Anthony Copeland, Mayor

East Chicago Special Events

3301 Aldis Avenue • East Chicago, IN 46312
(219) 391-8482
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February 13, 2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of East Chicago Special Events Committee is once again reaching out to request your participation in the attached events for 2026. The Special Events Committee's goal is to produce safe and consistent family-oriented entertainment for residents and visitors of East Chicago. Our previous events have been successful due to the aid and support of sponsorship funds which help produce and promote high quality events for the enjoyment of residents and visitors from Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland areas.

Our committee is again seeking your support as a sponsor for the 2026 scheduled Special Events, Park Department Events and FUSIC Fest which are in the planning stages. As a sponsor, a variety of marketing opportunities will be made available in exchange for your support and commitment which benefits include:

- High visibility on all printed materials, to include display/advertising on billboards, flyers, city related website, radio and social media outlets and/or event signage displays.
- Opportunities to enrich the local economy while improving the quality of lives for our residents and local businesses.

Attached you will find the sponsorship form detailing each sponsorship level for your consideration. It is requested that you not dedicate your donation to any one particular event so that we can use the funds where most needed. Please contact the undersigned as soon as possible with your form if you intend to submit for a Diamond, Gold, Silver, or Bronze sponsorship level so that we can obtain your high quality (pdf, eps) with logo to forward to our media vendors as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this worthy endeavor to enrich the lives of all East Chicagoans! Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact via email Natalie Adams at nadams@eastchicago.com or via phone at (219) 391-8482.

Sincerely,

Natalie Adams
Special Events Coordinator

Attachments

Committee Members

Anthony Copeland, Mayor
Marino Solorio, Parks Superintendent
Natalie Adams, Marina Director
Sandra Favela, Chief of Staff
Winna Guzman, Water Director

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2026 Sponsorship Form

Company Name	Contact Name/Title
Address/City/State/Zip	
Telephone	Email

Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Level Sponsors

☐ Diamond Level $50,000 or more $ _____

- Highlights sponsors within all City-event marketing (i.e. Parks, Police, Fire, Health, etc.)
- Highlight and mentions on billboards, event banners, digital and social media, City website
  High Quality (pdf, eps) with logo ~ Email to Jasmine Flowers jflower@eastchicaco.com and Malcolm Jones malcolm@managedbyjones.com
- Eight (8) complimentary VIP entrance passes to annual FUSIC Fest event, including any planned premium seating and eight (8) parking passes
- Exclusive one day event use of Jeorse Park beach/splash pad for Sponsors staff

☐ Gold Level $25,000 to $49,999 $ _____

- Sponsor highlights and mentions within press releases, flyers and programs
- Highlight and mentions on billboards
  High Quality (pdf, eps) with logo ~ Email to Jasmine Flowers jflower@eastchicaco.com and Malcolm Jones malcolm@managedbyjones.com
- Sponsor mentions throughout event banners, digital and social media, City website
- Six (6) complimentary VIP entrance passes to annual FUSIC Fest event, including any planned premium seating and six (6) parking passes
- Exclusive one day event use of Jeorse Park beach/splash pad for Sponsors staff

☐ Silver Level $10,000 to $24,999 $_____

- Sponsor highlights and mentions within press releases, flyers and programs
- Highlight and mentions on billboards
  High Quality (pdf, eps) with logo ~ Email to Jasmine Flowers jflower@eastchicaco.com and Malcolm Jones malcolm@managedbyjones.com
- Sponsor mentions throughout event banners, digital and social media, City website
- Two (2) complimentary VIP entrance passes to annual FUSIC Fest event, including any planned premium seating and two (2)) parking passes

☐ Bronze Level $5,000 to $9,999 $_____

- Sponsor mentions throughout event banners, digital and social media, City website
- Two (2) complimentary VIP entrance passes to annual FUSIC Fest event

☐ Copper $5,000 and under $_____

- Sponsor mentions throughout event banners, digital and social media, City website

Total Amount of Sponsorship	$

Please return this form along with your check payable to the City of East Chicago and mail to:
Special Events Committee, Attn.: Natalie Adams, Coordinator, 3301 Aldis Street • East Chicago, IN 46312
For wiring instructions, questions or additional information, please email Natalie Adams at nadams@eastchicago.com or call (219) 391-8482

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Discover The Fun in... East Chicago, Indiana 2026

APRIL
Autism Walk
Saturday, April 11th
Tod Park
12pm - 3pm

JUNE
Rhythm & Soul Juneteenth Celebration
Saturday, June 20th
Washington Park
2pm - 8pm

JULY
Independence Day Fireworks
Friday, July 3rd
9:30pm

Salsa in the Park
Saturday, July 18th
Washington Park
2pm - 8pm

AUGUST
FUSIC Fest *Tentative*
Fri, July 31st - Sun, August 2nd
Jeorse Park Beach









Kielbasa Fest
Saturday, August 22nd
Kosciuszko Park at 2pm - 8pm

Festival de la Monarca
Saturday, August 29th
Kosciuszko Park, at 11am
For this event only, vendors contact
The Nature Conservancy:
- Jessica F (708) 828-6257
- Joel P (219) 576-3938

SEPTEMBER
Viva Fest
Saturday, September 19th
Washington Park at 2pm-8pm

5K Run/Walk, Mayor-A-Thon
Saturday, September 26th
Tod Park
9am Registration, Race at 10am

NOVEMBER
Veterans Day Ceremony
Tuesday, November 10th
Veterans Park at 11am

DECEMBER
Celebration of Lights
Friday, December 4th at 5pm





June 11, 2026
Tod Park

June 25, 2026
Washington Park

July 9, 2026
Kosciuszko Park

July 23, 2026
Nuñez Park





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Fun in the Parks 2026

East Chicago, Indiana

February
Sweetheart Dance
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Riley Park
5 pm

March
Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, March 28, 2026
Washington Park
1 pm

April
Earth Week Celebration
April 20th - 24th, 2026
EC Greenhouse

Arbor Day Celebration
Friday, April 24, 2026
Marktown Park
10 am

May
Senior Brunch Flower Show
Thursday, May 7, 2026
Greenhouse
11 am

June
Batter's Day - Hotdogs & Suds
Sunday, June 7, 2026
Block Stadium
9 am

August
Trip to Shipshewana
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
Departure from Block Stadium
7:30 am







Seniors on the Lake
Thursday, August 13, 2026
EC Marina
11 am

September
5K Run/Walk, Mayor-A-Thon
Saturday, September 26, 2026
Tod Park
9 am

Senior Trip to Navy Pier
Thursday, September 10, 2026
Departure from Block Stadium
8 am

October
EC Hallow
Friday October 16, 2026
Tod Park
5 pm

November
Pumpkin Smash
Saturday, November 7, 2026
EC Parks Office
1 pm

December
Holiday Toy Drive
Friday, December 4, 2026
Location TBD



FOR INDOOR FUN AND FITNESS VISIT HERITAGE HALL & UNITY COMMUNITY CENTERS

CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER STARS CAMP JUNE thru JULY





As many park events require registration or payment, please contact the Park Department at (219) 391-8474 30 days prior to the date of the event.
visit "www.Eastchicago.com" for more info.

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Form **W-9**
(Rev. March 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See *Specific Instructions* on page 3.

1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.

3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor ☐ C corporation ☐ S corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) . . . . .

Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☑ Other (see instructions) GOVERNMENT

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any)

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)

3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions . . . . . ☐

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.

4525 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD.

Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code

EAST CHICAGO, IN 46312

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here | **Signature of U.S. person** | **Date** 5 JANUARY 2026

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they