

# Whispers *in the Wind*

Batavia Park District  
A Community Newsletter Designed for Residents

## Walk for a Batavia Dog Park

Dog parks are gaining in popularity and dogs certainly know why – there is nothing as much fun for a dog (and its human) to run around off-leash and play together in a park designed for them. Dog parks are a way for people and their pets to exercise and socialize.

When over 100 people turned out at last year’s Poochpalooza which opened up the Hall Quarry Beach as a doggy dip for a day (see page 7 in the Fun Guide) the Batavia Park District officials were swamped with questions about when Batavia was going to have their own year-round dog park. Immediately the park district staff and the Batavia Parks Foundation took note and put an action plan into place to assist with the funding for a dog park. What was the result? A special event called Tails Hit the Trails – a 3-mile fun walk – with all



raising funds for a cause they believe in – their own dog park.

Jim Eby, the Director of Planning and Development for the district, plans to organize focus groups for people who are interested in determining the types of agility equipment people would like to see in a dog park. Information about when the meetings will take place will be placed

in the newspapers, on the web site

([www.bataviaparks.org](http://www.bataviaparks.org)) and participants of the Tails Hit the Trails event will be invited to participate.

Non-pet owners are welcome to participate, particularly to sponsor walkers or enjoy the booths and demonstrations. The 5-kilometer course will be speckled with watering stations for dogs. Event organizers will dispense plastic bags so human participants can monitor their pets “behavior”. Participating canines receive a free one-of-a-kind bandana and exclusive doggy bags. A sampling of the booths include: Royal Canin, Petland Batavia, DePaw University and the Geneva Treat Company.

Immediately following the event there will be drawings to win an 8-month old Yellow Lab puppy courtesy of Petland Batavia, a year’s supply of dog food from Royal Canin, one week of boarding and 8-weeks of training from DePaw University. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event or in advance at Petland Batavia for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 each. All of the ticket proceeds benefit the Batavia Parks Foundation, a volunteer group supporting the addition of a dog park in Batavia. For more information please call 630-879-5235 or register online at [www.bataviaparks.org](http://www.bataviaparks.org)



pledge proceeds going toward building a dog park in Batavia. Pledge forms may be picked up at the Batavia Park District office located at 327 W. Wilson Street.

“A dog park has been an ongoing, long term goal of the district,” said Michael Clark, Executive Director. “The goal of the Batavia Parks Foundation is to defray the costs of building a dog park by raising \$20,000 before the summer of 2007.” Registration for the event is \$15. Same day registration is \$20. The day of the event, dogs will amble along the paths of the Fox River Trail sharing the terrain with family members and fellow dog owners all while

# Windmill City



## *“It’ll Blow You Away”*



July is a time of excitement, as Batavia’s Windmill City Festival boasts so many activities – the only complaint is whether one person can see and do everything within the two days. This year’s festival is slated for Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8.

Products, demonstrations and food booths speckle the Batavia Riverwalk throughout

the two-day event. Activities include a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts show, 5k run, flea market, carnival, and nightly entertainment. Chicago entertainers such as Mike & Joe and Hot Rocks: Rolling Stones Tribute Show draw more than 13,000 attendees to the Batavia Riverwalk.

### **Unique Offerings**

Have a ball with us at this year’s Dodgeball Tournament debuting on Friday, July 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Memorial Park. This tournament will be divided into two age brackets: 7 – 9 and 10 – 12. Participants will receive a team shirt, snack and water bottle. The fee is \$50 per team. Register by July 5 by calling the Batavia Park District at 630-879-5235.

Adding to the mix of festival elements, business owner Craig Foltos is hosting the Boo Boo Days Sidewalk Sale. The popular sale has local merchants showing their wares on Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown Batavia.

Children of all ages can win prizes by testing their basketball shooting skills and their throwing accuracy as their favorite



coaches sit in a dunk tank at this year’s Sports Corner. The Sports Corner is Friday, July 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Batavia Riverwalk.

### **Favorite Traditions**

Suit up your pet rabbit, turtle, cat or dog for this year’s pet parade held on Saturday, July 8 at 10:00 a.m. Parade participants must register prior to the parade between 9:15 - 9:50 a.m. Pet

prizes will be awarded for the following: Best Kisser, Best Trick, Fastest Wagging Tail, Longest Ears, Highest Jump, Best Costume, and Most Unusual Pet. Participants receive a doggy bag containing pet goodies and contest winners take home gift certificates from Petland Batavia and Funway Entertainment Center.

The Batavia Teen Center raised \$900 from last year’s Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast with the Batavia Rotary Club matching the funding doubling profits to \$1800. This year the breakfast runs from 7:30 – 10:30 am on Saturday, July 8. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the gate \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 4 – 17 and kids under 3 are free.



The Kane County Chronicle's Golf Challenge, where participants have a chance to make a hole-in-one on a green that floats in the Depot Museum pond, is scheduled for 2 to 10 p.m. Friday and from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Participants who hit a hole in one receive a set of golf clubs.

**Give it a Whirl with a 5k Race**

The Windmill Whirl 5k community run will be held on the festival grounds on Saturday, July 8. The course covers some of the most spectacular scenery of the Fox River Valley. The registration deadline is

Saturday, July 1 at noon. Race day registration is available for \$20. Registration forms are available online at [www.bataviaparks.org](http://www.bataviaparks.org). For more information about the race, contact the Park District at 630-879-5235.

**The Return of the Arts & Crafts Show**

The Arts & Crafts Show and Flea Market create a shoppers paradise outside of the Depot Museum. The show will coincide times with the flea market and run from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday only.

Would you or someone you know like to be a vendor this year? The cost is only \$25 but reserve a spot quickly because there is very limited space. Please call Carla Hill or Chris Winter at the Depot Museum, 630-406-5274.

**Kids Day, Friday July 7**

Kids have first priority on Friday, July 7 "Kids Day", offering a dodgeball tournament, fire hose challenge, sports corner, Riverwalk run, diaper derby and face painting. Freaky Friday will be held at the Hall Quarry Beach located at 400 South Water Street from 1:00 - 4:00p.m. Wacky games will be played



and cool prizes will be distributed by the mascot, Chuck the Duck. Participants of Laidlaw's 'Lil 500 Big Wheel Races can bring their own big wheel and get ready to pedal to the finish line. Age groups are divided into the following: 2 year olds, 3 & 4 year olds, and 5 & 6 year olds.

The Windmill City Festival Committee includes representatives from the Batavia Chamber of Commerce, Batavia Park District, City of Batavia and the Batavia Police Department. For a detailed schedule turn to pages 10-12.



**Art in Your Eye Festival on the Riverwalk**  
**August 12 & 13 2006**  
*Featuring:*

- Outdoor Fine Art Show**  
with national & international award-winning artists
- City Hall Art Exhibit**
- Special Exhibit at Depot Museum**
- Fantastic Children's Art Activities**
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- Aerial Dance performances, Food & More!**

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 July 17 - August 9  
 featuring regionally-respected art instructors  
 teaching a variety of media

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# Batavia's 2006 Photo Gallery



## *Batavia Flipper Gymnastics Team Soars to High Heights*

*The Flipper Gymnastics team participated in the IPDGC State Tumbling meet on February 26 in Hoffman Estates. Batavia's Novice team came in 1st place with a team score of 64.5. Two girls from the team earned individual first place trophies. Brittany Johnson had the high score in the 11 year novice division and Nikki Flesvig had the high score in the 12 year novice division.*

## **Kudos to Community Service Award Recipients!**



*Craig Foltos of Foltos Tonsorial Parlor*

*Tom Tourek of Laidlaw Batavia*



*Scott Clemens of Petland Batavia*



*Brian Witek of SignTech*



## *Tri-Cities Soccer Association Recognized as a Partner of the Batavia Park District*

*At a recent park board meeting, Vice President Alan Leard recognized the Tri-Cities Soccer Association as a Partner of the Partner, Affiliate, Friend (PAF) program. Stuart Samuels accepted the honor on behalf of the association. For more information on the PAF program, visit [www.bataviaparks.org](http://www.bataviaparks.org)*

**Check out the BRAND NEW  
Batavia Park District Web Site!**

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