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Welcome

Situated along Lake Michigan and just 30 minutes from downtown Chicago, Indiana's South Shore is the perfect destination for your next meeting or event. Our centralized location along major thoroughfares like I-65, I-80/90 and US 30 make us easily accessible from all destinations.

Indiana's South Shore is home to several hotels and convention spaces that will suit all your meeting needs. From traditional convention hotels, like the Radisson at Star Plaza, to unique settings, like the Center for Visual and Performing Arts, there are plenty of locations to choose from for your next meeting or convention.

Beauty, history, fun, and excitement await your attendees when they step outside of their hotel or meeting room. If excitement is what you crave, let the CVA help set up a trip to one of five lakefront casino boats or check out top name entertainment at Horseshoe Casino and the Star Plaza Theater. If you desire a slower pace, let the CVA arrange a trip to one of our historic towns where attendees can shop for antiques and experience some of the amazing historical architecture available within our community.

If shopping is your recreation of choice, Indiana's South Shore is only 30 minutes from downtown Chicago. The CVA is happy to help arrange transportation for your attendees or spouses for a shopping trip down the magnificent mile.

If you are a lover of the outdoors, you will be right at home. It's all here, golfing, swimming, hiking, sailing, and fishing. With pro-level golf courses, and miles of beaches, trails, and sand dunes, the South Shore is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the gracious hospitality of Northwest Indiana.

Along with the long list of attractions and activities, let our professional staff be there to provide you with creative and knowledgeable information to ensure that every meeting need is met with ease.

Meetings Along the *South Shore*



Easy to get to
Easy to afford
Hard to refuse

www.southshorecva.com



The South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority is the primary information source for the South Shore! The CVA's experienced professional staff provides assistance at every stage of meeting and event planning and offers FREE services to planners.

Pre-Booking Services

- **Site Inspections**

The CVA will schedule individual or group site inspections of hotels, convention centers, meeting and event venues, activity and entertainment facilities and shopping locations.

- **One Step Planning**

Let the CVA do the work! Call one of our professional staff members to assist in all of your planning needs.

On-site Convention Services

- **Welcome Bags**

Meetings and conventions held in the South Shore are provided with plastic bags for simpler distribution of registration packets and other convention/meeting information.

- **Registration Assistance**

Need extra hands? The CVA can provide you with personnel to help the registration process run more smoothly.

- **Travel Counselors**

The South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority can provide travel counselors on-hand during your convention to assist with dining recommendations, directions and other visitor information.

- **Official Greeting**

The South Shore is anxious to welcome you and every one of those who will be participating in your event! The CVA will arrange an official welcome by a local dignitary.

- **Tours and Off-Site Events**

Interested in seeing more of the South Shore? Let the CVA pre-package a tour of some of our many attractions. This can include visits to local shopping areas, a trip to Chicago or a night on the town.

Pre-convention Services

- **Housing Services**

If your large convention requires multiple hotels for overflow, let the CVA gather room blocks and rates and provide the housing services through our 24/7 online registration program. Your delegates can access the list of hotels and group rates for your particular meeting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As the Meeting Planner, you can access up-to-date information on your group's bookings.

- **Literature**

The CVA will provide complimentary copies of the South Shore Visitor's Map featuring an area map, a listing of festivals and events, restaurants, shopping locations, golf courses, and other venues and attractions that will illustrate all the activities available for your participants.

- **Transportation Coordination**

Let the CVA coordinate your shuttle service and/or transportation for tours and off-site events.

- **Press Releases**

The CVA's Communications Department supports meeting and convention promotion with the distribution of news releases. If preferred, meeting planners will be supplied with a media list.

- **Microsites**

The South Shore CVA will create a microsite for your event. These enhanced websites are designed with the client and customized to meet the specific needs of each group.

- **Email Blasts**

The CVA will create a specially designed email blast that will market the conference to attendees. The planner must provide an excel spreadsheet with emails of potential attendees.

- **Save the Dates**

The South Shore CVA graphic design team can create a specially designed save the date flyer or post card that can be sent to potential attendees.

- **Promotional Assistance**

Let the CVA help show your attendees what the South Shore has to offer. We can provide you with photographs and video to be used in your marketing materials.

Approximate Distance

from the South Shore to major cities in the midwest

Chicago, IL	25 miles
South Bend, IN	65 miles
Lafayette, IN	70 miles
Milwaukee, WI	115 miles
Fort Wayne, IN	120 miles
Indianapolis, IN	150 miles
Madison, WI	170 miles
Toledo, OH	220 miles
Louisville, KY	240 miles
Cincinnati, OH	240 miles
Detroit, MI	250 miles
St. Louis, MO	300 miles
Columbus, OH	300 miles
Cleveland, OH	315 miles

Airports

Gary/Chicago	0 miles
Midway	25 miles
O'Hare	50 miles
South Bend	65 miles

Climate

Humid with cool winters and warm summers. Average July temperature ranges from 60-80 degrees. Average January temperature ranges from 18-36 degrees.

Time Zone

The South Shore observes Central Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am the second Sunday in March, when clocks are advanced one hour, and ends at 2am the first Sunday in November, when clocks are turned back one hour.

Sales Tax

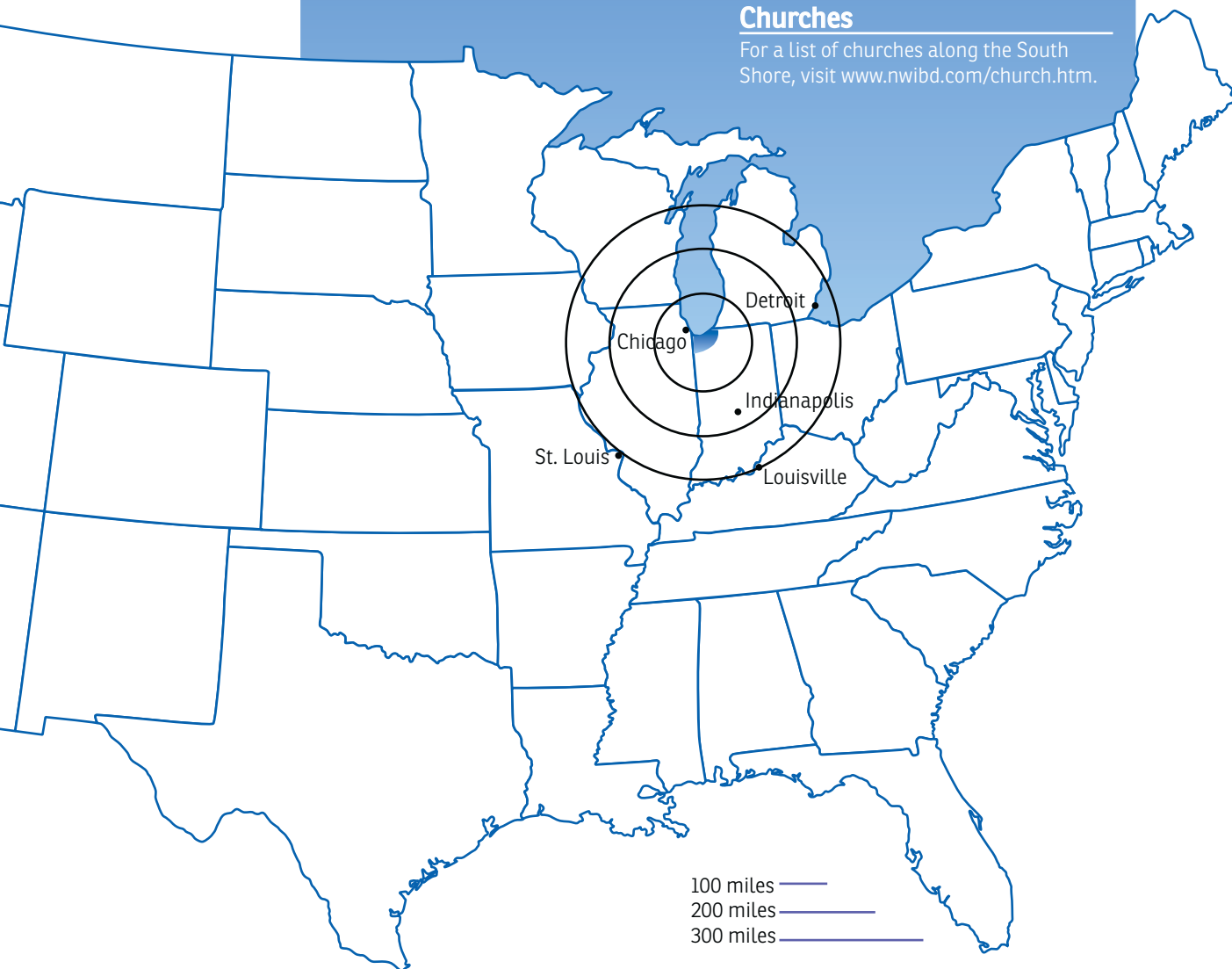
Indiana retail sales tax is 7%.

Liquor Law

Legal drinking age is 21 for beer, wine and alcohol. There is no retail sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, except in licensed restaurants for on-site consumption.

Churches

For a list of churches along the South Shore, visit www.nwibd.com/church.htm.



A/V & Event Services

Markey's Rental & Staging
 800 East 81st Avenue
 Merrillville, IN 46410
 219-736-6936
www.markeys.com

Markey's Rental & Staging is a national, full-service audiovisual company dedicated to excellent customer support and high-quality equipment. From weddings to workshops, to corporate theater, Markey's can help you succeed.

Newspaper

Post-Tribune
 1433 E. 83rd Avenue
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-648-3150
www.post-trib.com

Your main source for local news, weather, events and entertainment. Pick up a Post-Tribune at a retail outlet or visit online at Post-Trib.com. Experience Northwest Indiana from our point of view!

Photography

Doherty Images LLC
 105 Mulberry Lane
 Schererville, Indiana
 219-670-2092
www.dohertyimages.com

A freelance photographer, Peter Doherty specializes in scenic Chicago lakefront and Indiana Dunes photography. He also provides commercial photography to a wide range of businesses throughout Northwest Indiana and Chicago.

Edda Taylor Master Photographer Craftsman
 Courthouse Square Suite #304, Crown Point
 219-662-9500
eddataylor@sbcglobal.net
 Edda has combined her art background and love of photography to produce works of art not with a paintbrush but with a camera.

Religious

First Baptist Church of Hammond
 523 Sibley Street
 Hammond, Indiana
 219-932-0711
www.fbchammond.com
 Enjoy relevant, practical preaching, a 120-voice choir, 60-piece orchestra in one of the nation's largest churches. FBC's state-of-the-art 7,500-seat auditorium is the largest church auditorium in Indiana.

Spa

State of Mind
 111 W. 94th Place
 Crown Point, Indiana
 Run away for an hour or escape for the day on an unforgettable journey into a world of tranquility. Offering the finest spa treatments including massage, facials, body waxing, pedicures, manicures and full service hair salon.

Transportation

The Free Enterprise System, Inc.
 Lansing, Illinois
 708-474-7474
 Deluxe motorcoaches featuring Wi-Fi, satellite, DVD. Various sizes in equipment from 54 passenger to 1 passenger. Handicapped accessible equipment available. "Anything else is just a bus ride."

Triple A Express
 Highland, Indiana
 219-972-3233
 Need a Ride? We'll help you with your transportation needs. Always-new seven passenger vans. Casinos, airports and all local transportation.

Visitor Information

Indiana Welcome Center
 7770 Corinne Drive
 Hammond, Indiana
 219-989-7979
www.southshorecva.com
 Free travel brochures and maps, restrooms with baby changing tables, vending machines, picnic area, pet exercise area. The center also houses The John Dillinger Museum, an exhibit hall, theater and gift shop.

Panorama Now
 656 Franklin Street
 Valparaiso, Indiana
 219-464-9237
www.panoramanow.com
 Online entertainment information updated daily. Your source for festivals, events, theatre, concerts, holiday happenings, dining, recreation, dancing, art exhibits and more.



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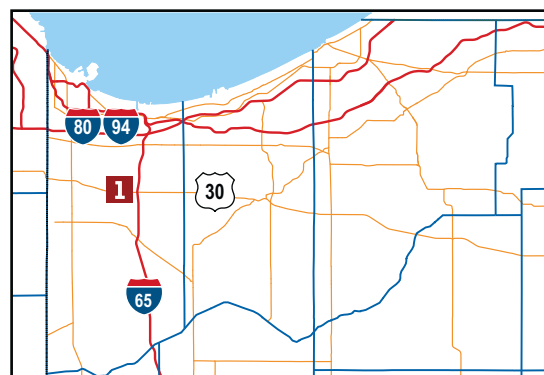
1. Star Plaza

Experience Star Plaza's unique meeting and conference facilities, including two spectacular 11,000+ square-foot ballrooms, accommodating up to 1,000 guests; seven boardrooms and hospitality suites; and seven deluxe private cabanas, ideal for special occasions. Also, available is the 3,400-seat Star Plaza Theatre, connected to the hotel via private skywalk.

Hotel - Enjoy quality hotel accommodations at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza. Guests are never more than steps away from a favorite Starbucks® beverage, rejuvenating spa services, a dip in the indoor or outdoor pools, and a variety of distinctive restaurants and lounges. The 343 guestrooms and suites are all thoughtfully appointed and feature complimentary wireless internet, flat screen televisions, mini refrigerators, expandable work desks and Sleep Number® beds.

Dining - Star Plaza has an exciting selection of restaurants and lounges. The festive signature restaurant, T.J. Maloney's, Authentic Irish Pub features classic dishes. Star Café offers breakfast daily and celebrates more than 30 years of history at the Star Plaza Theatre. Guests can also enjoy a drink poolside at the Atrium Bar Lounge or kick off the day with a caffeine fix at the on-site full-service Starbucks®.

Entertainment - At Star Plaza, entertainment abounds. See top-name shows in the famed Star Plaza Theatre. Laugh it up with hilarious acts at the in-house Wisecrackers Comedy Club or enjoy live entertainment in T.J. Maloney's Authentic Irish Pub.





1. Star Plaza

800 East 81st Avenue
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-769-6311
www.starplaza.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Celebrity Ballroom	12,225	860	1400	675	-	-	-	79
Celebrity West	6,425	490	700	355	-	-	-	39
Celebrity Center	3,000	220	300	130	-	-	-	22
Celebrity East	2,800	150	225	105	-	-	-	16
Celebrity West Foyer	360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Composers Row	2,720	150	270	-	-	-	-	28
Armstrong	680	40	70	30	20	24	28	7
Beethoven	680	40	70	30	20	24	28	7
McCartney	680	40	70	30	20	24	28	7
Mozart	680	40	70	30	20	24	28	7
Executive Boardrooms								
Coronet Boardroom	100	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Ellington Boardroom	520	-	-	-	-	-	18	-
Grand Metro Ballroom	10,560	800	1200	450	-	-	-	92
Orpheum	680	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Paradise	680	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Palace	680	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Majestic	680	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Uptown	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
State	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Roxy	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Regal	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Ambassador	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Apollo	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Chicago	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Fox	800	40	75	30	24	30	20	5
Star Plaza Theater	37,000	-	3,400	-	-	-	-	-



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2. Courtyard by Marriott

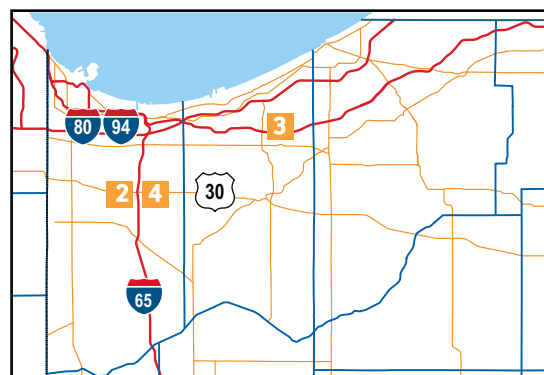
When every detail must be perfect, you can count on our advanced facilities and expert meeting professionals to deliver a productive and successful outcome. We have three meeting rooms totaling over 1600 square feet of meeting space to suit your needs.

3. Hilton Garden Inn Chesterton

Hilton Garden Inn – Chesterton, Indiana has function rooms for meetings or social events and an experienced team to handle all the details including creative on-site catering, audio/visual and conference services. The 2,500 sq. ft. of meeting space is perfect for business meetings or smaller social gatherings of all kinds.

4. Hilton Garden Inn Merrillville

The Hilton features three state-of-the-art banquet rooms in one of the region's newest and nicest hotels. Wedding and banquets up to 130 guests, meetings up to 175. Professional catering and banquet staff. Full A/V capabilities. Clearly, the new, prestigious, address for meetings and banquets done right.





2. Courtyard by Marriott

7850 Rhode Island Avenue
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-756-1600
 www.marriott.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Entire Meeting Room	1664	80	100	90	40	40	40	16
Half Meeting Room	832	30	50	30	20	24	25	-
Quarter Meeting Room	416	-	20	16	-	-	10	-



3. Hilton Garden Inn Chesterton

501 Gateway North
 Chesterton, Indiana
 219-983-9500
 www.chesterton.gardeninn.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Executive Boardroom	550						12	
Sandcreek	725	40	50	30	24	30	22	
Coffee Creek 1	550	32	50	24	18	24	18	
Coffee Creek 2	600	32	50	24	18	24	18	
Coffee Creek 1 & 2	1150	50-80	100	70	36	48	36	



4. Hilton Garden Inn Merrillville

7775 Mississippi Street
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-769-7100
 www.merrillville.hgi.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Conference Room	221	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Salon A	1566	65	125	50	30	30	30	-
Salon A & B	2590	125	175	75	-	-	-	15
Salon B	594	32	65	25	12	12	15	-
Salon C	624	32	50	24	12	12	15	-
Restaurant Area	1200	60	-	-	-	-	-	-



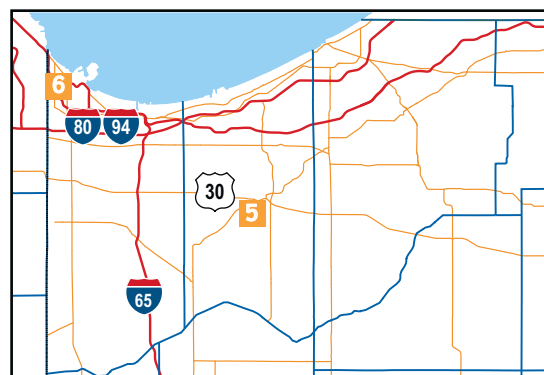
5. Inn at Aberdeen, Ltd

Whether you need a room for a small meeting of 4-6 individuals or prefer the Conference Room to spread out. The Inn at Aberdeen can meet your meeting and conference needs. The Inn has been rated for eight years now as the Northwest Indiana Business "Best Corporate Retreat" location by Indiana Business Magazine. Inn at Aberdeen was also rated the best bed and breakfast by the Northwest Indiana Times and Shore magazine. They can help plan your next function, casual or formal.



6. Ramada Conference Center

Enjoy white glove service to cut crystal chandeliers. From beginning to end the personal attention you receive is a trademark of our staff as we strive to exceed your expectations. Conveniently adjacent to Johnel's Restaurant and Lounge. Exit #5 from I-90.





Inn at
Aberdeen

5. Inn at Aberdeen

3158 South State Road 2
Valparaiso, Indiana
219-465-3753
www.innataberdeen.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Conference Room	550	64	64	64	32	24	64	-
Alloway Suite	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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6. Ramada Conference Center

4141 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, Indiana
219-933-0500
www.ramadahammond.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Dynasty Ballroom	7695	600	600	-	-	-	-	-
Dynasty I	2882	180	200	170	50	-	-	-
Dynasty II	1736	110	130	150	40	-	-	-
Dynasty III	2490	160	180	50	50	-	-	-
Dynasty IV	6000	360	400	350	-	-	-	-
Boardroom	292	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
Lakeshore Boardroom	240	-	-	-	-	-	12	-

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1. Avalon Manor

Elegance at affordable prices. Accommodates 15-1,000 people. Bridal suites, descending staircase, outdoor gazebo. Seminars, conferences, and banquet meetings. Crystal chandeliers, grand columns, high ceilings, and plush carpeting.

2. The Barn at County Line Orchard

Specializing in events of all sizes our timber frame barn has been the destination for elegant wedding receptions and formal business lunches. Rustic elegance at its finest.



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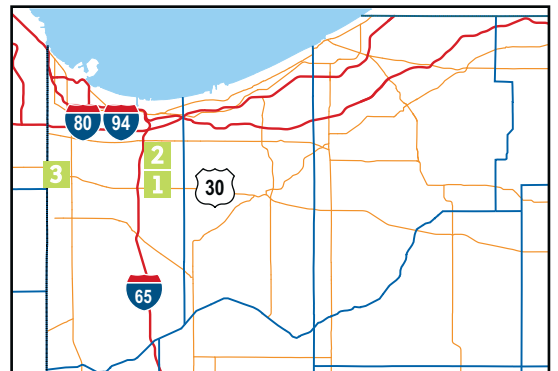
3. Centennial Park

Located on Calumet Avenue, just south of 45th Street in Munster, the Town's newest and largest park offers a banquet facility that can accommodate groups up to 210 people. The clubhouse is the perfect place to plan a wedding reception, shower, reunion, family gathering, luncheon or corporate meeting. The Centennial Ballroom can also be divided into three separate spaces.



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banquet space



AVALON MANOR
BANQUET CENTER

1. Avalon Manor
3550 E US Highway 30
Merrillville, Indiana
219-945-0888
www.avalonmanor.com

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Somerset	5200	400
Room A – Fountainview	2100	150
Room B – Stratford	2450	180
Room C – Carlisle	2450	180
Room D – Grandview	2100	150
A & B West – Ballroom	4550	350
C & D East –Ballroom	4900	350
Avalon Ballroom	9100	800
Avalon and Somerset	14300	1200
Conference Room	400	40
Mezzanines	600	40



2. The Barn at County Line Orchard
200 County Line Road
Hobart, IN
219-947-4477
www.countylineorchard.com

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Ballroom	28,000	1,000



3. Centennial Park
1005 S Centennial Drive
Munster, Indiana
219-836-7275
www.munster.org

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Ballroom (All 3 rooms)	3,081	210
Salon I	897	48
Salon II	1,287	72
Salon III	897	48
Restaurant	1,102	54





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4. Center for Visual and Performing Arts

For a truly unforgettable event, come to The Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Hosting weddings, banquets, dinner/dances, business meetings, and other gatherings of all sizes. With elegant dining, this arts venue offers a unique setting for showers, luncheons, events business meetings, 30-400 guests. Discover versatility and flexibility at The Center. Champagne Brunch every Sunday 11am- 2pm.

5. Halls of St. George

Northwest Indiana's finest banquet facility. Accommodations up to 1,000. Outdoor gazebo. Exquisite cuisine prepared on-site by European chef. Call for any milestone that needs to be remembered.

6. Lubeznik Center for the Arts

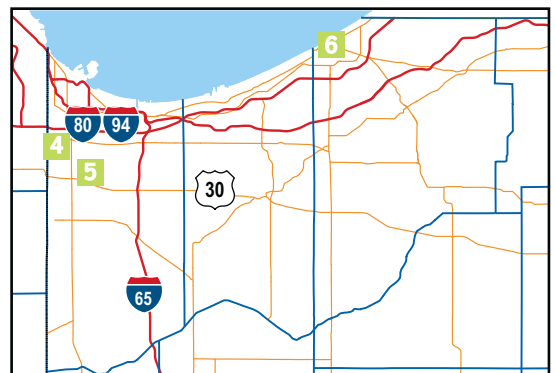
The Lubeznik Center for the Arts, at the lakefront in Michigan City, Indiana, is available as a unique, affordable setting for a variety of events: corporate, social, cultural or personal. The vibrant presence of fine art, photography and sculpture will add a special dimension to the occasion, making it memorable for you and your guests.



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4. Center for Visual and Performing Arts

1040 Ridge Road
 Munster, Indiana
 219-836-1950
 www.cvpa.org

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Entire East & West	5,887	500
East Dining Venue	2,764	200
West Dining Venue	3,123	240
Art Gallery	5,000	220
Board Room	1,709	90
Meeting Room	3,123	60
Lower Atrium	1,800	90
Upper Atrium	1,800	70
Green Room	900	20
Outside Terrace	-	50



5. Halls of St. George

905 E Joliet Street
 Schererville, Indiana
 219-865-9411
 www.hallsofstgeorge.com

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Whole Hall	16595	1000
Adriatic Room	6530	350
Mediterranean Room	7065	450
The Lounge	3000	125



6. Lubeznik Center for the Arts

101 W 2nd Street, Suite 100
 Michigan City, Indiana
 219-874-4900
 www.lubeznikcenter.org

Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds
Hyndman Gallery	2,500	150
Brincka/Cross Gallery	365	50
Lakeview Gallery	363	30
Nipsco Art Education Studios	1,000	50



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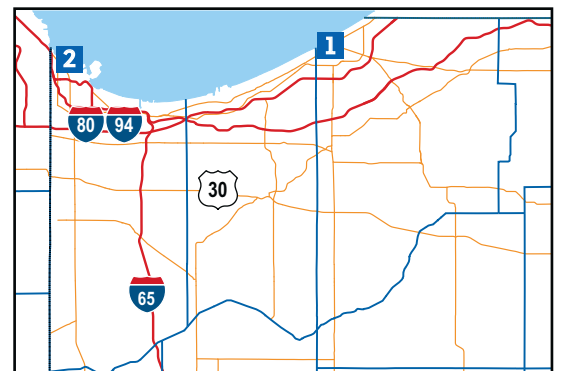
1. Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa

Ready and willing to accommodate meetings or parties of any size! Blue Chip Casino offers beautifully decorated ballrooms of all sizes, perfect for a party! They can help plan your next event, from small business meetings to holiday parties to wedding receptions.

2. The Venue at Horseshoe Casino

The all-new Horseshoe Casino was created to be the ultimate entertainment destination. No matter what the size, whatever the occasion, they have the perfect backdrop for any event imaginable. With a luxurious ballroom that can be split into three separate spaces, and four more sites that offer a host of different event opportunities, the possibilities are endless.

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1. Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa

777 Blue Chip Drive
Michigan City, Indiana
888-879-7711
www.bluechipcasino.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Stardust Event Center	15,000	870	1,300	831	156	207	-	80
Stardust 1	2,055	120	176	84	45	60	40	-
Stardust 2	2,055	120	176	84	42	57	40	-
Stardust 3	2,055	120	176	84	45	60	40	-
Stardust 1, 2 or 2, 3	4,110	240	432	231	75	100	64	-
Stardust 1, 2, 3	6,165	360	650	357	117	156	-	-
Stardust 4	1,720	80	132	96	39	51	40	-
Stardust 5	2,375	120	198	108	45	60	40	-
Stardust 6	1,725	80	132	96	39	51	40	-
Stardust 4, 5 or 5, 6	4,100	240	306	216	75	100	64	-
Stardust 4, 5, 6	5,820	340	540	285	-	156	-	-
Suncoast A	1,330	60	96	36	27	36	28	-
Suncoast B	1,330	60	96	36	27	36	28	-
Gold Cost A	796	40	63	24	18	24	22	-
Gold Cost B	808	40	63	24	18	24	22	-
Suncoast A, B	2,660	120	252	120	57	75	46	-
Gold Coast A, B	1,604	80	108	48	54	72	64	-

2. Horseshoe Casino



777 Casino Center Drive
Hammond, Indiana
219-473-7000
www.chicagohorseshoe.com



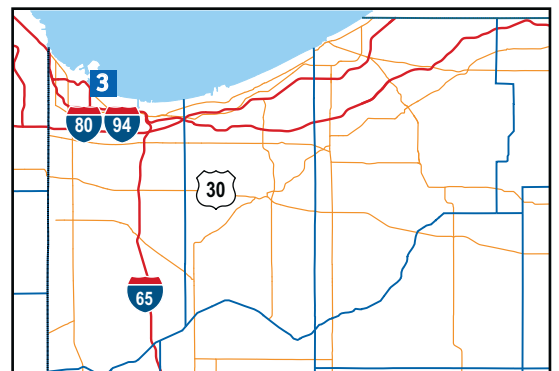
Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
The Venue	16,089	1,000	2,500	1,800	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite A	660	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite B	550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite C	550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite D	560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite E	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite F	620	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venue Suite B/C	1100	30	-	-	-	-	20	-
Venue Suite D/E	1110	30	-	-	-	-	20	-
Steakhouse Ballroom	2,370	170	250	130	60	-	-	-
Ballroom A	790	50	90	40	22	-	24	-
Ballroom B	790	50	90	40	22	-	24	-
Ballroom C	790	50	90	40	22	-	24	-
Ballroom A&B	1,580	100	180	80	40	-	50	-
Ballroom B&C	1,580	100	180	80	40	-	50	-
PUSH Bar	1600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vintage 51	1590	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Binion's Steakhouse	4,120	-	-	-	-	-	12	-
Seven Stars Lounge	4,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakeview Room	2,500	120	60	40	16	-	22	-

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3. Majestic Star Hotel & Casinos

Looking for a unique venue for your next meeting or event? Majestic Star Casino and Hotel has the facilities and service to make it a success. Located next to Buffington Harbor, this hotel and casino offers banquet facilities, conference/meeting rooms, a ballroom and exhibit space. The largest banquet room can seat up to 270 people. Just steps away from the casino are 12 restaurants/lounges, complimentary internet access in public areas, complimentary guest parking and more.





3. Majestic Star Casinos & Hotel

One Buffington Harbor Drive
Gary, Indiana
888-225-8259
www.majesticstar.com



Room Name	Sq. Ft.	Rounds	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shape	Hollow Sq.	Conference	Exhibition
Marquette Room	950	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gary Room	625	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakeshore Lounge	2,485	125	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Shore Events Center	2,055	270	-	-	-	-	-	-



1. Lighthouse Restaurant

7501 Constitution Avenue
 Cedar Lake, Indiana
 219-374-9283
www.cedarlakelighthouse.com



Seating for up to 250

Lighthouse Restaurant features beautiful banquet rooms enhanced by the scenic view of Cedar Lake. Accommodating up to 200 guests, they provide an extraordinary atmosphere and excellent cuisine. A Dream Destination!

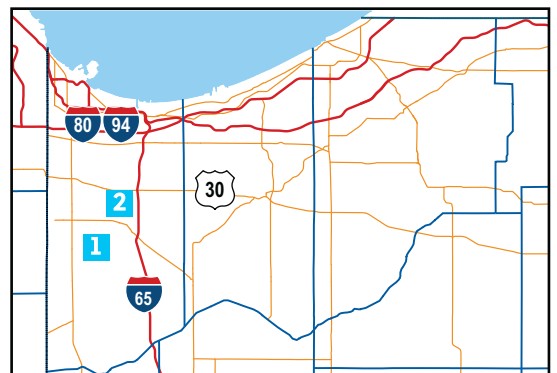
2. Lucrezia Ristorante

302 S Main Street
 Crown Point, Indiana
 219-661-5829
www.lucreziacafe.com



Seating for up to 70

Lucrezia's offers two private dining rooms on their second floor to host a private event. They can accommodate groups of twenty to seventy (20-70). With white, tablecloth setting upstairs for an elegant affair, or a casual, yet sophisticated setting. Lucrezia's mission is to ensure that every detail of an event is handled with great care by their staff, allowing guests to relax and enjoy every minute of their special occasion.





3. Strongbow Inn



2405 East U.S. 30
Valparaiso, Indiana
219-462-5121
www.strongbowinn.com

Seating for up to 500

Family owned and operated for 71 years, Strongbow is well known for its fine cuisine and excellent service. Offering a restaurant, banquet facilities, caterer and bakery. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Seen on Check Please and the History Channel.



4. Teibel's



1775 US Highway 41
Schererville, Indiana
219-865-2000
www.teibels.com

Seating for up to 225

For decades, Teibel's banquet rooms have been the place for family gatherings, weddings, anniversaries, holiday parties, class reunions and company events in northwest Indiana. As veterans in banquet room dining, our family and staff can put together an event that everyone will remember.

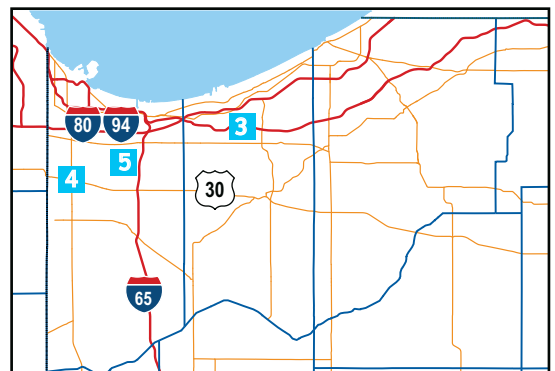
5. The Patio Restaurant and Lounge



7706 Broadway
Merrillville, Indiana
219-769-7990
www.the-patio.com

Seating for up to 400

Come in and enjoy succulent food and superior service that has been perfected for over 40 years. Our inviting atmosphere encourages you to celebrate all of life's special occasions, with a dining experience you will never forget.



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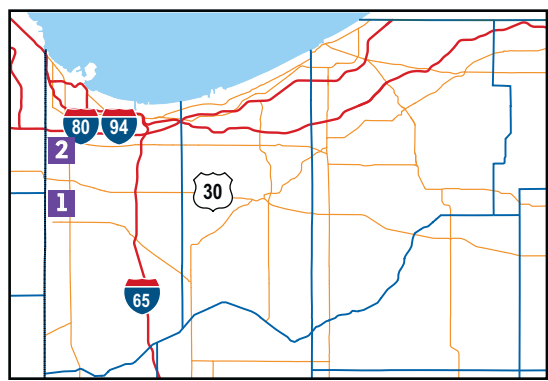


1. The Shrine of Christ's Passion
 10630 Wicker Ave
 St. John, Indiana
 219-365-6010
www.shrineofchristspassion.org

The Shrine of Christ's Passion is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. The pathway was created to provide a prayerful environment where all people can open their hearts to the journey of Christ's Passion and draw closer to the Lord. You then journey through the Passion of Christ as depicted in the Stations of the Cross. The journey consists of 40 life size bronze statues each with a listening station. At the end of the trip you can stop by the visitor's center which is home to a one-of-a-kind religious store that offers visitors a wide variety of inspirational gifts and books for people of all faiths.

2. Carmelite Shrine
 1628 Ridge Road
 Munster, Indiana
 219-838-7111
www.carmelitefathers.com

The Carmelite Shrine in Munster is truly a site to behold. Find samples in the 12 shrines of God-created beauty collected from all parts of the world in the form of crystals and colorful rocks, some of which come alive upon being exposed to ultraviolet rays. Also visit the monastery and chapel of Carmelite Order of monks which contains many works of religious art.



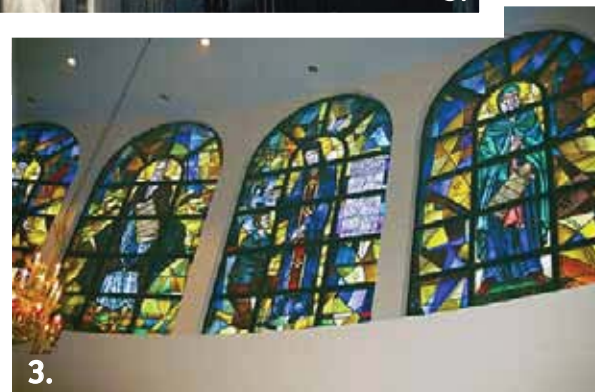
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3. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral

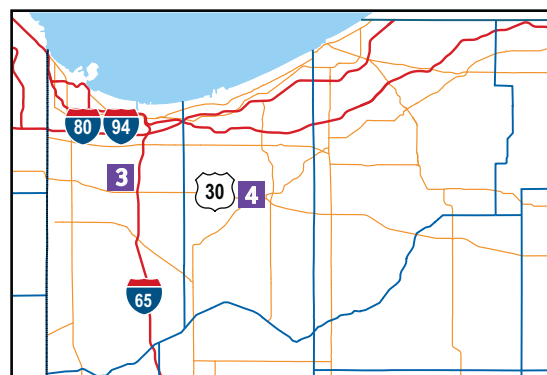
8000 Madison Street
Merrillville, Indiana
219-769-2481
www.ssconstantineandhelen.org

Size and beauty are just some of the things that make the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral so special. The only Greek Orthodox Cathedral in the state of Indiana, this structure features 20 stained glass windows. Learn the theological meaning of the cathedral's iconography and architecture.

4. Chapel of the Resurrection

1600 Chapel Drive
Valparaiso, Indiana
219-464-5093
www.valpo.edu/chapel

Tour the largest collegiate chapel in the country. The Chapel of the Resurrection is located on the Valparaiso University campus. The chapel was constructed in 1959 at the cost of \$7.5 million. Adjacent to the chapel, rising 140 feet into the sky is the free standing Brandt Campanile that houses 12 bronze bells, the largest of which weighs over 17,000 pounds.





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1. Albanese Confectionery

5441 East U.S. 30
 Hobart, Indiana
 219-947-3070
www.albaneseconfectionery.com

One of NW Indiana's best kept secrets. Lots of surprises await you at one of the World's Best Gummi and Gold Label Chocolate manufacturing facilities, complete with a factory direct outlet store with thousands of different candies and chocolates at below wholesale prices to the public.

2. Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center

2800 Colorado Street
 (Three Rivers County Park)
 Lake Station, Indiana
 219-963-2070
www.MyBellaboos.com

Creative, imaginative fun and play! Hands-on activities in twelve kid-sized pretend settings ideal for ages 9 and younger. Kids never know they're learning. Check the website for programs and fees.

3. Challenger Learning Center

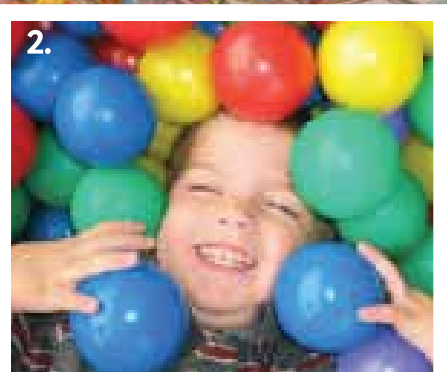
2300 173rd Street
 Hammond, Indiana
 (219) 989-3250
www.clcnwi.com

The Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana is a space science education center that is part of a network of international learning centers that carry on the educational mission of the Challenger 51-L crew and the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe.

4. Community Veterans Memorial

9710 Calumet & Superior Avenues
 Munster, Indiana
 219-836-3392
www.communityveteransmemorial.org

Dedicated to those who fight to preserve our freedoms. Memorials for WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm, set amidst landscapes of war-torn lands, linked by a memorial brick pathway and history trail. Honor a veteran with a brick today!



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5. County Line Orchard

200 County Line Road
 Hobart, Indiana
 219-947-4477
www.countylineorchard.com

Open daily in September and October. Family fun at its finest, County Line Orchard features u-pick apples, pumpkin patch, antique tractor rides, animal barnyard, corn maize, local foods and produce, country kitchen/grill, party village and campfires. Come out and spend the day at the orchard.

6. Deep River Waterpark

9001 East U.S. Highway 30
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-947-7850
www.deepriverwaterpark.com

The Midwest's favorite family waterpark offers dozens of rides and attractions for all ages. Located 4 1/2 miles east of I-65 on U.S. 30, we are open daily and offer lodging/camping packages. Check website for all info.

7. Fair Oaks Farms

856 North 600 East
 Fair Oaks, Indiana
 877-536-1194
www.fofarms.com

Fair Oaks Farms Adventure Center is located on an operating dairy farm and offers farm tours, interactive exhibits, birthing barn, 3D/4D movie, restaurant and gift shop. Fun for the family!

8. Gary SouthShore RailCats

One Stadium Plaza
 Gary, Indiana
 219-882-2255
www.railcatsbaseball.com

Experience the SouthShore RailCats Tradition of Excellence this summer at U.S. Steel Yard. RailCats baseball is all about fun, affordable family entertainment for fans of all ages! No ticket is more than \$10 and parking is always free.



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9. Hoosier Bat

4511 East Evans Avenue
 Valparaiso, Indiana
 219-531-1006
www.hoosierbat.com

We are a manufacturer of wood baseball bats for Major League, Minor League, college and high school players. We also have a gift shop with sports related gifts.

10. Indiana Ballet Theatre

8888 Louisiana Street
 Merrillville, Indiana
 219-755-4444
www.ibtnw.org

With more than 31 years of experience, IBT produces quality ballet productions. See our website for the 2011-2012 season.

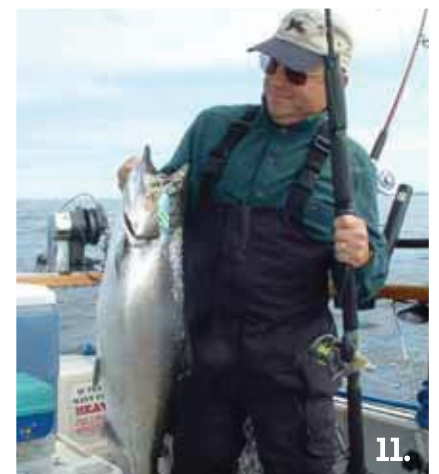
11. Indiana's North Coast Charter Association

www.charterfish.org

Brother Nature Charters: 877-725-6665,
 Schellfish Charters: 708-672-4454,
 Lakeside Charters: 219-730-4222,
 Anglers Adventure Charters: 404-787-7823,
 Fire Drill Charters: 317-710-0409,
 N'Pursuit Charters: 219-942-5767, Ace
 Perch Charters: 219-838-8510, Pair-A-
 Dice Charters: 219-793-3474, Southern
 Belle Charters: 574-993-0368, Just 4
 Fun Charters: 219-924-2593, Shadow
 Perch Charters: 219-789-4072



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12. Northwest Indiana Symphony

1040 Ridge Road
Munster Indiana
219-836-1839
www.nisorchestra.org

The orchestra is a group of 75 rostered professional musicians and is under the leadership of Music Director and Conductor, Kirk Muspratt. The season includes four classical and three pops concerts held at venues across Northwest Indiana.

13. South Shore Arts Association

1040 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana
219-836-1839
www.southshoreartsonline.org

Exhibits, art classes for children and adults, regional arts calendar, South Shore posters. For more information, visit our websites.

14. Taltree Arboretum & Gardens

450 West 100 North
Valparaiso, Indiana
219-462-0025
www.taltree.org

Formal gardens, prairies, woods and wetlands play host to concerts, special events and classes. Choose an activity, or claim a quiet corner surrounded by 300 acres of natural inspiration.



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family attractions

15. Theatre at the Center

Theatre at the Center
 1040 Ridge Road
 Munster, Indiana
 219-836-0422
www.theatreatthecenter.com

Performing arts that are at once appealing, educational, and accessible to the entire community.

16. Towle Theater

5205 Hohman Avenue
 Hammond, Indiana
 219-937-8780
www.towletheater.org

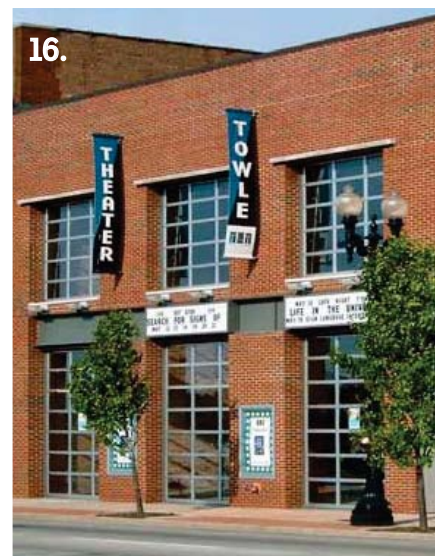
Enjoy professional quality theater in an intimate setting. Year-round programs include music, dance and theatrical premieres. Home to "A Fabulous 50's Christmas," NW Indiana's very own holiday tradition.

17. Zig-E's Funland

8176 Wicker Avenue
 St. John, Indiana
 219-558-0596
www.zigesfunland.com

NWI's #1 place for family fun! 50 + game arcade, go-karts, miniature golf, batting cages, bungee trampoline, LAN center, birthday parties, fundraisers and corporate events.

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