breathing and warmth. Bring a mat to lie on as well as a pillow and blankets as needed. Arrive early to allow yourself time to settle into the space. We meet in the Rec Hall by the water tower.

**Saturday, June 15      7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Fees: \$25 per person

**Next Session: Outdoor Gong Celebration** (see details above)

Call to pre-register & pay up until the day of class. Maximum of 25 participants per session. Walk-ins are welcome if maximum has not been met. *Cash/check only at the door.*

## Seasonal Self-Care Class

This class is designed to promote beneficial daily habits. We will be utilizing techniques from Eastern and Western traditions to deepen the breath, move the body, and experience a deeper state of relaxation. Please bring an exercise/yoga mat to lie on as well as a firm blanket or two. Wear comfortable, layered clothing. These classes will take place in our Rec Hall located at the North end of the park grounds by the water tower. Instructor: Mary Griffin

**The Spring session will focus on posture & proprioception.**

**Thursdays, April 4 - May 9      6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Fees: \$45 per person, per session or \$10 drop-in

**Next Session: July 11 - August 15 (strength & stability)**

Call to pre-register & pay up until the day of class. Maximum of 12 participants per session. Walk-ins are welcome if maximum has not been met. *Cash/check only at the door.*

# Programs

## Seniors ALIVE!

Hey Seniors! Let's play some bingo and enjoy a delicious lunch with friends! Those 55+ are invited to join us the first Tuesday of every month for a morning of bingo, lunch, laughter and friendship. Food menu changes monthly.

Bingo starts at 10:30 am. Fee is \$10 per date.

Date:	Register/Pay by:
May 7	April 30
June 4	May 28
July 2	June 25
August 6	July 30

## Godley Resident Luncheon

Adults 21+ from the Village of Godley can join us for a complimentary luncheon. Bingo starts at 10:00 am and lunch is served at noon. Come have fun with your neighbors!

Date:	Register by:
May 16	May 9
June 20	June 13
July 18	July 11
August 15	August 8

## Circle Jam

Do you play a musical instrument and want to join other musicians for a jam session? Give Circle Jam a try! This FREE program is held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower).

**Saturdays, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10**  
**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**



**Watch for Karate  
to return in the Fall Brochure!  
Classes will start in September.  
New students are accepted in the  
first session only since the  
training continually builds  
throughout the year.**

## **NEW!** Cheerleading Camp

This 3 week camp will focus on the fundamentals of cheer, such as: jumps, tumbling, motions, stunts, etc. Please wear athletic clothing with gym shoes and put hair up. Bring a water bottle. Participants will also receive a T-shirt. We will show off our new skills with a performance at Godley Park's All-American Country Fair on the evening of Saturday, June 29.

Instructor:	Tori Loomis			
Where:	Community Center Gymnasium			
Who:	Anyone ages 6-14 interested in cheer			
When:	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays, June 11 - June 27</b>			
	Ages 6-9	9:00 am - 10:30 am	\$35	Max 14
	Ages 10-14	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	\$50	Max 20
Register/Pay by May 31				





### Four Winds Casino Tuesday, May 28

Travel with us for a day bus trip to New Buffalo, Michigan, to try your luck at the largest gaming facility in the Midwest. Trip will depart at 8:30 am and return at approximately 5:30 pm.

**Adults 21+**

**Fee: \$45** (includes \$10 food voucher & \$15 slot play)  
Register/Pay by May 3 Min/Max: 40/50

### Par-a-Dice Casino Thursday, August 8

We're taking our mini bus to the Par-a-Dice Casino Riverboat along the beautiful Illinois River in East Peoria!

**Adults 21+ Fee: \$30**

Departs at 8:30 am  
Register/Pay by May 31  
Max: 14



### Shipshewana Flea Market

**Wednesday, July 17**

Shipshewana, Indiana is home to the Midwest's Largest Outdoor Flea Market. Be prepared to get your walking steps in on this trip as the flea market is as large as 30 football fields put together! The flea market runs rain or shine.

**Ages 18+** (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult)

**Fee: \$50** per person

Departs at 7:00 am; Returns between 6:00-7:00 pm

Register/Pay by June 19

Min/Max: 35/45

Get more information about the flea market at [www.shipshewanatradingplace.com/flea-market](http://www.shipshewanatradingplace.com/flea-market).

### Lunch Out & About

Come join the laughter and fun as we venture to different restaurants. Fee is \$6 for transportation. Lunch is on your own. All trips depart at 10:30 am.

Date:	Where to:	Register/Pay by:
May 22	Baby Bulls Family Restaurant (Pontiac)	May 15
June 26	El Patron Mexican Kitchen (Coal City)	June 19
July 24	Kansai Japanese Steakhouse (Bourbonnais)	July 17
August 28	Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant (New Lenox)	August 21

### Chicago White Sox Games

Take me out to the ballgame! Jump on our bus for a ride to one of these fun filled White Sox games. Fee includes bus transportation, ticket to the game, admission to the Patio for all you can eat food & beverage buffet for 2 hours. Trip fee is \$80 per person. All trips depart at 9:00 am. Max of 14 for each game.

Date:	Game Opponent:	Register/Pay by:
May 15	vs Washington Nationals	May 3
August 29	vs Texas Ranger	August 2





# Overnight Trips

## Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort September 15-21, 2024

Enjoy this 7 day/6 night bus trip to Georgia & South Carolina.

Price includes:

- ♦ Motorcoach transportation
- ♦ 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Savannah area
- ♦ 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- ♦ Guided trolley tour of Savannah, followed by hop-on/hop-off privileges
- ♦ Guided tour of gorgeous Beaufort, SC, "Queen of the Carolina Sea Islands"...plus a visit to Parris Island
- ♦ Evening show at the famous Savannah Theatre
- ♦ Guided tour of St. Simons Island
- ♦ Guided tram tour of Jekyll Island

Departs at 8:00 am on Sunday, September 15.

Fees: \$999 per person for double occupancy  
\$1253 per person for single occupancy

Sign up now with your \$75 deposit!  
Final payment due July 8, 2024



Detailed itineraries can be found at  
[www.grouptrips.com/GodleyParkDistrict](http://www.grouptrips.com/GodleyParkDistrict).

## Branson Show Extravaganza

December 9-13, 2024

Enjoy this 5 day/4 night bus trip to the Live Music Show Capital of the World - Branson, Missouri.

Price Includes:

- ♦ Motorcoach transportation
- ♦ 4 nights lodging in the Branson area
- ♦ 8 meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- ♦ Admission to three morning shows: Dalena Ditto's Country Evolution, Doug Gabriel Morning Show and a Neil Diamond Tribute Show
- ♦ Admission to three evening shows: The Haygoods Christmas Show, Hughes Brothers Christmas Show and Laugh Your Yak-off Christmas Show featuring Yakov Smirnoff

Departs at 8:00 am on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Fees: \$820 per person for double occupancy  
\$950 per person for single occupancy

Sign up now with your \$75 deposit!  
Final payment due October 2, 2024



**For questions or more information  
regarding any of our trips,  
contact Angie at (815) 458-6129 x2.**

# Rentals

## Host your next event with us!

We have a wide range of options for both indoor and outdoor parties, events, sports practices & activities. The possibilities are endless!

### Gym Rentals



Our Gymnasium can be booked two different ways. **Hourly bookings** are great for events such as a sports practice. **Banquet bookings** are available for bigger events such as a wedding, fundraiser or sports banquet. Maximum capacity for gym rentals is 450 people.

Call our front desk at extension 0 for more details and to book your date.



### Rec Hall

This is a great place for smaller get-togethers such as birthday parties or baby & wedding showers. This facility has a full kitchen and restrooms. Maximum capacity is 80 people.  
Deposit: \$50\*\*  
Hourly Rate: R \$20/NR \$30\*  
Minimum rental time is 3 hours.

### Inflatables Party!

Our inflatables are a fan favorite for a kids' party! We'll setup tables/chairs, the bounce castle & slide in our gymnasium for your friends and family to enjoy for at least 2 hours.

Deposit \$100\*\*  
2 hour rental: \$195  
Additional time: \$55/hour





# Rentals

## Batting Cage & Pitching Machine

Rent our batting cage & pitching machine to get in some extra batting practice any time of the year. A waiver must be signed for all participants. Please note: this rental option does not reserve the whole gym. Hourly gym rental is available for an additional fee. Rental Fee: \$35/hour



## OUTDOOR RENTALS



Our gazebo can fit up to 60 people for a smaller outdoor event. Rental of this facility ensures usage for the entire day (during outdoor park hours).  
Deposit: \$50\*\*  
Rental fee: R \$50/NR \$75\*

## Softball Fields

When you're ready to move baseball/softball practice outside, we have two fields that are available for hourly rental. This is also a great option for a child's baseball/softball themed birthday party.  
Deposit: \$50\*\*  
Rental Fee: \$30/hour or \$45/hour with the lights



The Large Pavilion offers the perfect shelter for an outdoor event. It is close to our pond which provides a lovely background for pictures. Rental of this facility ensures usage for the entire day (during outdoor park hours).  
Maximum capacity is 250 people.  
Deposit: \$100\*\*  
Rental fee: R \$75/NR \$105\*

For more information or to reserve one of our facilities, please call our front desk at the number below.

\* R = Godley Park District Resident NR = Non-Resident

\*\* Deposits are refundable as long as there is no damage to the facility/equipment and no violations of the facility rental agreement.

## *GPD Board Meetings*

Our board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm in the Community Center conference room.

The next meeting dates are: May 21, June 11, July 9, August 13

## *GPD Building Closures*

The Community Center will be closed on the following holiday dates:

May 27 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day

*For emergency closing information due to weather, please follow our Facebook page and check often for the most up-to-date information.*

## *Save the Date*

September 14 - Touch-a-Truck

November 16 - Craft Show

October 5 - Fall Fest

December 14 - Tree Lighting

October 25 - Ghost Ride Trick-or-Treat



GPD staff has made every effort to prepare this brochure as accurately as possible. However, errors can occur.

- Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. GPD reserves the right to make any such adjustments. The District apologizes for any inconvenience these errors or adjustments may cause.



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