

German township a year in review

2023

We had significant building and land improvements. Which included the installation of two new doors the front and back of the Center. The construction of a handicap access ramp complete with railing and new stairs. Additionally, a new roof was added to the pavilion, enhancing its structural integrity and functionality. These improvements reflect our commitment to enhancing accessibility and safety for all members of our community while ensuring the longevity of our facilities.

The upstairs bathroom underwent a remodel, enhancing both functionality and aesthetics. Additionally, two new door closures were installed for the downstairs bathroom, ensuring smooth and controlled door movement. In the men's restroom a new slop sink was added, providing utility for users.

Furthermore, upgrades extended to the ceilings with new tiles installed in the coat area, bathrooms, and kitchen downstairs, enhancing the overall appearance and functionality of these areas. To comply with commercial kitchen regulations, a three-bay sink was installed alongside a dedicated handwashing station, facilitating efficient food preparation and sanitation practices.

Safety measures were also prioritized, with the installation of a fire suppression system to safeguard against potential emergencies.

Upgrades in the lighting throughout the kitchen for improved visibility and ambiance.

In terms of infrastructure, two new ac units, plus one Furness, and a hot water heater were installed. Exterior improvements included the resurfacing of the parking lot, enhancing safety and aesthetics for visitors. Additionally, a pickleball ball court was installed, providing a recreational amenity for our community members to enjoy. These comprehensive upgrades demonstrate our dedication to enhancing the functionality, safety, and appeal of our facilities for the benefit of all our residents.

German township hosted a series of educational and community building events. These included a first aid and CPR class led by our own firefighter from the clay territory fire, providing valuable lifesaving skills to participants. Additionally, a self-defense class conducted by a SWAT trainer from the City of South Bend. He offered residents practical techniques for personal safety.

A shot clinic was organized, promoting community health and vaccination awareness. Several giveaways further enriched the community experience, including a backpack give away with school supplies. We also had a hat and glove giveaway benefiting local families. Notably 50% of the giveaway was generously donated by the friends of German Township, highlighting the collaborative spirit within the community.

We held four successful events throughout the year. The summer picnic, despite the smog caused by the wildfires in Canada, saw a strong turnout, with much of the food generously donated by Stanz. Trunk or treat was a collaborative effort with the Sheriff and the fire department, providing a safe and enjoyable Halloween celebration for families. The

annual chili hotdog supper and the potluck brought community members together for delicious foods and fellowship.

In prioritizing safety, a defibrillator was purchased for the center, further enhancing emergency preparedness, ensuring the well-being of all who utilize the facility, these events and initiatives underscore German Townships commitment to education, and community engagement, and safety for all residents.