

CALENDAR FOR 2017

The Big Rock Park District meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. We would enjoy having you at our meetings and hear your suggestions.

WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District

Who will have the fastest time in 2017? Find out on Sunday, September 17th at 11 am at the stage at the Plowing Match in Big Rock. The person with the fastest time after eating slices of watermelon will win a cash prize: \$10 for age group 7-11 eating one slice, \$20 for age group 12-15 eating two slices and \$30 for age group 16 and up eating two slices. No entry fee. Registration begins at 11:00 am at the stage prior to the contest.

2017 PRINCE & PRINCESS CONTEST

Sponsored by the Big Rock Park District

All boys and girls, ages 3 through 5, living in the area are invited to enter this year's Prince & Princess Contest to be held on Sunday, September 17th at 1:30 pm at the stage at the Plowing Match in Big Rock. Contestants are asked to be at the stage at 1 pm for check in. Deadline for entries is September 8th. Entry forms are available on the Park District website at **bigrockparks.com** and the Plowing Match website at **bigrockplowingmatch.com** or at the Big Rock Post Office. Contact Cindy Nehring with any questions at 630-556-3238.

2016 Court was - Prince Judson Reeter and Princess Ellie O'Donnell, Second Place was Braeden Ward and Emma Thomas, Third place went to Hayden Heiss and Ellie Hummel.

BINGO

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Come and enjoy Bingo on Sunday, September 17th at 2:30 pm under the Pavilion at the Plowing Match in Big Rock. At least five individual games will be played and prizes will be awarded.

EUCHRE CLUB MEETING AT NEW TIME

The Big Rock Euchre Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at the Park District Building from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Couples and singles are welcome. Come and join us for lots of laughs, fun and cards. Any questions, please call Dan or Christ Severyns at 630-552-8492.

TRICK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

On Saturday, October 21st at 2pm come and enjoy a family friendly magic and puppet show with audience participation at the Big Rock Park District Building. Mr. Kipley has a spectacular show, a unique combination of puppetry, magic and comedy for kids that even adults could appreciate. Mr. Kipley Magic and Puppets have been named Gigsalad.com Top Performer 2017.

HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME PARADE

A Halloween Dog Costume Parade will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 1pm at the Big Rock Dog Park located at the North end of the Park at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock. Use your imagination and come up with a Halloween costume your dog may wear in the parade - owners may also wear a costume. Dogs will be judged and a First, Second and Third Place Prize will be given, with all dogs receiving a treat bag. There will be a "game" for dog and owners to enjoy! Any questions, please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.

VETERANS TO BE HONORED

Veterans, past and present, will be honored on Saturday, November 4th at 2 pm at the Big Rock Park District Building at 7S405 Madison Street in Big Rock.

Please send a picture of your Veteran, preferably in uniform, that includes the Veterans name, branch of service, rank and the years that they were in service to Cindy Nehring, P.O. Box 119, Big Rock, IL 60511 by October 23rd so that it can be included in our display. If you sent a picture last year, they will be included in this years display. You may also drop your picture off at the Park District, but will need to call Cindy at 630-556-3238 to make arrangements.

Hinckley resident, Jerry Bahl, will give a presentation for VetsRoll. This will be the seventh year the VetsRoll organization has treated brave men and women to see the sights of Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veteran that has signed up. Please plan to attend the program, there will be a free will offering, with all proceeds going to the VetsRoll organization. Light refreshments will be served after the program.

DROP OFF FOR OLD FLAGS

Jack Hake thought Big Rock needed a drop off box for old flags since many Americans have expressed their feelings by flying flags since the tragedy of September 11th. The Drop Off Box is located at the Big Rock Historical Society building just east of the Plowing Match Grounds. 1,950 flags have been collected since the installation of the Old Flags Drop Off Box. Thank you to the community for such great support! Damaged, worn flags that can no longer be displayed will be burned in a dignified ceremony. As you fly your flag in tribute, be sure to do so respectfully, following proper rules of etiquette for our national symbol.

BEGINNER YOGA

End your Thursday evenings with a beginner friendly yoga class. Class will consist of yoga poses to promote stretching and elongating the muscles while slowly starting to engage, tone and build all of the different muscles of the body. Some of the other benefits of yoga are stress reduction, increased muscle strength and tone, improved respiration, energy and vitality, maintaining a balanced metabolism and weight reduction. Cardio and circulatory health, improved athletic performance and protection from injury. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Richards at: leah@360yoga.net or www.360yoga.net or call/text 630-802-6632.

Class information: Thursdays at 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm at the Big Rock Park District Building. Drop in class is \$10 or purchase 3 classes for \$25 (expires 12 weeks from purchase). If you have never been to class before, your first class is FREE! Please bring your own yoga mat.

AWAY WE GO TOURS

In co-operation with Away We Go Tours in Sandwich, day trips are being offered to all Big Rock residents. Registration with pre-payment is required to take your trip. Reservations are on a first come basis. In order to have the bus stop at the Big Rock Park District Building, a minimum of 15-20 people will have to register for the event or you may meet the bus at The Sandwich YMCA, 707 S. Main Street, Sandwich, IL. Contact Christine at Away We Go Tours at 815-786-4243 or email: cmcmahon428@gmail.com or Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.

Away We Go Tours would like to thank everyone that expressed interest in the **Fixer Upper** location tour. Unfortunately, this trip had to be cancelled. The numbers were just not there and deposits for rooms and attractions were due. I sincerely hope you understand and please accept apologies for any inconvenience.

BLUE CHIP CASINO

Monday, October 9, 2017

Fee: \$35 depart 7:45 am return 6-6:30 pm

The Casino requires a minimum of 35 passengers. Located in Michigan City, Indiana, this casino offers gamers \$5.00 "slot dollars" only on Mondays! (Every other day base points have to be earned to qualify for "slot dollars" incentive). A free lunch buffet is included. Over 35,000 sq. ft. of gaming on a single luxurious and spacious level with 42 table games, and over 1,700 slots! The ultimate gaming environment!

FOUR WINDS CASINO

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Fee \$37 depart 7:45 am return 6-6:30 pm

Note: Price could increase based on the number of participants. 37-54 participants price will stay at \$37 anything under 37 the cost will be \$43.

Early registration is very important. Payment and any cancellations must be done before 2 weeks of the trip, (October 18, 2017)

This popular destination located in New Buffalo, MI, is only about a 2 hour and 15 minute ride. Offering all the latest in gaming. Slots, in a large variety of denominations, keno, video poker, popular tablet games and more! Everyone receives \$15 on the "W-Club" Player Card towards gaming and a \$10 food credit, valid at the Buffet, Timber's Ridge, or Hard Rock Café. It is policy for anyone that registers in the two week time frame before the trip that they will have to wait in line at the W-Club to receive the bus group package incentives.

FIRESIDE DINER THEATRE

Friday, November 30, 2017

Fee \$120 depart 8:00 am return 6:30 pm

Miracle on 34th Street. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa, Kris Kringle a sweet and jolly old man who claims he is the real Santa Claus has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Price includes deluxe motor coach transportation, dinner, and the play. Any drinks ordered from the bar are "on your own". Don't forget the wonderful gift shops!

SUGGESTIONS

Do you have an idea for a program you would like to see offered by the Big Rock Park District? Do you have a special interest or talent you would like to share with others? Please contact Cindy Nehring at 630-556-3238.