

A view from Mastodon Way of the planned music technology building on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. (Rendering provided courtesy of Design Collaborative)

\$15 Million from Next State Budget Helps Bring New Purdue Fort Wayne Music Technology Building Closer to Reality

A proposed music technology building on the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus is receiving a massive boost from \$15 million allocated for the project in the new state budget. That funding, in addition to the matching \$3 million lead gifts announced in August from Chuck and Lisa Surack and the Auer Foundation, pulls the university within striking range of the estimated \$22 million it will cost to build and equip this state-of-the-art center.

"Having those at the Statehouse recognize the positive impact our programs are having in the region and beyond is energizing to our students, faculty, and staff," said John O'Connell, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. "With this new space, we will be able to again double the total number of students in our popular music, music industry, and music technology programs. This new facility will also help cement their growing national reputation and take Fort Wayne closer to its objective of being a 'Top 10 Music City' over the next decade."

Preliminary plans for the new, 26,000-square-foot music technology building call for site work to begin in 2024 with an opening date projected for fall 2027. Additional funding from private donors is still being sought.

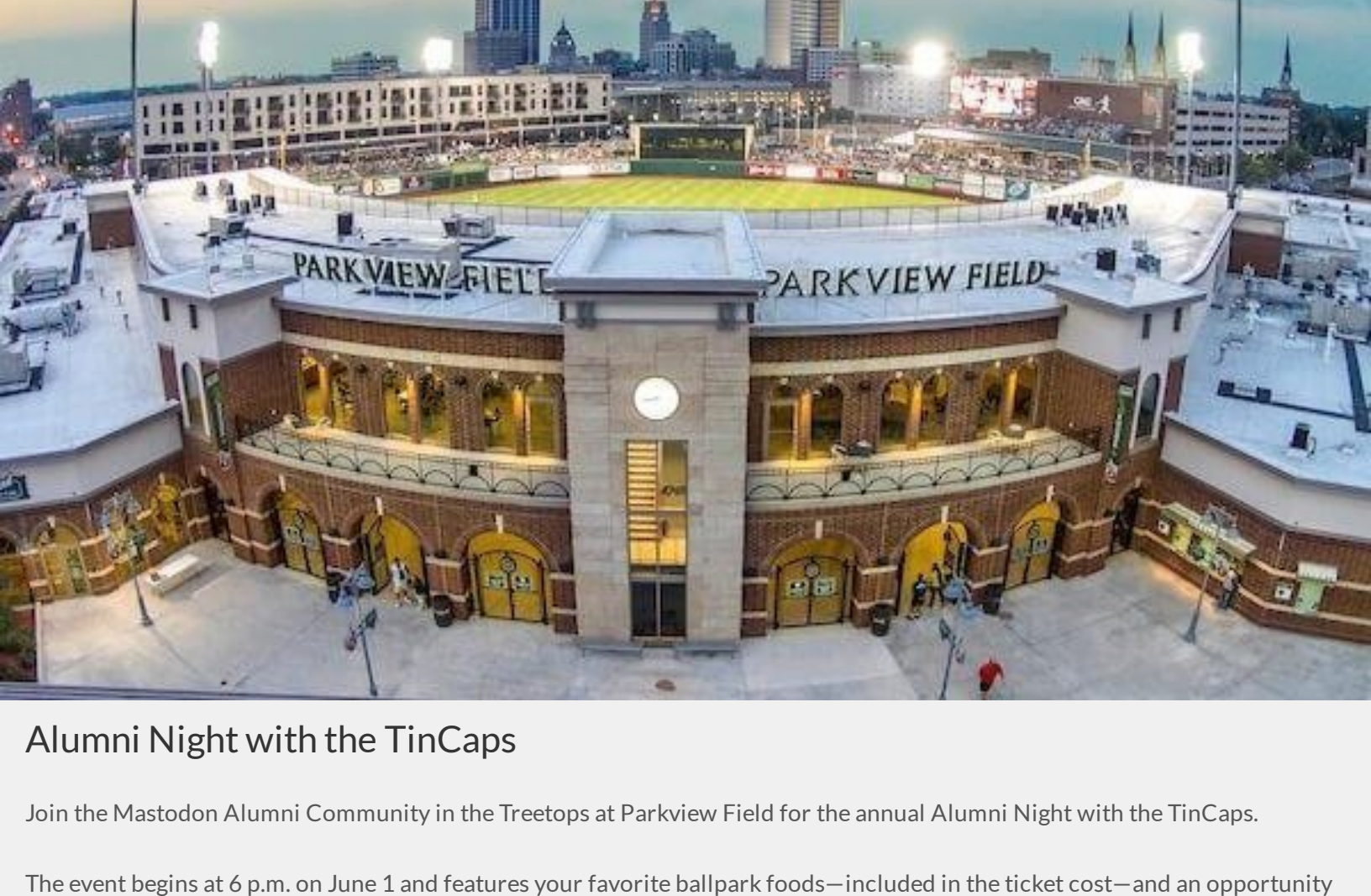
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Recordings Now Available for Two Recent University Open Forums

Purdue Fort Wayne recently held two open forums to share important information and updates with faculty and staff. On April 26, university leadership assembled at Neff Hall to discuss how the annual budget process works and provide an overview of the current budget outlook for the 2023–24 academic year. A recording of that session can be viewed by [clicking here](#). Slides from this town hall are available [here](#).

On Monday, Jeff Malanson, special assistant to the chancellor for strategic initiatives, hosted a virtual open forum that recapped the university's 2022–23 Quality of Place efforts and shared the final recommendations of the Quality of Place Action Planning Team. A recording of that session is [available here](#); read a summary of the team's recommendations [here](#).

Check out all the latest information about PFW's strategic plan implementation efforts, updates on upcoming open forums, and links to recordings of past forums [online](#).



Alumni Night with the TinCaps

Join the Mastodon Alumni Community in the Treetops at Parkview Field for the annual Alumni Night with the TinCaps.

The event begins at 6 p.m. on June 1 and features your favorite ballpark foods—included in the ticket cost—and an opportunity to reconnect with fellow Mastodons. Enjoy complimentary beer and wine as the hometown team takes on the South Bend Cubs.

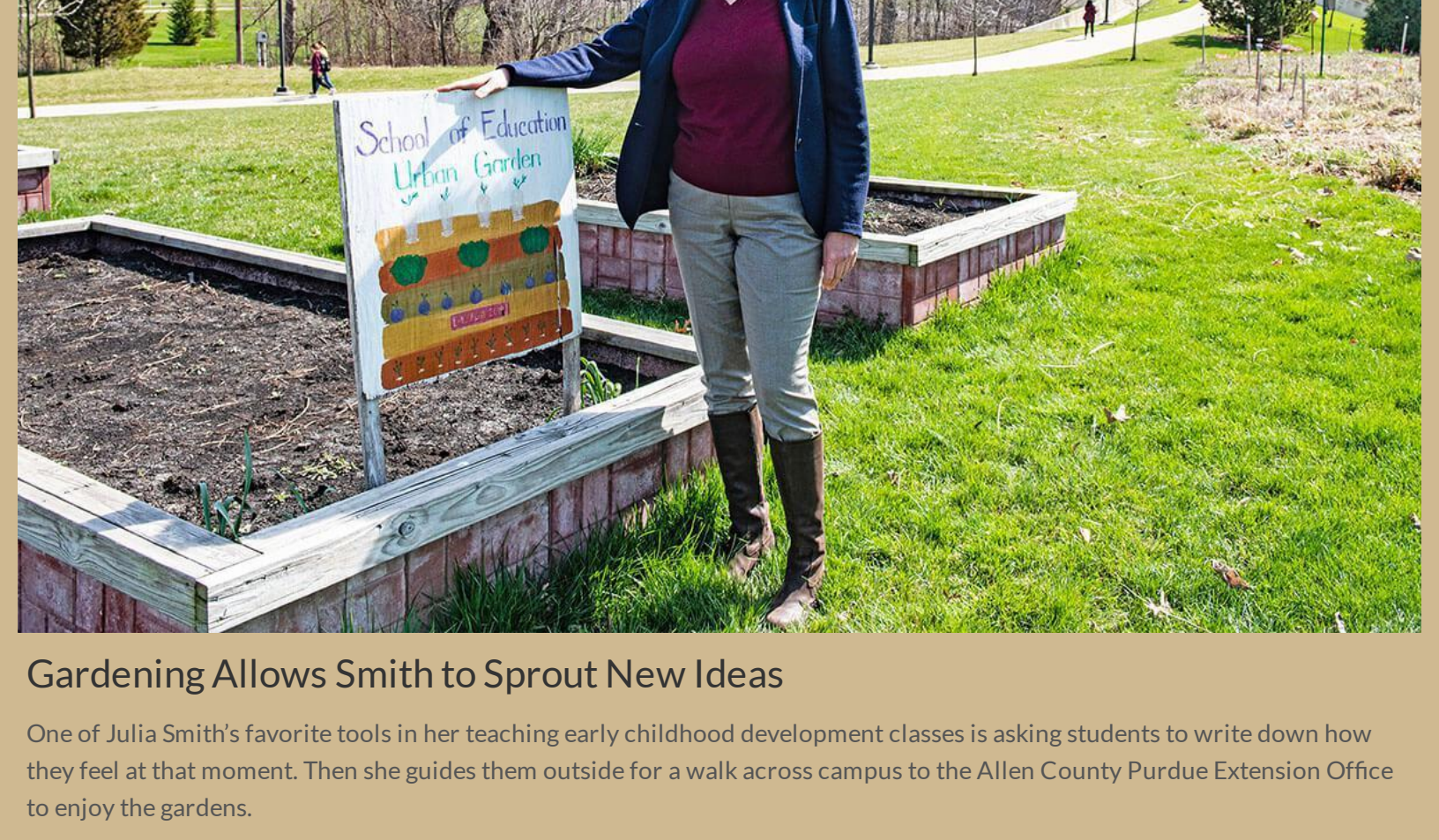
The first pitch is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Everyone is invited to stick around after the game to enjoy a fireworks display.

Adults: \$30
Kids: \$10

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Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success is the result of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help make the university such a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series helps us recognize those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Gardening Allows Smith to Sprout New Ideas

One of Julia Smith's favorite tools in her teaching early childhood development classes is asking students to write down how they feel at that moment. Then she guides them outside for a walk across campus to the Allen County Purdue Extension Office to enjoy the gardens.

"I just want you to feel the breeze on your face, look at the flowers, walk around, and enjoy the space," Smith tells them.

After a bit, they walk back to the Classroom where she asks, "So now how do you feel?" Many express they feel uplifted and that their mood has changed.

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Featured Events

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Mon., 11:30–12:30 p.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: Walk and Talk with Your Health Coach

This month's Employee Well-being event will focus on ways to get moving outdoors. Health coach Lindsay Bloom will lead the walk and talk about health and well-being topics of your choice...

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Mon., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital and Lecture

Dr. Elijah Denecke, visiting assistant professor of trumpet, will present a lecture recital accompanied by Dr. Jonathan Young, piano. The recital will feature four works by women composers, written as examination pieces...

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

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In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



A trio of friends took pictures of each other in their graduation finery on a warm evening in the Alumni Plaza.

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