

...Miraculously the rain abruptly ended followed by glorious sunshine, providing a perfect evening for our local outdoor music festival. Our team of individuals that waited out the storm by holding down and huddling under tents, or re-locating inside of Phototronics or Little Ricky's, and then pitched in to dry off and reset the entire block of Lincoln Avenue. This year's music rocked the village with exceptional sounds from six live bands. The day began with Ralph's World a Disney band for the younger set beginning at noon, followed by a returning pre-teens band, The Music Institute of Chicago provided an acoustic artist followed by a cover rock and roll band, culminating with the dazzling musical performance by "The Chicago Catz". Everyone was up on their feet dancing the night away! (We have the video to prove it!)

In addition to the entertainment, the festival also featured a craft beer truck, wine tent provided by Winnetka's newest wine shop, Good Grapes and six food trucks: Grill Chasers, The Fat Shallot, Bombay Wraps, Sweet Ride Chicago, the Good Humor ice cream truck as well as our very own local Bake425!

The Chamber was fortunate to have a loyal group of partners for "Let Loose on Lincoln" A BLOCK PARTY. The Village of Winnetka and Winnetka Park district, as always pitched in to help with the planning, set up, and tear down. A. Perry Homes set up a swanky VIP lounge, Coldwell Banker served beer and offered a comfy spot to rest one's weary feet in a stylish living room, on Lincoln Avenue. Steve Kocour manned the sound board throughout the entire day with Kathy Cook, of John Q. Cook M.D. Whole Beauty Institute, as his stage manager. Mark Kotz, branch manager from First Bank & Trust Winnetka checked I.D.'s all night at the front gate. We would like to thank **ALL** of our incredible partners: The Village of Winnetka, Winnetka Park District, A. Perry Homes, Make it Better, Steve Kocour, Baird & Warner, Coldwell Banker Winnetka, Good Grapes, Whole Foods, CONLON/Christie's International Real Estate and Fitness Together.

We are privileged to call the Winnetka Park District our partner in this and in so many other ventures. We could not have pulled off LLOL without the hard work and dedicated staff that provides the FUN to our community.

Thank you all for lending your sponsorship and support. Your involvement brought positive visibility and credibility to the weekend's events.

To our Amazing Volunteers,

Whether you worked SWS check-in, redelivered tables, set up LLOL, sold tickets, poured beer, checked IDs, assisted the bands, stayed for clean-up or offered moral support, you helped more than you can imagine. You are appreciated! Thank you, thank you. We are a strong and growing chamber because of you. We welcome your suggestions for next year!

August is going to be a great month in Winnetka and Northfield. Please check out the various events that are in this newsletter. The Northfield Farmers' Market is in full swing! The Corn Roast will be held on August 22 and is always a well attended event. Proceeds from the Corn Roast benefit the Northfield Township Food Panty.

Also included in the newsletter is information about our September 21 Golf Outing at Evanston Golf Club with the Skokie and Mount Prospect Chambers. A very special thank you and shout goes out to golf outing committee member Joel Raynes, Coldwell Banker Real Estate agent for copying the Winnetka-Northfield Chamber golf outing brochure you should have received in your USPS mailbox. I encourage you to sign up a foursome now for this well attended event. If you don't play golf, please join us for the networking dinner on the patio overlooking the course.

Erik Lundin, senior at New Trier, presented an Eagle Scout project concept to the chamber landlord, Bob Humphrey, to beautify the entrance to the chamber office. With landlord approval a design concept was created by our office and chamber neighbors Red Spade Environment. Drive by the chamber office, 841 Spruce Street to see our new gorgeous landscaping. Feel free to drop in to our office and say HI!

Don't forget to apply for your fall banner pole if you have a business in Winnetka. Applications are in the newsletter.

Enjoy August and stop by one of our many events. See you around our Villages!