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**CELEBRATE HIGHWOOD ANNOUNCES RETURN OF ITS ACCLAIMED**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING GOURMET MARKET**

**KICKING OFF THE SEASON WITH A SPECIAL MARGARITA NIGHT AUGUST 4**

**Season Runs August 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-9:30 p.m., in the Newly Renovated Everts Park**

**HIGHWOOD, IL (August 4, 2021)** – [Celebrate Highwood](http://celebratehighwood.org/) is proud to announce the return of its acclaimed Wednesday Evening Gourmet Market kicking off the season August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9:30 p.m. with a special Margarita Night theme. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their favorite Jimmy Buffet-style, Parrothead and Hawaiian gear and party in the newly renovated Everts Park to the sounds of Jimmy Buffet tribute band [South of Disorder](#). There will be plenty of [Cuervo Tradicional](#) Margaritas, Mexican food and key lime pie to enjoy with family and friends.

“With our Market season delayed due to Everts Park renovations, we wanted to kick off it off with a fun theme to bring everyone together ... think beach balls, flamingos, margaritas and more,” says Brad Slavin, President of Celebrate Highwood and Highwood Alderman. “Margarita Night will set the tone for our Wednesday Evening Gourmet Market season and we have a lot more fun in store from Garlic Fest to Highwood Strong Night! It doesn’t get much better than a Wednesday evening in Highwood and we’re so happy to be back.”

Introduced in 2008 with 12 vendors, the Wednesday Evening Gourmet Market outgrew its original location in front of City Hall in 2012 and moved one block west to beautiful Everts Park (130 Highwood Avenue), as the newly renovated park reopens August 4<sup>th</sup> with Margarita Night, the Wednesday Evening Markets continue to flourish. With over 60 vendors each week, this Evening Market brings community together to enjoy delicious food and drinks, local wares, live music, and the great outdoors in a family festival setting.

Encouraging the community to “make a night of it,” Highwood’s Evening Gourmet Market showcases a wide range of local produce, gourmet cheeses, homemade pastas, baked fare, assortments of breads and pastries, an array of ethnic delicacies and local artisan wares. Guests are able to enjoy dinner and cocktails while exploring the market, catching up with friends, and listening to different live music acts each week.

A weekly outdoor market of this caliber is hard to find. With its “Live Evening Concert Series” from 5:30-9 p.m., and “Ravinia Festival-like” atmosphere, families are encouraged to set up their picnic blankets and chairs and enjoy the evening in the park, dining on local goodies and jamming to the sounds of great local bands. This vibrant market has become a tradition for friends and family seeking great food, spirits and entertainment.

## **EVENING GOURMET MARKET LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE:**

### **Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - LYRA- 90's - 2000's rock and grunge scene - Alice in Chains, Nirvana, Muse, as well as original music with a similar tone.
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - [SOUTH OF DISORDER](#) - Jimmy Buffet cover band

### **Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - F.L.A.M.E.- plays a variety of music ranging from classic rock to 90s grunge. They are 2021 high school graduates from the North Shore area.
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - [VICTOR BROWN BAND](#)- (jam/funk/soul/rock: Grateful Dead/James Brown/Otis Redding/Clapton)

### **Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Special Theme Garlic Fest**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Bill Pantel -A Tribute to Old Blue Eyes: Jazz; Frank Sinatra

### **Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Ravinia Ramblers- Original Rock

### **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Simply Sound- (Pop & Rock From The 80's To Now; Elton John, Lady Gaga, Toto)

### **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Roger That- Surf Rock, Rockabilly; Dick Dale, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Beatles, Johnny Rivers

### **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - TBA

### **Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Theme Highwood Strong Night**

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - School of Rock Evanston Acoustic Crew- plays songs from 70s Classic Rock to current Pop and Rock selections.
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Yankee Cowboy- (Country Rock)

### **Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.- School of Rock Highwood Acoustic Crew-plays songs from 70s Classic Rock to current Pop and Rock selections.
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Ryan Herrick trio- (Rock/Americana; The Band, Prince, The Beatles, Hozier, CCR)

### **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. - See Alice- (Rock, Pop, and Funk Hits; David Bowie, James Gang, The Beatles)

This year marks Celebrate Highwood's fifth season as an official 501(c)(3) with the mission of raising funds for worthy non-profit organizations through its festivals and events. Although all festivals are FREE to the public, a portion of proceeds benefit various charities.

A special thanks to Celebrate Highwood Sponsors that help make producing the Highwood Evening Gourmet Market possible: [Arbor Terrace Highland Park](#), [Chiro One](#), [Cuervo Tradicional](#), [M. Brad](#)

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**ABOUT CELEBRATE HIGHWOOD:**

Celebrate Highwood is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity established in August 2016. Managed and operated by volunteers, our mission is to bring community together to raise funds for local and national charities. Through producing events that cater to the citizens, businesses and visitors of Highwood, our goal is give back, build strong community spirit, and establish Highwood as THE prime entertainment destination for dining, festivals and events on the North Shore. For more information on all of Highwood's festivals, please

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