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NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE – JUNE 29, 2017: LAKE FOREST BEACH NEWS



We are all excited to say “cheers” to summer and enjoy the new offerings at the Shoobie Shack located at Forest Park Beach. Unfortunately, due to an unexpected delay with licensing from the State of Illinois, **the vendor at the beach will not be able to sell alcohol this weekend.** Our hope is that there will be a response from the State within the next week and that the vendor can move forward at that time. Please watch our Facebook page, website, and look for constant contact emails for updated information pertaining to this new service.

In addition to the sheltered pavilions, fishing pier, boat launch, walking, volleyball, grilling, fire ring, sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding, new to the list of activities at the beach include:

Open Mic Night on Tuesdays: June 20, July 18 and August 15 at 7 p.m. (free). If you play an instrument, read poetry, dance or are in a play and need a relaxing, comfortable environment to practice in front of others, join others at the Fire Circle. All ages are welcome.

Movie at the Beach - Christmas Countdown: Friday, June 30 at 8 p.m. (free). This year, “The Santa Clause” will be shown to remind kids that Santa is always watching and may make a special appearance.

Cardboard Canoe Regatta (All Ages): Saturday, July 29, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Team up with your friends, co-workers or family members for this fun event. Teams will construct a boat using only cardboard and duct tape. Awards for crowd favorite and games for additional duct tape are included. Register at LFParksandRec.com.

In addition to these great family programs, at its meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017, the Lake Forest City Council approved an ordinance that creates a new liquor license for service at Lake Forest Beach. The ordinance introduces a pilot program, provisionally **allowing beer and wine to be sold by an approved vendor in approved containers and consumed in a designated area (see photo) during the hours of 4-9 p.m. from July 1-October 1.** The designated area is at the north pavilion and the south side of “Cell 3”. Liquor will not be allowed in all other areas of the beach per the ordinance in place.



The passing of this new ordinance comes in response to residents’ requests over the past several years for such a special license and recaptures discussions held by residents, the City Council and staff at the City’s Strategic Planning Retreat held in February earlier this year. Currently, City Code prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the beach. The staff will review the pilot program after October 1, including data on sales and demographics, and report back to the City Council in the fall.

Bring the family and join your friends and neighbors and enjoy the beach every day this summer!

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