

Fill the Boot in Blue Island this Summer



The Blue Island Fire Department is taking part in the 60th annual Fill the Boot fundraiser at three main intersections across the city this summer.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association started this fundraiser in 1955 to help save lives after partnering with the International Association of Fire Fighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's largest national sponsor.

Fire fighters will hit the streets July 24 and August 7 between 8am and 11am and 4-6pm and ask pedestrians, motorists and other passers-by to contribute – money in the boot – for MDA with hopes to kick this disease.

Blue Island Firefighters will be at the corners of Vermont and Western, 127th and Kedzie and 119th and Western. Come out and show our firefighters your support, it could really make a difference.

Annual Kid Community Day A Success

Bethel Pentecostal Church of Blue Island held its' annual kid community day on Saturday, June 13 right outside of the church. Pastor Peter Contreras said for twenty years or more they have invited kids from the community to come out and interact with the city's first responders while enjoying a performance by a clown and riding horses in the field across the street. Contreras said to help change the worldwide stigma people have with police officers, the police and fire department came out and showed their support for the community members and developed relationships with the kids and adults in the neighborhood.

"It shows we're part of the community, it's essential for a great relationship with the community and the police department. Our goal is to be partners with the community," said Deputy Police Chief Michael Cornell.

Kids from all over Blue Island came for an afternoon of fun. Ald. Carr (2nd ward) and Ald. Frausto (6th) joined Mayor Domingo Vargas and City Clerk Randy Heuser at this yearly event to shake hands with the kids at the event and socializing with attendees.

To watch Blue Island Television's coverage of this event check out BITV on YouTube. Visit www.youtube.com and search BITV.



New Landmark on Western for 100 Year Anniversary of Dixie Highway



The Blue Island Chamber of Commerce invited members of the community and chamber as well as elected officials to cut the ribbon of a new Dixie Highway designation sign on Western Avenue. The decision to have the sign made for the 100th year of the highway was made by the Chamber's Executive Director Greg Lochow and one of its' longtime supporters, the A's R Us Model-A Club. In essence, Dixie Highway started in Blue Island and was known to residents here as the first paved road that took people from the Midwest to Florida. However, it also runs through neighboring communities like Posen, Momence, Beecher, and many more, which created memories for so many living on Dixie Highway's 136 mile span in Illinois. Mayor Domingo Vargas, Clerk Randy Heuser, and some of the aldermen attended the ribbon cutting of the new sign Lochow designed himself, with his years of experience in graphic design from the days when his parents owned a print shop. For more info about the chamber visit blueislandchamber.org

Photos below are from the Memorial Park Community Garden Meet and Greet Saturday, June 13 with Anna Stange and Val Kehoe.



July 2015 Events

- 3- Fireworks at dusk at Eisenhower stadium
- 4- Fourth of July Walking Parade
- 6- Cruise Nights 5:30-8p York and Western
- 7- Meadows Junior League 8:30am Every Tuesday thru 8/4
- 8- Chamber Member Meeting 8-9p

- 10- Food and Brew at Korbakes 6-8p
- 14- City Council Meeting 7pm
- 12- Park District 1.5 mile Walk 9am
- 24- Mayors' Golf Outing at Meadows
- 24- Taste of Olde Western 4pm
-Fill the Boot 8-11a and 4-6p
- 28- City Council Meeting 7pm

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