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The Evanston Fourth of July Association • 1922-2022



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MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022 • EVANSTON 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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MORNING GAMES

Starting at 9:00 am at seven locations:
 Lincolnwood School, Willard School, Kamen
 Park, Baker Park, ETHS Track, Fleetwood-
 Jourdain and Robert Crown Community
 Center. Details at: [www.evanston4th.org/
 morning-games-and-events/](http://www.evanston4th.org/morning-games-and-events/)

KIDS FUN RUN

Starting at 12:45 pm
 Details on Activities tab at:
[www.evanston4th.org/morning-games-
 and-events/](http://www.evanston4th.org/morning-games-and-events/)

TENNIS FINALS

8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Ackerman Park
 Managed by the Evanston
 Community Tennis Association
www.evanstontennis.org

PARADE

Starting at 2:00 pm
 Begins at Central Park Avenue
 and travels east on Central Street
 to Ryan Field at Ashland Avenue

BAND CONCERT

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
 Palatine Concert Band
 Arrington Lakefront Lagoon at Dawes Park
 Tune your radio to 90.5 FM

LAKEFRONT FIREWORKS

9:30 pm A Musical Extravaganza!
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July 4, 2022

My Dear Friends & Revelers,

July 4, 2022 is a day we've been waiting for. The Evanston Fourth of July Trustees and Celebration Team have worked endless hours on preparing the events that will take place. We are as excited as you to have live games, races, parade, concert and fireworks after missing two celebrations. May our efforts raise your spirits and help you celebrate our Nation's Independence Day.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have worked diligently and will be serving today in various capacities to ensure the success of these events. We are all volunteers who give our time, energy and resources to make this celebration happen year after year after year for 100 years now! Yes, we are also celebrating our Association's 100th time of organizing these events. We receive No Tax Dollars; all support comes by financial gifts from you, the public. The Association depends upon your generous giving. Please go to www.evanston4th.org and click on the donate button to help ensure that this tradition will continue for another 100 years.

The City of Evanston gets special recognition for their support on this day. The Association could not do what we do without the support and efforts from the Mayor, City Council, Department Heads and Staff. Each department is involved one way or another in the success of this day. You will see the obvious roles the police and fire departments play but you may not see the behind-the-scenes work done by parks & recreation, streets & sanitation, public works and recycling. Thank you to the staff members who work on a holiday in order to keep things safe, secure and clean.

With Freedom comes Responsibility – Remember why we celebrate and who makes it possible. Enjoy the day.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tracy Alden".

Tracy Alden, President
Evanston Fourth of July Association

Mission Statement

The Association's Sole Mission is to provide safe and entertaining family-oriented events and activities on the nation's Independence Day Holiday.

Our Vision is for everyone to discover, enjoy and support the wonderful 4th of July traditions this Association has provided since 1922.

The Association was founded and continues to operate on these Core Values: freedom of views and expressions, respect for individual rights, responsibility to provide fair and equal treatment of participants and spectators, cooperation with City of Evanston codes and ordinances, and provide the best Independence Day celebration possible for all to enjoy and remember.



July 4, 2022

I'd like to take this opportunity to pay homage to the indigenous people on whose land we inhabit.

Picture it. Evanston. 2003. (I'm a huge Golden Girls fan!) A young man looks for volunteer opportunities. An organization in need of volunteers called "parade marshals." That young man was me and that organization was the Evanston Fourth of July Association. This is how I started as a volunteer in the 4th of July parade! And I have never left. I no longer live in Evanston, but I still volunteer here. As the Celebration Manager, I am very proud of the fact that we are an all-volunteer, all-donation operation. We literally couldn't do any of this without you! Without your time. Without your donations. For 100 years the Evanston Fourth of July Association has provided a safe and fun 4th of July for Evanston and surrounding communities. Please consider making a donation today!

Now is a time where we all need to be more conscious of the impact of our words and actions. We need to be more intentional in creating diverse and equitable spaces. We can all celebrate together while also acknowledging that these celebrations often do not take into consideration the people who were harmed in acquiring this land as well as the people who built this land on their backs. Hopefully, we are opening our hearts and our ears and learning to be more sensitive about such things. We have the ability to celebrate a wide variety of traditions and customs and celebrate in unique ways that will make us ALL feel like we're a part of something special. It is OK to reimagine what the 4th of July can look like for everyone while still maintaining our beloved traditions. Now more than ever, we can show who we are by acknowledging and learning from our past and creating a future that includes everyone. Consider becoming a part of our organization by volunteering or making a tax-deductible donation today!!

Happy 4th of July!!

Jamie Black
Celebration Manager





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July 4, 2022

Daniel Biss
Mayor

Dear Fellow Evanstonians,

Let us come together in unity and purpose to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. This year is special for a couple of reasons. First of all, after two consecutive Covid-related cancellations of this beloved event, the community is now ready, willing and extremely excited for a safe and spectacular 4th of July. Additionally, 2022 marks the 100th year of the Evanston Fourth of July Association, the all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that organizes and runs the festivities.

This year's theme Celebrating For 100 years – Evanston Fourth of July Association represents how Evanstonians have led the way in many ventures. Since 1922, volunteers have made celebrating on July 4th safe and fun. Their willingness to put in the time and energy coupled with the City services and resources has made this tradition special and lasting for 100 years.

I appreciate the Evanston Fourth of July Association for their continued efforts at providing a wonderful day of celebration. This is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that depends upon the generous donations from the community to financially support the games, parade, concert and fireworks. Their hard work and organization is what makes this event enjoyable and free for all of us. I urge you to give your financial support at www.evanston4th.org to keep these efforts going.

The City of Evanston gives its full support and partnership to this celebration of our nation's Independence by providing public safety, access to parks, public works and sanitation services. The City employees who work on July 4 are giving up their time with family and friends to serve and protect you. Please show them your respect and appreciation.

Wishing you a wonderful, healthy and safe 4th of July Holiday.

Sincerely,

Daniel Biss
Mayor, City of Evanston



2022 Grand Marshals

Grand Marshal Bruce Baumberger

Bruce Baumberger, Trustee Emeritus, started his over 50-years of leadership of the Evanston Fourth of July Association in 1972 as an Assistant Twilight Show Ticket Chair. That was when the Association offered a twilight show and fireworks at what is now Ryan Field. One of his innovations for the Association was a unique, efficient organization for the parade assembly area during a “no-gap” parade in 1975 when he served as the parade marshal. By 1978, when Bruce served as the Celebration Manager, he was starting an initiative to make our 4th of July celebration a broader, inclusive community event. As an incoming Trustee in 1979, he led the change to offer our fireworks and a concert at the Evanston lakefront free of charge. That included coordination of the transition of the Association funding model from twilight show ticket sales to reliance on solicitation of contributions from all Evanston residents.



During his many years as a Trustee, he served in each of the Association’s offices and fostered the continued growth of our Independence Day activities to include all Evanston residents – expanded playground sports, parade more representative of the community and our traditional lakefront concert and fireworks. More recently, Bruce played a major role planning and coordinating the Association’s two virtual celebrations in 2020 and 2021.

Grand Marshal Paul Wilson



Paul Wilson, Trustee Emeritus, got involved with EFFT when asked by his friend, Curtis Chancellor, to “check out a Celebration Team meeting”. He was hooked and served in many roles including Celebration Manager, Trustee and Master of Ceremonies at the Lakefront Concert. He says “it’s an experience and I enjoy seeing so many people march in the parade or watching it go by.” He’s thankful to be part of it all for so many years. He loves to sing and will give a strong voice to God Bless America every year it is played at the Arrington Lagoon on July 4. He’s a nature speaker and knows everyone in Evanston so

him being the M.C. at the evening events made everyone feel comfortable and welcomed. He worked for the City of Evanston for 25 years so his connections help smooth the way with the many details required to pull off a successful July 4 celebration.

Paul grew up in Evanston, graduated from ETHS, joined the Navy, served on a heavy cruiser during the Korean War, then returned to Evanston. He’s a member of the first class to graduate from the Citizens Police Academy. He retired from the City in 2008. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Grand Marshal Sam Sibley

My history with the Evanston 4th of July Association

1976: I was scoutmaster of Evanston Boy Scout Troop 26. For the Bicentennial, the scouts wanted to be in the Evanston 4th of July parade. Every scout marched in the parade in full uniform. They loved it! Over the next 3 years I brought all of the Evanston Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts into the parade.

1980: The Girls Scouts wanted to be in the parade. Since I was also a Girl Scout leader, I brought all the Girl Scouts into the parade.

1985: Parade Marshal

1986: I received a telephone call from long-time 4th of July Trustee, Paul Wilson. Another man, also named Paul, was the organizer of all the parade marshals, but he needed some help. I went to see Paul, and he handed me his Marshal folder, and said: “I have no time for any of this—take over!” I immediately went to work recruiting at least 20 more marshals. All these new marshals needed to be trained, so I created the training program that we still use today.

1990–1992: Parade Chairman

1992: Awarded the Clary Malmsten Award

(Since renamed the Al Jackson Award)

1993–1995: Celebration Manager

1995: Became a Trustee

1997–2000: Treasurer

2001–2012: Secretary

2013-present: Historian



In Loving Memory of David J. Sniader, Trustee Emeritus

Dave Sniader was born on July 3, which made the 4th of July his favorite holiday. You may remember seeing Dave at the front of the Evanston 4th of July parade, driving one of his prized antique tractors to open the celebration. Dave held the positions of President, Celebration Manager, and Trustee over the last 20+ years. Prior to that, Dave, along with the North Shore Emergency Association, provided communications for the parade as far back as 1977.



Dave grew up in Winnetka, Illinois. He showed signs of taking after his father, an accomplished engineer, at a very young age. Dave's parents bought a farm property in Harvard, Illinois. The family spent weekends at the farm and often visited antique tractor shows and auctions. The family bought their first antique tractor when Dave was eight years old. Dave and his dad spent countless hours working on the tractor to restore it, and this activity became a hobby. As an adult, Dave acquired numerous antique tractors and a steam engine, many of which appeared in various 4th of July parades over the years.

Dave also learned how to fly, got his pilot's license and bought his own airplane. Dave did all this in spite of the fact that he was a paraplegic from a car accident in 1984. Among Dave's greatest accomplishments were his ability to orchestrate large events, engaging friends and family that shared his interest in giving back to the community.

Nothing made Dave happier than working with his friends, the many volunteers of the Evanston Fourth of July Association. Together they spent many months preparing for an amazing, multifaceted day of celebration, including a parade and fireworks accompanied by synchronized music. Under Dave's guidance, The Evanston Fourth of July Association pulled off the days' festivities without a hitch through careful planning. Dave's hand can still be felt through the many activities, none more than his beloved fireworks display.



Dave passed away after a short illness on January 30, 2021. He is survived by his siblings, many nieces and nephews and his close friends who cherish the many happy memories they have with Dave. He is greatly missed by all and lives on in our hearts.



Criteria for Judging the Evanston Fourth of July Parade

To you, the Evanston Fourth of July Parade may just be a beautiful display of patriotism and community spirit. To some who participate in the parade, however, it's serious competition!

There are eight judging categories for the Evanston Fourth of July Parade.

1. **Community Performance:** community musical or performance group.
2. **Youth:** a group consisting predominantly of people eighteen years of age or younger.
3. **Community Float:** built by members of a group from the community.
4. **Community Participating:** a group of people walking or riding.
5. **Invited Performer - Band:** sponsored band, orchestra or corp.
6. **Invited Performer - Other:** sponsored musical or performance group.
7. **Commercial Float:** built by members of a group from the commercial community.
8. **Motor Vehicle:** all antique or special cars and trucks.

The winners in each category will receive an award. We designate first, second, and third place for most categories.

Three additional awards are given regardless of category:

President's Award: awarded to best group overall.

Pelton Plaque: awarded to the outstanding neighborhood group.

Chief Judge's Award: given for special merit.



INTERESTED IN BEING IN A FUTURE PARADE?

Please send us your contact information and we'll be sure to include you in our spring mailing. Send all questions and contact information to: parade@evanston4th.org.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

4th of July 2019 Winners:

PRESIDENT'S CUP — D.I.M.E. (Dance Is My Everything)

PELTON PLAQUE — McGaw YMCA

CHIEF JUDGE AWARD — Evanston Public Library

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

1. Evanston Township High School
2. Evanston Escola de Samba
3. Dance Is Key Productions

YOUTH

1. Dance Center Evanston
2. The Actor's Gymnasium
3. Hoop Avenues Elite

COMMUNITY FLOAT

1. The Backlot Association
2. American Legion Post 42
3. Chicago Chinese Culture & Arts Society

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING

1. Evanston Special Recreation
2. Sigma Gamma Rho
3. Evanston Marching Kazoo Band

INVITED PERFORMER - OTHER

1. Golden Knights Drill Team
2. Asociación de charros de la mesa
3. City of Chicago Pipe Band

INVITED PERFORMER - BAND

1. South Shore Drill Team
2. Wilmette Community Band
3. Colt Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps

COMMERCIAL

1. Hewn Bakery
2. Sketchbook Brewing Co.
3. West End Florist & Garden Center

MOTOR VEHICLE

1. Chicago for Electric Vehicles
2. Windy City Miata Club
3. Midwest Chapter-Model T Ford Club

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING

1. Evanston Marching Kazoo Band
2. Evanston Special Recreation
3. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America — Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette Chapter

2022 Evanston 4th of July Parade Entries

- 4 Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA)
- 3 Sparky
- 2 Uncle Sam
- 1 Clown Elaine
- 1 Evanston Police & Fire Honor Guard
- 2 American Legion Post 42
- 3 Boy Scout Troop 924 Color Guard with the Evanston Fourth of July Association's Liberty Bell Float
- 4 Evanston BSA Troop 916 and Cub Scout Pack 916
- 5 Cub Scout Pack 929
- 6 Evanston Girl Scouts
- 7 Navy Band Great Lakes
- 8 Ancient Evanstonians
- 9 Midwest Chapter of Model T Ford Club
- 10 Trustee Tracy Alden, President, Evanston Fourth of July Association
- 11 Evanston Fourth of July Board of Trustees
- 12 Grand Marshal Sam Sibley, Trustee
- 13 Grand Marshal Bruce Baumberger, Trustee Emeritus
- 14 Grand Marshal Paul Wilson, Trustee Emeritus
- 15 Mayor Daniel Biss
- 16 Evanston City Councilmember Jonathan Nieuwsma, 4th Ward
- 17 City of Evanston 311
- 18 Women for Evanston Youth
- 19 North End Bunco, Parcheesi, and Weight-Dropping Auxiliary
- 20 Evanston Knights of Columbus
- 21 McGaw YMCA
- 22 Evanston Fire Department
- 23 Backlot Neighborhood Association
- 24 Skunkworks Dance
- 25 Canal Shores Golf Course
- 26 Evanston Grows
- 27 CirquesExperience/Wheel Jam
- 28 Evanston Township High School
- 29 Justin Wynn Fund
- 30 The Peace Puppets
- 31 Yes for Ranked Choice Voting in Evanston
- 32 Indivisible Evanston
- 33 PB Evanston
- 34 Chicago Ballet Arts
- 35 The Illinois Wheelmen
- 36 Wilmette Community Band
- 37 Mid-USA Falun Dafa Association
- 38 Clarke's
- 39 American Taxi Dispatch
- 40 The Woman's Club of Evanston
- 41 League of Women Voters of Evanston
- 42 Evanston RoundTable
- 43 Illinois Railway Museum
- 44 American Red Cross
- 45 Chicago Honey Bear Dancers

- 46 Windy City Miata Club
- 47 The Actors Gymnasium
- 48 Unity Preschool
- 49 Apachi Evanston Day Camp | JCC Chicago
- 50 Evanston Special Recreation
- 51 Baker Demonstration School
- 52 COE Lakefront Aquatic Camps
- 53 United Catholic Youth Ministries
- 54 Xilin North Shore Chinese School
- 55 Evanston Youth Lacrosse Association
- 56 DIME (Dance Is My Everything)
- 57 Four Star Brass Band
- 58 Evanston Rotary Clubs
- 59 Soul & Smoke
- 60 Evanston Sunrise Lions Club
- 61 Jesse White Tumbling Team
- 62 Evanston Pride Inc
- 63 PFLAG Evanston
- 64 Evanston Public Library
- 65 Orangetheory Fitness - Evanston
- 66 The Zchizz
- 67 Central Street Neighbors Assn (CSNA)
- 68 Second City Samba
- 69 Asociación de charros de la mesa
- 70 Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky
- 71 Illinois Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza
- 72 State Representative Robyn Gabel
- 73 Democratic Party of Evanston
- 74 Narvaez Trash Hauling and Demolition

- 75 South Shore Drill Team
- 76 Jamie Black, Celebration Manager and Trustee
- 77 Hillary A Bean, Parade Director and Trustee
- 78 Streets and Sanitation



Morning Games & Activities, plus Fun Run

Our 2022 theme is Celebrating For 100 Years – Evanston Fourth of July Association. Yes – the EFJA has been doing this for 100 years. Here is a little history about the Morning Games that take place at 7 sites around Evanston, and the Fun Run, too.

There have been games and events from the start 100 years ago. This tradition brings families and friends together every July 4. Our Fourth of July Association organizes and supplies these events. Each site offers a variety of races and competitions for all ages. This family friendly and neighborhood centered program aims to bring people together to meet, play and have some fun in the morning. It's all free, too.



FUN FACTS

Lincolnwood School hosted the first games and sports in 1922. There were softball games pitting “Married” vs “Single” men’s teams that occurred through WWII. Other sites were added during the “Baby Boomer” generation. There was a time when NU’s football stadium held the Championships for the competitions. The winners of the Lincolnwood, Willard and Foster sites would meet at Dyche Stadium (now Ryan Field) the night of the 4th for the crowning of the overall champions in the races, games and egg toss competitions.

MODERN DAY EXPERIENCE

Other sites have been added throughout the years and now all parts of Evanston host the games and events. Having a foot race is as old as mankind. Some of the little ones need to be told where to run to, but once off and running, there’s no stopping them. Competitiveness comes out in everyone at the games. The adults have as much fun, if not more, than the children. It’s amazing to see and hear the pounding feet of the men who are running their fastest in order to receive a Blue, Red or White ribbon (1st, 2nd & 3rd respectively). The women are just as competitive and show their fleet footed speed, too. Everyone wears their ribbons proudly.



A little less physical but just as competitive is the Frisbee Toss. Young and old compete in their own age group, lining up to toss the Frisbee as far as they can. Not all sites do the same things. There may be Hula Hoop or Jump Rope competition at some while another has a Nail Driving Contest.

There is even something for the littlest ones – the Penny Scramble. Children gather around a large circle with their backs to the middle. Hundreds of pennies are dropped in the middle of the circle. On “Go”, the children turn and crawl, walk or run, collecting as many pennies as they can – no help from mom or dad allowed!

Individual and team events include the Sack Race and 3-Legged Race. It’s harder than you think to jump 40 yards in a burlap sack. The team race requires sack racers to get out of the sack and pass it to their partner. Nothing is simple. Have you tried to run with someone else’s legs tied to yours? It requires a good bit of teamwork and it’s not easy. But that’s what makes it so much fun.



Some sites use the blueberry pies as a treat but others have an actual Pie Eating Contest for children. The kids get on their knees with hands behind their backs, a piece of blueberry pie on a paper plate in front of them. On “Go” they go face first into the pie. It’s hilarious to watch and a spectacle to see the end results. Why blueberry pie? Because it’s the messiest. We give credit to Al Jackson for requiring blueberry pies. Al has long since go on to his reward but was a man of great principle, purpose and playfulness.

The adults get into the Egg & Spoon Race. This requires partners to run 25 yards while carrying a raw egg on a spoon, then handing the egg and spoon to their partner, who turns

around and finishes the race. Many eggs don’t make it back intact.

Another highlight of the day is the Egg Toss. A raw egg is given to one of the pair’s participants. One by one, down the line, a player tosses the egg to their partner. If it is caught without breaking, everyone takes a step back and the lines begin to widen. Eggs fly farther and farther, breaking bigger and messier until only one team remains clean.

Added in 2013 for younger children is the FUN RUN. It is under a mile long (.7 of a mile) with the Start & Finish at Ackerman Park. The kids run west on Central Street and loop back to the Finish Line where many cheering parents and spectators are waiting. The Evanston Running Club, NU Athletics & Flying Turkey 5K Race make sure the runners get t-shirts, refreshments, awards and pictures with celebrities such as Willie Wildcat, Uncle Sam and our own Sparky.

SUPPORT

Thank you for reading along. If you’ve participated in any of these events, then you know the pull that fun and tradition has on the community. Please share your experiences and any pictures. Also, the Morning Games are all free. In fact, everything is free including the parade, evening concert and fireworks. The expenses for these are paid by our Association. No tax dollars are used to pay for any of the day’s activities. We do acknowledge and own a debt of gratitude to the City of Evanston for providing public services, and to the schools, park district and sponsors who help offset expenses. However, we need your financial support to maintain the celebration quality and diversity of events.

Go to www.evanston4th.org.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tracy Alden has been involved with organizing the Morning Games since 1995. He grew up in Evanston and participated as a child in the games. He is currently President of the EFJA. His father, also Tracy Alden Jr. served on the EFJA Celebration Team.

Women for Evanston Youth

Women for Evanston Youth, formerly the North End Mothers' Club, is one of Evanston's longest-serving community service organizations and the founder of the Evanston Fourth of July Parade.

The group's newly updated name underlines that WEY's century-long focus on serving the city's youth and reflects more than just a modernization for the 21st century—it is an affirmation of the organization's spirit and purpose: to promote acquaintance, to make a united effort toward the development of friendly community service, and to benefit youth wherever possible.

"We are so excited to introduce a new name that more completely telegraphs our inclusive nature and clear service focus," says WEY President Leslie Sevcik.

The organization traces its history back to the spring of 1911 when a group of Evanston women gathered together with a common purpose—to support and benefit local children and youth—and formed a charter with that mission at its forefront. The group's very first meeting saw members encourage school instruction in music appreciation. In 1922, WEY planned and organized Evanston's first Fourth of July parade and fireworks, an event which the group continues to proudly support.

A century later, WEY's mission remains true: to provide educational scholarships, assist worthy students, aid educational institutions, civic enterprises and undertakings, and further the development of friendly community services for the benefit of youth.

"In a recent partnership with the YWCA of Evanston raising funds for the Women's Shelter, we were inspired by the all-female YWCA board," says Elizabeth Bald, past president and longtime WEY board member. "Our members are powerful, determined and dedicated women who pride themselves in helping our community through grant-giving on an annual basis. Evanston's youth-based organizations are constantly growing and our policy chairs are always inspired with the plentiful requests that arrive each year. This is our inspiration for all we do as an organization."

Whether in fundraising for the YWCA, funding scholarships at ETHS, providing grants for non-profits, hosting Fortnightly dances for middle-schoolers, or volunteering at ESCCA—Women for Evanston Youth is woven into the community. Among the groups WEY has supported with grants, as recently as 2020, are the ETHS Special Ed Department, EISMA, FAAM, Girls Play Sports, Young Black Lit, The Moran Center, Open Studio Project, Girl Scouts, Northlight Theater, Peer Services, and TED Fund; in 2020, WEY also underwrote the design and supply of the Teen Room at the YWCA Women's Shelter and funded a multiyear gift to Robert Crown Community Center.

Women for Evanston Youth welcomes new members and new voices, and the opportunity to be an organization that is inclusive to all the women of Evanston as it continues its focus on scholarship funds for ETHS seniors, Fortnightly dance classes for middle-schoolers, and community grants.

"We are very proud of our members who have pushed and guided this much-needed change to not only finally explain who we are and what we do, but also to encourage all women of Evanston to come join our cause and have fun while helping Evanston's youth," says Bald. "We desire to double our membership with this name change. We welcome you to come join Women for Evanston Youth."

Visit us at: www.womenforevanstonyouth.org



Navy Band Great Lakes

"Pride in Service" has been the theme for Navy Band Great Lakes for more than a century.

From 1917, when Lieutenant Commander John Philip Sousa served as Bandmaster, to today's band under the direction of Lieutenant Commander Christopher Cornette, their music represents the pride and professionalism synonymous with the United States Navy since the band's inception in 1911.

On behalf of Rear Admiral Jennifer S. Couture, Commander, Naval Service Training Command, and Lieutenant Commander Christopher Cornette, Director of Navy Band Great Lakes, the band proudly cultivates patriotism worldwide and reminds all Americans that their United States Navy is deployed around the world, around the clock, protecting and defending America at all times.



FIREWORKS AND A CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE AT THE LAKEFRONT TONIGHT

A Musical Tribute to America

The official evening event begins with our traditional concert featuring the famous Palatine Concert Band and starts at 7:30 PM in Dawes Park at the Arrington Lakefront Lagoon. Our award-winning musical fireworks display will start shortly following the concert's final number at around 9:20 PM.



Our on-site sound system will cover both Centennial and Dawes parks. You can listen to the entire concert, speeches and fireworks program music live on 90.5 FM Radio in most parts of the eastern part of the City. Coverage ranges from north of Northwestern University to south past Dempster Street Beach and west into downtown.

The 2022 Commemorative Score

We compose a musical score that has a wide format with a little something for everyone from nine to ninety plus. You are sure to enjoy many patriotic favorites played during the band concert followed by a shift to a more contemporary line up for the fireworks show.

2022 is a year of many commemorations across the nation. As we celebrate our American Independence and the events of the past decades and centuries, we are highlighting aspects of that history with the music that serves as a storytelling method for our band concert and award-winning musical fireworks show. The goal is to create a medley of fun popular songs that are great to fire shells with and give kids as well as baby boomers something to sing along with and dance to.



The Fireworks

Each year we try to top the previous year in formulating one of the most recognized fireworks displays in the country. It is really ballet of sorts with well-planned music set to a backdrop of thunderous bright beauty from the finest shells made.

A great deal of effort and money have gone into this year's show as we shoot over 2,000 shells, many of which have never been seen before.

Music, Technology Behind the Scenes and the Move to the Lake

In 1980 we moved the fireworks from Dyche Stadium (now Ryan Field), with paid admittance, to a launch point at Clark Street beach. This was a major change as now all Evanston residents could see the display from several parks up and down the lakefront and Northwestern's campus, **free** and **open to the public**.

Technology has improved significantly from the days of lighting each shell by hand using road flares. By the mid 1980's we were using an old-fashioned cassette tape with music on one channel and verbal firing cues on the other, with each shell being manually fired electrically. We have progressed to having the technology to fire using digital codes, our own self-designed and constructed precision radio links, audio system and computers. Each shell is selected for its specific attributes in a well-planned pattern to fit themes of music and lyrics within each musical number. The goal is to get more creative, maintain precise firing accuracy, and get safer and better every year.

Your Crew This Year

Our lead pyrotechnician this year is Peter Cangelosi from RKM Fireworks. We have a dedicated veteran crew again this year with some folk like me doing this from the very beginning. Our core lakefront crew is augmented by volunteer staff from the North Shore Emergency Association, our radio communications group. They help coordinate with our sound center and assist in the operation of our transmitters and equipment in the command center. They also help with crowd reports for the police, general safety alerts and contact with the many boats offshore.

Miles of wire, and hundreds of firing circuits are installed and tested beginning on July 3rd. Each shell is carefully placed in its own mortar on the 4th. Evanston Police and Fire Departments are invaluable in keeping things safe in all respects, from the inspection of our professional display to curbing the use of dangerous home fireworks in the crowd. City of Evanston Departments: Police; Fire; Emergency Preparedness; Parks, Recreation & Community Services; Facilities Management; Public Works: Street & Sanitation, Transportation and all department staff always go the extra mile helping us setup of our many cables and antennae throughout to keeping power supplied all night and the massive cleanup afterward.

Excepting for the support from City staff mentioned above, **not a cent of this production comes from City funds but from your private donations**. We cannot do this without your help, support and attendance. The future of this wonderful lakefront evening depends on your generosity. I am confident you will have a wonderful and memorable evening with us. When you get home, please take a moment to visit our website, www.evanston4th.org, and, as much as you are able, help us out with a donation.

Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!

Mike Polichnowski

Lakefront & Fireworks Director

Palatine Concert Band

The Palatine Concert Band was established in 1875 and, after being inactive during the depression years and WWII, the band was reorganized and has been in continuous operation since 1955. Today, the Palatine Concert Band is a vibrant ensemble that features 80 select musicians playing the finest concert band repertoire.



The conductor of the Palatine Concert Band is Dr. Frederick Lowe, who is the director of ensembles at Loyola University Chicago, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and coordinates the athletic bands.

The Palatine Concert Band has been performing on the 4th in Evanston for over 30 years. We welcome them back to Evanston for another great year.



PROGRAM

Star-Spangled Banner – Francis Scott Key

Taps – U.S. Military Traditional, trumpet solo played by Stan Louiseau

Esprit de Corps – Robert Jager

Mayflower Overture – Ron Nelson

Armed Forces Salute – U.S. Military Traditional, arr. Bob Lowden

Lux Aurumque – Eric Whitacre

Second Suite in F – Gustav Holst

El Camino Real – Alfred Reed

Into the Woods – Steven Sondheim, arr. Stephen Bulla

Journey Through Orion – Julie Giroux

America the Beautiful – Samuel Augustus Ward, arr. Carmen Dragon

The Stars and Stripes Forever – John Philip Sousa



A Brief History of the 4th of July

Have you ever wondered why we celebrate the Fourth of July or how the Fourth of July holiday came about? Many people think we celebrate the Fourth of July because it is the day we received our Independence from England. While those people are thinking along the right track that is not the entire reason that we celebrate the Fourth of July, nor is it the reason that the Fourth of July holiday came about.



Way back in the 18th century the United States was not considered the United States. In fact, what we now call states were actually called colonies. The United States was actually an extension of England. People traveled from England aboard ships to settle in America, but eventually differences in life, thought, and interests began to develop which caused a rift between Britain and America.

When the colonies were first settled they were allowed to pretty much develop freely without hardly any interface from Britain, but things abruptly changed in 1763. Britain suddenly decided that they needed to take more control over the colonies. Britain decided that the colonies needed to return revenue to the mother country and they needed to pay for the colonies defense, which was being provided by Britain. But the colonies did not agree with these new rules at all. They felt that since they were not represented in Parliament that they shouldn't have to pay any kinds of taxes to the mother country, hence the saying "no taxation without representation". When Britain continued to tax, the colonies formed the First Continental Congress to persuade the British government to recognize their rights. When this didn't work a war was declared, which is known as the American Revolution.

After the First Continental Congress failed to persuade Britain to recognize the colonies' rights, and war was declared, things began to heat up. Many people who were both considered moderates and radicals had decided that enough was enough and that any kind of taxation without representation was considered tyranny. People such as John Adams, Samuel Adams, and Ben Franklin, as well as a group called the Sons of Liberty decided that it was time to unite all of the colonies and to stand together against Britain.

During the course of the American Revolution a second Continental Congress was formed. It is this group that adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration of Independence was drafted by John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman. After the first draft was written by Thomas Jefferson, it was revised by Ben Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson before it was sent to Congress for approval. All thirteen colonies stood behind the Declaration of Independence and adopted it in full on July 4, 1776.

This is where the Fourth of July holiday comes in. The Fourth of July is known as Independence Day because that is the day that the Second Continental Congress adopted the full and formal Declaration of Independence. Even though we had declared that we were independent, the American Revolution was still being fought, which meant that we were still not independent. Regardless of the ongoing war the following year, people in Philadelphia celebrated a muted Fourth of July.

While celebrations on July 4th during the American Revolution were modest, after the war ended in 1783 the Fourth of July became a holiday in many places. The celebrations included speeches, military events, parades, and fireworks. To this day the Fourth of July is the most patriotic holiday celebrated in the United States.

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Public Art Project

The Evanston Fourth of July Association sponsored a public art project to coincide with their 100-year Anniversary celebration. The idea was “stolen” from Elgin who sponsored a “storm drain art project” where artists were invited to create artwork around storm drains, manhole covers, etc. We asked artists to submit artwork with the themes Community, Diversity or The Fourth of July. The art was curated by the Evanston Arts Committee, approved by the Evanston Arts Council and Public Works gave the final approval. The artwork is located around the city in such places as James Park, Twiggs Park, Lawson Park, and the corner of Church and Sherman. The following artists will have their art displayed through Oct 1st.

Kendra Balans – Kendra is a crochet artist who learned to crochet at 10 years of age. She has created crocheted fashion designs for fashion shows and artist showcases. Her personal art projects include Kobe and Gigi Bryant portrait and a Michelle and Barack Obama portrait. She can be reached at kencreates@gmail.com. Kendra’s artwork can be seen at Fitzsimons Park at the corner of Sherman and Lee.

Samantha McDonald – Samantha is a self-taught artist. She uses a variety of mediums. Her collection is a mix of acrylic paintings, oil paintings, water color drawings, leather works and chalk art. Samantha’s artwork can also be seen on the streets of Elgin as part of the Elgin cultural Arts Commission Storm drain mural project. She can be reached at clintandsam@gmail.com. Samantha’s artwork can be seen on the southeast corner of Sherman and Church.

Jylen Grayson – Jylen is a multidisciplinary artist, plant-based chef and private art instructor. She is head chef at the Love Only Kitchen. She has spent time teaching art in Chicago Public Schools and curates exhibits for special events all over the Chicagoland area. She can be reached at jkgray.808@gmail.com. Jylen’s artwork can be seen at Twiggs Park.

Jamie Adams – Jamie has experience in puppet construction, leatherworks and embroidery as well as commissioned art pieces. They received a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree from the University of Michigan. They currently work as a freelance product photographer. Jamie can be reached at jadamsz@umich.edu. Jamie’s artwork can be seen at Emerson Square Park. Check it out at night!

Nancy Guo and Grace Park – Nancy attended Marwen, a free art school for middle and high schoolers. She twice won first place on Rogers Park’s Artists of the Wall. Grace is a graphic artist and web designer who has been featured in Inheritance Magazine. Nancy can be reached at nancguo@gmail.com. Grace can be reached at grace.park2@northwestern.edu. Nancy and Grace’s artwork can be seen at Lawson Park.

Brian Petrone – Brian is a local artist whose works have been seen all over the country. He’s done group art shows in places such as St. Louis, MO; Charleston, SC; and Los Angeles, CA as well as a solo art show in Rochester, NY. He holds a Master of Architecture from Syracuse University and has been a finalist in selected architectural competitions. Brian can be reached at brian@petronedesign.com. Brian’s artwork can be seen at James Park.

Pamela Seatter – Pamela has done a variety of public art works. She has done outdoor murals for the city of Elgin, Oak Park Art League, and the Niles Chamber of Commerce. She has been an art director for over 30 years. She has created logos and designed packaging for numerous businesses. She can be reached at pamelaseatter@gmail.com. Pamela’s artwork can be seen in the cul-de-sac at Hartrey and Cleveland.

We hope you enjoy the art!!



1. **Coming to the Table** - Nancy Guo and Grace Park
2. **Bloom** - Jylen Grayson
3. **Stronger Together, Brighter Together** - Jamie Adams
4. **Stitch of Freedom (crochet art)** - Kendra Balans
5. **American Dreams** - Samantha McDonald
6. **Celebrate (Circle of Friends)** - Pamela Seatter
7. **Indivisible** - Brian Petrone

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