



**Evanston Beaches....
last chance to check them out!**



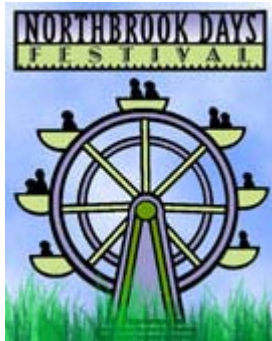
Sales Tax Holiday!

Friday, August 6 - Sunday, August 15

It's Time to Shop Till You Drop

This month, for the very first time, parents throughout Illinois will enjoy a very exciting sales tax holiday on their back-to-school purchases! From Friday, August 6 - Sunday, August 15, the State of Illinois is offering a tax discount of 5% on a variety of school supplies including paper, binders, pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, chalk, tape and glue. Clothing that costs less than \$100 per item (such as shoes, outerwear, uniforms, gloves, hats and mittens) are also eligible. Take advantage of special hotel rates and make it an end-of-summer getaway! [Click here](#) for details.

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86th Annual Northbrook Days Festival

Wednesday through Sunday, August 4-8

Village Green Park

Shermer and Meadow Roads, Northbrook

Bring the entire family to Northbrook Days, a five-day festival complete with live entertainment, carnival rides, games, food, music, kid-friendly activities, pony rides, BINGO, nightly raffle drawings and more! The live entertainment line-up includes Heartache Tonight, American English, Dick Holiday, and Hi Infidelity. New this year: a Small Business Expo on Saturday night and a Taste of Northbrook featuring the area's most popular restaurants. As always, Northbrook Days promises something for everyone. For a full schedule of events, [click here](#).

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Bar Louie Opens in Skokie!

Inside the Holiday Inn North Shore
5300 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie

Looking for a sophisticated dining experience? Then, look no further! Bar Louie, which recently opened in Skokie, offers upscale casual food with a wide array of alcoholic beverages. Specializing in oversized sandwiches and signature cocktails, Bar Louie offers an unforgettable dining experience, with an extensive selection of appetizers, pastas, entrees and a wide assortment of interesting beers and wines. Grab a friend, grab your family, and head on over to Bar Louie! Free valet parking is available from 4:30 pm to close. For more information, visit www.barlouieskokie.com

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Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 & 8
Dawes Park

Sheridan Road at Church Street, Evanston

Since 1973, the City of Evanston has presented the annual Evanston Lakeshore Arts Festival, which takes place on the city's stunning, historic lakefront at Dawes Park. The festival showcases live jazz and classical music, a silent art auction, and the popular Children's Craft Tent. It also hosts a dozen restaurateurs serving a variety of culinary delights. Free parking is available at the Northwestern University parking lot, which is three blocks north of the festival site (be sure to look for the signs). A free shuttle bus runs non-stop between the parking lot and the festival site from 8 am to 7 pm (the festival takes place from 11 am to 6 pm each day). [Click here](#) for more information.

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7th Annual Art at the Glen Town Center

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 & 8

Glen Town Center

Patriot Blvd. between Lake Ave. & Willow Rd, Glenview

Discover over 175 juried artists in the heart of this dynamic lifestyle center in Glenview, an upscale collection of retail and restaurants located on the former site of the Glenview Naval Air Station. In addition to spectacular one-of-a-kind art, a variety of interactive activities, and fun arts and crafts for kids, the festival also features an assortment of food and live entertainment. One of the top art shows in the entire country, Art at the Glen is not to be missed! Hours are 10 am to 5 pm each day. [Click here](#) for more information.

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6th Annual Kite Festival

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 & 8

Chicago Botanic Garden

1100 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

In the open area near Evening Island, come enjoy soaring stunt kite performances by members of the Chicago Fire Kite Team and members of the Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois, all set to music. Participants may bring and fly their own kites in the designated "Kite Festival" area between performances. Kids (big and little) can also make their own paper kites at workshops throughout the weekend (11 am - 2 pm). Kites will also be available for purchase at the Gift of Wings booth. The free Kids' Mad Dash rewards the first kids to get their kites built and in the air. The festival takes place from 11am - 4 pm each day. For more information [click here](#).

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Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel

August 14-29

Light Opera Works

Cahn Auditorium

600 Emerson Street (at Sheridan Road), Evanston

When headstrong carnival barker Billy Bigelow falls for the demure young Julie Jordan, their love story transcends time and death itself in this most beloved, romantic musical. With a full orchestra, sumptuous costumes, outstanding singers and every note of the famous Carousel Waltz intact, this is one show you won't want to miss! Musical numbers include June is Bustin' Out All Over, If I Loved You, A Real Nice Clambake and You'll Never Walk Alone. Carousel is recommended for ages 12 and older. Tickets are \$32-\$92 (half price for those 21 and under). For more information [click here](#).

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Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl: Home Sweet Home

Now through September 26

Kohl Children's Museum

2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview

Do you remember Smokey Bear's important message? Only you can prevent wildfires! Now you and your family can join Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, and their forest friends at Kohl Children's Museum as they share important messages that encourage families to spend time together outdoors, and inspire children to discover and care for the natural resources that sustain our world - our home sweet home. The exhibit includes The Itsy Bitsy Spider Rain Garden, A Happy Healthy House, Would You Believe It Comes From a Tree, The Ranger's Station, Go Fish, Drink Up, and The Campsite. A special character appearance by Smokey Bear takes place on Wednesdays, August 11 & 25. For more information visit [click here](#).

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New Exhibit: Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race

Now through January 2, 1011

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie

Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with individuals in the professions traditionally charged with healing and the public good, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder, and ultimately genocide. Produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, Deadly Medicine depicts the role of science in Nazi ideology. For more information about this very thought provoking and powerful exhibit, [click here](#) for more information.

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Skokie Backlot Bash

Friday through Sunday, August 27 - 29

Oakton Avenue (between Lincoln and Laramie)

Adjacent to Village Hall, Skokie

Since its smash debut in 2007, Skokie's Backlot Bash will once again offer area residents an action-packed downtown summer street festival! Complete with more than 15 hours of free live music including regional and national acts, the event also features an amusement park/carnival, a 5K Run, silent movies at the historic Skokie Theatre, a classic auto show, a business expo and sidewalk sale, fun teen activities, BINGO, food, beer, and more! The name "Backlot" pays tribute to downtown Skokie's heritage as a major silent film industry back lot set between 1907 and 1915. The event is a collaboration between the Independent Merchants of Downtown Skokie (IMODS), the Skokie Park District, The Village of Skokie and the Skokie Chamber of Commerce. For more information [click here](#).

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26th American Craft Exposition

Friday through Sunday, August 27 - 29

Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, Northwestern University
2311 Campus Drive, Evanston

This year marks the 26th anniversary of the acclaimed American Craft Exposition, one of the most renowned craft shows in the nation. Sponsored by the Auxiliary of NorthShore University HealthSystem at Evanston and Glenbrook Hospitals, this prestigious exposition showcases the work of 150 of the finest craftspeople from across the United States including one-of-a-kind pieces, museum-quality collections, and uniquely creative artwork. All proceeds from the event benefit breast and ovarian cancer research at NorthShore University HealthSystem. Hours are Friday 10 am to 8 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 10 and under for a three-day pass. For more information [click here](#).

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