

THE GERMAN SOCIETY IS GEARING UP FOR THE...

THE 54TH ANNUAL GERMAN SOCIETY OKTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 5: 5PM TO MIDNIGHT • OCTOBER 6: 3PM TO MIDNIGHT



For Immediate Release:

The German Society of Rockford will be hosting our 54th Annual German Society of Rockford Oktoberfest. We will be at the Loves Park City Hall on October 5, from 5 pm to midnight and on October 6, from 3 pm to midnight. Join us in celebrating the oldest long-standing ethnic event in the Rock River Valley, which started in fall of 1964. It is great fun for the whole family.

We will have two venues of music and entertainment. At the main stage inside the City Hall facility, we will have the Johnny Wagner Band, the Tom Brusky Band, along with the Zweifel Brothers Polka Band. Outside, we will have the Rolling Stones Tribute Band, Tattoo You, as well as Delta Disc Jockeys doing live Karaoke. Throughout our event, we will have authentic German biers, replicating six biers sold at the Munich Oktoberfest, with Paulaner as a crowd favorite. This will compliment the authentic German foods served by Café 20, all weekend.

The event will open with the “Tapping of the Keg”, Loves Park Mayor, Greg Jury performing the honors and at 7 pm will be our crowning of the 2018 Miss Oktoberfest, at the Main Stage. Outside, we will have our annual “Running of the Wieners”, Barmaid Bier Races, and our Bier Barrel Races. 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. The event is rain or shine, with a large pavilion outside, having many of the events taking place inside.

There is fun for the whole family outside: Face Painting, Toss Games: Bucket, Bowling Pin, Hole, Rubber Ducky, Two Liter, and Wiener Tosses; Fun Races: Bag, Egg, Sack, and Three Leg Races, as well as a Bouncy House for the children.

Tickets are on sale, September 3. Pre-event prices are \$14 for a two-day pass and \$7 for a one-day pass for either Friday or Saturday. The price at the gate is \$10 per day. The best ticket is the VIP ticket. For \$30; you get Festival Event Entry for both days, a Commemorative Event Glass, ten Beverage Tickets, a meal ticket for a German Meal with Dessert, and VIP seating!

You can purchase your advanced tickets at these fine locations: Advanced Machine: 2500 Latham St. • Hennig Inc: 9900 N. Alpine Rd., Machesney Park Der Rathskeller: 1132 Auburn St. • Downtown Barbers Shave Club: 115 South Main St. • Culture Shock Clothing & Records: 2239 Charles St. • Canine Crunchery: 1888 Daimler • The Detour Bar & Grill: 1920 E Riverside Blvd. • Top Cut Comics-Loves Park: 5600 N. 2nd St. Top Cut Comics-South 2430 S Alpine Rd. • Rockford Art Deli: 402 East State • Windsor Pizza Parlor: 1034 Windsor Rd, Loves Park, IL • Wired Café: 414 E State St. • Sugar Britches: 115 W Main St, Rockton, IL, and Wood Brick Oven Pizza: 408 E State St. or by calling Toni or Dorothy Beck (815) 222-9937.

Don't forget, it is great fun for the whole family.

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