



## News Release

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### **Lafayette Parks & Recreation announces new programs at McAllister Recreation Center**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – March 12, 2025** – Lafayette Parks & Recreation is launching several new programs at McAllister Recreation Center this spring. Programs are designed for a variety of age groups and interests.

"We are thrilled to offer a full roster of new programs at McAllister," said McAllister Manager Chad Aldridge. "From kids to seniors, there really is something for everyone at McAllister Recreation Center. We're excited to open our doors and invite the community in to try something new and have some fun with us!"

#### **Brain Boosters**

This brand new FREE education seminar series at McAllister Recreation Center takes place the second Tuesday of each month at 10am. Each Brain Booster seminar will feature a different expert in their field on topics such as fire safety, tax information, personal health and safety, community engagement, and much more! Participants are invited to enjoy light refreshments as they engage with our featured speaker of the month. Prior registration is not required for these free events.

#### **GrandVenture Club**

The newly announced GrandVenture Club is an annual membership that includes weekly activities and play sessions for grandparents and their grandchildren. Members of the GrandVenture Club also get access to exclusive membership benefits such as an annual membership and annual youth pass to McAllister Recreation Center, a discount on all McAllister Daycation Bus Trips, Tropicanae Cove day passes, Columbian Park Express Train ride passes, and Water Walking passes. **The GrandVenture Club membership is \$100 for the year and covers up to two grandparents and two grandchildren. McAllister's first activity session, "Make Your Own Playdough," will take place Wednesday, March 19 from 9am-11am. Sessions are free for GrandVenture Club Members and just \$5 for non-members, however as a special promotion, this first introductory session will be FREE.**

#### **REFIT**

The new fitness program, REFIT, will start at McAllister on Monday, March 17, taking place Mondays and Fridays at 9am, and Wednesdays at 1pm. REFIT combines powerful moves and positive music to create an



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exciting, fun workout for all ages, shapes, and sizes. **The community is invited to try classes for FREE March 17 through March 31!**

### **Coding Mind: Scratch**

McAllister has teamed up with Coding Mind Academy to offer a new coding for kids program. Scratch is an educational platform developed by the famous MIT Media Lab for elementary and middle school students to learn computer programming. By using a more graphical and friendly programming language, students can quickly learn and create fun animations and game projects! **This program will take place every Thursday beginning March 13 from 6-7pm and go through May 1.**

For more information about McAllister Recreation Center's new programs, please call (765) 807-1360 or visit [lafayetteparks.org](http://lafayetteparks.org). Register online for programs via the [Parks Department's online registration portal](#).

**About Lafayette Parks and Recreation** The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 32 miles of paved trails. The city's trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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