

Dear Resident:

The Wheeling Park District is seeking community-minded local businesses to become sponsorship partners. By partnering with the Wheeling Park District, you are taking an active role in the gratifying endeavor of fulfilling our mission to provide memorable experiences in parks and recreation that enrich our communities.

The activities and events listed below are just some of the examples of how companies and businesses can make a lasting impression on the community. These activities are made possible through the financial contributions of the Wheeling Park District's sponsor partners. As you read about each event, keep in mind that much of what is provided to the participants is directly attributable to the generosity of our sponsors.

Passport to the World

This annual event showcases cultural traditions, dress, dance, and cuisine. Over 1,000 guests, kids and adults alike, visit the Community Recreation Center for an afternoon of fun and culture. Kids participate in games and crafts; adults visit food purveyors to sample their delicious creations, and families are entertained by performers and dancers representing several different and unique cultural styles.

Daddy/Daughter Dance

Making special memories for fathers and their daughters has become a celebrated tradition at Chevy Chase Country Club. Many young girls look forward to dressing up for their date with dad and spending a special evening dining and dancing together.

Cinco de Mayo

This fun fiesta recognizes the heritage and pride of the Mexican community. Authentic Mexican cuisine, music, arts, and entertainment are all part of the free family celebration.

Summer Entertainment in the Park

On summer nights in June, July, and August, the Summer Entertainment in the Park provides an atmosphere for friends and families to gather for great music, movies, family entertainment, and good company. Musical groups perform and movies are shown during the warm summer evenings at various community parks to provide meaningful and free recreation activities to hundreds of residents each week. Every movie and concert is provided free of charge.

Pigskin Party in the Park

Families, friends, and neighbors gather for a tailgate party in the park. Food, refreshments, entertainment, raffles, prizes, and the Chicago Bears game on a big-screen TV are all part of this one-of-a-kind event. Giant inflatables, games, and activities keep the kids entertained, too.

Heritage Classic 5K/10K Road Races

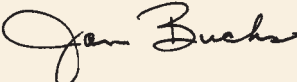
The beautiful fall weather always seems to cooperate for this outdoor event. The over 300 runners taking to the streets in the morning represent all ages and abilities from school children to seniors. It's perfect, too, for Chicago Marathon runners who want to get their training in a week before the "big race".

M.E. Campaign

This exciting new program was established to provide free recreation programs to residents of the Wheeling Park District. The M.E. Campaign offers a unique avenue for both businesses and individuals to make a lasting impact on the Wheeling community.

Again, on behalf of the Wheeling Park District, I thank all our past and present sponsor partners and look forward to offering this unique community connection to many more. Through our combined efforts, the Wheeling Park District will continue to live its mission to provide memorable experiences in parks and recreation that enrich our communities.

Yours in Parks and Recreation,



Jan Buchs
Executive Director