

The Leaflet

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES



Thank You!

The Forest Preserve Friends Foundation would like to thank everyone that donated towards the **Lake of the Woods Accessibility project!** The grant match goal was met because of **your** generous contributions!

Road resurfacing



Annually the District chips away (pun intended) at road resurfacing projects. In past years, we have had to either let roads go past their recommended resurfacing date, or only resurface the worst of the worst sections, leaving others in less-than-ideal condition. Securing grants or soliciting donations to assist with road surfacing costs is very difficult. With the help of referendum funds, we are able to resurface much larger areas at one time, resulting in less emergency maintenance by staff and improving the overall visitor experience. This year, our roads project will be at **River Bend Forest Preserve**. The roads and parking lot at River Bend have not been resurfaced since their initial construction in 2006 and if you have visited recently, you may have noticed that the last cycle of freeze-thaw was not kind on the road surface!

Freedom Fest set for >> Friday, July 2 <<

The 2021 Freedom Fest Committee

is excited to announce that the fireworks display will take place the evening of Friday, July 2, 2021 at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve in Mahomet. All current public health guidelines will be followed for the event.

The gates will open at 4 p.m. and the fireworks display will take place at approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person, with children 5 and under free. Military persons with ID get in free. Kayak, canoe, and pedal boat rentals will be available on the peninsula from 4-7 p.m. No food vendors or other entertainment will be provided this year. Guests are asked to view the fireworks from dispersed locations and avoid areas where social distancing is not possible.

STAY TUNED to the Champaign County Forest Preserve District (CCFPD) website, ccfpd.org, and Facebook page for updates.



4 p.m.
Gates open

9:15 p.m.
Fireworks (approx.)

\$2 Admission
Per person
(5 and under free)

PROGRAMS & VIRTUAL EVENTS

See the full program descriptions online, ccfpd.org

JUNE

Monday, June 7 - Friday, July 30 SUMMER EXPLORATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

Guides will be available to download from the CCFPD website, or printed copies will be available outside of the:

- *Homer Lake Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve*
- *Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve*
- *Campground Host Cabin, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve*

Grab your gear and start exploring! FREE. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or sclementz@ccfpd.org.

Monday, June 7 MEET THE CRITTERS

Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Wednesday, June 9 MORNINGS WITH THE MUSEUM: SUMMERTIME SUN

Online Event, Streaming on the Museum of the Grand Prairie Facebook and YouTube pages, 10 a.m.

Tune in live to have your questions answered! FREE. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

Thursday, June 10 GETTING STARTED WITH WATER GARDENS

Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 3-4 p.m.
FREE. All ages. Space is limited.

Monday, June 14 MUSEUM MONDAYS: ART IN NATURE

Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FREE. Space is limited. Registration is required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, June 18 WALK WITH A NATURALIST

Homer Lake Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 10-11:30 a.m.

FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Monday, June 21 MUSEUM MONDAYS: TOY STORIES

Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FREE. Space is limited. Registration is required at ccfpd.org.

Thursday, June 24 PANDEMICS AS A PORTAL TO CHANGE: ART AS A TOOL TO REIMAGINE OUR FUTURE, ARTISTS CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL DISCUSSION

Online Event, Streaming on the Museum of the Grand Prairie Facebook page, 7-8 p.m.

We hope you will join us for this illuminating and interactive program! For more info: (217) 586-2612 or ksnyder@ccfpd.org.

Saturday, June 26 FAMILY FISHING DAY

Walnut Hill Shelter, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 9-11 a.m.

FREE. All ages. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, June 26 EN PLEIN AIR: PAINTING WITH EVELYN TARDY

Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden Bridge, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10-11:30 a.m.

\$10 per person. Ages 16-103, no experience necessary. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Sunday, June 27
CCFPD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT: DÉJÀ VU WITH CANDY FOSTER AND THE SHADES OF BLUE
Rayburn Purnell Shelter, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.
FREE. Concert sponsored in part by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

Monday, June 28
MUSEUM MONDAYS: ADVENTURES IN CLAY
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Monday, June 28- Monday, July 19
STORYWALK®: THE STORY OF THE LITTLE MOLE WHO WENT IN SEARCH OF WHODUNIT
Timberdoodle Trail, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Daily During Preserve Open Hours
Visit any time during preserve open hours. FREE. All ages.

JULY

Friday, July 9
SUMMER IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE: READING & WRITING
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10-11 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration is required at ccfpd.org.

Monday, July 12
MUSEUM MONDAYS: FUN WITH FOSSILS!
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Tuesday, July 13
ZOOM TREE RINGS CLASS FOR KIDS
Online Event via Zoom, 10-11:30 a.m.
Pick up your craft bag for this zoom class July 7-10, from 1-5 p.m. at the Museum of the Grand Prairie. \$5 per bag. Ages 5-11. Registration required by June 29 at ccfpd.org.

Wednesday, July 14
MORNINGS WITH THE MUSEUM: SPORTS STORIES
Online Event, Streaming on the Museum of the Grand Prairie, Facebook and YouTube pages, 10 a.m.
Tune in live to have your questions answered! FREE. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or pcain@ccfpd.org.

Friday, July 16
SUMMER IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE: HISTORY
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10-11 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, July 18
CCFPD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
MUSIC ON THE LAKE: THE CHICKADEE SERMON
Walnut Hill Shelter, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.
FREE.

Monday, July 19
WALK WITH A NATURALIST
Homer Lake Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 10-11:30 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org.

Monday, July 19
MUSEUM MONDAYS: CARS AND TRUCKS AND THINGS THAT GO!
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 20
MINIATURE GARDEN SUMMER MOON DAY KIT
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve
Fun for ages 3-103! Kits come in a drawstring backpack and will be available for pickup from July 20-July 27, 1-5 p.m. You will be contacted for your preferred pick up site, \$10 per kit.

Thursday, July 22
PANDEMICS AS A PORTAL TO CHANGE: MUTUAL AID AROUND FOOD, COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION
Online Event, Streaming on the Museum of the Grand Prairie Facebook page, 7-8 p.m.

Friday, July 23
SUMMER IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE: ARITHMETIC
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10-11 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, July 24
FAMILY FISHING DAY
Boathouse Peninsula, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 9-11 a.m.
Join us for a morning of free fishing fun for the whole family! FREE. Space is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, July 26
MUSEUM MONDAYS: ALL FUN & [OLYMPIC] GAMES
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
FREE. Space is limited. Registration is required at ccfpd.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 27
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC
Online event via Zoom, 10-11:30 a.m.
Pick up your craft bag July 21-24, 1-5 p.m. \$5 per bag. Ages 5-11. Registration required by July 19 at ccfpd.org. Quantities limited. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or ksnyder@ccfpd.org.

Wednesday, July 28
BEATRIX POTTER'S BIRTHDAY ZOOM CLASS
Online event via Zoom, 10-10:40 a.m.
\$5 per bag. Ages 5-11. Registration is limited. Registration required at ccfpd.org. For more info: (217) 586-2612 or mmontez@ccfpd.org.

Thursday, July 29
VIRTUAL STARWATCH: VIEWING THE SUMMER SKY
Online Event, Streaming on the Homer Lake Interpretive Center, Facebook page and CCFPD YouTube channel, 7-8 p.m.
FREE. Recommended for ages 18 & up. For more info: (217) 896-2455 or jwick@ccfpd.org.

Friday, July 30
SUMMER IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE: GEOGRAPHY
Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 10-11 a.m.

CCFPD ANNOUNCES 2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY 

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District is proud to announce its 2021 Summer Concert Series presented by the League of Women Voters of Champaign County. We are proud to host 6 **FREE concerts** this summer at forest preserves throughout the county in June, July, and August. With a diverse set of performers in some of our area's most beautiful settings, we look forward to welcoming visitors back to district events!

Sunday, June 27
SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT: DÉJÀ VU WITH CANDY FOSTER AND THE SHADES OF BLUE
Rayburn Purnell Shelter, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.

Help us kickoff our 2021 Summer Concert Series as we welcome back Déjà Vu with Candy Foster and The Shades of Blue! These talented rhythm and blues musicians have been entertaining crowds together for over 20 years together. This all-female group of vocalists will combine their talents with one of the best blues bands this area has to offer! Enjoy the gardens area and celebrate summer with a concert you won't want to miss! Concert sponsored in part by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.



Sunday, July 18
MUSIC ON THE LAKE: THE CHICKADEE SERMON
Walnut Hill Shelter, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.
Join us in welcoming The Chickadee Sermon! Their sound emphasizes vocal harmony and delicate instrumentation with acoustic guitars, banjo and accordion. They play original songs about their small town, country upbringing, and cover artists like Jerry Garcia, John Hartford, and Emmylou Harris. Enjoy this band in one of Champaign County's most beautiful settings!



Sunday, August 1
SUMMER GARDEN CONCERT: DEARIE & NECTAR
Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for a concert featuring not one, but two local bands with great sounds! The concert will open with a one-hour set from the DIY & indie rock band, Nectar. Then, the show will close with a one-hour set from the local indie folk duo, Dearie. Enjoy the gardens and celebrate summer with a concert you won't want to miss!



Saturday, August 7
MUSIC AT MIDDLE FORK: HOT IRON STRING BAND
Sugar Creek Shelter, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.
Hot Iron String Band is back, performing original songs and classic favorites in their lively modern bluegrass style. Drawing inspiration from Bill Monroe's driving tempo and Django Reinhardt's gypsy jazz, this band's unique sound is sure to please your soul. Enjoy one of the many great bands Champaign County has to offer at CCFPD's largest forest preserve and the first International Dark Sky Park in Illinois!



Sunday, August 29
MUSIC ON THE LAKE: CORDUROY
Walnut Hill Shelter, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, 5-7 p.m.
Join us in welcoming back Corduroy! This local folk artist combines acoustic guitar, crisp vocals, on-stage effects, and the occasional thunder of a bass drum to create a unique and unforgettable experience. Drawing his inspiration from folk rock, Americana, indie folk, and even familiar pop/rock artists, Corduroy will create a high energy musical experience without losing the eclectic and soulful feelings you would expect from any great folk performer. With a stunning view of Homer Lake as the backdrop, you will not want to miss this evening of entertainment!



Please note that this year's concerts will not have food vendors and attendees are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages. All necessary public health guidelines will be followed. For more info: pcain@ccfpd.org or (217) 586-2612.