# CHICAGO ITALIAN BEEF FEST

IN JEFFERSON PARK

FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY

## JULY 31–AUG. 2

5PM TO 10PM FRI • 12PM TO 10PM SAT • 12PM TO 8PM SUN
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# Inaugural Chicago Italian Beef Fest

The Chicago Italian Beef Fest will be held the weekend of July 31 to Aug. 2 at Jefferson Memorial Park, 4822 N. Long Ave., featuring tributes to U2, Billy Joel, Elton John, Styx, Boston and Chicago.

The festival will include seven beef vendors, a kids' zone and two music stages, including a community stage sponsored by Jefferson Park Forward.

Admission is $10 and free for children age 17 and younger when accompanied by a paid parent or guardian. The festival's main sponsors are the Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson Memorial Park Advisory Council and Chicago Park District.

The festival's hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The scheduled main stage lineup is the following:

Friday: The Birkenrocks at 6 p.m. and Bostyxx at 8 p.m.

Saturday: School of Rock at 1 p.m., The Prissillas at 3 p.m., Without U2 at 4:30 p.m., Simply Billy at 6 p.m. and Sixteen Candles at 8 p.m.

Sunday: Bucket Number Six at 1 p.m., The Wild Chicago at 2:30 p.m., Simply Elton at 4 p.m. and The Chicago Experience at 6:30 p.m.

The community stage schedule is the following:

Friday: Ian McKinley at 6 p.m., Dexter at 7:30 p.m. and Emily Jane Powers at 9 p.m.

Saturday: DJ Sliam at 2:30 p.m., 8-Bit Creeps at 4 p.m., The Prime at 5:30 p.m., Salisman at 7 p.m. and Little Church at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday: Chicago Music and Acting Academy at 3 p.m. and Jefferson Park Songwriters at 5:30 p.m.

Attendees will be able to vote on the "best beef," and Revolution Brewing will be providing the beer.






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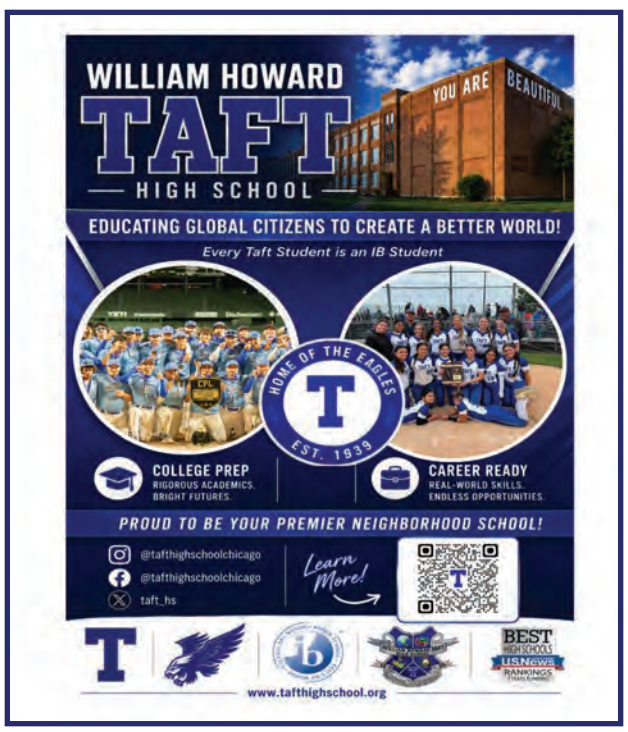
Illinois State Representative Rick Ryan has led a campaign to make the "Italian Beef Sandwich" the official sandwich of the state.

Joined by State Rep. Lindsey LaPointe and Senator Robert Martwick, Ryan will outline his House Bill and discuss some of Italian Beef's history in Chicago for a few minutes before Bostyxx hits the Main Stage at Friday at 8 p.m.






















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COMMUNITY STAGE
JULY 31 - AUGUST 2 2026
CHICAGO ITALIAN BEEF FEST
JEFFERSON PARK CHICAGO

FRIDAY, JULY 31
6:00 PM • IAN MCKINLEY
7:30 PM • DEXTER
9:00 PM • EMILY JANE POWERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
2:30 PM • DJ SLIAM
4:00 PM • 8-BIT CREEPS
5:30 PM • THE PRIME
7:00 PM • SALISMAN
8:30 PM • LITTLE CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
3:00 PM • CHICAGO MUSIC AND ACTING ACADEMY
5:30 PM • JEFFERSON PARK SONGWRITERS

JEFFERSON PARK FORWARD
LIVE, LOCAL, ORIGINAL ARTISTS
ON THE JPF COMMUNITY STAGE
AT CHICAGO ITALIAN BEEF FEST




## Don't Miss Jeff Park's Sculpture Garden

Chicago-based artist Matthew Hoffman on July 14 installed "You are beautiful" lettering on the fence of the sculpture garden at 5374 W. Lawrence Ave. in Jefferson Park, located across from the park's tennis courts, near the northeast corner of Long and Lawrence avenues.

Hoffman is known for interactive public art displays that encourage passersby to reflect on the uplifting, inspirational messages which his artwork includes.

More than 20 years ago Hoffman created "You are beautiful" stickers, and millions reportedly have been sold.

The sculpture garden was installed several years ago. Longterm plans call for the site to be part of the "North Side Cultural District," which would include the planned relocation of the National Veterans Art Museum, 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave., to 5411 W. Higgins Ave. and the refurbishment of the Ed Paschke Art Center, 5415 W. Higgins Ave.

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## *Fest-goers will get to vote for their favorite Italian Beef:*

**Carm's Little Italy** is bringing a true Chicago classic to the Chicago Italian Beef Festival. Known for its juicy Italian beef sandwiches piled high and served with flavorful peppers, Carm's delivers the bold, comforting taste that has made it a neighborhood favorite for generations.

**Bust Outs**, located in Jefferson Park, brings bold Chicago flavor to the fest with hearty Italian beef sandwiches packed with juicy, seasoned beef and classic toppings. It's the kind of no-frills, flavor-loaded bite that feels right at home at an Italian beef celebration.

A Chicago favorite known for classic street food, **Byron's Hot Dogs** adds Italian beef to the mix with a satisfying, local twist. Its menu is built for fest-goers craving comfort food, big flavor and true Chicago tradition.

**Chef Ciccio** serves up Italian-inspired comfort food with a focus on rich flavors and satisfying bites. Its take on Italian beef brings together tender meat, savory seasoning, and the kind of hearty flavor Chicago food fans love.

**Genoa Italian Concessions** brings old-school Italian festival flavor with beef sandwiches that are savory, satisfying, and made for eating on the go. Its Italian beef is a natural fit for anyone looking to enjoy a true Chicago-style classic.

A beloved Chicago name, **Leona's Restaurant** brings its Italian roots to the fest with flavorful, comfort-driven dishes. Its Italian beef offering delivers the hearty, saucy, satisfying flavor fans expect from a longtime local favorite.

**Trogo Kitchen Market** adds a fresh, modern touch to Italian beef while keeping the focus on bold, satisfying flavor. Its menu brings a creative market-style approach to a Chicago classic that fest-goers will want to try.



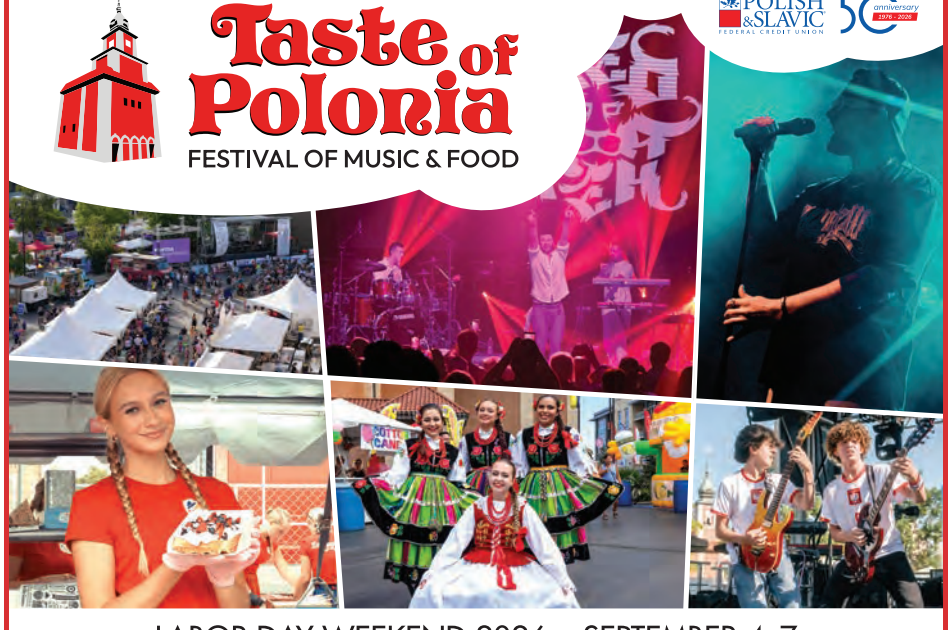
MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

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| FRIDAY | 6:00PM | THE BIRKENROCKS |
| | 8:00PM | BOSTYXX |
| SATURDAY | 1:00PM | SCHOOL OF ROCK |
| | 3:00PM | THE PRISSILLAS |
| | 4:30PM | WITHOUT U2 |
| | 6:00PM | SIMPLY BILLY |
| | 8:00PM | SIXTEEN CANDLES |
| SUNDAY | 1:00PM | BUCKET NUMBER SIX |
| | 2:30PM | THE WILD CHICAGO |
| | 4:00PM | SIMPLY ELTON |
| | 6:30PM | THE CHICAGO EXPERIENCE |


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