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Boneyard Arts Festival Art Show at the MIC

Saturday, April 8, 12-3pm
Meadowbrook Interpretive Center
All Ages
FREE!

Local sculptors Roger Blakley and Cecilia Allen will be on hand with a special Boneyard exhibit. "Southern Passage", their collaborative piece at the PrairiePlay entrance to the Wandell Sculpture Garden, is the inspiration for more than 80 works of art by students from our SPLASH program (Students Playing and Learning After School Hours). Last year, we debuted this event with Christiane T. Martens, the creator of "Molecular Reflection" and we look forward to another great art opening! Part of the Boneyard Arts Festival, a county-wide four day arts celebration put on by 40North | 88 West, the Champaign County Arts Council.



Grand Opening!



Opening on Earth Day Saturday, April 22, 4-6pm

The Urbana Park District is pleased to announce the opening of its newest play space, the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape at the Anita Purves Nature Center. This unique and interactive playscape engages children of all ages in imaginative and active outdoor play with nature.

The unveiling of the new playscape is Saturday, April 22, from 4-6pm with the ribbon cutting at 4:15pm. Visitors can play in the nature playscape, create nature art, explore Busey Woods during a self-directed scavenger hunt, and visit with the education wildlife. Refreshments will be available. The event is stroller and wheelchair accessible.

The four anchor pieces include:

- Fort - imagine all the ways you can use this multi-purpose structure;
- Fallen Tree - use large muscles to climb, jump, balance; search for signs of wildlife;
- Digging Area - get dirty and have fun playing on the ground with friends; and
- Tunnel - crawl and traverse this hill/tunnel combination.

Research shows that children who play in natural settings play in more diverse, imaginative, and creative ways and show improved language and collaboration skills. Unlike single-use play equipment, nature play offers endless variety and opportunities for multi-sensory exploration, as children learn about the natural world in a wide variety of ways. The park district's nature-inspired, child-driven Friendship Grove fosters creative play among visitors of all ages and abilities as they make discoveries and interact with their environment.

Follow the Friendship Grove Nature Playscape and more, visit <http://www.urbanaparks.org/facilities/friendship-grove-nature-playscape/>.

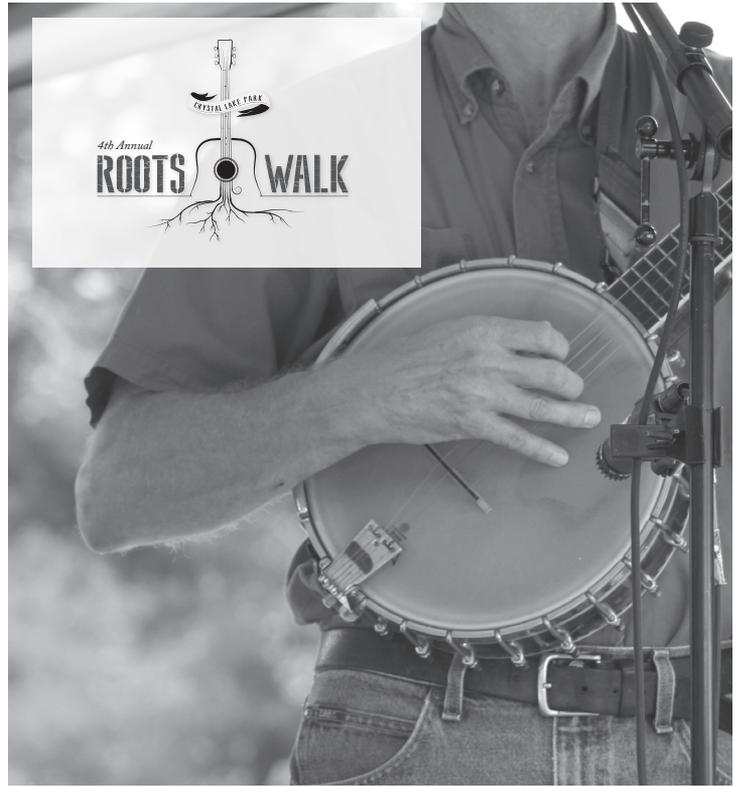
4th Annual Roots Walk

Friday, May 19, 6-8pm

Crystal Lake Park

***Rain Location: Anita Purves Nature Center
FREE!**

Listen to live blues, roots, folk and Americana music while strolling past the mature trees of our oldest park. This sunset event, brought to you by the Urbana Park District, the C-U Folk and Roots Festival, and the Urbana Parks Foundation will have a selection of soloists and small combos scattered along the walks of Crystal Lake Park. Parking is available at the Crystal Lake Park Family Aquatic Center; the musicians will be along the park road, close to the North Woods Pavilion. Musicians will move to the Anita Purves Nature Center at 1505 N. Broadway in case of severe weather. Check our Facebook page at facebook.com/urbandparkdistrict or call the Park District Sports & Event Hotline for postponement information: 217-367-9575.



FOLK & ROOTS FRIDAYS

BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERTS

Fridays, 12-1pm
June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18
Lake House in Crystal Lake Park



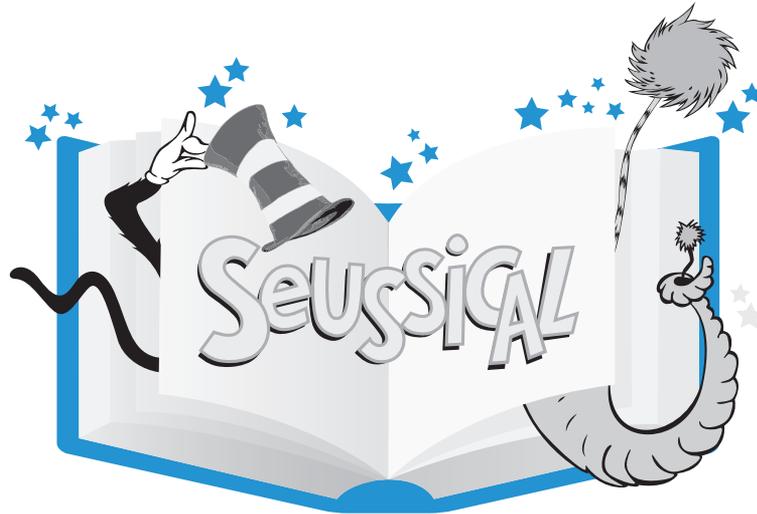
Join the Urbana Park District and the C-U Folk & Roots Festival on the first and third Fridays of each month this summer for some great FREE live music. We'll have boating and drink/snack specials, just bring your lunch and enjoy an afternoon lunch break on the lake. Enter your name into our raffle each Friday to win a free Lake House rental in 2017. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held inside the air conditioned rental room at the Lake House.

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 Youth Summer
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Our 26th Annual Youth Summer Theatre Performance



Performances:

7pm Thursday, July 20 | 7pm Friday, July 21 | 7pm Saturday, July 22 | 2pm Sunday, July 23
Harold and Jean Miner Theatre at Parkland College, 2400 W. Bradley, Champaign

Tickets go on sale June 20

Adults: \$14 | Students/Seniors: \$10 | Children 12 and under: \$7

Tickets are available by credit card at 217-367-1544. They may also be purchased by clicking on the registration link at www.urbanaparks.org, in person at the Phillips Recreation Center or from a cast member, and at the door if still available.

Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (Lucky Stiff, My Favorite Year, Once on This Island, Ragtime), have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination - Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks". Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trail, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Music by Stephen Flaherty.

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens.

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle.

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss.

Neighborhood nights



The Urbana Park District loves our neighbors so much, we bring a great concert to 11 different neighborhoods each summer. Live, local music is the hallmark of these events. Each park features a different local band, all playing the very best music from blues to 80s hits to jazz and bluegrass. Bring your lawn chair or even a picnic dinner and spend the evening with us.

Wednesdays
6:30-8pm
All Ages

Each Neighborhood Night features:

- The very best local musicians
- Free popcorn and lemonade
- Fun activities
- Meet City of Urbana officials and talk to them about your neighborhood

Date	Location	Band	Type of Music
May 31	Carle Park	Kilborn Alley Blues Band	Blues
June 7	APNC Friendship Grove	Kittens Incorporated	Breezy Pop
June 14	South Ridge Park	Big Creek Guitar Band	Acoustic Classic Rock/Blues/Orginals
June 21	Blair Park	Keith Harden	Folk/Americana
June 28	Attie's at Stone Creek	The Live Jukebox	Pop Hits & Classics
July 5	Victory Park	KoKo and Sparks & Co.	Classic Rock/Country/Oldies
July 12	AMBUCS Park	Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project	Latin Jazz
July 19	Crestview Park	Riders of the Golden Maize	Roots Rock & Country
July 26	Larson Park	Bruiser and the Virtues	Jump Blues/Swing
August 2	Prairie Park	New Souls	Neosoul/Funk/R&B/90s Hip Hop
August 9	Meadowbrook PrairiePlay	Surreal Deal	70s Jam Band

Nature Play at Neighborhood Nights

Discover nature right outside your door. Can you identify the critters you see in your local park? Join the Neighborhood Nights Naturalist for some fun playing with nature's "loose parts" and be entered to win prizes.

Rain date is the following night in case of inclement weather. Call the Urbana Park District Sports and Event Hotline after 4pm for postponement information: 217-367-9575 or check our Facebook page at facebook.com/urbanaparkdistrict.



Strawberry JAM

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*Saturday, June 17
4pm to Sunset
Meadowbrook Park, Race Street entrance*

Summer is a time to take it slow and easy. There's no better way to celebrate that feeling than with live music and your favorite summertime treat! Enjoy performances by local musicians and taste fresh strawberries over ice cream (while supplies last).

The grassy meadow next to the Meadowbrook Interpretive Center is the perfect spot for this free concert with an old-fashioned flavor. This summer event features a hayrack ride through the park, guided prairie tours and play with nature's "loose parts" while discovering what the new Friendship Grove Nature Playscape at the Anita Purves Nature Center has to offer. Don't forget your blanket or lawn chairs! Overflow parking is available at Stone Creek Church at the corner of Windsor Road and Race Street.



Band Schedule

4-5pm	Wildwood String Band
5:30-6:30pm	Bashful Youngens
7-8pm	Big Bluestem





18th Annual Martin Luther King-Jettie Rhodes Day

Saturday, June 24, 12-4pm

King Park

FREE!

Martin Luther King-Jettie Rhodes Neighborhood Day was founded by the late Mrs. Jettie Rhodes. Mrs. Rhodes had a famous quote: "Who's your neighbor?" This day is all about giving back to the community with fun, family, networking, and a diverse atmosphere. Plan your next family outing at MLK Jettie Rhodes Neighborhood Day. Enjoy free food (while supplies last), live entertainment, kids' activities, raffle prizes, and a wealth of resourceful information provided by 25+ local nonprofits. In addition, you may recognize some of our public officials and community members who volunteer for this event each year. Rain or shine, the fun goes on!

