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For June - August 2023 Calendars

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Rogers Park announces robust programming of summer events ranging from food fest, Pride event, to visual art festivals

The diverse neighborhood offers popular family-friendly programs all summer long, including Artists of the Wall Festival, Family Pride, Taco Crawl, Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest, and Chalk Howard Street; most are free and open to the public

CHICAGO (April 13, 2023) – The nonprofit **Rogers Park Business Alliance** (RPBA) is excited to announce a vibrant summer of public programs that cater to event goers of all ages. Programming includes a wide span of the neighborhood's most popular entertainments, from art festivals, a Pride event for families, to taco extravaganzas. Most of the events are free to the public. For more information and event updates, visit RPBA.org.

The complete list of summer events in Rogers Park is as follows, in chronological order:

Art Fest: 30th annual Artists of the Wall

June 17-18 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,

Loyola Park and Beach between Farwell and Morse Avenue

Free admission, with painting spaces available for purchase

A beloved Father's Day weekend tradition, this long-standing community festival will feature 160 murals, live music, and kids' activities. Artists, neighbors, and families in Rogers Park and from across the city will paint sections of a 600-foot-long beach wall, with pre-registered mural spots available for purchase. This year's theme is "Stories of the Wall" and registration for mural spots will be open on May 1, 3, and 5, 2023. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic and blanket while enjoying the festival, and check out the walking trails, natural dunes, picnic grounds, a fishing pier, lighthouse, nearby restaurants, bookstores, and giftshops.

LGBTQ+: Family PRIDE

June 25 from 12 – 10 p.m.

1500 block of Jarvis Avenue

Free admission

This block party in the Jarvis Alfresco outdoor area will provide a safe, fun, family-friendly area to share Pride awareness with the community and children of all ages. The event will feature interactive music and entertainment for kids, as well as DJs, dancing, and libations for adults.

Food Fest: **Taco Crawl** July 20 from 3 – 7 p.m.

North Clark Street between Devon and Rogers Avenues

Advance tickets \$20, walk-up tickets \$30

Over a dozen of restaurants lining North Clark Street—one of the city's utmost dining destinations for Mexican restaurants—offer their signature menu items for a taco extravaganza. Participating restaurants and an event menu will be announced later.

Art Fest: 22nd annual Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest

August 18 – 20

Glenwood and Morse Avenues

Free admission

A weekend-long street arts fair serving an estimate of 15,000 festival goers annually, the festival hosts a diverse selection of over 100 artists and craftworkers of all disciplines, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, textile, metal, mixed media, and functional art. The festival will kick off with live music performances Friday night, followed by the outdoor art fair throughout the weekend featuring kids' artmaking activities, live performance art, artmaking demonstrations, and food and drinks from local restaurants.

Art Fest: Chalk Howard Street

August 26 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Howard Street and Ashland Avenue

Free admission, with drawing spaces available for purchase

Chicago's only chalk art festival returns as national and local 3D and 2D artists, neighbors, families, and street art lovers transform Howard Street into a creative canvas with vivid and interactive drawings. This street art festival features live music, local vendors, food, and drinks, while offering striking and immersive 3D chalk art experiences. Chalk squares measured 4'x4' are available for the public to purchase to create their own designs.

Rogers Park Business Alliance is a nonprofit organization that has served Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood for 30 years. RPBA works to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW/PROGRESANDO entrepreneurial training program, the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Rogers Park Business Alliance, annual Best of Rogers Park awards, Chalk Howard Street Festival, Taco Crawl, and the Glenwood Sunday Market farmers market. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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