



RIOT FEST

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2025



RIOT FEST - DOUGLASS PARK

September 19 - 21, 2025

Multi-generational 3 day music festival

Diverse genres: punk, rock, alternative, reggae, metal, and hip-hop

Features local and national artists, carnival rides, vendors, RiotLand and community partners

COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY

Hosted in Douglass Park since 2015 | Celebrating 10 Years

Focus on inclusivity and diversity for all audiences and ages

ENHANCING EVENT LOGISTICS & ACCESSIBILITY

Riot Fest remains committed to efficient traffic management, emergency access, and community impact, building on the successful strategies from 2024 and implementing key improvements for 2025:

Emergency Access: Our collaborative route planning ensured unobstructed emergency vehicle access and will continue in 2025 to maintain prompt response times.

Checkpoints & Barricades: Strategic checkpoint placement and trained personnel successfully managed traffic flow and security in 2024, and this approach will be carried forward.

Communication & Signage: Effective signage and distributed traffic plans helped direct attendees. For 2025, we will refine placement and clarity based on feedback.

Residential Parking: The ‘Resident Parking Only’ program successfully reduced congestion and unauthorized parking. In 2025, we will deploy additional ‘No Parking’ signs where requested by residents.

Rideshare & Public Transportation: Coordination with OEMC and rideshare companies improved designated zones and reinforced no-drop areas near Mount Sinai. We will continue strengthening rideshare communication and enforcement in 2025.

Curb Lane & Street Closures: In 2024, we corrected a curb lane no parking mix-up to ensure that curb lane closures are only along the park perimeter and not across the street where residents need parking. This approach will continue in 2025 to better accommodate the community.







Off-Site Parking: The UIC parking strategy successfully dispersed traffic, and we are exploring additional parking locations for 2025 to further enhance accessibility.

Staff & Vendor Parking: Dedicated parking on North Farrar Drive reduced congestion and prevented staff from parking in residential areas. This successful system will remain in place for 2025.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH
24th Alderwoman Monique Scott
City Of Chicago | OEMC
Chicago Park District
Mount Sinai & Saint Anthony’s Hospital
Community Stakeholders
Local Residents
Carole Robertson School



2024 RECAP - CURB LANE & STREET CLOSURE

1250-1859 S FARRAR DR 	Full Street Closure	
1600-1859 S ALBANY AVE 	Curblane Closure Only	Only of the park side of the street. This curb lane closure is from Ogden to 19th street on the east side of the street. This would start on 9/20 to 9/22 on the East curb lane, northbound traffic. This is a 24 hour closure starting on 9/20
1600-1859 S SACRAMENTO DR 	Full Street Closure	9/16 12am to 9/25 11:59pm This is a complete street closure for Sacramento from Ogden to 19th street.
2800-3100 W OGDEN AVE 	Curblane Closure Only	For Rideshare programs. Closure on the inner lanes only here. This is between Albany and California. This is from 9/19 to 9/22. 24 hour closure starting on 9/19
2800-3200 W 19TH ST 	Full Street Closure	9/20 12am to 9/22 11:59pm Only of the park side of the street. This is to remove the parking on the north curb lane on 19th street in front of the hospital. This would be from California to Albany.
1900-2100 S MARSHALL BLVD 	Full Street Closure	We will be using this area for Artists Entry and a security sweep. Closure for this is need from 12:01 am on 9/20 to 11:59 pm 9/22

—ATTENTION!—

RIOT FEST ATTENDEES & GUEST



RESIDENTIAL PARKING ONLY
PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS

THANK YOU!

MAINTAINING COMMUNITY ACCESS

DOUGLASS PARK

Douglass Park is a vital community space, and we remain committed to ensuring accessibility throughout event preparations. Our structured festival build schedule is designed to minimize disruptions, and we have identified key areas that will remain open to the public. This approach allows residents to continue enjoying the park while we work to create a safe, well-organized, and successful event.

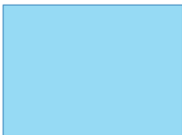
WILL REMAIN OPEN & NEVER CLOSE

- Douglass Park - Roosevelt Rd. to Ogden Ave.
- Tennis court
- Basket Ball Court
- Football field
- Track and field
- Kids playground | 19th and Albany
- Kids playground | 18th and California

2025 TIMELINE | SEPTEMBER 10 - 26

- September 10: Load-in begins. Crews start installing perimeter fencing and flooring
- September 10 - 19: Crews begin assembling stages and other production
- September 17: The park closes to the public – (Highlighted in yellow)
- September 19 – 21: Festival show days
- September 22 - 26: Production loadout, cleaning and restoration
- September 26: Park fully open to the public

Full Park Access/Acceso Completo al Parque:



**Always Open/
Siempre Abierto**

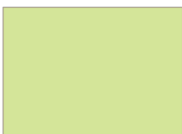
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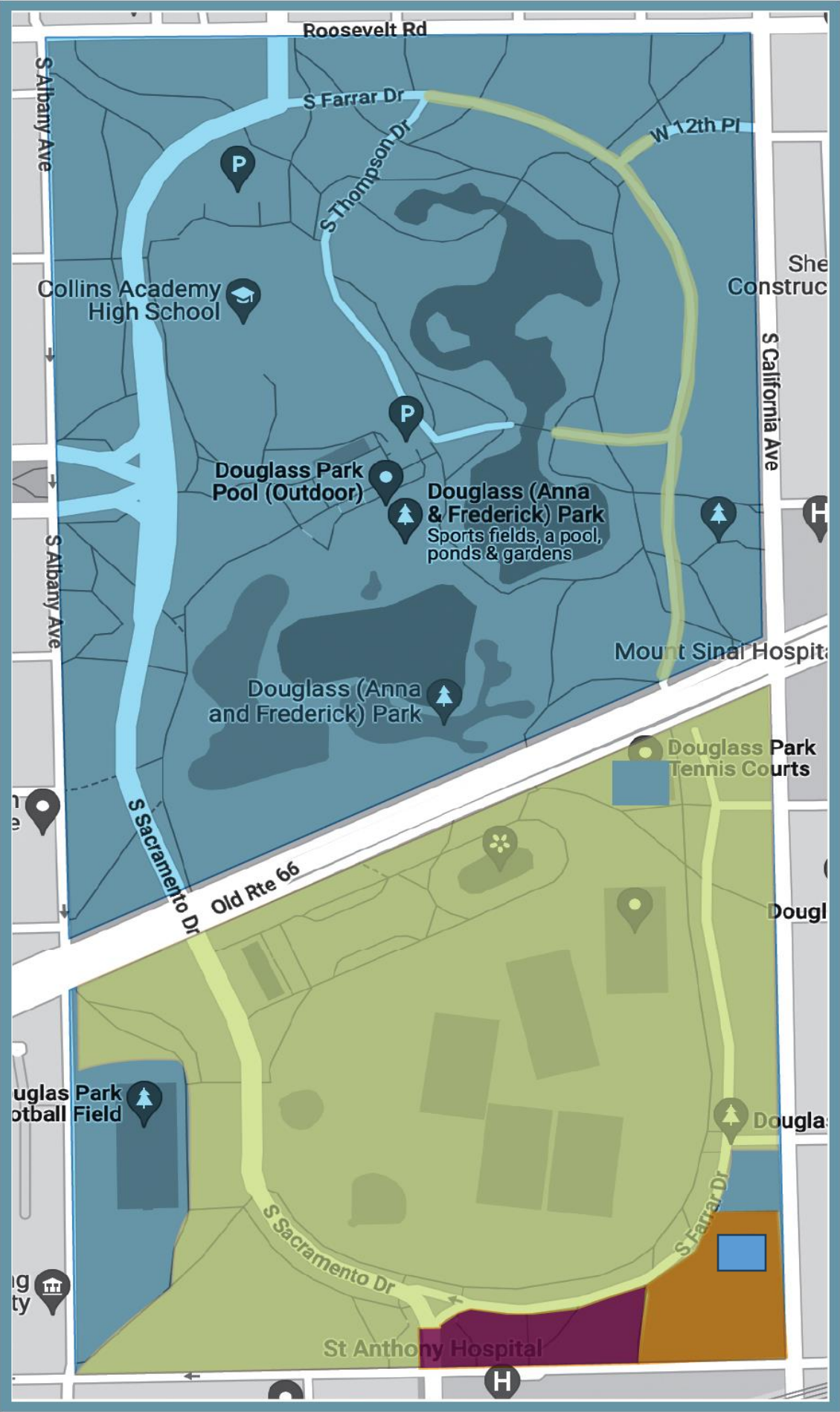
9/10 – 9/26



9/17 – 9/23



9/19 – 9/26



MOUNT SINAI & SAINT ANTHONY HOSPITAL

IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2025

COMMITMENT TO WHAT WORKS

Riot Fest will continue using the proven strategies that helped minimize impact and improve event operations in 2024. By maintaining effective sound control, security measures, and real-time monitoring, we remain committed to creating a safe and well-managed festival experience for both attendees and the community.

KEY STRATEGIES THAT WORKED IN 2024

- Directional Speakers positioned away from nearby hospitals and residences
- Controlled DB Levels: Audio engineer regulates sound levels to Max 95db
- Hard Limit Levels: 'Hard limit' levels to prevent unexpected volume surges
- Advanced P. A. System: Beam steering technology for enhanced sound directionality
- Active Monitoring: Real-time noise monitoring for prompt adjustments
- Additional security at key locations and checkpoints
- Signage for employee parking
- Improved communications for faster and uninterrupted access for emergency vehicles

SAINT ANTHONY'S FEEDBACK

- Zero noise complaints from hospital guest, staff, or patients
- No cell phone reception issues
- Dedicated employee parking with signage proved effective
- Additional check points worked well for traffic flow
- Emergency vehicles had no issues with access
- Vehicle screening at 19th & Marshall much faster with no issues

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IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED:

- Improve on rideshare Pick-ups & drop-offs near the emergency entrance (Will setup a special meeting with OEMC & rideshare companies)



OUR COMMITMENT TO NOISE COMPLIANCE & COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

At Riot Fest, we take noise regulations seriously and are committed to ensuring a respectful and enjoyable experience for both attendees and our neighbors. Our team proactively monitors and adjusts sound levels to ensure compliance and respect for our neighbors. Riot Fest is committed to creating a great festival experience while being responsible community partners.

We Follow All City of Chicago Noise Regulations:

- ✔ Real-Time Noise Monitoring – Our engineers continuously measure sound levels to ensure compliance.
- ✔ Regulatory Compliance – City ordinances prohibit disruptive noise in noise-sensitive areas, and we actively keep our levels within acceptable limits.

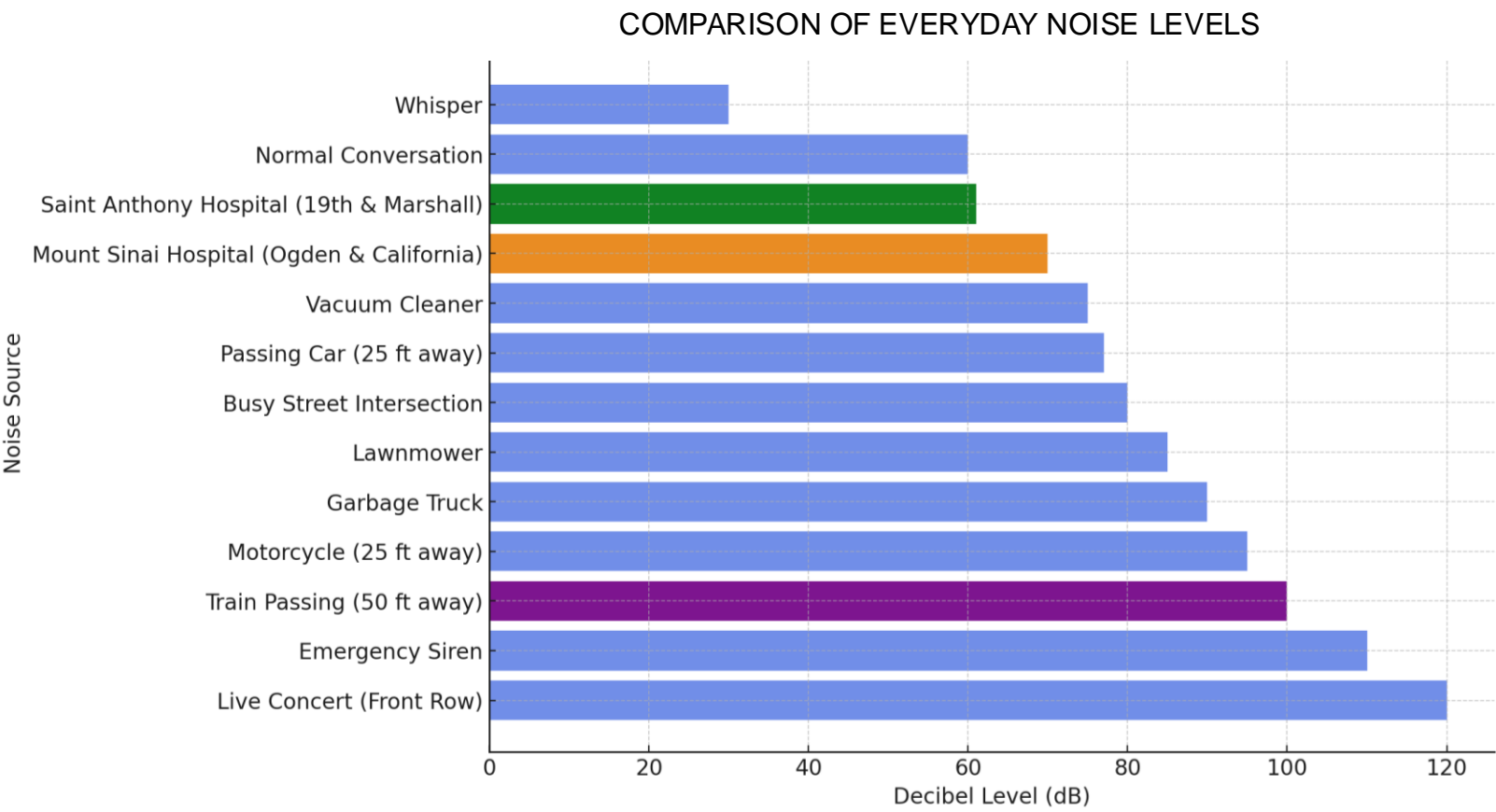
Measured Noise Levels Near Hospitals:

- Saint Anthony Hospital: 61 dB (*Similar to normal conversation*)
- Mount Sinai Hospital: 70 dB (*Equivalent to city traffic or a vacuum cleaner*)

Comparison to Everyday Noise Levels:

For reference, common city noise levels include:

- Passing Car (25 ft away) – 77 dB
- Lawnmower – 85 dB
- Train Passing (50 ft away) – 100 dB
- Emergency Siren – 110 dB



REP. OF RIOT FEST & CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT



Saint Anthony's Hospital
9/22/24 | 5:08PM – 61db



Mount Sinai Hospital
9/22/24 | 5:15PM – 70db

RIOT FEST PRESENTS

BEYOND THE FEST

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY: MORE THAN JUST A MUSIC FESTIVAL



EVENTS & INITIATIVES

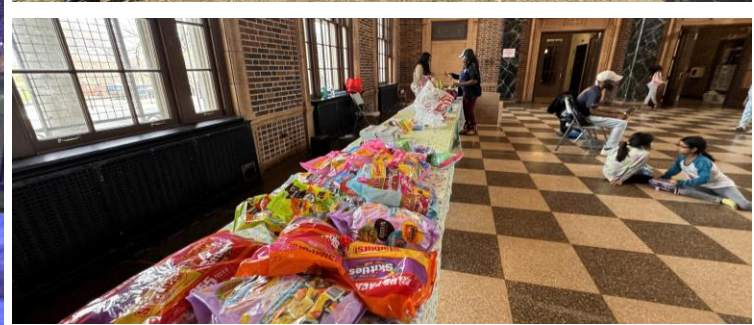
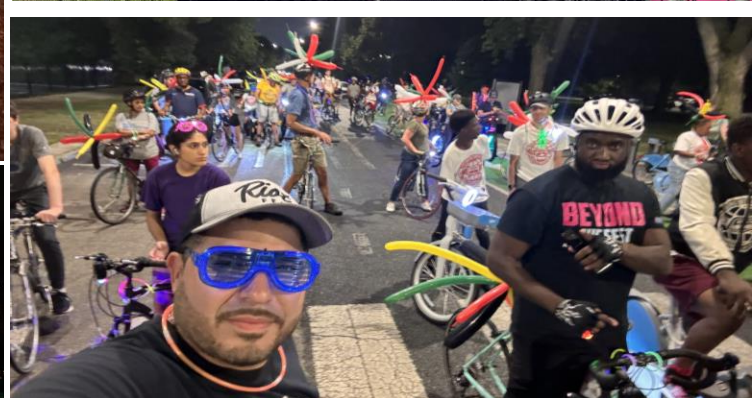
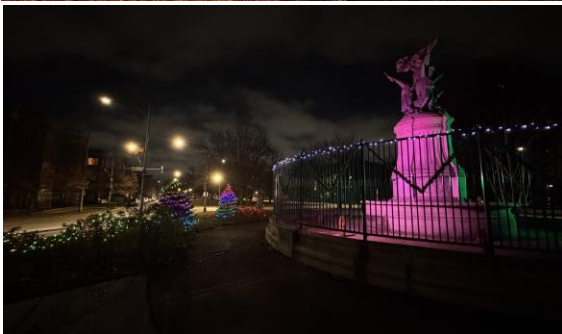
UPCOMING FOR 2025

EVENTS

- Elder Homeowner Seminar 101 – Feb 19
- North Lawndale Eagles 35th Anniversary – March 15
- Easter Egg Hunt With DPAC – April 12
- Bike Out Negativity A Celebration of Chicago's Youth – May 17
- Village Fest Juneteenth – June 19
- Washtenaw Reunion – August 9
- 24th Ward Back To School Summer Bash – August TBD
- Goin fishing with Riot Fest – August 2
- Street Love Bike Ride– August 16
- 12th Street Picnic 51st Anniversary– August 16
- Light Up Lawndale & 24th Ward Xmas Tree Lighting – Nov TBD
- Share The Warmth Coat Drive – Oct 24
- Toys for kids @ Soule – Dec TBD

INITIATIVES

- Riot Fest Scholarship – Saucedo & Mason Elementary
- Paid Internship Program – 5 youths from North Lawndale & Little Village
- Community Spotlight – Featuring 12 Local Businesses (Jan – Dec)
- Local Talent – 3 Local Artist To Perform At The Fest
- Local Artist – 3 Local Artist To Showcase Artwork
- Community Vendor Workshops
- Douglass Park Clean Up
- Local Job Hiring
- Festival Tickets
- Community Partners At The Fest



COMMUNITY VENDOR WORKSHOP

EMPOWERING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Welcome back to our Community Vendor Workshop! Designed to support North Lawndale and Little Village businesses, this workshop provides the essential tools for success at local events like Riot Fest 2025. Join us to enhance your visibility, strengthen community connections, and expand business opportunities in the upcoming festival season.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the latest participation requirements for Riot Fest 2025 and other major Chicago festivals.
- Stay updated on key industry changes, including equipment needs, food safety regulations, distribution practices, staffing models, rental costs, and budgeting strategies.
- Gain valuable insights and best practices from Riot Fest organizers and experienced vendors to maximize your success.

This workshop is an opportunity to learn, connect, and grow, ensuring you're well-prepared for a successful 2025 event season!

VENDOR PARTICIPATION & SUPPORT

To encourage participation, we will provide a limited number of complimentary food booth opportunities for eligible new businesses. Additionally, selected non-profit organizations and artisan vendors will receive a free booth. Businesses must complete our workshop to qualify.

WORKSHOP DATE

April 23 - Registration Opens | **Deadline** May 30
June 7 - Sinai Community Institute | 12pm to 2pm

Register: riotfest.org/community



PAST COMMUNITY PARTNERS

FEATURED AT THE FEST



LOCAL RESTAURANT PARTNERS

- Lindsay Italian Ice
- Lawndale Lemonade
- Douglass 18
- La Casa De Samuel
- Uncle Dave's Fish Joint
- Taylor's Tacos
- A Safe Haven Catering
- Los Comales
- Tips & Toes BBQ Chicken
- Ida's Ice Cream
- Bombon Cake Gallery
- Yum Yum Lemonade
- Brunch N Burgers
- Box Lunch Café
- Taqueria Mi Lindo Mexico
- 3 Kings Jerk
- Doll's Kitchen & Catering
- Corgwell Catering
- The Black Vegan

NOT FOR PROFITS & ARTISAN PARTNERS

- Douglass Park Advisory Council
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Light Up Lawndale
- Pilsen Chamber
- Helen & Joe Foundation
- Boxing Out Negativity
- Barnone
- Village Leadership Academy
- Lawndale Pop-up Spot
- Chicat
- Open Books
- Weekenz Boutique
- Instituto Progresando
- Firehouse Community Art Center
- North Lawndale Eagles Football Team
- Blakemore Designs

OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS

- White Sox Youth Camp
- Chicago Stars Woman Soccer team
- F*ck Cancer.org

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

JOB FAIRS, PARK CLEANUP & TICKETS



LOCAL JOB FAIRS

- **June 14** - Juneteenth Village Fest @ Douglass Park | 1pm to 7pm
- **August 9** - Washtenaw Reunion @ Douglass Park 14th & California | 2pm to 8pm
- **August 16** - Street Love Bike Ride @ 3147 W. Douglass Blvd 4pm to 8pm
- **Online Applications:** riotfest.org/community | **Deadline** August 17, 10pm

Over 1,000 Applications submitted in 2024. 300+ Local Hires



FESTIVAL TICKET REGISTRATION

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- Online Ticket Registration:** riotfest.org/community | **Deadline** September 5, 10pm

If you live within approximately 4 blocks of Douglass Park, you can register for complimentary tickets to Riot Fest every year! 2,000 + Tickets in 2024



PARK CLEANUP & IT'S YOUR PARK DAY

- **June 7** @ Douglass Park 18th & California | 11am - 3pm

Volunteers receive complimentary festival tickets

ELEVATING LOCAL TALENT AT RIOT FEST

A PLATFORM FOR RISING STARS

Riot Fest is excited to once again showcase the incredible talent of local artists from North Lawndale and Little Village! Building on last year’s success, we’re continuing our tradition of providing a world-class platform for community artists to take the stage and share their artistry with thousands of festivalgoers. As part of our commitment to uplifting local talent, we’re selecting artists from these neighborhoods to perform at Riot Fest 2025 - giving them the opportunity to shine on one of the biggest stages in the world.

KEY POINTS:

- **Artist Registration:** April 15, 2025 – Online submission at Riotfest.org/community
- **Selection Process:** Artists will submit their songs to for consideration, with our panel choosing the **top three finalists**
- **Performance Opportunity:** The selected artists will take center stage at Riot Fest 2025

BENEFITS FOR SELECTED ARTISTS:

- **Booking Fee:** Artists will receive a fee for their performance
- **Promotion:** Inclusion on Riot Fest's website and social media channels
- **Media Exposure:** Scheduled interviews with select media outlets
- **Marketing Presence:** Artist's name featured on flyers, posters and other promotional material
- **Networking Opportunity:** Exclusive access to 'Artist World', an environment to connect with fellow musicians and industry professionals

PAST ARTIST

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| • Dat Boy Zach | • Through N Through |
| • ALANIA | • 100Cadoe |
| • VII – Gabriel Townsell | • Future Nobodies |



RIOT FEST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS IN ENTERTAINMENT

Over the past two years, we’ve proudly provided **over 14 paid internships**, giving young people from our community real-world experience in the festival and live events industry. As we continue to grow, we’re expanding opportunities for even more interns to gain hands-on experience, develop valuable skills, and build connections that can shape their future careers.

WHAT TO EXPECT

BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACCESS

Interns will get an exclusive, in-depth look at how Riot Fest operates—meeting with department heads, exploring festival logistics, and gaining firsthand experience in event production.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

From artist relations to stage management and operations, interns will be exposed to various aspects of festival planning and execution, helping them develop a well-rounded understanding of the industry.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Networking is key in the entertainment world. Our interns will have the opportunity to connect with industry professionals, production teams, and even artists—opening doors to future opportunities.

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

We’re committed to supporting our community’s youth by expanding our **Paid Internship Program**, giving aspiring professionals a stepping stone into the entertainment industry through hands-on experience and mentorship.



REGISTRATION INFO

Little Village & North Lawndale

June 11 – Online Submissions Open
August 13 – Deadline

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FOSTERING CONNECTIONS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our Community Engagement initiative fosters closer relationships through virtual meetings and in-person discussions. We offer online gatherings for deep discussions on important matters and individual virtual meetings for personalized conversations. This ensures everyone can share their thoughts, ask questions, and contribute to our collective goals.

Additionally, we are committed to maintaining regular in-person meetings with local residents, businesses, and community stakeholders to sustain positive dialogue and relationships. Our aim is to continue strengthening community bonds and fostering open communication and mutual support.

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

September 9 @ 7pm - Providing updates before the festival

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

To schedule, please email us at: community@riotfest.org

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Q&A

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THANK YOU!

LEARN MORE: CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/capital-improvement-plan-process



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