# Fort Wayne Summer Festivals

# 2017

There's so much going on in Fort Wayne. We have events and celebrations to keep your weekends hopping!

# Vera Bradley Annual Sale

April 19 - 23

Plan a girlfriend getaway around the amazing Vera Bradley Annual Sale, where you will find up to 60% off retail prices of handbags, luggage, stationery, and accessories.

#### **Kickstart**

Month of May

Kickstart your summer with this month long community celebration of bikes, art and music! Join us on May 20 for Kickstart Saturday featuring the Fort4Fitness Spring Cycle and the YLNI Farmers Market.

#### Germanfest

June 4 - 11

Come to Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne for the annual week-long celebration of German Heritage and Essen, Trinken, und Gemülichkeit (Eating, Drinking, and having a really good time).

## **New Haven Canal Days**

June 6 - 10

Celebrate the heritage and hospitality of the Hoosier State at New Haven's Canal Days. Enjoy a parade, vendors, crafts, and tasty treats at this annual festival.

#### Hobnobben Film Festival June 15 - 18

This will be the Summit City's first multi-day, multi-venue film festival, presented by Cinema Center, a nonprofit film organization with 40 years of experience in the community.

## **BBQ Ribfest**

June 15 - 18

Brisket, ribs, pulled pork, rib sandwiches, BBQ chicken and more - it's a BBQ lover's paradise all served up just the way you love it.

## Greekfest

June 22 - 25

Opa! Come celebrate with us and enjoy a large variety of Greek cuisine and entertainment including live music, dancing, and other activities each day.

#### **Sweetwater Gearfest**

June 23 - 24

Experience the largest music tradeshow open to the general public in the United States featuring gear expo, entertainment events, flea market and more!

#### **Buskerfest**

June 24

Join the fun and celebration of the street performer! Enjoy quirky and unexpected live art including staged acts, buskers, mimes, face painters and stilt walkers roaming the crowd.

# Riverpalooza and Dragon Boat Races

June 24

Teams of 20 paddlers will race 300 meters down the river in these exciting races.

#### **Three Rivers Festival**

July 7 - 15

Don't miss Fort Wayne's favorite summer party since 1969 complete with family-friendly fun with arts, crafts, amusement rides, food vendors and much more!

# St. Joe Pickle Festival

July 20 - 22

An old time festival that was one of Food Network's All American Festivals. Featuring food, music, a parade, fireworks, pickle factory tours, and more!

#### **Pride Fest**

July 21 - 22

This two day event celebrates diversity in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area. Featuring a vendor market, beer tent, kidspace, tournaments, and live entertainment from local, regional, and national singers and bands.

## **Allen County Fair**

July 25 - 30

In addition to 4-H festivities, the fair offers a full food court, carnival rides, and family fun events.

# Taste of the Arts

August 26

Indulge in Downtown Fort Wayne's premiere arts and food festival held at the Arts United Campus and surrounding four-block area.

#### **Grabill Country Fair**

September 7 - 9

Enjoy Grabill's country-style fair that highlights the area's Amish heritage with food, crafts, kids events, and much more!

#### **Middle Waves**

September 8 - 9

After the success of the inaugural year, Middle Waves returns to Rock Fort Wayne, and the Midwest! The premier music festival for the region will feature local, regional, and national acts and headliners.

# **Johnny Appleseed Festival**

September 16 - 17

Experience the voted #1 Festival that celebrates the life and times of John Chapman, also known as Johnny Appleseed. Food, demonstrations, crafts, antiques, roving entertainment, children's area, military reenactment, farmer's market and more! The Johnny Appleseed festival is fun for the whole family.

For details, go to <u>VisitFortWayne.com/festivals</u>, or see our full calendar at <u>VisitFortWayne.com/events</u>. Explore more fun family getaways at <u>VisitFortWayne.com/tripideas</u>.

