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ABOVE: "Miss Liberty" at the children's parade at the Fishers Freedom Festival. Photo provided by the Fishers Freedom Festival and courtesy of the Hamilton County CVB.

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Home to Conner Prairie, a nationally recognized interactive history park, **The Town of Fishers** is a great place to learn, live and visit. You may know about Conner Prairie's recently opened [1863 Civil War Journey](#), but did you know that Conner Prairie was named after the first white settler in the area?

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In the summer of 1822, William Conner and other settlers applied to the Indiana Legislature for an independent county. In 1823, Hamilton County was approved and William Conner's house served as the first seat of county government. Conner's home is still standing on the Conner Prairie grounds.

Other attractions in Fishers include its [vast system of parks](#) including Heritage Park, home to the [Ambassador House and Heritage Gardens](#). The House was originally built in the 1840s at what is now the corner of 96th Street and Allisonville Road. It was moved to Heritage Park in 1996 to preserve the home. Today it is the site of many weddings and special events. The gardens and park are a lush, peaceful place to walk, picnic and relax.

Fishers also is known for its youth sports. In late July, Fishers Youth Softball will host the 2011 National Softball Association Girls Fast Pitch B World Series. Nearly 4,500 athletes will participate. Visit www.hamiltoncountysports.com/nsa for more information. One place many of the spectators will stop after the games is [Handels](#) for homemade ice cream.

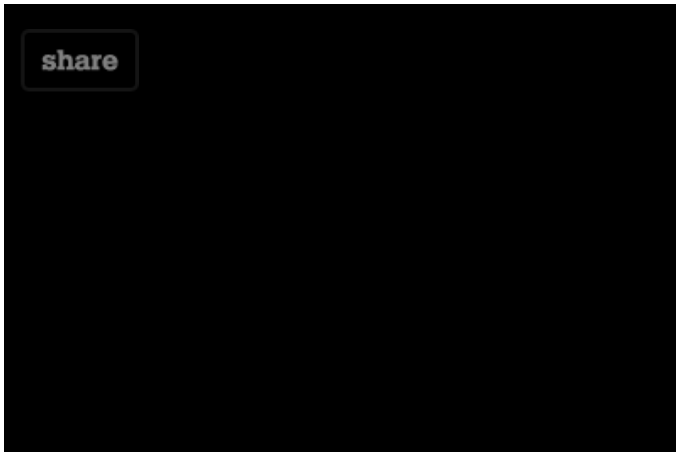
One of Fishers' biggest and longest-running traditions is the annual [Fishers Freedom Festival](#). Scheduled for June 25-26, 2011, the event includes a parade, a 5K run, a cornhole tournament, disc dog competition, arts and crafts, food and much more for the whole family. It is a great way to kick off the week celebrating American independence.

In the fall, the new Saxony development on Olio Road hosts the [Fishers RenFaire](#). Join Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth and her court in the Town of Billericay on October 1 and 2 for the joust, magicians, music, artisans, food and much more. Art in the Park is another annual Fishers event. Held in September, it features local artisans, performances and the Fishers Farmers Market. Visit www.fishersartscouncil.org for more information.

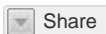
Because of its green space, safe play areas and the large number of playscapes, Fishers was recently recognized as one of 93 "Playful Cities USA" by the KaBOOM! organization. It also has been named a "Best Places to Live" by *Money Magazine*. Whether you choose to live in Fishers or just visit, there has never been a better time to check out Fishers, Indiana.

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