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

### **Chainsaw Carving Festival**

September 2, 2017

Come enjoy life at the Village on this long weekend and watch our local master chainsaw craftsmen create amazing sculptures from simple logs.

# West Central Home & Garden Tour and Arts Fest September 10 – 11, 2017

The West Central Home and Garden Tour & Arts Festival offers two days of activities throughout the historic West Central Neighborhood. The Art Fest includes performers and musicians, food vendors, and arts and craft vendors.

### Middle Waves

September 15-16, 2017

MW will feature three stages with two dozen musical performances by national and local musicians, local food truck and vendors, beverages galore, artists and culture-makers and wild and unexpected good times at every turn. This is an all ages event.

### **Kuehnert Dairy Farm & Fall Festival**

September 16, 2017 – October 22, 2017

Kids of all ages will get to experience all of this and much more at the Kuehnert Dairy Fall Festival. Kuehnert Dairy Farm, located just a stone's throw away from the city limits of Fort Wayne, is opening its operation as an agritourism venture to the public this fall.

### Johnny Appleseed Festival

September 16, 2017 - September 17, 2017

An authentic festival that celebrates the life and times of John Chapman aka Johnny Appleseed. Includes food, demonstrations, crafts, antiques, roving entertainment, children's area, military reenactment, farmer's market and more! Fun for the whole family. Free admission

### Salomon Farm Fall Harvest festival

September 22, 2017 - September 23, 2017

Join us for this two-day celebration of the history and culture of the American Farm. It's fun for all ages and the event is free so bring the whole class or your family and spend a day at the farm. The Harvest Festival makes a great class field trip!

### **Fort4Fitness Fall Festival**

September 29 – 30, 2017

Several events make up the Fall Festival, each of which offers an opportunity for participants to enhance their lifestyle through healthy activities or information.

#### Chili Fest

October 7, 2017

This is a day of fun for both the participants as well as the attendees there to taste the chili. It gives everyone the opportunity to taste a wide variety of chili and then vote for their favorite.

### **Food Stock**

October 14, 2017

The event features over 20 local food trucks, local music, beer, and wine. All ages are welcome to this free event!

### **Brickworld LEGO Expo**

October 14-15, 2017

Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun! See spectacular creations all built from LEGO bricks by local LEGO enthusiasts.

### Wild Zoo Halloween

October 13 – 15; 20 – 22; 27 - 29,

Halloween fun for your little one! Trick or treat for candy, navigate a mini maze, pick a pumpkin in our Pumpkin Patch and hear a joke from Lil' Bill.

### **Dia Fort Wayne**

October 21 – November 12, 2017

This community-centered event and accompanying altar exhibit features traditional Mexican altars with sugar skulls, colorful tissue paper cutouts, and photos or personal items of deceased relatives to honor the souls of the departed.

### **Fright Night**

October 21, 2017

Downtown Fort Wayne's annual Halloween spectacular features the "Zombie Walk" and a fun day of low and no cost activities at many great locations.

# **Moose Lake Fall Festival and Pumpkin Carving Day**

October 21, 2017

Take in the Fall seasons beautiful colors and enjoy the aroma of burning logs and the special environment offered at the village at this time of year.

## **Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony**

November 11, 2017

The annual Veterans Day Parade on Parnell Avenue, sponsored by the Allen County Council of Veterans Organizations, will be held Saturday, November 5 at 11am, with a ceremony immediately following the parade.

## **Snow Days at the Botanical Conservatory**

November 18, 2017- January 7, 2018

Come and enjoy the green lush plants in the conservatroy while it is decorated for the holiday season!

### **Fantasy of Lights**

Novermber 21 - December 31, 2017

Fantasy of Lights is northeast Indiana's favorite winter holiday event! This drive-through event is situated in Franke Park and transforms the park into a spectacular winter wonderland.

### **Festival of Lights**

November 22 - 29, 2017

Beginning with the Night of Lights, the Embassy Festival of Trees is a featured stop in the city's annual downtown lighting ceremony, offering the opening of the Harrison Street animated holiday windows and viewing of the trees.

### **Night of Lights 2018**

Novermber 22, 2017

The Night of Lights will include holiday lighting ceremonies from great downtown businesses and organizations and the fun doesn't stop after the lightings as great family events and activities will be happening throughout the evening all around Downtown Fort Wayne.

### **Festival of Trains**

November 24 - 26, 2017

Climb aboard for holiday fun at the Festival of Trains, featuring an extravaganza of model trains presented by area train enthusiasts.

### **Festival of Gingerbread**

November 24 - December 10, 2017

The Festival of Gingerbread attracts crowds who come to view the creations of individuals of all ages, families and professionals.

### **Holly Trolly Shopping**

November 25, 2017

Holly Trolley makes shopping local easier than ever with free trolley rides throughout Downtown. With so many shops to choose from there will be two trolley routes offered. Hop on the Green Line to experience the eclectic and charming shops of the Wells Corridor or ride the Red Line to shop corner to corner in Downtown Fort Wayne

## **Historic Fort Wayne: Joyeux Noel - A Festive French Christmas**

November 25, 2017

Jump in your car, hop on the Holly Trolley or hitch up your sleigh and welcome the holidays with fun and festivities at the Old Fort. Les habitants celebrate Christmas in New France.

### Indiana Aristan Holiday Marketplace

November 25 - 26, 2017

The 2017 Holiday Marketplace will again help launch the shopping season during Fort Wayne's Holiday Fest weekend, bringing to the Grand Wayne Center a showcase of the state's highest-quality arts, fine craft and foods.

## An Old-Time Country Christmas Festival of Lights at Moose Lake

November 25 - December 23, 2017

Enjoy the overall experience and atmosphere of winter in the 1800's village with holiday music, Christmas lights, Santa Claus and the special decorations and fragrances in Mackey's General store at Christmastime and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

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>.