



September 2026 Update

Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Events

RETIREE FLU SHOTS are scheduled for September 25 and October 2 and 9. See information below.

PURDUE HOMECOMING 2026 is scheduled for November 7, 2026.

The **2027 PURA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE** is scheduled for April 21, 2027 at the Beck Agricultural Center located at 4550 US 52 West in West Lafayette.

Upcoming PURA Monthly (First Monday) Meeting Schedule

Location: IN-PERSON Large Meeting Rooms A & B Near the Railyard at the Kurz Purdue Technology Center, 1281 Win Hentschel Boulevard, West Lafayette, Indiana. Also, via ZOOM broadcast.

Parking in the lots around Kurz does not require a permit.

Time: 10:00 am ET to approximately 11:30 am ET.

Monday, October 5, 2026 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Dr Andrew D. Mesecar, Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry, Robert W. Miller Directorship, Assistant Vice President for Research – Purdue
- Dr. Mesecar joined the faculty at Purdue in 2010 as the Walther Professor of Cancer Structural Biology. His research focuses on the understanding the biochemical mechanism and atomic structures of enzymes and then using this knowledge to design drugs for the treatment of cancer, Alzheimer's disease, and coronavirus infections. Dr. Mesecar has published over 170 peer-reviewed research publications that have been cited over 20,000 times, and he currently holds 9 patents.
- Topic: Purdue Institute for Cancer Research – Update
- For nearly 50 years, the Purdue Institute for Cancer Research (PICR) has been a source of scientific discovery and Purdue pride. Today more than 120 Purdue faculty researchers from across 7 colleges and 19 departments work together to uncover the fundamental causes of cancer and develop new approaches for its prevention, detection, and treatment. Their discoveries have contributed to innovative drugs, imaging technologies, and diagnostic tools, demonstrating how fundamental research at Purdue University improves lives.

Monday, November 2, 2026 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Scott Ksander, Retired, Exec. Director IT Network & Security – Purdue
- Topic: Tech Toys & Other Computer Topics

Monday, December 7, 2026 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: To be determined – Purdue
- Topic: Purdue Center on Aging and the Life Course

Purdue Retiree Flu Shots

Getting a flu vaccine is one simple step on your path to well-being.

Purdue retirees have several opportunities to receive a free flu vaccine on the West Lafayette campus this fall. Taking time to get vaccinated is a simple preventive step that helps protect personal health while helping keep family, friends, and the community healthier throughout flu season as well.

Flu shots will be available at the William H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center located at 1340 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette, as follows:

- Friday, September 25 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 2 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 9 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wellness screenings also will be available each day at the Turf Center. A 6-hour fast is recommended.

As an option retirees may also visit drive-through clinics at the Center for Healthy Living (CHL) located at 1400 W. State St., Building B, Suite C, West Lafayette

- Wednesday, Sept. 23 | 7-9 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 24 | 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 | 7-9 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 1 | 4-6 p.m.

PURA members may also schedule a flu vaccine with their medical provider or contact a local pharmacy for availability.

Questions?

Contact Purdue Human Resources at 765-494-2222.

The Adult Flu Shot Consent Form may be completed in advance. [2026 Flu Shot Consent Form.pdf](#)

Retiree Flu Shot Events - Center for Healthy Living - Purdue University

News from the PURA Campus & Community Committee

After a very successful tour at Grand View Cemetery and the Caretaker's Cottage museum in West Lafayette, PURA tours turned its attention to the play "Mousetrap" at Civic Theater on September 9. There

are 155 seats in the Civic theater and 180 PURA reservations were requested. The last 25 people to register were placed on a waiting list. PURA donated \$1,000 to Civic to make the event possible and free to retirees.

Also, a PURA tour of GE Aerospace in Lafayette is being planned for November. Watch for more information in coming newsletters.

Update provided by John Norberg, Chair of the PURA Campus & Community Committee.

REMINDER - Purdue Retiree Parking Permit Renewal Information

Purdue retiree parking permits expired on Aug. 15, 2026. Renewals for the 2026-2027 academic year are available now. Parking Services sent emails to retirees that held permits during 2025-2026 with instructions on how to renew their permits.

Additional Information about Retiree permits is available on the PURA website [Benefits Available to Retirees](#) and on the [Retiree Permits webpage](#).

Parking Operations staff are available until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 765-494-9497 or [**parking@purdue.edu**](mailto:parking@purdue.edu), and the lobby in Stewart Center G054 is open until 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunity

Stay Connected to Purdue as an EPICS Design Reviewer

EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service) gives Purdue students the chance to design real-world solutions for community partners. Community members from all backgrounds are invited to serve as design reviewers, offering feedback on student presentations twice each semester (October 5–9 and November 30–December 4, 2026). Each review requires as little as two hours and can be done in person or online. It's a flexible, meaningful way to stay involved, share your expertise, and support the next generation of Boilermakers.

For more information—or to be added to the invitation list—please contact Robyn Jakes, Lead Outreach Program Manager for EPICS, at rjakes@purdue.edu or by phone at 765-714-1380.

What to do if you are having problems receiving PURA emails

If you are not receiving PURA emails, send an email to gifts@purdue.edu explaining that you are a Purdue retiree and are not receiving emails from PURA (Purdue University Retirees Association) sent out through Purdue for Life. Purdue for Life maintains the Purdue retiree information including email addresses in its Salesforce CRM software. Please pass this information along to any retiree friends who are not receiving our emails.

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Questions about PURA may be sent to pura@purdue.edu.