

Village View



The Voice of Roscoe Village Neighbors

Retro: Back and Better than Ever for 2018

Music, Food, Drink,
Shopping and Fun for
All Ages August 10-12

Retro on Roscoe, the signature annual event in Roscoe Village, will dazzle Chicagoans of all ages once again from August 10-12 this summer. The best street festival in Chicago will pack performances by over three dozen bands onto its three stages over three days, adding terrific street food and fine beverages into the mix. And this year, there are a few new twists as well.

First, for those who enjoy scoping out the amazing classic cars that put the "retro" in Retro every year, viewing hours have been extended. Now, auto fans will have until 10 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday nights to check out the models on display.

Also, options for adult beverages have expanded this year. In addition to classic beers and soft drinks, each drink booth will now offer craft beers as well as vodka lemonades and Moscow mules.

Retro began in the 1980s as essentially a block party: just two blocks of fun and entertainment. The name was a nod to what was then (and now) a neighborhood for quality antiquing; it also embodied the amazing classic cars that are on display each year.

If you're looking to enjoy Retro and support Roscoe Village at the same time, consider serving as a volunteer. Four hundred kind souls are needed to help with all aspects of the festival. Sign up at roscoevillage.org and join your neighbors in the fun.

\$10
donation

retro

on Roscoe

August 10-12

Roscoe@Damen

Friday 5-10pm | Saturday/Sunday 12-10pm

East Stage

Friday

8PM **ROD TUFCURLS AND THE BENCH PRESS**

6PM **HELLO WEEKEND**

Saturday

8PM **16 CANDLES**

6PM **97NINE**

4PM **BLACK DIAMOND**

2PM **KARMA COMMITTEE**

NOON **ROSIE & THE RIVETS**

Sunday

8PM **7TH HEAVEN**

6PM **WEDDING BANNED**

4PM **CATFIGHT**

2PM **STACHE**

1PM **EXTENSIONS DANCE COMPANY**

NOON **UPBEAT**

Center Stage

Saturday

8PM **TRIPPIN' BILLIES**

6PM **THE HAIR BAND NIGHT**

4PM **SOUTH OF 80**

2PM **TO THE 9'S**

NOON **WES JOHN CICHOSZ**

Sunday

8PM **AMERICAN ENGLISH**

6:30PM **THE FOUR C NOTES**

6PM **JOHN MICHAEL COPPOLA'S A JERSEY VOICE**

4PM **LIBIDO FUNK CIRCUS**

2PM **BROWN SUGAR**

NOON **INROADS**

West Stage

Saturday

8PM **TOO WHITE CREW**

6PM **MR. BLOTTO**

4PM **ABBA SALUTE**

2PM **MOTOWN NATION**

NOON **NO TURN ON RED**

Sunday

8PM **THE BOY BAND NIGHT**

6PM **THE RON BURGUNDY'S**

4PM **KASHMIR**

2PM **THE COUNTRY NIGHT**

NOON **SPACE FACE**

Too White Crew

16 Candles

Wedding Banned

American English

The Boy Band Night

Trippin' Billies

Kids Area
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12-7PM
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Antique Car Show
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-10PM
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Roscoe Village History File

Lane Tech, from One Century to the Next

When tech giant Apple held an event at Lane Tech High School in March, CEO Tim Cook explained his choice of location: "There may be many reasons why they claim to be 'The School of Champions,'" Cook said, "but there's none more impressive than having more Ph.D.s come out of Lane than any school in the country. Whoa!"

Whoa indeed! For over 100 years, Lane Tech has been at the forefront of education in Chicago. Today, it's the largest high school in Chicago and one of the jewels of the City's selective enrollment program.

Lane Tech began not in Roscoe Village but at the corner of Division and Sedgwick, in what we know now as Old Town, in 1908. Known as the Albert Grannis Lane Manual Training High School, Lane quickly became popular for the scientifically inclined. (Lane himself was superintendent of Chicago schools.) By 1930, with 7,000 students, Lane had become crowded; ground was broken at Western and Addison for the new Lane Tech, a Gothic castle that opened in 1934.

Soon after the new campus opened, Lane students participated in the war effort. The school's war drives produced funds for Red Cross ambulances, a B-17 bomber, and over \$3 million in war bonds. During the ensuing Cold War, Lane acted as a potential bomb shelter, according to the *Lane Warrior*, with tunnels leading in from all over Chicago.

For decades, Lane was an all-male institution; a school newspaper from 1957 catalogued male students' prom dates. Sample text: "Louie Miller is taking a real choice doll by the name of Carolyn Carson from Taft." It wasn't until 1971 that Lane admitted female students, an event that prompted an (unsuccessful) all-male protest march on the Board of Education.

Today, Lane is thriving, diverse, and adds over 4,000 temporary residents to Roscoe Village each day in the form of students, faculty, and staff. Tim Cook and Apple, it seems, picked a winner.



The original Lane Tech, Division & Sedgwick. (c)The Art Institute of Chicago



Apple CEO Tim Cook visits Lane Tech, gets varsity jacket. @tim_cook/Twitter

Save These Dates: 2018 RVN Calendar

Aug. 10-12 | Retro on Roscoe Three awesome days of music, food, shopping, and revelry. One of our neighborhood's best traditions! For more details, see **Page 1. Roscoe from Damen to Oakley**

Oct. 21 | Roscoe Village Halloween Parade Come watch or march as hundreds of families stroll down Roscoe in their spookiest gear. Trick-or-treat at local businesses and look for visits from special characters! **2PM, Roscoe Street**

Dec. 1-2 | RVCC/RVN Roscoe Village Winterfest Gather together with your neighbors for our traditional tree lighting, enjoy a sleigh ride through RV streets, and shop till you drop for the perfect holiday gift full of cheer. **Roscoe Street**

December | RVN Holiday Decorating Contest Think your holiday flair takes top prize? Bring out your inner Clark Griswold and see how your decorating know-how stacks up against the rest of Roscoe Village. **Throughout Roscoe Village**

RVN NOW Network Gets Under Way



As reported in the Spring 2018 *Village View*, Roscoe Village Neighbors has begun installing security cameras that will form the backbone of the NOW (Neighborhood on Watch) Network. The NOW Network is composed of strategically placed, cloud-networked security cameras around Roscoe Village, and the first installations have already been tested and put to good use.

In early July, the NOW Network captured footage of three individuals who are suspects in a number of robberies and attempted robberies in Roscoe Village, Bucktown, and elsewhere. Partnering with detectives in the 19th District, RVN expects that the NOW Network will provide support to law enforcement and ultimately deter crime in Roscoe Village.

Residents and businesses can participate in the NOW Network by linking existing or newly installed camera systems to the network. For more information about joining the NOW Network, please contact us at roscoeillageneighbors@gmail.com.

Derby Day Proceeds Benefit Common Pantry



RVN events aren't just about having a good time; they also support vulnerable parts of our community. On May 5, Roscoe Village Neighbors headed up a Charity Pub Crawl, returning once again to the popular theme "Talk Derby to Me." Attendees wore their Kentucky Derby finest, sang karaoke, enjoyed drink specials, and cheered on the horses. But at the same time, they were also being charitable.

Proceeds from this year's RVN Derby event went directly to the Common Pantry, an organization with five decades of experience providing food and social services to those in need in Chicago. This year, RVN's donation of \$1,927 will have a palpable impact.

"The RVN donation helps enable us remain a steadfast resource for those in need of emergency food," said Margaret O'Connor, Executive Director of Common Pantry. "This generous gift will be used to offset our weekly food costs for our two pantry days and fulfill our mission to provide healthy food and support to our neediest neighbors."

RVN Spring Events



On May 5, RVN hosted its annual "Talk Derby to Me" Charity Pub Crawl, where the finest derby-viewing wear was on display. Roscoe Village Pub, the Village Tap, Commonwealth Tavern, and the Four Treys Tavern each hosted the party, with proceeds to the Common Pantry.



The 20th Annual Roscoe Village Neighbors Spring Brunch, hosted at Commonwealth Tavern on March 10, 2018, welcomed over 100 guests for fine breakfast foods and community camaraderie. Special guests included Congressman Mike Quigley, above (second row, right side), and the Easter Bunny, right.



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