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www.wabashanderiecanal.org

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A PAID UP

MEMBER? There are important reasons why many people have chosen the Canal to enjoy, join and support. Have you seen the new easy to use portal on our website that will allow you to [donate, renew membership or become a new member](#) while securely using your credit card.

Special categories include the coveted **468 Mile Club**. Show your support of the Canal. It encourages an annual "dollar per mile" contribution by our ardent supporters and commemorates the 468 miles that the Wabash & Erie Canal ran when it was completed in 1853. It ultimately connected the nineteenth century manmade waterway from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana. Delphi, midway in distance from each end, has the only publicly accessible, usable, recreational mile long watered section remaining of the W&E inside Indiana. Ohio does have several accessible watered sections.

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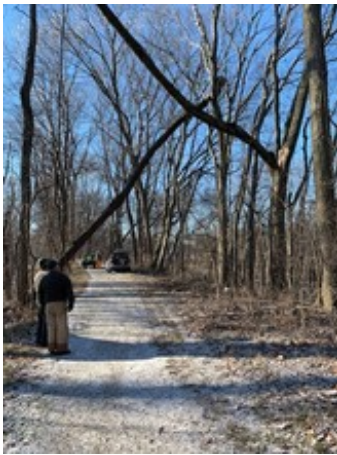
SPRING NEWS from CANAL PARK



After a full year of COVID 19 perhaps we are like the rest of this country. ***Which way will we go and how soon do we get there?*** it seems confusing that so many months have passed without much going on but now we intend on finding our way.



It is sort of like getting our "ducks in a row" (but these are goslings) and **we do have a plan.**



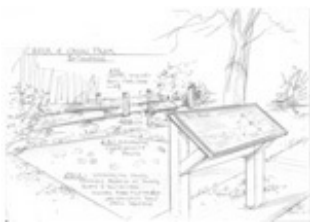
Outside we have many miles of wooded trails and some with downed and leaning trees to to dispose of. So we offered the community a "free firewood day" in January to clear up the surplus wood.



Dozens of truck crews came to gather firewood that winter day and appreciated the offering.

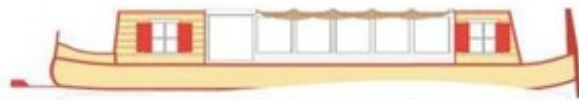
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Wabash & Erie Canal

2021

Festivals

July 3	Canal Days Festival	10-4pm
Dec 4	Christmas at the Canal Festival	10-4pm

Events

May 8	Village Spring Landscape Cleanup Day	9-12pm
May 29	Workman's Cabins Grand Opening & Canal Boat Opening Day	1-4pm
June 12	Visit Pioneer Village Crafters & Docents	1-4pm
Aug 7	Kids' Fun Day in the Pioneer Village	1-4pm
Sept 4-5	Canal Boat Season Closing Weekend	1-4pm
Oct 19	Wabash & Erie Canal Annual Meeting	7pm
Oct 23	Village Fall Landscape Cleanup Day	9-12pm
Nov 6	Hike the Trails Day in the Park	1-4pm
Dec 26	Day After Christmas Walk guided tour	1pm

Weekends May 29 through Sept 5

Canal Boat Rides 1:30 & 2:30pm*

Pioneer Village Crafters 1-4pm

Interpretive Museum* Reed Case House Tours* Kids Canal Playboat*

1030 N Washington St. Delphi, IN 46923

Closed New Years Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day,

Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

*Visit www.wabashanderiecanal.org or 765 564-2870 for details



Looking for Volunteer Gardeners at Canal Park

Enjoy being outdoors? We would love to have you join us this season as part of our gardening group. We have over a dozen established gardens all with historic plants as their them. Butterfly Garden, Medicinal Plants Garden, Bicentennial Garden, Black Eyed Susans and Purple Coneflower are just a few. You might like to care for a garden on your own or join in with others. We can show you which plants to save and which need to be removed. Lots of fun with others who like to garden. Contact: Linda Cooper WEC Volunteer coordinator 765-237-8717 lrcoper@outlook.com or check out our beautiful new website



The Little White Church makes a perfect space for small weddings and family events. With its location across the bridge from Pioneer Village and the setting as a rural church of the 1880s it is impressive in its ambiance.



And for Sarah and James the church was the setting for their wedding--then a boat ride on the adjacent canal. Wedding receptions and group tours offer this option as part of historical setting of Canal Park.

Contact reservations@canalcenter.org



Inside the Little White Church is seating for 50 and an old foot pump church organ on stage.

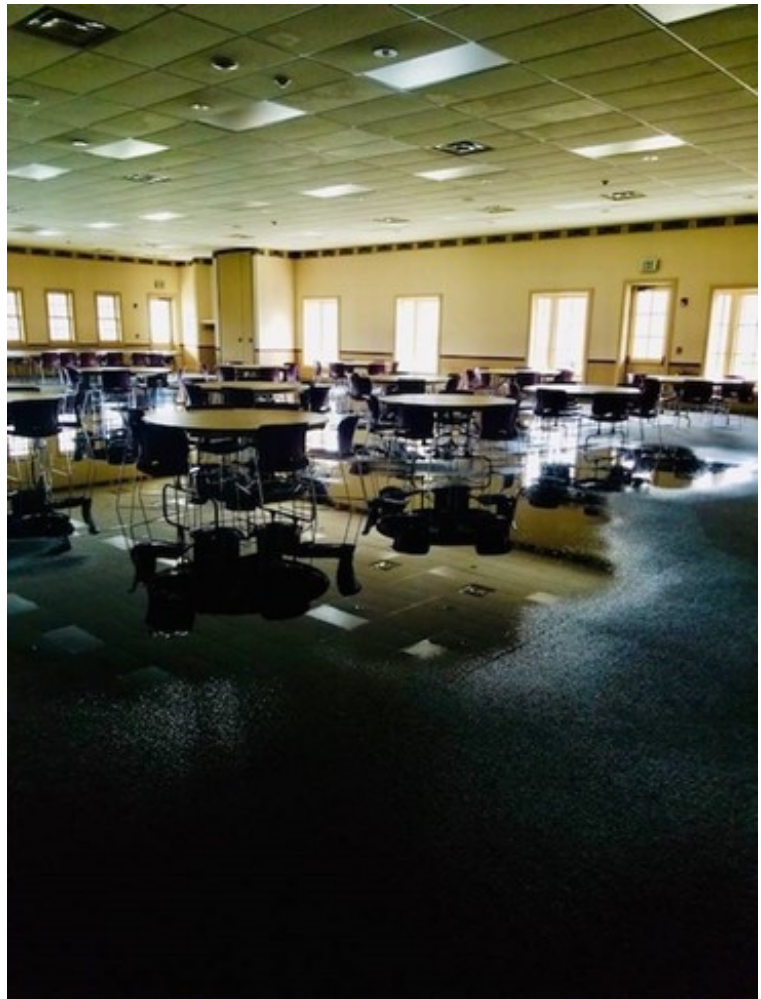


For two that like each other (the

www.wabashanderiecanal.org for details. Our [Spring Landscape Cleanup Day](#) is [May 8th 9-Noon](#). A great way to see the canal area and meet some of the gardeners.



Gardens like this bring color and beauty to Canal Park.



So what was the winter like for us inside the Canal Center? We didn't have events with people but we did have a big surprise in November. It was "flooding" from a broken water main inside the building. It caused damage, but with good insurance we are just about back to readiness for crowds again as Covid issues allow. We look forward to adding many weddings, reunions, meetings and visitors as the summer progresses and with events outside that bring

Cooper's dogs) it makes a place to enjoy the day.



Disturbance to exhibit items on the floor in our Museum, like this imprint of a wooden lock sill, had water damage and some remediation was required.



Damage to the carpet padding under this walk feeling like a "spongy boardwalk" required this exhibit be repaired. This exhibit illustrates early days transportation as villages emerged. This was a way to handle swampy land crossings.



Carpet padding provided the sponginess needed to give the feel of walking on planks over unstable ground.

Did you know...



Did you know you could hold your wedding, party, large meeting or conference at the Canal?

people to our popular recreated Pioneer Village.



Starting with the flooding that covered the floors of about two-thirds of the Canal Center including the Museum we contracted with a firm that utilizes special drying equipment and they drilled holes in the wallboard to remove the moisture. Baseboards removed and holes letting air in the walls allowed drying and are now back in place.

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We offer a variety of options for each different type of event.

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