

The background of the image shows three inflatable rings on a green lawn. One ring is red and white, another is yellow and white, and the third is blue and white. A striped beach towel is partially visible in the foreground.

EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT
SUMMER IN
INDY

INDIANAPOLIS SUMMER GUIDE

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YOUR LOCAL *EVERYTHING*
GUIDE TO SUMMER

SUMMER GUIDE



WHAT SHOULD I DO THIS SUMMER

The sun is shining, the SPF is applied, and I literally just heard the ice cream truck make its way through our neighborhood as I type this. Summer is HERE and you don't want to miss it. But where should you start? What should you do?

You're in the right place. This Indianapolis Summer Guide is designed to help you plan your summer so that you make time for the things that matter most to you (and leave the rest for next summer)!

So grab your sparkling water, kick off your flip flops, and get ready to map out your summer in
INDY.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

4 SKYLAKE INDIANA OPENS

The much anticipated Skylake Indiana is open in Sheridan. Whether you want to relax on the water (hard to do in landlocked Indiana) or you and the kids are looking for a day full of adventure, tickets are on sale (and annual passes are worth it IMO). Don't forget to pack your SPF and some cash for the surf shack and food trucks!

11 INDIANAPOLIS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Christ Church Cathedral is celebrating 60 years of this Indianapolis tradition on Monument Circle! If you want "The Works" (shortcake, vanilla ice cream, strawberries, and whipped topping) be sure to show up early (gates open at 9am) because it is only available while supplies last. It's a good thing Festival calories don't count.

11- INDY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

14 Sporting events, artists, performances, community, vendors, and a parade - all to celebrate LGBTQ+ visibility, resilience, and joy! This is a weekend full of color and movement. Get a front row seat to the celebration and buy your festival tickets now!

20 INDY JUNETEENTH PARADE & CELEBRATION

With a parade, festival, and fireworks show all at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, there is no better way to celebrate Juneteenth and everyone's right to freedom! Plus, attendance supports cultural events, education, youth empowerment, and year-round community initiatives.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

4 DOWNTOWN 4TH FEST

Indy wouldn't be the same if it didn't have its annual 4th fest and fireworks celebration. Throw on your red, white, and blue, and stick around until the very end for the grand finale presented by the Indiana Fever in partnership with the 2025 WNBA All-Star Host Committee.

11 WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

If you're looking for something a little more chill and aesthetic, how about personalizing a rice paper lantern with a message or intention, and releasing it onto the canal at sunset? Tickets are on sale now for this memorable and beautiful event.

9- INDIANA BLACK EXPO SUMMER CELEBRATION

19 One of the largest cultural events in the country and certainly in the Midwest, the Summer Celebration is a celebration of Black excellence and features art exhibits, music, black-owned business, and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

26 BRICKYARD 400 PRES. BY PPG

The month of May may be home to the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, but there is another popular race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in July - the Brickyard 400. So don't put away all your black and white checkered gear just yet!

AUGUST

HIGHLIGHTS

1-2 GEN CON

Technically, “The Greatest 4 Days in Gaming” starts on July 30th, but as it goes into the first weekend in August, I think this is a great way to kick off the month! Food, drinks, play testing, costume parade, and even a film festival - there is something for everyone!

7- INDIANA STATE FAIR

23 This is a tradition you don't want to miss out on before the end of summer arrives. Whether you go for the food (catch me with a turkey leg and some ice cream from the Dairy Bar), or the rides on the midway, or the free concerts, there is no shortage of fun to be had!

22 FEAST OF LANTERNS

This annual, free, family-friendly festival was created for the community by the community. Hosted in Spades Park in the Near Eastside neighborhood of Indianapolis, this festival has historic roots from the early 1900's. Today, it is full of food, music, and fun for all ages!

25- INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS VS.

30 COLUMBUS CLIPPERS

Some might call it a midwest rivalry - the Indianapolis Indians have a week-long series against the Columbus Clippers to round out the month of August. Pick from a number of themed nights or even a day game to enjoy the great American pasttime at Victory Field.

INDY SUMMER SPOTS

ICE CREAM

Lick Ice Cream - Mass Ave.
Mug 'n' Bun - Speedway
Trader's Point Creamery - Zionsville
Mrs. Curl Ice Cream - Greenwood
Sundae's Homemade Ice Cream - Geist



DINING OUTDOORS

The Rathskeller - Mass Ave.
Rick's Cafe Boatyard - Eagle Creek
Half Litre BBQ - SoBro
Daniel's Vineyard - Geist
Metazoa Brewing Co. - Fletcher Place

WEEKEND HANGS

Oliver Winery - Bloomington
Spencer Farm - Noblesville
Turkey Run State Park - Attica
Lake Wawasee - Syracuse
Bluespring Caverns Park - Bedford



FREE THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS



Splash Pad

Lather up the sunscreen and grab the beach towels! [Indy Parks](#) have splash pads across the city ready for your little ones to stay cool this summer!



Paint a Rock

...then hide it somewhere fun for someone else to find and share it with the [Mid Indiana Painted Rock Facebook group!](#)



Library

Story Time, Reading Challenges, or just a lazy afternoon on the couch with a book...all of these things can be enjoyed at the [Indianapolis Public Library!](#)



4-H Fairs

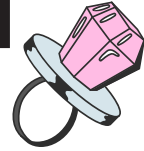
Local 4-H chapters often have their fairs over the summer with free admission for children. Check out the options in [Hendricks](#), [Hamilton](#), and [Boone County](#) to start.



Free Outdoor Movies

There are several free outdoor movie locales to explore throughout the summer including [Arbuckle Acres Park](#) in Brownsburg and [Midtown in Carmel](#).

YOUR NOSTALGIC 90'S SUMMER BUCKET LIST



- Chase the ice cream truck
- Host a neighborhood water balloon fight
- Have a lemonade stand with your kids
- Make a mixtape-style playlist and have a driveway dance party
- Ride bikes to get a treat — slushies, milkshakes, or soft-serve
- Have a backyard picnic with Lunchables or PB&Js
- Watch a movie outside on a projector or blanket fort "theater"
- Make popsicles from juice or Kool-Aid
- Play tag, Red Rover, or capture the flag at the park
- Go to the library and sign up for the summer reading program
- Draw hopscotch obstacle courses or murals in chalk on the driveway
- Have a sprinkler or Slip 'N Slide day
- Go to a local pool with a packed snack bag and sunscreen that smells like childhood
- Build a blanket fort indoors and read or nap inside it
- End a long summer day with s'mores or root beer floats in the backyard



*Print off this checklist and hang it on the fridge
so you can check them off all Summer!*

SUMMER MARKET SNAPSHOT



WHAT'S SELLING

Homes in Indianapolis that are selling have been priced competitively. In fact, year over year, listing price averages in Indy have decreased as have the number of price reductions. So sellers are being more realistic about their approach. And they have worked hard to present their home in it's best condition. "Move-in-Ready" ranked as the #1 priority among 2025 homebuyers according to a national survey.



WHAT'S SITTING

The two most common qualities of homes that do not sell in Central Indiana are that they are either overpriced (sellers still hanging on to those 2021-2022 market conditions) or in poor condition (or both!). I've also noticed listings with bad descriptions or cell phone photos tend to sit longer (which is why I'm so thorough with my marketing!).



HAPPY BUYER CHARACTERISTICS

Happy buyers in Indy have found an agent they connect and feel comfortable with. They also have a thorough understanding of their budget and have a pre-approval from a *local* lender. They have taken all the steps to be sure they are ready to buy as soon as the right house pops up on the market.



FRUSTRATED BUYER CHARACTERISTICS

Frustrated buyers in Indy are focused on features instead of potential. They are looking outside their price range. And they haven't taken steps to make sure they're ready for when the right house comes along.

WANT MORE? NEXT STEPS

Did this guide leave you wanting more? I've got you! Learn about other resources I have for you and the best way to work with me (even if you're not buying or selling just yet!)

LOCAL SNACK GUIDE

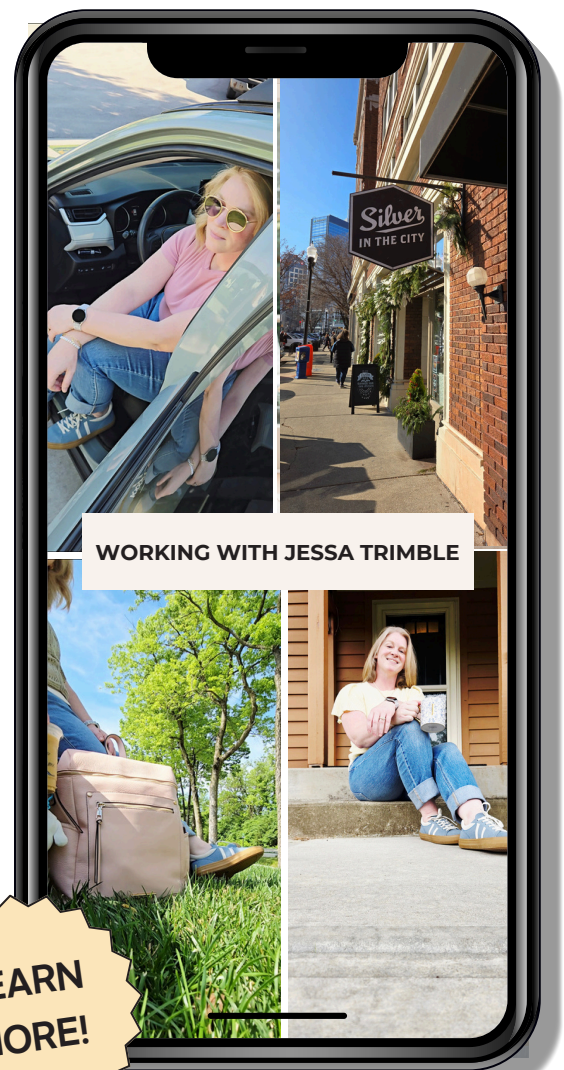
Want to know some great local snacks that pair well with some of my favorite Rom-Coms? [Click here](#) for my free Local Guide!

SCHEDULE SUMMER STRATEGY SESSION

Want to talk to me about moving (even if it's not right now?) [Click here](#) to fill out my interest form so we can schedule a coffee or zoom date!

FUTURE HOMEOWNER GUIDE

Serious about buying in the next year? Grab my [free Guide](#) that walks you through the process month-by-month!



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WHERE YOU CAN FIND ME THIS SUMMER



I'LL BE TRYING TO GET OUTSIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO HIKE AND GARDEN (ALL BETWEEN SHOWINGS, OF COURSE). BUT I WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE VIA TEXT OR CALL AT (317)-260-1815 OR FIND ME ON INSTAGRAM [@JESSATREALTY](https://www.instagram.com/jessatrealty)