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## Free Family Fun Day on the Lakefront Celebrating 105th Anniversary of Milwaukee County Parks

Join the Milwaukee County Park System and The Park People of Milwaukee on Saturday, June 2 to celebrate the 105th Anniversary of Milwaukee County Parks. A fun-packed day of full of free special events and programs to get families *fit, active and healthy* is open to the public on Milwaukee's lakefront at McKinley Park (1750 N Lincoln Memorial Dr.) from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM.

The day long event features live music and other performances, a history lesson about our Milwaukee County Parks by local historian John Gurda, youth activities hosted by the YMCA, Klement's Racing Sausages, Door County Sled Dogs, Bango the Buck, an improv comedy show, disc golf demonstrations, a bounce house and more! Milwaukee's own, KT and the Universal Love Band will be wrapping up the day with a kid friendly concert. Food and beverages will be available onsite and the public is encouraged to pack a lunch and picnic in the park. Event sponsors include Wheel & Sprocket and MillerCoors. Visit <http://parkpeoplemke.org/> for more details.

"We are so fortunate to have such a great asset in our Park system here in Milwaukee" stated Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. "This family fun day of celebration is a great way to pull families and the community together to enjoy our beautiful lakefront".



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## **Schedule of Events**

11:00 am	New Horizon's Band
11:30 am	McMenamin Irish Dancers
Noon	Sue Black, Director of Milwaukee County Parks & Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive
12:15 pm	History of the Parks with local historian John Gurda
12:45 pm	COA Youth Drum Band
1:15 pm	Seniorgee Dancers
1:30 pm	Improv Comedy with Pink Banana
2 :00pm	KT and the Universal Love Band

“Our parks have not changed its purpose nor mission from when it originally started 105 years ago” commented Parks Director Sue Black, “bringing family and friends together in a leisurely setting and beautiful backdrop of Lake Michigan is what this celebrations is all about”.

## **Oak Leaf Discovery Tour**

During the event, learn about all the family-friendly, free or low-cost activities throughout Milwaukee County Parks including the new Oak Leaf Discovery Tour. The passport tour is a great way for the community to explore the scenic beauty and history of our parks and trails. Participants can hike, bike, run/walk, and even golf your way through 15 attractions highlighted along the Oak Leaf Trail.

Participants collect special stamps when visiting a stop on the tour in a special 105th Anniversary passport program. Each location is profiled in the passport with a photo and historical information. Collect at least eight stamps between June 2 and September 15 to be eligible to win prizes including new bicycles, golf passes, private-behind the scenes park tours, restaurant gift certificates and more! Passports cost \$3 each or 5 for \$10 and proceeds support the Oak Leaf Trail.

The Park People of Milwaukee County, Inc., is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization promoting citizen stewardship of Milwaukee County Parks and can be reached at [info@parkpeoplemke.org](mailto:info@parkpeoplemke.org) or <http://ParkPeopleMKE.org/>.

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