

what's up WEST SIDE

a quarterly update on
West Side events and resources



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Cato Park

200 Baker Ln | Mon-Sun 6am-11pm | 304-348-6860

Discover the deeper treasures of Cato Park in the West Side hills. The community pool is a local favorite, but how many miles have you explored of the expansive **Cato Trail System** for hiking and biking?

At the bottom of the hill, you can serve up with a friend at the **tennis courts**. At the top, let your furry friends roam in the **dog park**, test your aim at the **archery range**, or enjoy friendly matches on the newly turfed **soccer pitches**!

How's your score on the **18-hole disc golf course** or **9-hole golf course**? Cato offers the best opportunities for wooded outdoor adventure close to your doorstep.



photo by Rafael Barker

Skatepark of Charleston

Mon-Sun 8am-8pm

Hit your next big trick at the Skatepark under the shade of the I-64 bridge by Magic Island. The park is made up of a variety of **ramps, quarter pipes, half pipes, and grind ledges**. Open daily, this free park provides a safe space for all ages and abilities to ride **boards, inline skates, scooters, and BMX!**



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Jon'Tavese O'Mari Brown 2000-2021

A year before passing on, the young volunteer and athlete, Jon, started **the Jungle**—an annual 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament at the 2nd Ave Community Center. This year it will take place **July 2**. He wanted to bring the community together during the pandemic, and passed the baton to his family on his death bed. His good friend, Jabbar Thompson, also carries on his wishes for togetherness through community athletic events like **The Vibe**.



Beatrice Park Courts

Ball out at the new Beatrice Park Courts! These **two full-sized outdoor basketball courts** are perfect to shoot hoops and join pick-up games. Plus, there's a **playground and swings** for kids.

The Vibe Thurs - 8:30pm

Friends of Midian Leadership Group lead a **community basketball league** for those in Middle School, High School, and Elementary coming soon. Watch the games every Thursday at Beatrice through the summer or reach out to join the action!

Call **681-341-2708** to try out for a team!

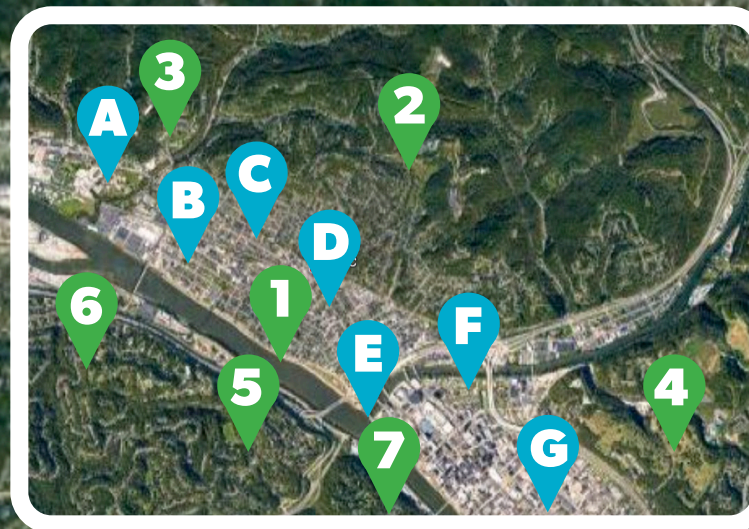


Midian Safe Haven

711 Park Ave | Mon-Thu 2pm-8pm | 304-382-8288

Across from West Side Middle School is a sanctuary for youth under 21 seeking a space to call their own. It's got the freshest **indoor basketball court**, a stocked **library**, **comfortable areas** to chill, **games, computers, and tables** for focused work as well as a state-of-the-art **gym** featuring a turf floor, weights, and fitness equipment.

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The Rattie Arboretum

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Magic Island

Mon-Sun 6am-11pm

West Side loves Magic Island! Cool off at the **splash park**, play some football by the river, explore the **playground**, or gather friends for **volleyball on the sand courts**. The **path along Kanawha Boulevard** is the smoothest in town for biking, rolling, or running. The Charleston Parkrun group meets every single Saturday morning at 9am for a run.

North Charleston Community Center

Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-5pm
711 Park Ave | 304-348-6884

It might be the best West Side spot to beat the heat! The **pool** offers a cool oasis on hot summer days. Challenge your friends to a game of **baseball** on the field. People of all ages can join in matches of **pickleball** and **table tennis**. There's also regular pick-up games of **basketball** and **volleyball** on their indoor court. Stay in shape and let off some energy at the fully equipped **fitness gym**. The **game room** is open daily with air hockey, foosball, and more!

2nd Avenue Community Center

1411 2nd Ave | 681-427-3434

It's been a vital hub for children of the West Side for nearly a century especially since New Life Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church transformed the building and started an afterschool program. During summer, access to the inside is limited, but the **playground** and **outdoor basketball courts** are popular while school is out. Check in with the center for events and **food pantry** every **2nd Wednesday** of the month (starts at 3pm).

what's happening?

Free Food Pantry
3rd Saturdays | 12pm
JUN 17 | JUL 15 | AUG 19
A More Excellent Way Life Center
@504 Virginia St W



West Side Neighborhood Association Meetings
4th Thursdays, 6pm via Zoom
JUN 22 | JUL 20 | AUG 24
email to join: covers6053@aol.com



Introduction to Laser Cutting
6/14 | 7/12 | 8/16 (1pm-3pm)
Basic Sewing Class
6/14 | 7/12 | 8/16 (9am-12pm)
Register for FREE 681-265-3745



Charleston Parkrun
Sat | 9am
@ Magic Island Park

Co-Op Academy by The Freedom Project
Jul 15 - Sep 2 (8 FREE Workshops)
for starting or growing your business
email mavery@newwv.coop



FamilyCare Kids Summer Bash
Sat, Jun 10 | 11am-5pm @ 116 Hills Plaza
Patrick St Plaza



Inaugural WV Black Pride Festival
Sat, Jun 11 | 11am-7pm
Magic Island



Public Art Mural Bike Tour with WV Climate Alliance
Wed, Jun 14 | 5:30pm-6:30pm @ 226 Capitol St
starts at Taylor Books



Juneteenth Parade & Festival
Sat, Jun 17 | 12pm-1pm Parade @ MLK Center
Sat, Jun 17 | 1pm-5pm Festival @ City Center Slack Plaza



Ice Cream & The Arts with Charleston Main Streets
Sat, Jun 17 | 4pm-7pm @ W Washington St
Elk City



2023 Juneteenth Celebration
Sat, Jun 17 | 5pm-9pm @ 1900 Kanawha Blvd E
WV State Capitol Complex



Unstuck Chuck Clean Up
Sat, Jun 24 | 1pm-3pm @ 317 W Washington St
Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church



Jungle Tournament
Sat, Jul 2 | 12pm-8pm @ 1411 2nd Ave
2nd Ave Community Center

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Health Right 511 Central Ave
CommUNITY Wellness Center



DANCE CLASSES
Tue 4:30pm - Modern Dance (ages 6-10)
Tue 5:00pm - Ballet (ages 3-5)
Tue 5:30pm - Ballet (ages 6-10)
Tue 6:00pm - Tec Style Hip Hop Fitness



COOKING CLASSES
1st Mondays 5:00pm - Sizzle Sprouts (Kids)
Wed 1pm & 5pm - CHOP it Like it's Hot
Thu 1pm & 5pm - Stealthy Healthy

North Charleston Community Center

2009 7th Ave | 304-348-6884



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Pickle Ball - Tue, Thu, Fri 9am-12pm
Table Tennis & Pickle Ball - Mon 5:30pm-8:45pm
Men's Open Runs Basketball - Mon, Wed 12:00pm-2:30pm
Soul Step - Thu 6pm-7pm
Kids In Motion Fitness Class - Wed 6:30pm-7:30pm
Socializing Through Play - 3rd Wednesdays 10:30am-1pm
Bingo Night - 4th Fridays 4:30-6:30pm

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Sat 9am-5pm




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