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Movie In The Park – July 22

Michigan City, IN (July 20, 2005) –The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department and the Michigan City Public Library invite residents and visitors to a memorable evening in Washington Park, watching a family movie under the stars on Friday, July 22, 2005.

“We’re very pleased to be able to offer outdoor movie experiences again this summer,” said Mayor Chuck Oberlie. “This is the fourth summer for the unique series. In June, we showed “About Winn- Dixie” to a large crowd, and this month we’re showing the latest Harry Potter movie. In August, the movie we’ve scheduled is “Racing Stripes,” and there will be a special visit from some of our zookeepers just before the movie starts.”

Don Glossinger, director of the Michigan City Public Library, said, “The Michigan City Public Library is delighted to help make the Movies In The Park events happen. I'm sure they will be fun and will magnify the summertime enjoyment of Washington Park and Lake Michigan. We are especially proud to be collaborating with the City of Michigan City and the Parks & Recreation Department.”

In **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**, Harry, Hermione, and Ron, now 13-year-old students at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, face a new and daunting challenge: Sirius Black (Gary Oldman) has escaped from Azkaban prison, and for reasons yet unknown (unless, of course, you've read J.K. Rowling's book, considered by many to be the best in the series), he's after Harry in a bid for revenge. This dark and dangerous mystery drives the action while Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his third-year Hogwarts classmates discover the flying hippogriff Buckbeak (a marvelous CGI creature), the benevolent but enigmatic Professor Lupin (David Thewlis), horrifying black-robed Dementors,

sneaky Peter Pettigrew (Timothy Spall), and the wonderful advantage of having a Time-Turner just when you need one. The familiar Hogwarts staff returns in fine form (including the delightful Michael Gambon, replacing the late Richard Harris as Dumbledore, and Emma Thompson as the goggle-eyed Sybil Trelawney), and even Julie Christie joins this prestigious production for a brief but welcome cameo. Technically dazzling, fast-paced, and chock-full of Rowling's boundless imagination (loyally adapted by ace screenwriter Steve Kloves), *The Prisoner of Azkaban* is a Potter-movie classic.

This movie is rated PG.

Movies are shown outdoors on a large screen (provided by A & J Canopy) in the Jaycee Stage. All movies are free of charge and open to the public. Food and beverages are available on site, (by Michiana Resources Concessions) but you may also bring your own snacks. Picnic tables are set up in the Jaycee Stage pavilion, but many people bring their own chairs and blankets for the kids to sit on. Port-A-Pots are located near the Jaycee Stage.

Cool breezes come off Lake Michigan even on hot summer nights, so bring a sweater or jacket...just in case.

Mayor Oberlie said, "Movies In The Park are great family-oriented events. I hope that parents will bring their children to Washington Park to watch great movies shown under the stars. These events are a wonderful addition to our summer of fun!"

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Movies In The Park are a collaboration of the City of Michigan City and the Michigan City Public Library.

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