



## Huge Crowd Expected Sunday as PFW Hosts Cherry Blossom Festival for Second Time

When more than 11,000 people attended the 2022 Cherry Blossom Festival at the Allen County Public Library, organizers realized the event had outgrown its roots after 14 years. That's when Purdue University Fort Wayne stepped up to offer its campus as a larger option for last year's festival.

"It provides the university the opportunity to prove that we are a good partner to the community," said Glen Nakata, PFW's vice chancellor for financial and administrative affairs and a festival board member. "It's things like this that we very much need to be involved with to make sure we are an integral part of Fort Wayne."

The 2024 **Cherry Blossom Festival** will be held again at PFW on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Activities will take place around Walb Student Union, the skybridge that connects the union and Helmke Library, the Science Mall, Friends Pavilion, and Alumni Plaza. Among the many options are a haiku contest, karaoke, crafts, games, vendors, performances, and plenty of food.

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## Mastodon Family Zoo Day Scheduled for Saturday

The Mastodon Alumni Community is hosting its first Mastodon Family Zoo Day on Saturday at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. The event is open to alumni, faculty, staff, students, community members, and their families. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Admission includes all-day zoo access, a picnic lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ice cream treats, and unlimited passes on select rides. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Dining Services and Pantry Summer Hours Now in Effect

While it's bittersweet when much of the university's student body scatters for the summer, it's also a little easier to find a parking spot around campus—and the lines at PFW's dining locations are definitely shorter. For meals, snacks, and beverages of all kinds, don't forget to visit Don's at Walb and Java Spot on weekdays, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

New this summer, Einstein Bros. Bagels on the ground floor of Kettler Hall is open to serve the campus community on a trial basis. This will run through at least June 15, and may continue all summer, based on utilization. The adjusted hours there are Monday–Thursday, 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; closed on Friday.

Bon Bon's Coffee is also open Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Friday.

[Click here](#) to learn more about dining services including catering.

The FRIENDS of the University Pantry location at the Student Housing Clubhouse will be open Mondays from noon to 2 p.m. Special appointments can be made by contacting Conner Miller at [mill3335@pfw.edu](mailto:mill3335@pfw.edu). The pantry location in Walb Student Union, Room G36, will be open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## In a Snap

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*Members of the 2024 class of Honors Program graduates paused for a group photo before Wednesday's commencement.*

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