

## Take A Child Outside Week



September 23-30 is **Take a Child Outside Week!** Join the national effort to reconnect children with nature. Check out great ways to get outdoors throughout the park district! Just look for this symbol in the guide.



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Friday, Sep 23	Outdoor Movie Night: "Luca" at Meadowbrook Park*	6:45-8:30pm	52
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Monday, Sep 26	Nature Play Date at Blair Park	4-6pm	52
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Wednesday, Sep 28	Twilight Walk in Busey Woods*	6:30-8pm	52
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\*Registration required; call 217-384-4062

# BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR URVANA!



 "Urvana Mobile Recreation Unit"
  @upd\_urvana

## FREE! Great Pumpkin Hunt

All Ages | Whole month of October  
Follow us on Facebook @urbanaparkdistrict  
for more information

Are you ready to solve clues to find pumpkins all over Champaign-Urbana? We've teamed up once again with Champaign Park District to hide pumpkins in the parks throughout October. Get your detective gear ready and see how many you can find! Collect as many tiny pumpkins as you can to win great prizes! Be sure to snap a picture and share your discoveries with us on our Facebook and Instagram accounts by tagging #CUpumpkinhunt.



## FREE! S'mores Social and Stroll

Sundays, 3 to 5pm  
September 11, October 9, November 13  
Lake House in Crystal Lake Park

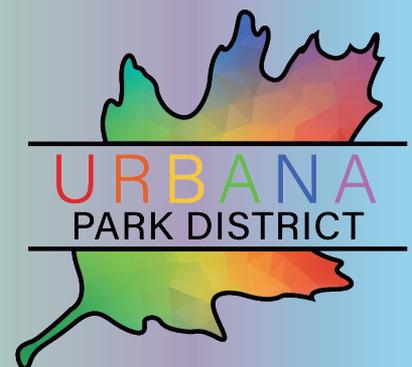
Join your fellow park lovers in these fun, self-guided autumnal strolls through Crystal Lake Park. Walk at your own pace with friends and then convene on the Lakeside Deck for s'mores over a fire and hot chocolate. Enjoy the outdoors with fresh air and lake views. Make reservations by calling 217-367-1544. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of chocolatey treats. Call the Park District Rainout line for severe weather cancellation information: 217-367-9575.

## "You Belong Here" LGBTQIA+ Youth Art Show

Opening Reception: Monday, September 26, 4-6pm  
Show Dates: September 26-December 17  
Anita Purves Nature Center

This multimedia art show features a variety of local LGBTQIA+ youth artists from area middle schools and high schools. Art is a positive form of creative communication and self-expression and a way for youth to share their unique and personal stories with others. We welcome you to experience their art, demonstrating that all people belong in nature and at the Urbana Park District.

From September 26 - December 17, stop by anytime M-F 8am-5pm & Sat 9am-4pm. Admission is always free, and everyone is welcome.





# 55TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**  
**CHECK-IN: 8am | RACE START: 9am**  
**Lake House in Crystal Lake Park**  
**All Ages, FREE!**

Join the Urbana Park District for a Thanksgiving morning tradition. Turkey Trot is a one-mile fun run/walk that is a great way to get some exercise before you sit down for dinner. Free hot chocolate is provided. The first 800 participants across the finish line receive a ribbon. Stay after the run for a prize raffle.

This year we'll again put the "give" in Thanksgiving by taking donations for the Urbana Park District Scholarship Fund. Your donation will help the park district offer reduced-price summer camp opportunities for children in need next year.

Parking is available at the special event lot on Broadway Ave. Call the Urbana Park District Rainout Line for postponement information: 217-367-9575.





Since 2012, Welcoming Week has served as the annual campaign and celebration led by Welcoming America to showcase the growing movement of communities striving to be more welcoming places for all, including immigrants. By fostering mutual respect and cooperation between new and long-time residents, Welcoming Week brings together people across lines of difference toward greater prosperity for all.

Friday, September 16, 4-6pm | Meadowbrook Park | All Ages



Join us in welcoming new Americans to our community! We will explore parts of the park while making chalk art on paved paths with a theme of butterfly migration! (See page 53 for more info.)

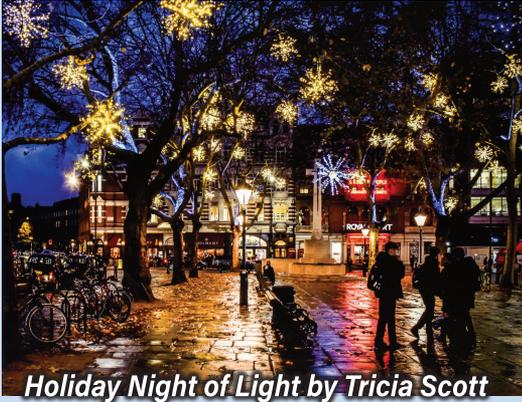


## Free! 18th Annual Meadowbrook Park Jazz Walk

Friday, September 9 from 5:30-7:30pm | Meadowbrook Park  
(Rain date September 10)

Meadowbrook's Wandell Sculpture Garden is a picturesque location for the most original jazz event in town! Join us for live, local jazz music during this sunset event brought to you by the **Urbana Park District, Clark-Lindsey, Health Alliance, and the Urbana Parks Foundation**. A selection of jazz soloists and small combos will be scattered along the paths of Meadowbrook Park; you can listen to as many as you like as you walk at your own pace through the Garden. Parking is available at the Race Street entrance with overflow parking thanks to Stone Creek Church on the corner of Race Street and Windsor Road. Stop by our information table to make a donation towards the musicians. Call the Park District Rainout Line for postponement information: 217-367-9575.





*Holiday Night of Light by Tricia Scott*

## 2023 BEST IN SHOW

### Photographic Print Competition

February 5-12 | Lincoln Square, Urbana | All Ages

- Early Bird entry fee: \$5 for first print and \$3 each for the next four

Deadline: Wednesday, January 18, 6pm

- Regular entry fee: \$10 for first print and \$3 each for the next four

Deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 6pm

The Urbana Park District and Champaign County Camera Club are proud to announce their 22nd annual competition at Lincoln Square next February. This is a great opportunity for amateur photographers to have their photos publicly exhibited and professionally judged. There is a five-piece limit, and all prints must be mounted on foamcore.



This year we will have a special, commemorative Wandell Sculpture Garden at Meadowbrook Park category! These photos can be taken at any time in history, unlike our other categories. We look forward to seeing your terrific photos from the past 24 years of the Sculpture Garden.

For information on categories, eligibility and matting requirements see our website at [www.urbanaparks.org](http://www.urbanaparks.org) or pick up a Best in Show brochure and entry form at the Phillips Recreation Center, Lincoln Square, or the News-Gazette. Call Janet at 217-367-1544 ext. 277 for more information.

All entry forms are due to the Phillips Recreation Center.  
Exhibition on display from February 5 at 12pm to February 12 at 12pm.  
February 12: All photos must be picked up between 2 and 4pm.



Join us for an entire year of programs, events, and activities to celebrate the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Wandell Sculpture Garden at Meadowbrook Park! Beginning with Climate Action Week in August, we will have at least

one activity highlighting sculpture, art, or the prairie each month. This season alone, in addition to Kim Curtis' "Harvest" installation at Climate Action Week, the activities include an Active Aging Week Sculpture Tour, Welcoming Week Chalk and Walk, an America Recycles Day art activity, and a fall color and sculpture photo shoot with the Champaign County Camera Club. The year-long celebration will be capped off in September 2023 with a re-dedication event in partnership with the Urbana Parks Foundation at the Meadowbrook Park Jazz Walk. For a complete listing of Wandell 25th activities, visit <https://www.urbanaparks.org/parks/wandell-sculpture-garden/>

Find the  icon in the guide for activities throughout the year that will be part of the celebration!