



EVENTS PROGRAM | JULY 4, 2024

EVANSTON 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION



SEEDS OF CHANGE



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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/

KIDS FUN RUN

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

TENNIS FINALS

8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ackerman Park
Managed by the Evanston Community Tennis Association
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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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EVENT MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Our MC for tonight's Lakefront Program is Robert Body and we are thrilled to welcome him back in what we hope will be a very long and rewarding partnership with Evanston Fourth of July Association.



July 4, 2024

Happy Independence Day Evanston,

Our theme this year is “Seeds of Change” with Robin Rue Simmons as the Grand Marshal. We acknowledge and celebrate her work on restorative and social justice in the Black community. Her work and influence have touched many locally and nationally. Evanston Fourth of July Association is proud of her achievements and supports continued initiatives that cure past ills. May our hearts and minds repent of racism, injustice and hatred, and instead be open to healing, fairness and love for one another.

“Freedom, Sancho, is one of the most precious gifts heaven gave to men; the treasures under the earth and beneath the sea cannot compare to it; for freedom, as well as for honor, one can and should risk one’s life, while captivity, on the other hand, is the greatest evil that can befall men.” Don Quixote (Book 2, chap 58)

These words were penned as the Americas were being “discovered,” and well before our Nation was even conceived. Injustice, cruelty and slavery have always existed. However, there is right and wrong, good and evil, and light and darkness. We must fight the good fights for they are worth it. July 4th represents those ideals of our republic. We have benefitted as has the entire world. However, we have also fallen short and harmed others. Therefore, we applaud Robin Rue Simmons for her efforts to make our City, Nation and World a better place. May “Seeds of Change” bloom an aroma of “Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” that fills our lives.

Thank you and enjoy the day.

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.



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July 4, 2024

Dear Fellow Evanstonians,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to this year's Independence Day celebration. This cherished event is an opportunity for Evanstonians of all walks of life to come together, enjoy one another's company, and appreciate the benefits and aspirations this holiday commemorates.

The full day's schedule includes not only a parade, concert, and fireworks show but also a fun ran and games, showing off the breadth and diversity of our community. In this spirit, I'm particularly appreciative of this year's theme Seeds of Change, and the choice of Robin Rue Simmons as Grand Marshal. This is a wonderful recognition not only of the restorative and social justice work that we have done here in Evanston, but of the uplifting opportunity and example it presents for the whole country — and what better day to spotlight this than July 4th?

Putting on an event of this magnitude and complexity is a huge undertaking, and I'm enormously appreciative of the Evanston Fourth of July Association, an all-volunteer group of community-minded stalwarts who make all of this happen. Thanks to the many volunteers who work countless hours to ensure that the Independence Day celebrations are not only fun and joyful, but smoothly run and safe.

Speaking of safety, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the many City staff who come together to make this event possible. This includes not only our terrific public safety personnel, but also parks & recreation staff, our public works team, and more.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 4th!

Sincerely,

Daniel Biss
 Mayor, City of Evanston





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 Community Services Department
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July 4, 2024

Dear Friends,

Once again, we are excited to partner with the Evanston Fourth of July Association to host this year's celebration in our beautiful city. This year's theme, "Seeds of Change" reminds us how important it is to commemorate our past and embrace the seeds of change that shape our future. The celebration will continue to fuel our hunger to be together in the spirit of community, peace, love, joy and hope.

On behalf of Evanston's Parks and Recreation Department, I am grateful to the Evanston Fourth of July Association for planning and coordinating this year's celebrations. Join our Department at this year's parade, as we compete for the first place Community Float Award. In addition, we invite you to participate in several events that we are excited to host in our parks and community centers, culminating with the evening's concert and fireworks show at the lakefront. Our Department, along with our Police, Fire and Public Works Departments have worked tirelessly to ensure that every detail of the day will not only be implemented safely, but that the events of the day are executed in a manner that makes Evanston proud and special.

We are confident that this year's activities will provide opportunities to create lifelong memories for not only children and youth, but all community members. We are excited for the opportunity to partner with you again and look forward to an enjoyable and safe Independence Day celebration. Let the fun and spirit of this celebration begin!

Audrey A. Thompson

Audrey Thompson, Director
 Parks and Recreation Department



2024 Grand Marshal

Grand Marshal Robin Rue Simmons

Robin Rue Simmons is the Founder and Executive Director of FirstRepair, a not-for-profit organization that informs local reparations, nationally. Previously, Rue Simmons was the 5th Ward Alderman for the City of Evanston, IL, when she led, in collaboration with others, the passage of the nation’s first government-funded Black reparations legislation.

Rue Simmons is a 2023 University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics, Pritzker Fellow.

To date, \$20 million has been committed to reparations by the City. She serves as the chairperson of the City’s Reparations Committee which oversees its initial Restorative Housing Program. It began disbursements in January 2021. Several other governmental entities across the country are actively seeking to follow Evanston’s example.

Rue Simmons was born and raised in the largely segregated 5th Ward of Evanston, a city of 75,000 on the shores of Lake Michigan on the northern border of Chicago.

She laid the foundation for her life’s work in 1998 when she became a residential real estate broker. Troubled by the wealth disparities and concentrated poverty she witnessed locally and saw in other communities, she wanted to help young adults begin to build wealth through homeownership.

As an entrepreneur, she has launched and operated multiple businesses, including a bookstore in the 5th Ward, that also offered free after-school programming. She started a construction company in Evanston that employed Black tradespeople and developed dozens of affordable houses funded by the Illinois Neighborhood Stabilization Program. She continues to manage a handful of residential and commercial properties that she owns in Evanston. Until she started FirstRepair in 2021, Rue Simmons was the Director of Innovation and Outreach for Sunshine Enterprises, a not-for-profit on Chicago’s South Side, which has supported over one thousand entrepreneurs (virtually all African American and three-quarters women) in launching or growing their own businesses.



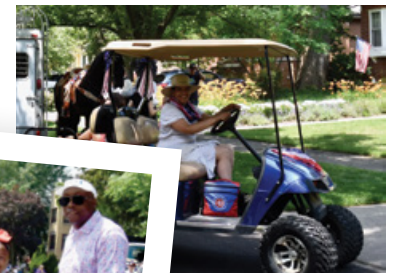
Rue Simmons served as an Evanston alderman from 2017-2021, serving on multiple committees and chairing several. During her tenure, she prioritized improving the lived experiences of and expanding opportunities for Black residents in Evanston, most notably through her work on reparations.

Rue Simmons is also a commissioner of the National African-American Reparations Commission (NAARC), a board member of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N’COBRA), and a board member of Evanston’s Connections for the Homeless. She previously served as a board member for the National League of Cities’ National Black Caucus of Local Elected Leaders and as the President of the Evanston Black Business Alliance.

Rue Simmons has received numerous awards for her reparations and other public service work including from the City of Evanston; Evanston/North Shore NAACP; Urban One; Dearborn Realists Board; Democratic Party of Evanston; Route Fifty; Realists Women’s Council of Illinois; Family Focus; Chessmen Club of the North Shore; Distinguished Alumni – Evanston Township High School and the recipient of the prestigious 2022 American Association for Access, Equity, and Diversity (AAAED) (pronounced triple A ED) Rosa Parks Award.

She has been covered in numerous national and international publications, on television and radio, and in podcasts including The New York Times, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, The Guardian, ABC’s Nightline, and CNN. Rue Simmons is also featured in The Big Payback, a documentary that premiered at the Tribeca Festival in June 2022 and began airing nationally on PBS on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, January 16, 2023.

Rue Simmons attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she majored in communications. She has two young adult children.





Why “Seeds of Change?”

Before settling on this year’s theme, the EFJA Trustees informally polled a variety of community groups to better understand what they most valued about the annual Independence Day celebration – as well as to get suggestions for how to improve it and help it better reflect all of Evanston’s residents.

“Every year, we choose a theme that we hope will help inspire people to participate in the Celebration,” Alden said. “We heard from people that they see the Celebration as mostly about family and friends, and our country, and that they’re really proud of Evanston’s diversity.

“But in the past, not everyone felt welcome by the small group of residents who originally founded the Celebration,” he said, “and we’d like to make sure that’s never the case again – thus this theme.”

PLANTERS ON PARADE!

To give residents a tangible sense of the “Seeds of Change” theme and showcase it for the community, local businesses are sponsoring planters that are decorated by local artists, students and community groups and distributed around the city.



An example of planter boxes being placed throughout Evanston.



Once decorated, planters show what the artists love about the Celebration, express ideas for community change and invite conversation around important topics such as democracy, freedom, diversity, reparations, the environment and hope for the future.

You can learn more about the businesses sponsoring the planters, the artists, and the works of art by visiting the Evanston Fourth of July website.

A special thank you to John Ruckdaeschel for coordinating the sponsorship of the planters.

Sponsors of Planters

Keep your eyes out for planters in front of our sponsors including:





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


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.



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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 2023 Winners



PRESIDENT'S CUP — Evanston Latinos

PELTON PLAQUE — Dads

CHIEF JUDGE AWARD — City of Evanston, Streets and Sanitation

COMMERCIAL FLOAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canal Shores 2. Kona Ice of Norwood Park 3. Orange Theory Fitness of Evanston
COMMUNITY FLOAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Backlot Neighborhood Association 2. Evanston Recreation 3. Evanston Latinos
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evanston Rotary Clubs 2. The Woman's Club of Evanston 3. ETHS Boosters
COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evanston Township High School 2. Second City Samba 3. Central Street Neighbors Assn.
INVITED PERFORMER — BAND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chesterton Trojan Guard Marching Band 2. Four Star Brass Band 3. Navy Band Great Lakes
INVITED PERFORMER — OTHER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South Shore Drill Team 2. Asociación de charros de la mesa 3. Chicago Honey Bear Dancers
MOTOR VEHICLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Windy City Miata Club 2. Midwest Chapter - Model T Ford Club 3. Artsie presents 1977 Fire Truck
YOUTH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JaHbat FC 2. Justin Wynn Leadership Academy 3. High Ridge Chargers Youth Football and Cheer



2024 Evanston 4th of July Parade Entries



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| 1 Evanston Police Department
Motorcycle Officers | 26 The Fat Shallot | 54 Evanston Voices for Choice Coalition |
| 2 Mammoth Hockey Club/Evanston
Youth Hockey | 27 Evanston Police Department | 55 Indivisible Evanston |
| 3 Sparky | 28 Evanston Fire Department and Life Safety | 56 GEGOG - Greater Evanston Guitar
Owners Guild |
| 4 Uncle Sam | 29 The Illinois Wheelmen | 57 McGaw YMCA |
| 5 Evanston Police and Fire Department
Honor Guard | 30 Los Paisanos | 58 Falun Dafa |
| 6 American Legion Evanston Post 42 | 31 Queer Joy Consortium | 59 Evanston Marching Kazoo Band |
| 7 Evanston Boy Scout Troop 924 with
the Evanston Fourth of July Association
Liberty Bell Float | 32 Pure Barre Evanston | 60 American Vintage Home |
| 8 Cub Scouts Pack 929 | 33 Aquatic Camp and Special Recreation,
Evanston Parks and Recreation Department | 61 Rise Up Music Festival |
| 9 Evanston Scouts Troops and Packs | 34 Central Street Neighbors Association | 62 Eclipse Drum and Bugle Corps |
| 10 Midwest Chapter - Model T Ford Club | 35 Backlot Playground Association | 63 Windy City Miata Club |
| 11 Tracy Alden, President | 36 Evanston Latinos | 64 ExPats |
| 12 Evanston Fourth of July Association Trustees | 37 Evanston Township High School | 65 Chicago Highlanders |
| 13 Grand Marshal Robin Rue Simmons | 38 Justin Wynn Leadership Academy | 66 Charles Carrington in his all-electric
1976 Porsche 914 |
| 14 40+ Double Dutch Club | 39 Kona Ice | 67 Canal Shores Golf Course |
| 15 Mayor Daniel Biss | 40 JaHbat FC | 68 Representative Jan Schakowsky |
| 16 Evanston City Council | 41 Second City Samba | 69 Senator Laura Fine |
| 17 Chesterton HS Trojan Guard Marching Band | 42 Covenant Nursery School | 70 Representative Robyn Gabel |
| 18 Rotary International | 43 Family Focus Evanston | 71 Josina Morita, Cook County Commissioner |
| 19 Pope John XXIII School | 44 FAAM | 72 Judge Lionel Jean-Baptiste |
| 20 Dance Center Evanston | 45 Thundercats | 73 Democratic Party of Evanston (DPOE) |
| 21 Evanston Sunrise Lions Club | 46 City of Evanston 311 Center | 74 Democratic National Convention |
| 22 Woman's Club of Evanston | 47 S.O.U.L Creations | 75 COHEN for Congress |
| 23 Four Star Brass Band | 48 Asociacion de charros de la mesa | 76 South Shore Drill Team |
| 24 Dads | 49 David Zornig and his 1961 Plymouth
Valiant V200 | 77 Rebecca Carver, Parade Director |
| 25 Bradley Investment Center | 50 Wilmette Community Band | 78 Hillary Bean, Treasurer |
| | 51 Jesse White Tumbling Team | 79 City of Evanston Streets and Sanitation |
| | 52 American Taxi Dispatch | |
| | 53 Chicago Honey Bear Dancers | |





Morning Games & Activities, plus Fun Run

DESCRIPTION

Here is a short history about the Morning Games that take place at 7 sites around Evanston as well as the Fun Run. 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 city championships for the competitions. The winners of the Lincolnwood, Willard and Foster sites would meet at Dyche Stadium (the now demolished 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 sections of Evanston host games. 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 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. All ribbons are worn proudly.

A little less physical but just as competitive is the Frisbee Toss. Young and old compete in their own age category, lining up to toss the Frisbee as far as they can. 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 adjust their games. There may be Hula Hoop or Jump Rope competition at some sites while another has a Nail Driving Contest. 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 gone on to his reward but was a man of great principle, purpose and playfulness, and served on the Association Board for many years.

Another highlight of the day is the Egg Toss. Participants pair up and a raw egg is given to each team. 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 with an unbroken egg.

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, Flying Turkey 5K Race and Trader Joe's make sure the runners get t-shirts, refreshments, awards, and pictures with celebrities such as Uncle Sam and our own Sparky.



SUPPORT

Thank you for reading along. If you've participated in any of these events, then you know how much fun takes place. We'd love to hear about your experience. Please share your pictures, thoughts and highlights with us at info@evanston4th.org. Remember, there's no charge for the morning games, parade, evening concert and fireworks. It's all possible because of donations from the public. We 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 in the games as a child. He is currently President of the EFJA. His father, also Tracy Alden Jr. served on the EFJA Celebration Team.

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 following the concert's final number at around 9:30 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 2024 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.

2024, like most years, is a year filled with 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 close to 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 with the setup of our many cables and antennae throughout to keeping power supplied all night and the massive cleanup afterward.

Apart from 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 the music program at Loyola University Chicago, where he also conducts the Wind Ensemble.

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



The Star-Spangled Banner – Francis Scott Key

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

“Homage to Perotin” from Medieval Suite – Ron Nelson

Armed Forces Salute – U.S. Military Traditional Medley, arranged by Bob Lowden

Hold this Boy and Listen – Carter Pann

Four Scottish Dances – Malcolm Arnold, arranged by John P. Paynter

“Jupiter” from The Planets – Gustav Holst, arranged by Jim Curnow

INTERMISSION

“Imperial March” from Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back – John Williams,
arranged by Donald Hunsberger

Symphonic Suite from Star Trek – Michael Giacchino & Alexander Courage,
arranged by Jay Bocook

Star-Spangled Salute to George M. Cohan – arranged by James Barnes

Music from The Incredibles – Michael Giacchino, arranged by Jay Bocook

Selections from Grease – Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, arranged by Ted Ricketts

Shepherd’s Hey – Percy Grainger, edited by Mark Rogers

America the Beautiful – Samuel Augustus Ward, arranged by Carmen Dragon

The Stars and Stripes Forever – John Philip Sousa



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The Evanston Fourth of July Association extends heartfelt gratitude to the generous sponsors of this year's Celebration. Their support and commitment not only make the 4th of July Celebration possible but also enriches the Evanston community at large. We applaud their dedication and generosity.

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yours or from newspapers



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The Evanston Fourth of July Association wishes to thank the following friends, supporters and sponsors who have made this 103rd Celebration possible.



The volunteer Celebration Team including: Celebration Manager, Parade Director, Lakefront Director, Playground Activities Director, Volunteer Coordinator, Chief Judges, Communications, Marshals, Info Booth staff, Judges, Banners and Signs, and me, your Program Book Editor.

City of Evanston Mayor, City Council and City Manager's Office, and its departments: Police; Fire: Emergency Preparedness; Parks, Recreation & Community Services: Facilities Management; Public Works: Street & Sanitation, Transportation, and the associated managers of these divisions.

The Morning Activities are generously sponsored by the City of Evanston Parks and Recreation, School Dist. 65, School Dist. 202, Ridgeville Park District, Lucky Platter Restaurant, Byline Bank of Evanston, Unidine Corporation/Westminster Place and Food 4 Less.

The Morning Games Site Coordinators are: Lincolnwood School – Jack & Susie Mortell; Willard School – Larry Brown; Kamen Park – Natalie Salle; Baker Park – Jill Baker Oda & Chris Lowery; ETHS Track – Ram Vokkarane; Fleetwood-Jourdain – Kenneth Cherry and Robert Crown Community Center – Vicki Revere.

The Fun Run wouldn't happen without the Flying Turkey 5K Run, Evanston Running Club, Trader Joes and the City of Evanston.

National Award & Fine Gifts for the beautiful parade award plaques.

North Shore Emergency Association (NSEA), for providing communications for the Evanston Fourth of July Association. Visit www.nsea.com for information.

Lakeside Auto Rebuilders and Sarkis Tokat and Armen Tokat for generously providing space for the Information Booth and for anchoring the staging area.

NeigerDesign for their graphic design services for the 2024 event poster, button and, most importantly, this program book. Carol Neiger and her team continue to astonish with their creativity.

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