

# Village View



The Voice of Roscoe Village Neighbors

## Retro to Rock Roscoe Village Once Again

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## AUG 11-13

### Roscoe Street

@DAMEN fri 5-10pm | sat/sun 12-10pm

<h3 style="color: yellow;">EAST STAGE</h3> <h4 style="color: orange;">FRIDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>TOO WHITE CREW</b> 6PM <b>SIX TO MIDNIGHT</b></p> <h4 style="color: orange;">SATURDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>16 CANDLES</b> 6PM <b>CATFIGHT</b> 4PM <b>97 NINE</b> 2PM <b>ROBBY CELESTIN BAND</b> NOON <b>ONE HOT MESS</b></p> <h4 style="color: orange;">SUNDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>WEDDING BANNED</b> 6PM <b>THE GOLD COAST ALL-STARS</b> 4PM <b>7TH HEAVEN</b> 2PM <b>SOUL TO THE BONE</b> 1PM <b>EXTENSIONS DANCE COMPANY</b> NOON <b>BONES JUGS</b></p> <h3 style="color: green;">KIDS AREA</h3> <p>saturday &amp; sunday 12-7pm roscoe &amp; hoyne inflatables • crafts • balloon artists face painting • music &amp; much more!</p> <h3 style="color: orange;">ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW</h3> <p>saturday &amp; sunday 1-6pm roscoe &amp; leavitt over \$2 million in antique cars!</p>	<h3 style="color: yellow;">CENTER STAGE</h3> <h4 style="color: orange;">SATURDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>MR. BLOTTO</b> 6PM <b>THE HAIR BAND NIGHT</b> 4PM <b>COSMO</b> featuring Sara "Pop Tart" Kreyer 2PM <b>BLACK DIAMOND</b> 1PM <b>THE MILLENNIALS</b> NOON <b>SECOND CITY KIDS</b></p> <h4 style="color: orange;">SUNDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>AMERICAN ENGLISH</b> 6PM <b>STACHE</b> 4PM <b>THE HAT GUYS</b> 2PM <b>SEALED WITH A KISS</b> NOON <b>THE GINGERS</b></p> <h3 style="color: yellow;">WEST STAGE</h3> <h4 style="color: orange;">SATURDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>TRIPPIN' BILLIES</b> 6PM <b>KASHMIR</b> 5:45PM <b>GALLY HUYNH ON UKELELE</b> 4PM <b>SOUTH OF 80</b> 2PM <b>EAR CANDY</b> NOON <b>NICHOLAS BARRON TRIO</b></p> <h4 style="color: orange;">SUNDAY</h4> <p>8PM <b>THE BOY BAND NIGHT</b> 6PM <b>BLOOZE BROTHERS</b> 4PM <b>LIBIDO FUNK CIRCUS</b> 2PM <b>HELLO WEEKEND</b> NOON <b>BEAR &amp; JAKE</b></p>
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TOO WHITE CREW

MIAMI VICE  
16 CANDLES

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AMERICAN ENGLISH

THE BOY BAND NIGHT

TRIPPIN' BILLIES

Music, Food, Drink, Shopping and Fun for All Ages August 11-13

Three stages of radical music. A premium antique car show. Countless vendors with delightful food and goods. A family area with fun and games for all ages. A dunk tank. And all this in the heart of our own neighborhood. This is Retro on Roscoe, Chicago's best street festival, and it returns August 11-13.

As Roscoe Villagers know, Retro is no small-time affair. The party stretches down Roscoe from Damen to Claremont, a full seven blocks of fun. It begins at 5 p.m. Friday, August 11 and runs through Sunday night. The music on Retro's three stages is sure to delight, with groups like Sixteen Candles and The Boy Band Night putting the nostalgia on full blast.

The festival began in the 1980s as a two-block neighborhood party, according to longtime volunteer Colleen Flood. The name was dreamed up by a local antiques store owner, who wanted to put a unique spin on our own local fest and bring people into what was then a fledgling area.

As fun as Retro is, the best part may be what it does for our community. First, it brings us together: Retro has over 400 volunteers each year, who have a great time helping out. (Sign up at [roscoe.village.org](http://roscoe.village.org); there's a free volunteer party!) Second, revenues from Retro help RVN provide funds to our local schools and put on great events like our Halloween Parade and Garden Walk (see Page 4 for details). We can't wait to rock out again with you this year!



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## RVN Community Briefs

# Audubon Groundbreaking and Pub Crawling for Charity

### Audubon School Groundbreaking Ceremony, June 29

On a sunny late June morning, Audubon began the next phase of building its new outdoor facilities with a groundbreaking ceremony. With the completion of the school's playground, the new phase of construction is projected to include a basketball court, expanded garden, outdoor classroom, and turf field. In attendance were Alderman and gubernatorial candidate Ameya Pawar, Audubon Principal Meghan Duffy and Assistant Principal Chase James, members of the Audubon community, and officials from Chicago Public Schools and Roscoe Village Neighbors. RVN is one of Audubon's largest donors and supporters.



### RVN "Talk Derby to Me" Spring Charity Pub Crawl, May 6

As the horses and jockeys at Churchill Downs prepared themselves for this year's Kentucky Derby, Roscoe Villagers poured into local bars in their finest bow ties and hats to celebrate our neighborhood's own version of Derby Day. The event, which took the party to four different Roscoe Village bars during the course of an afternoon, raised over \$2,000 for Common Pantry, Chicago's oldest continuously operating food pantry. At race time, around 80 people crowded into Riverview Tavern to watch Kentucky colt Always Dreaming take first place. The traveling group also visited Roscoe Village Pub, the Village Tap, and the Four Treys Tavern.



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## Roscoe Village History File

# Fifty Years After Closing, Riverview Still Resonates

Today, at the businesses in the vicinity of Roscoe Street and Western Avenue, we buy groceries, order burritos and burgers, shop for toys and pick up prescriptions. There is also a stunning boathouse with river access and a growing educational facility. But 50 years ago, something very different stood in this area, though it was about to be closed forever: Riverview Amusement Park. Once a grove of trees along the Chicago River, the park grew from an early 1900s German sharpshooting club to something much bigger.

It's difficult to imagine now, but Riverview once billed itself as the world's largest amusement park. A famed roller coaster, The Bobs, took riders to the top of an 85-foot incline and then plunged them down, albeit at a modest speed of 38 miles per hour according to Dolores Haugh's *Riverview Amusement Park*. A beautifully carved carousel took riders round and round. Tram cars on cables transported visitors high over the festivities. Daring visitors floated 200 feet to the ground from a giant tower in what the park called Pair-O-Chutes, according to Chuck Wlodarczyk's *Riverview: Gone But Not Forgotten*.

Yet after the end of the 1967 season, when over 1.7 million people visited, Riverview's lights went out. The park was facing \$1 million in needed repairs for 1968, Haugh reported. So when the park's owners received an offer for the land for over \$6 million, according to the *Chicago Tribune*, they took it—breaking hearts in the neighborhood that was to become Roscoe Village and beyond. Fifty years later, we still remember.



Revelers enjoy the "Mill on the Floss" boat ride at Riverview Park, Chicago, 1942.



A 1908 postcard depicts the entrance to Riverview Park on Western Avenue.

## Save These Dates: 2017 RVN Calendar

**July 30 | Roscoe Village Garden Walk** Show off your green thumb and tour fabulous Roscoe gardens. 12PM-6PM, throughout Roscoe Village (see [Page 4](#))

**Aug. 11-13 | Retro on Roscoe** Three awesome days of music, food and revelry. *Roscoe from Damen to Claremont* (more details on [Page 1](#))

**Oct. 22 | Roscoe Village Halloween Parade** March

down Roscoe in your costume and trick-or-treat at local businesses! 2 PM, *Roscoe Street*

**December | Holiday Decorating Contest** Find out how your decorations and holiday cheer stack up to your neighbors! *Throughout Roscoe Village*

**Dec. 2-3** RVCC/RVN Roscoe Village Winterfest, *Roscoe Street*

## Roscoe Village Garden Walk Sparkles on July 30



Visit gorgeous gardens like this one at Sunday's Garden Walk.

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In just a few days, Roscoe Village's best greenthumbs will open their gates and welcome in the world to view their fine handiwork. The 2017 Roscoe Village Garden Walk will take place this Sunday, July 30, from 12 to 6 p.m. throughout Roscoe Village.

Last year's Garden Walk was a major success, with over 50 residents participating and hundreds of visitors streaming through the neighborhood. Our neighbors' displays were nothing short of extraordinary, from simple urban greenspaces to extravagant hidden gems and traditional Native American crops called the Three Sisters. This year's Garden Walk is sure to be no different.

Best of all, admission to this greenest of events is free. Visitors can stop by RVN's hospitality stations (see below for locations) for refreshments and garden walk guides with maps.

**Roscoe Village 2017 Garden Walk**  
 Sponsored by Roscoe Village Neighbors • [www.RoscoeVillage.org](http://www.RoscoeVillage.org)  
**Sunday, July 30**  
**Noon to 6PM**

**FREE!**  
**Self-Guided**

Register to exhibit your garden at  
<http://roscoeVillage.org/2017gardenwalk>

**Headquarter Locations**  
 Gratitude-Heart-Garden Florist  
 2058 W Roscoe St (at Hoyne)  
 Pencil Factory Lofts  
 1800 W Roscoe St (at Wolcott)

*Participating residents invite you to enjoy their lovely gardens. Garden Walk encourages beautification of the neighborhood, helps improve our urban environment, and proudly affirms our sense of community.*



RVN directors-in-training welcome visitors to last year's Roscoe Village Garden Walk. Hospitality stations for the 2017 Garden Walk will be located at the **Pencil Factory Lofts, 1800 W. Roscoe**, and **Gratitude-Heart-Garden Florist, 2058 W. Roscoe**.  
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