

## Windmill City Festival 2009: It'll Blow You Away!

Windmill City



July 10, 11, & 12

New this year – an extra day of fun

- Free admission
- Free parking north of the Government Center

Organized by: Batavia Park District, Batavia Chamber of Commerce, Batavia Depot Museum, and City of Batavia

### Friday, July 10

#### 11 am - 7 pm Paddle Boat Rentals

Take in the view of the Fox River with a leisurely ride in a paddle boat. \$5 per half hour. Location: Batavia Riverwalk

#### 1:00 - 4:00 pm: Hall Quarry Beach presents Freaky Friday

Visit the Quarry and participate in old-fashioned water games and contests throughout the day. General admission applies. Located at Union and Water Streets.

#### 4 - 10 pm: Carnival Location: Houston Street

4 - 11 pm: Beer Garden Open  
4 - 11 pm: Food Booths Open

#### 5 - 10 pm: Batavia Teen Center Plinko

You've seen it on the "Price is Right" and now you can play it at Windmill City Festival! Challenge your friends, win prizes and have a blast! \$5 for 3 chances. All proceeds benefit the Batavia Teen Center.

#### 7 pm: Windmill Whirl 5K Run

The Tri-Cities are a runner's dream. Tackle the Fox River Trail, which follows the very edge of the historic and beautiful Fox River. You'll fall in love with the race course! Participants will receive a t-shirt and beverages following the race. Awards will be

given to the 3 overall males and females and the top 3 in each age division. All participants will receive a trophy. Race begins at 7 pm. (Race day registration begins at 6 pm.) Sorry, strollers and dogs are not allowed. Fee: \$25 - Day of the Race

#### Friday's Musical Entertainment on the Main Stage

##### 6 - 8 pm: Michael Heaton Band

Michael Heaton's songs emerge from classic American traditions — rock, country and pop. But Heaton accomplishes what few songwriters and performers do; he makes the tried and true feel new again. A self-described "country guy that can play the Who," Heaton bridges the energy and passion of the best rock n' roll.

##### 8:30 - 11 pm: Dot, Dot, Dot

Chicago's hottest band hands down! The band was chosen by thousands from Fox's "The Next Great American Band" in 2007. Performing songs from their TV appearances, past and present hits and their own original material, Dot Dot Dot releases each song with such intensity and commitment, you would think they had written every song they present. They are now performing across the nation.

### Saturday, July 11

#### 8 am - noon: Batavia Farmer's Market

Enjoy the changing bounty of the season in downtown Batavia with vegetables, fruit plants, cut flowers and baked goods from local growers. Presented by Batavia Main Street. Location: South Water Street

#### 8 am - 5 pm: WCF Tennis Tournament

#### 9 am - 12 pm: All Star's Dodgeball Tournament

You won't want to dodge this event! This tournament will be divided into two age brackets: 7-9 and 10-12. Awards will be given to the winning teams. You'll have a ball! Registration fee is \$10 per person. Teams must consist of a minimum of six players per team/maximum of ten players per team. Pre-registration required. Location: Memorial Park

#### 9 am - 3 pm: 3 on 3 Basketball

#### Tournament

Get your friends together for a day of fun and competition in downtown Batavia. Each team is guaranteed two games: roster is limited to five players. Players cannot play on more than one team. The top teams will receive trophies, awards and movie passes. Pre-registration is required, \$30 fee per team. Location: Batavia Riverwalk

#### 9 am: WCF Bike Ride

Join Prairie Path Cycles for a Saturday morning bike ride. Meet at the shop, 122 W. Wilson St. at 8 am for bagels and coffee. Call 630-879-5235 to reserve your spot or call 630-406-9749 for more info.

#### 9 am - 4 pm: Arts & Craft Show

Location: North end of Batavia Riverwalk

#### 9 am - 4 pm: Flea Market

Enjoy the day outdoors while digging through attic treasures! Location:

North end of Batavia Riverwalk  
**10 am: Pet Parade**  
Invite your furry, or not-so furry friend to this unique parade! Win pet prizes for the following categories: Best Trick, Fastest Wagging Tail, Most Spots, Longest Ears, Most Unusual Pet, Best Costume, Highest Jump and Best

Kisser. Registered parade participants will receive a complimentary "doggie bag" to take home. Interested participants must register at the main stage between 9:15 - 9:50 am.

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#### 11 am - 11 pm: Food Booths Open

#### Noon: Kid's Riverwalk Run

Ages 4 - 12 can run the Batavia Riverwalk for fun in this festive event. Runners will be timed and ribbons awarded to all participants. Registration is necessary and available at the Peg Bond Center the day of the race until 11:45 a.m. There is no registration fee. Location: Batavia Riverwalk

#### Noon - 11 pm: Carnival

Purchase a wristband for \$18 and enjoy unlimited rides from 12 - 4 pm! Location: Houston Street

#### Noon - 11 pm: Beer Garden Open

#### Noon - 4 pm: Batavia Teen Center

#### \$1 Face Painting and Tattoos

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#### Noon - 2:30 pm: Park District Demonstrations

Location: Main Stage  
12 pm — Irish Dance  
12:30 pm — Karate  
1 pm — Cheerleading Demo  
1:30 pm — Dance Performance Group

#### 1 - 3 pm: JJ the Clown/Balloon Artist

JJ the Clown specializes in entertaining people of all ages with her fabulous face painting and amazing balloon sculpting.

#### 1 - 4 pm: All-Star Sports Corner

Presented by All Star Sports Instruction Children of all ages can win prizes by testing their basketball shooting skills and their throwing accuracy as their favorite coaches sit in a dunk tank anxiously waiting to make a splash!

#### 2:30 - 5 pm: Karaoke

Grab your voice and your ability to cheer on someone's courage to shine. Location: Main Stage

#### 4 pm: Diaper Derby

Sponsored by the Batavia Mother's Club Enter your little one in this exciting "crawling race" for babies 6-15 months. Participants and their enthusiastic supporters need to

register at the Main Stage by 3 pm. Location: North of the Peg Bond Center

#### 5:30 - 5:50 pm: Batavia Park District Flippers Demonstration

The gymnastic and tumble team campers will "flip it" for you! Location: Main Stage

#### 5:30 pm: Bags Tournament

The Batavia Parks Foundation is hosting a "Toss for a Cause" bags tournament for ages 12 and up. Two-person teams will play a minimum of three games and prizes will go to the top teams. "Cash" prizes. Register by calling 630-879-5235. Location: Turnaround parking lot

#### 8 pm: Batavia Pin Drop

You won't hear a pin drop but you can have your ball dropped at a pin for a chance to win! One lucky winner will win a prize valued at \$1000! Other winners will receive premiere prizes from local retailers. Golf balls will be placed randomly in a bucket and dropped from a high elevation platform on to the grass area east of the Peg Bond Center, over a target pin and hole. The participant whose



numbered golf ball goes into the hole wins the first place prize. Winners need not be present to win. For more information, call the Batavia Park District at 630-879-5235. Location: Grass area east of the Peg Bond Center.

#### Saturday's Musical Entertainment on the Main Stage

##### 6 - 8 pm: Lazy Maybes

This modern band promises to provide an electric atmosphere no matter the environment. They simply love to play. It's not easy to pigeon-hole this band. Classic rock... modern rock... funk... country... hip-hop (in their own unique way)... You won't regret it, and you just might find the band you'll follow for years to come.

##### 8:30 - 11 pm: Lounge Puppets

The Lounge Puppets tribute to 80's hair bands is an incredible heart pumping, fist-thrusting, scream out loud, head banging trip back through time! Taking the term "Tribute Band" to a new level, The Lounge Puppets have raised the bar, packing all the large clubs, venues & festivals in and around the Chicagoland area. Thrilling record crowds to an amazing live concert boasting one of the best light shows around with all of the hair, leather and attitude that made the very bands they are covering. You must experience it!

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## Sunday, July 12

11 am - 7 pm Paddle Boat Rentals  
Noon - 7:30 pm: Food Booths Open  
Noon - 7:30 pm: Beer Garden Open  
Noon - 7:30 pm: Carnival  
Purchase a wristband for \$18 and enjoy unlimited rides from 12 - 4 pm!  
Location: Houston Street  
1 pm: 'Lil 500, Batavia's Big Wheel Races Sponsored by Cici's Pizza  
Bring your own big wheel and appropriate head gear and get ready to pedal to the finish line! Age groups are divided into the following groups: 2 yr. olds, 3 & 4 yr. olds, and 5 & 6 yr. olds.  
Location: Riverwalk

## 2 pm: "Get Your Mind in the Gutter" Ice Cream Eating Contest

Sponsored by Batavia Creamery and presented by Foltos Tonsorial Parlor  
A 100 foot gutter will house hundreds of ice cream scoops for teams to devour. Register at the Main Stage between 1:15 - 1:45 pm. Location: in front of the Main Stage.

## 3 pm: Fire Hose Challenge

Join a team and compete in the challenge to send a ball across the opposing team's line using fire hoses! Participants must be at least 5 years old to participate. Location: Batavia Riverwalk

## Sunday's Musical Entertainment on the Main Stage

### 2 - 4 pm: Cavern Beat

No other Beatles tribute band comes as close to the real Beatles' thrilling sound, energy and enthusiasm as does The Cavern Beat. With uncanny realism, the Cavern Beat brings back the rocking years of the Beatles from their humble beginnings, on to conquering the world with their music, charm and charisma.

### 5 - 7:30 pm: Pirates Over 40

Since 1999, Pirates Over 40 have been successfully entertaining audiences all over the Midwest with fun and energetic renditions of your Jimmy Buffett favorites mixed in with an eclectic mix of oldies, reggae and classic rock, all performed in their own uniquely tropical flavored style. These seasoned veterans of some of Chicago's top bands bring the professionalism and depth of experience that guarantees to give you an experience you will never forget.



## Batavia Quilt & Textile show returns July 17-19

The fun doesn't stop after the Windmill City Festival! Mark your calendars for the Quilt & Textile Show on Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19 at the Eastside



Community Center and historic Shannon Hall, 14 N. Van Buren St. in Batavia. Show hours are 1 to 6 pm, Friday, July 17 and 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19.

Visitors can browse more than 100 hand-made quilts, stop by the vendor hall to shop for textiles, learn about quilt care and textile preservation, and attend "A Quilter's Tale" during the third annual Quilt & Textile Show. Admission to the show is \$6 for the general public, \$5 for seniors 60+, and free for children 10 and under.

"A Quilter's Tale" will be held Friday, July 17 at 6 pm at Kemp Hall, 18 N. Van Buren St. You'll meet two very different quilters as they share their experience of traveling the Oregon Trail in 1852. Join these remarkable women as they tell their stories, share their hopes, and yes, even debate the merits of quilting. Discover with them the thread that binds them together as women who survived the Oregon Trail. The cost of the program is \$6 per person. Please register in advance.

For more information about the Quilt & Textile Show or to register for "A Quilter's Tale", please call Chris Winter or Carla Hill at the Batavia Depot Museum at 630-406-5274 or visit [bataviaquiltshow.com](http://bataviaquiltshow.com).



## Paddle boat rentals to launch at Windmill City Festival

The Batavia Park District is offering plenty of family activities during Windmill City Festival, but patrons now have another option for the fun-filled weekend. The Park District will be bringing paddle boat rentals to the Riverwalk this summer and will launch the new amenity during the three-day festival with a special introductory rate of \$5 per half hour. A special "Boat Launch" and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, July 10 at 5 pm just north of the Peg Bond Center.

"We're excited about having paddle boats once again on Depot Pond," said Carla Hill, Museum Coordinator,

"We think it will be a fun way for families to spend a sunny afternoon."

The four-person paddle boats will be located on the Riverwalk just north of the Peg Bond Center. Starting Monday, July 13 hours of operation will be 11 am to 7 pm seven days a week through August 23. The rental rate will be \$10 per half hour, per boat. Rentals will operate on weekends only from August 29 through September 27 from 1 to 6 pm.

A valid driver's license or photo ID will be required to rent a paddle boat, and renters will need to sign a waiver.



Kids ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over. Lifejackets will be provided and must be worn.

For more information please contact Carla Hill at 630-406-5274.

## Batavia Park District Director receives national recognition



Director Clark with former Speaker of the House Dennis Hasstert

ation Association (NRPA). Clark will be honored at NRPA's 2009 Congress & Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 14.

Clark was honored for his service to the field of parks and recreation. According to NRPA, the Meritorious Service awards recognize

outstanding contributions and/or exceptional leadership to projects, activities or events of major significance to the parks and recreation movement

and/or profession, and appreciate and celebrate exceptional careers and contributions.

The NRPA is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of some 20,000 professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit [nrpa.org](http://nrpa.org).