

Downtown News

The heat is on this summer in downtown and that means our long-awaited summer festivals, outdoor concerts and theatre are here! Batavia MainStreet and market sponsors Harris, N.A. and Gerald Nissan Subaru of North Aurora invite

you to the **14th Annual Batavia Farmers' Market**, now open Saturdays from 8 am - noon through October 10 on S. Water St. between Wilson

St. and First St. New this year is the **Batavia MainStreet "Planting Green Ideas"** tent. Volunteers have programs, seventeen weeks of activities, education and more to showcase Batavia's "green" side, so be sure to check it out each week. The south market is open to residents, community groups and businesses each Saturday. Interested persons, groups or businesses should contact Sue Fricano at sue@downtownbatavia.com, call 630-761-3528 or check online at downtownbatavia.com.

July features the annual family favorite, **Windmill City Fest** the weekend of July 10-12 — now on Sunday too! The **Downtown Sidewalk Sale** and new **Gold Coin Promotion** are being held the same weekend as Windmill City Fest, so check out the great sales and collect your chocolate coins for your chance to win one of five hidden \$100 gift certificates to participating downtown businesses. Details about the promotion can be found on the MainStreet website. The unique **Batavia Quilt Show** returns to the Eastside Community Center the weekend of July 17-19. The **Jaycees Cruise Nights** are at the Riverwalk on July 10 and 24, bataviajaycees.org and the annual **Chili Cook-off** rounds off the end of the month July 25-26.



July and August also focus on Batavia's artistic side with the **5th Annual Art in Your Eye** activities... starting with the **School of Art and Fine Arts Walk** on July 17 from 5-9 pm. **Shakespeare on Clark** returns to the island with *A MidSummer Night's Dream* on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1 at 7pm and on Sundays July 26 and August 2 at 6 pm. Downtown's signature **Fine Arts Festival** is on August 8 and 9 at the Riverwalk. Check out all the details at artinyoureye.com. **Theatre on Clark** features *Alice in Wonderland*, a children's production, on August 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 1 pm on Clark Island. **River Rhapsody** concerts wrap up on Wednesday August 5 at the Riverwalk while the **Jaycees Cruise Nights** roll into downtown August 7 and 21.

See you downtown,

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Just around the corner...

Coming up, the **3rd Annual Batavia House Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, September 26 with the theme "The Art of Living in Batavia." Tickets are available in August at Bee-Attitudes Antiques, Sue's Family Hair Co, Batavia MainStreet or Gibby's Wine Den (Geneva). Contact Coordinator Sharon Harwick at slharwick@comcast.net or call 630-482-9402 for more information or to volunteer.

Bridge Bash returns!

Plan to stay home over Labor Day to help us celebrate **Bridge Bash II** on Sunday September 6 from 5-9 pm. The bridge will be closed in celebration and transformed into a stage to host bands and performing artists as well as a street dance. What's more we are wrapping in our fall arts walk to the event to have an arts open house at the same time. **Where's Bob?** Participating downtown restaurants again feature a "Best of Batavia" (B.O.B.) by preparing sample portions of their signature dishes for us to enjoy, so plan to graze your way through the bash. Plan to come with an empty stomach!