

INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMUNITY

VOICE



COMMUNITY

Farmers Market Kicks Off Another Season

The Farmers Market began another season on June 9 in Independence Park with produce, baked goods and a selection of cheese and meats for our

neighborhood. The market continues on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Independence Park Farmers Market is one of the longest running independent neighborhood markets in the city. Without the support of our neighborhood, the market would not be able to function. We thank all our volunteers and market attendees for the start of another great year.

FOOD AND FUN

Pancake Breakfast Goes Puhr-fectly

The 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast brought together neighbors for a morning of breakfast and good cheer on June 16.

Dennis Puhrl led this year's event and brought a unique menu of Lemon and Bread Pudding pancakes as well as the extra-special Crazy Crunch pancake for children. The ham, cheese and scallion fritтата side also was a fan favorite.



Funds raised by the annual event help fund neighborhood improvement projects like landscaping and beautification projects as well as the neighborhood Farmers Market.

Congratulations to all the volunteers that contributed to the success of this year's event.



There will not be a GIPNA board meeting in July

COMMUNITY EVENTS



JULY

TUES, JULY 2—The regular GIPNA Board Meeting WILL NOT BE HELD in July.

THURS., JULY 4—Independence Park Fourth of July Celebration, 10 a.m. to noon. www.independencparkchicago.com

SUN., JULY 7—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

MON., JULY 8—Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

WED., JULY 10—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

FRI., JULY 12—Independence Park Free Concert in the Park: Ramblin Rose and the 290 East Ramblers, 6:30 to 8 p.m. www.independencparkchicago.com

SAT., JULY 13—Free Shredding, 9 a.m. to noon, Wintrust Bank, 1800 S. Blue Island Ave.

SUN., JULY 14—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TUES., JULY 16—Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse, Room 100, facebook.com/ipacchicago.

WED., JULY 17—Senior Meeting, 11 a.m., 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

WED., JULY 17—Pickin' Up the Parkways, 6 to 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

THURS., JULY 18—Movin' to the Music, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park playground; facebook.com/athleticfield.

FRI., JULY 19—Movies in the Park, dusk, *Spiderman-Into the Spiderverse*, Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com

SUN., JULY 21—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

WED., JULY 24—Aloft Dance & Acrobatics, 6 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

FRI., JULY 26—Movies in the Park, dusk, *Blues Brothers*, Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

SAT., JULY 27—Free Shredding, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wintrust Bank, 2 N. Western Ave.

SUN., JULY 28—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WED., JULY 31—Toddlers, Tunes & Turtles (for ages 6 and under), 5:30 to 7 p.m., Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com

AUGUST

SUN., AUG. 4—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

TUES., AUG. 6—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

SUN., AUG. 11—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MON., AUG. 12—Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

WED., AUG. 14—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

FRI., AUG. 16—Movies in the Park, dusk, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com

SUN., AUG. 18—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

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THURS., AUG. 22—Movin' to the Music, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

FRI., AUG. 23—Movies in the Park, *Lego Movie 2*, dusk, Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

SAT., AUG. 24—Free Shredding, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wintrust Bank, 4369 N. Harlem Ave.

SUN., AUG. 25—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Book Swap September 8

Looking for a good read or looking to donate some great books to others? The annual Book Swap will be held September 8th at the Independence Park Farmers Market.

Bring your books and CDs for exchange. You can pick up new books or CDs for free even if you do not drop off any.

Books that are not adopted will be donated to Open Books, a local non-profit.



INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMUNITY VOICE

The *Independence Park Community Voice* is published by the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association (GIPNA), a 501(C)3 corporation.

This newsletter is for the Independence Park community. Please consider renewing your membership or joining GIPNA now. We need your support. Thank you.

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This all-volunteer publication is made possible by the creative voices of our community and the generous support of area advertisers.

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COMMUNICATION

E-Blasts to GIPNA Members

All GIPNA members who have access to email should be receiving e-blasts each Thursday. The emails are compiled by GIPNA and feature such news as announcements of events in the community, crime reports, and notices of meetings.

If you're a member in good standing and are not receiving the blasts, send an email to us at gipn@mail@gmail.com. We'll sign you up so that you don't miss any more neighborhood announcements.

Celebrate with Neighbors!

Independence Park

Fourth of July



BIKE PARADE

Dress in costumes!
Decorate your bikes,
wagon or stroller!
Dress your pets!

RACES + GAMES

Races, Refreshments,
Water Balloon Fight, and
the Egg Toss continue
after the Parade until 12

The Tradition Continues!

For over 100 years, Independence Park has been the place for neighbors to gather and celebrate our country's independence. In fact, Independence Park was named in recognition of the importance of the community's annual 4th of July celebration.

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SUMMER EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
JUNE 21	5TH ANNUAL! SUMMER KICK-OFF! MOVIE IN THE PARK: THE SANDLOT	6:30 PM DUSK
JULY 4	ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE + GAMES!	10:00 AM
JULY 12	FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK: RAMBLIN ROSE AND THE 290 EAST RAMBLERS	6:30 - 8:00 PM
JULY 19	MOVIE IN THE PARK: SPIDERMAN - INTO THE SPIDERVERSE	DUSK
JULY 31	FOR AGES 6 AND UNDER: TODDLERS TUNES & TURTLES	5:30 - 7:00 PM
AUG 16	MOVIE IN THE PARK: BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY	DUSK

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Wintrust Bank to Hold Shred Days for Documents

You can't keep all documents that contain sensitive information—we'd all have to live in warehouses! However, you can burn out a dozen shredders before you destroy all the material that piles up.

Wintrust Bank has announced a number of Shred Days that could help. You can bring your personal and/or sensitive documents to the designated sites and shred them for free. The resulting paper waste will be collected and recycled.

There is a limit of three paper bags or three small boxes of material per person. No plastic bags or electronic devices will be accepted.

Note: Wintrust assumes no liability for the shredded material.

Items that can be shredded include tax information and returns, investment records and statements, bank statements, cancelled checks, paycheck stubs, ATM and credit card receipts, credit card statements, insurance and utility bills, other household financial information, personal documents, and pictures.

The schedule:

- **July 13**, 9 a.m. to noon, Wintrust Bank-Pilsen, 1800 S. Blue Island Ave.
- **July 27**, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wintrust Bank-Near West, 2 N. Western Ave.
- **August 24**, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wintrust Bank-Norridge, 4369 N. Harlem Ave., Norridge.

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Check if you would like to volunteer for events.

(GIPNA is an all-volunteer association.)

EVENT RECAP

Yearly Alley Clean-Up a Success

Let's face it, nobody enjoys alleys. They're great for holding garbage cans, but otherwise not a destination for most of the neighborhood. On May 4, GIPNA's annual alley clean-up aimed to change that just a little bit.

Neighbors gathered during the morning and split up around the neighborhood to help beautify some of the filth that had accumulated over the winter. This event is held every May as part of GIPNA's commitment to helping make the neighborhood a better—some would argue the best—place in Chicago.

Thank you to all our volunteers who put in time on a damp spring morning to help make our neighborhood a little more special.



Join today!

Use PayPal at www.gipna.org
or mail in a check.

For information, send an e-mail to:
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Beware of Ticks this Summer

Summer is often a good time to relax and listen to music in the nice weather. A neighborhood band invites you to share in their journey to become the next big thing.

The Lunar Ticks, a band based in the Independence Park neighborhood, cites influences of Phish, a classic jam, as well as alternative rock legends like Wilco and My Morning Jacket. But a Lunar Ticks show is unique in its own right with a combination of roots music and improvisation.

The Ticks have played at the Independence Park Beer Fest and the Farmers Market among other events in Chicago.

When they aren't enjoying the summer in the neighborhood, lead singer Ryan Mannix said they are busy working on new music and preparing for shows. They will be headlining Nucleard Summer Melt-down, a concert event at Sleeping Village, a new music venue in Avondale, on July 27.

"It'll be a great show with our friends in the bands Railway Gamblers and Goose Corp," Mannix said.

Mannix invited people to learn more about the band on their Facebook page (search for Lunar Ticks), their Instagram page or at lunarticksmusic.com. Archive performances are available at archive.org/lunarticks.

"We are also working on a live album and a couple studio sessions that should be coming out soon," Mannix said.

Stay tuned for more Ticks.

Pre-Mother's Day Fine Craft Fair

Big Success

May 4 was one of those perfect Chicago weather days and perfect for the 12th Annual Pre-Mother's Day Fine Craft Fair in Independence Park.

The shoppers had a plethora of wonderful things to choose from — original needlepoint designs by Fran Leonard, faux leather jewelry created by Jelena Bulic Milenovic, charming animal amigurumi dreamed up by Phoenix Nguyen, gorgeous crocheted garments made by Urszula Malas who shared a table with our neighbor Mickey Nuccio, who showed her lilliputian ceramic houses, handmade paper flowers brought to life by Paz Pamatmat, charming stained glass

birds crafted by GIPNA board member Sharon Sears, colorful earrings and necklaces handmade from polymer clay and silver by Kinny Patel, handmade natural ingredient soaps from Nature's Trace, owned by neighborhood resident Rachel Sloan, minimalist metal jewelry designed by Allison Mooney, and even eco-friendly, zero waste reusable food wrap made by Lilia Stoyanova.

Long-time participant and Indy Park neighbor Kim Laurel of Brevity Code Visual Artists Group, shared a table with Fletcher Hayes. They displayed their handmade cards, painted pins and felt pins, and other artsy items.

This year had a high percentage of new artisans and the greatest variety of work.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Fine Craft Fair and all those behind the scenes who made this year's Fine Craft Fair a success.



EVENT

Independence Pork Is Up for a Challenge

The annual Old Irving Beer and BBQ Challenge returns again this year with a fierce competition to win top prize for best beer and barbecue combination. Independence Park Neighbors Andy Holub, Tom Whitworth, Adam Guillaume and Tony Del Campo return with their Independence Pork team again this year with hopes of taking home the top prize.

The 6th annual event is held August 4 from 2-5 p.m. on the St. Viator campus at 3644 N. Kedvale Avenue. The event has raised over \$110,000 for school programs and facilities so far this year. Tickets are available at www.beerb-bqchallenge.com.

The Independence Pork team along with their partners at Alarmist Brewing are aiming to take the top prize out of 23 teams.

"We are excited to take part in the Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ again this year. Our partners at Alarmist Brewing and we believe we have put together a creative pairing that will get us back to the winners circle this year. We are really looking forward to the event and hopefully our neighborhood can make it out and support our efforts!"



TALENTED NEIGHBOR

Transforming the Walls of Disney II

Submission by Disney II Magnet High School

Eileen Schnepff, Communications Liaison

Disney II Magnet High School is filled with talented students, teachers, staff, and volunteers, but there are two people in particular who are bringing the school building to life: our amazing fine arts teachers, Frances Allende and Jennifer Willis.

Frances Allende, a native of Puerto Rico and graduate of Inter-American University, has been teaching for over 15 years and has a particular interest in working in underserved communities. With a special love for high school students, Frances came to Disney II in 2018. She is excited to be teaching traditional art techniques to her students and, in an effort to use more technology to build art, hopes to one day establish a multi-media lab in the school.

Disney II's other fine arts teacher, Jennifer Willis, is new to teaching. Having studied fine arts at the University of South Florida, Jennifer came to Chicago to support, and be surrounded

by, a prolific arts community. After graduating from DePaul, she student taught at Disney II and became a full-time teacher in 2018. Jennifer loves Disney II's diverse student body and small, family-oriented environment.

Ms. Allende and Ms. Willis have a vision to transform every floor of the Disney II building. Through permanent installations of student work, colorful murals, and themed wings, they hope to give the building a new life. In addition to working with the students to transform the school, both teachers look forward to taking their students outside of the building to explore the local Chicago art scene and expose students to the professional side of the arts.

Both teachers also hope to connect closely with the Independence Park community. Disney II's Titan Fine Arts Block Party is the first of potential collaborations. They look forward to working with artists in the community and encourage local visual artists, graphic designers, architects, and set designers to visit the school to share their expertise with Disney II's students. If you have an interest working with Disney II's fine arts department, please reach out to jlwillis2@cps.edu or fhallende-pellot@cps.edu.

COMMUNITY

Independence Library Explores Mindfulness

The Independence Library is hosting a summer-long series called "Exploring Mindfulness With Play." The series will integrate meditation, breathing exercises and play as a way to help introduce children to mindfulness techniques as a way to manage emotions and explore inner thoughts.

The program will be offered Tuesday evenings in July and August through August 13. The program is free and open to families with children ages 4 and older.

Daylily Alvarez, the Children's Services and Family Engagement Lead at Independence Library, said that the program can have significant benefit for children and adults.

"Studies show that children develop emotional regulation skills very early, and usually seek those skills through modeling and reinforcements from adults. In doing

this as a family activity, the aim is to have families model positive emotional regulation for one another."

Parents can expect the program to feature a book read aloud, some breathing and sharing exercises. For example, the program lead may lead an exercise on worrying and then lead children on a meditation exercise that discusses how children feel when they worry about something and then end with children sharing something positive about themselves.

The program may evolve into more programs that involve the new residents of the senior housing upstairs from the library on Elston Avenue.

"We hope to create inter-generational mindfulness programs," Alvarez said. "As well as more parental support programs to enrich their children's emotional well-being with presence and a lot of care in this fast-paced world."

But will it be fun?

"This will be so much fun!" Alvarez said. "We sing, play games and use scarves and other props just like any other story time. This is just mindful fun."

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