

Green Scenes

Join us for the Springfield Parks Foundation Spring Gala - May 6th

Annually, the Springfield Parks Foundation hosts a Spring fundraising gala to benefit a park-related project or service. This year will be no different, in our efforts of Helping Our Parks Grow; the proceeds from this year's gala will benefit Southwind Park's Accessible Tree House. This unique tree house will enable children and adults with disabilities to explore nature and the thrilling sensation of climbing a tree. Please join us on May 6, 2010 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Inn at 835 located at 835 South Second Street, so we can continue to eliminate barriers preventing total inclusion within our parks. The evening will be filled with live music, fun people, great

food and drinks, and a good cause. Tickets for the event are \$55 per person and include music by Moroccan Soul, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soda and a cash bar for mixed drinks. There will also be a silent auction and raffle opportunities to keep you busy throughout the evening. Our celebrity bartenders and servers will be anxiously awaiting your arrival; you will not want to miss it! Tickets may be purchased from any board member of the Springfield Parks Foundation or by calling the Inn at 835 at 523-4466. What a fabulous way to kick off our 2010 season.....

From the President

Spring has sprung and the Springfield Parks Foundation is looking forward to a very exciting and busy 2010 season. This year the Foundation has chosen the Southwind Park Accessible Treehouse as our signature project for which we will be hosting several fundraising events to support this wonderfully unique project (see the article on Page 3 for more details). We are hard at work revamping our website and building a Facebook page along with developing several informational brochures to allow us to better serve our members and the community. The Foundation continues to promote its Friends of "YOUR PARK" program with several volunteer workdays scheduled (dates will be posted to our website as they are scheduled) for Lincoln and Washington parks. Friends of Jefferson Park is actively seeking volunteers to join its program and to get involved in improving their park. The Foundation, through its Friends of Washington Park

Committee, is in the final planning stage for the Iron Spring Restoration Project and with final approval, hope to break ground this summer. For the history and a complete description of the Iron Spring Restoration Project, please visit our website at www.springfieldparksfoundation.org.



Other Foundation events include the dedication of the Lincoln Park Bridge/Lagoon Restoration Project, the FREE Music and Movies in the Park Series and a new and exciting fundraising opportunity this fall (stay tuned for more information on this fun event). As you can see it will be a busy 2010 for the Foundation, please join us in HELPING OUR PARKS GROW.....

Mission Statement

The Springfield Parks Foundation is a not-for-profit fundraising organization dedicated to enhancing the use, growth and preservation of our parks.

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Music and Movies in the Park

The Foundation is once again pleased to bring the Music and Movies in the Park series to the Springfield community. Leading the Movie series at dusk on Friday, May 14, 2010, is the very popular movie “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs,” showing in Lincoln Park just west of the Nelson Center. The Music in the Park kicks off under the shadow of the Thomas Rees Carillon on Sunday, May 23, with the ever-popular “Debbie Ross Band,” a series favorite.

A joint project of the Springfield Parks Foundation and the Springfield Park District, the Music and Movies in the Park series is an annual summer family activity in Springfield. These activities are held across the city during the months of May through September. Movies are scheduled for Friday evenings at dusk, while the Music begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday evenings. A list of the important dates and parks location appear below. Be sure and mark your calendars, you won’t want to miss these fun events. In case of inclement weather, please call the Springfield Park District hotline at 544-1751.

The Music and Movies in the Park series would not be possible without the generosity of our Corporate Sponsor , St. John’s Hospital and Friends of the Series; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Horace Mann, R.W. Troxell, Springfield Electric, Marine Bank, Illinois National Bank, Hanson Professional Engineers, Harold O’Shea Builders, Arnold Monument Company and the Springfield Parks Foundation Board of Trustees. We are grateful to these wonderful sponsors for their support of this favorite summer program.

If you or business would like to become a sponsor of the Music and Movies in the Park series, please contact Candice D. Trees by email at c.trees@comcast.net or by calling 217-522-5886. See you this summer. The MIP Committee

2010 Music in the Park Schedule of Events

All Concerts are from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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| Sunday, May 23 | Washington Park (near the Carillon) | <i>The Sensational Debbie Ross Band</i> |  |
| Sunday, June 27 | Comer Cox Park | <i>Kapitol Sound</i> | |
| Sunday, July 25 | Lincoln Park | <i>The Screaming Vatos</i> | |
| Sunday, August 29 | Iles Park | <i>River Ramblers, Tom Irwin</i> | |
| Sunday, September 26 | Washington Park (near the Playground) | <i>Exorna, The Emerald Underground, Elks Pipes and Drums</i> | |

2010 Movie in the Park Schedule of Events

All Movies start at Dusk

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| Friday, May 14 | Lincoln Park | <i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i> |  |
| Friday, June 18 | Comer Cox Park | <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> | |
| Friday, July 9 | Dreamland Park | <i>Planet 51</i> | |
| Friday, August 6 | Centennial Park | <i>Monster vs Aliens</i> | |
| Friday, September 10 | Rotary Park | <i>Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory</i> | |

2010 SIGNATURE PROJECT

The Southwind Park Accessible Treehouse

The Foundation has chosen the Southwind Park Accessible Treehouse as its Signature Project for 2010. We have several events, including our Spring Gala scheduled this year for which all the proceeds will go to support this wonderful and innovative project. The Treehouse will enable children of all ages and abilities the chance to explore nature and experience the thrilling sensation of climbing a tree and the freedom that comes with being close to nature.

Forever Young Treehouse Foundation www.treehouses.org has been chosen as the designer for the project and will work closely with the Southwind Park Team, members of the community and our board. The Forever Young Treehouse Foundation began in 1998 and their team has built every conceivable type of treehouse from simple platforms to large ornate treehouses. They are truly experts in the art of building these unique structures. Planning meetings will start mid-April 2010 with the intent to unveil the design at our Spring Gala fundraising event. If you would like more information on this project or would like to contribute to this project please contact the Foundation at info@springfieldparksfoundation.org or call 217-544-1751.



Lincoln Park Restoration Update

The final phase of the Lincoln Park Bridge and Lagoon Restoration is finally being realized and soon celebrated. In April the Friends of Lincoln Park planted the northern shore of the upper lagoon as well as cleared the fallen brush from the hillside around the fountain in the hill. The black iron lamp posts along with the soon to be placed benches set the stage for a wedding on the bridge or a harp player on the hill of the amphitheater. The finished restoration will be shared with the community the evening of August 5 at 6:30pm with a dedication of the bridge and lagoon. For more information about Friends of Lincoln Park,

memorial bricks or benches and the dedication please contact Jennifer Aholt at 217-725-3228 or www.Springfieldparksfoundation.org



Friends of Jefferson Park

Do you live near Jefferson Park? Do you enjoy it's quiet neighborhood feel? Would you like to help take care of and improve the park? If so, the Springfield Parks Foundation is looking to start a "Friends of Jefferson Park" team - an informal volunteer and fundraising group that will focus on this unique gem in our very own backyard. Possible activities include plantings at the entrances, cleanup and invasive plants, capital projects like a possible picnic pavilion or playground improvements. Or any other suggestions

you may have! If you're interested please contact Loren Bennett lorenb8921@gmail.com or 217-898-8921.

The Springfield Parks Foundation is looking to expand and leverage the success it has had with the "Friends of YOUR PARK" concept at larger parks like Washington, Lincoln, Southwind etc to also include the smaller more intimate neighborhood parks. If you're interested in starting or joining an informal "Friends of YOUR PARK" for your local park, please contact info@springfieldparksfoundation.org

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2010 Springfield Raffle House is coming up!

Need a change of scenery? If so, by all means take a walk in the park. If you're wanting a more permanent change in *YOUR* personal scenery, then the 2010 Springfield Area Homebuilder's Association Raffle House contest may just be your ticket!

The Springfield Parks Foundation is one of four not-for-profit organizations that are benefiting from the 2010 SAHBA Raffle House contest that starts May 1st and runs through Sept 1, 2010. The actual drawing will take place

September 16, 2010.

The tickets are \$100 and are limited to 4,000 tickets. The grand prize winner will have the choice of any one of four homes built by SAHBA (approx value of \$250,000) or a \$150,000 cash prize. In addition, there are a number of additional cash prizes depending on the number of tickets sold. For more information on the houses or contest rules check out www.SpringfieldRaffleHouse.com.

To reserve your tickets through the Springfield Parks Foundation, please fill out the following information and send or fax it into the Springfield Park District Office • 2500 S 11th Street Springfield IL 62703 • Attn: Debbie McKinley Ph 544-1751 Fax 544-1811

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