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Park District Creates Outdoor Film Festival to Expand the Cultural Arts Community in Lisle

Image: [Lisle Park District's Outdoor Film Festival - June 5, 8-10pm](#)

Lisle, IL – The Lisle Park District is hosting its very first Film Festival outdoors on Saturday, June 5, from 8:00 until 10:00pm in Lisle Community Park, located at 1825 Short Street.

The film festival started as a collaboration with Lisle resident and small business owner, Beth Lesniak, of Shiny Squirrel Art Studio, Inc. With Beth's input and vision in mind, the Lisle Park District developed the event's concept and created guidelines for the festival, including film categories, contest entry rules, and sponsorship opportunities to encourage support and involvement in the arts program from local individuals and businesses.

Lisle Park District's Cultural Arts Manager, Wendy Nadeau, stated, "I'm always looking for new innovative ideas to expand the District's theatre & arts program. This film fest is a great way for the community to showcase their talent. Theatre & art programs have always brought people together in creative ways. It's exciting to build on those experiences and expand our offerings year after year. We now have the support of several sponsors and are hopeful more will join, including presenting sponsor, Aurelio's Pizza (Woodridge), and silver sponsors, Prime Muay Thai MMA, Shiny Squirrel Art Studio, Inc., and the Zachary Kraus Mortgage Team."

Aspiring film makers are welcome to enter their original short films for consideration to be featured at Lisle Park District's Outdoor Film Festival. Film categories include family, a film made by kids and parents; teen, a film made by a teen age 13-17; and adult, a film made by an adult over age 18. The first-place film in each category will be shown at the Outdoor Film Festival on June 5, awarded a \$200 cash prize, and receive 10 Shiny Squirrel Art Studio, Inc., Do-It Yourself Prize Packs (\$250 value). Entries are due by May 1, and all participants must agree to the festival's guidelines to register their film for consideration. To learn how you can participate, visit bit.ly/lislefilmfest for film entry guidelines and to complete the application.

If you'd like to sponsor the Film Festival, there are a variety of options available to support the cultural arts, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. Each level includes various opportunities for involvement and promotion, including but not limited to reserved seating at the event, judgement of entries, site signage, digital & social promotion of your brand, and more. To become a sponsor, complete the sponsorship form found on the Lisle Park District's website at bit.ly/lislefilmfest or contact Wendy Nadeau through email wnadeau@lisleparkdistrict.org or by phone 630-353-4303.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park, home to the new, all-inclusive Discovery Playground; the Recreation Center, which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; the Community Center, which contains Community Park Fitness and studios for dance and group fitness classes; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf

Course and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and park amenities, such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, visit lisleparkdistrict.org or call 630-964-3410.

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