

53rd Annual German Society Oktoberfest

October 6, 2017, 5pm-12am & October 7, 2017, 12pm-12am Loves Park City Hall, Loves Park, IL

The German Society is gearing up for 53rd Annual Oktoberfest



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What: The German Society is gearing up for the **53rd Annual Oktoberfest Celebration** which will take place **Friday, October 6** and **Saturday, October 7, 2017**.

Where: Loves Park is host to the 53rd Annual German Society Oktoberfest. **Sponsored by the German Society of Rockford, Advanced Machine and Hennig, Inc.** the festival will be held at **Loves Park City Hall, 100 Heart Boulevard, Loves Park, Illinois** and will feature fun for young and old.

When: Festival hours are **5:00 pm – midnight** on Friday October 6th and **noon – midnight** on Saturday October 7th. Following a Bavarian tradition of beginning Oktoberfest with the tapping of the keg, **Greg Jury, Mayor of Loves Park**, will do the honors of breaking the keg's seal during the opening ceremony on Friday at 7 pm and declaring the party under way with "O'zapt is!" ("It is tapped!")

A tradition in the German culture, **Oktoberfest** will feature **six different German beers** and various domestic beer options. **Authentic German food, children's areas, German bands and German dancers** will help share the German culture with all. **The German Society of Rockford** will offer a taste of Germany with their expansive German menu featuring German sausages, Jaegerschnitzel, roasted chicken, "Opa's" potato pancakes, German potato salad, red cabbage, spaetzel, sauerkraut and desserts.

Activities: The German Society has a weekend packed full of activities inside and outside for all ages for those seeking additional fun. Outdoor activities will feature the popular **Wiener Dog Race, Bier Barrel Race for Charity; Barmaid Stein Race, Strong Arm Contest** and karaoke. Games and activities will keep everyone entertained all festival long. The crowning of Miss Oktoberfest is Friday October 6th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Registration is now open for dachshund entries in the Wiener Dog Race and teams of 4-6 for the Bier Barrel Race at rockfordoktoberfest.org.

Tickets: **Advance tickets are \$7/one-day and \$10/two-day admission. Tickets can be purchased the day of the festival for \$10/one-day or \$15/two-day admission. VIP Party Packs are available for \$40 each.** Tickets are available at Der Rathskeller, Advanced Machine, 2500 Latham Street, Rockford, IL and Hennig Inc, 9900 N. Alpine Road, Machesney Park, IL or by calling Toni or Dorothy Beck (815) 222-9937.

More information can be found at www.rockfordoktoberfest.org.

The German Society of Rockford uses proceeds to fund outreach programs, scholarships and club activities which further the preservation of German heritage in our communities.

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