

SEPTEMBER 18 - 19 - 20 - 2026

RIOT FEST

DOUGLASS PARK, CHICAGO

BEYOND THE FEST

A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY: MORE THAN JUST A MUSIC FESTIVAL

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING 2026

MARCH 19 ★ 7:00 PM CST

MEETING OVERVIEW

WELCOME & OVERVIEW

- Festival Overview

EVENT LOGISTICS

- Park Impact and Access
- Residential Impact and Traffic Management
- Safety and Security
- Sound and Noise Management

BEYOND THE FEST

- Upcoming Events and Partnership Opportunities
- Community Initiatives & Involvement
- Job Fair & Tickets
- Vendor Workshop & Opportunities
- Community Artists: Bands & Muralists
- Internship Program
- Community Partners

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Questions / Schedule Meeting

DOUGLASS PARK INVESTMENT

- Chicago Park District Participatory Budget Process

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Q&A

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PRESENTERS & SUPPORT

George Herrera - Riot Fest

Marcus Betts – Community Stakeholder

Lucio - Chicago Park District

Chicago Park District Staff (Available for Q&A)

Live captions and language translation available

Please submit questions at any time for the Q&A portion

RIOT FEST ★ DOUGLASS PARK

Independent. Dedicated to Art, Culture, and Community

September 18 - 20, 2026

3-Day Festival

50,000 Attendees Per Day

All Ages

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 Stages featuring Punk, Rock, Metal, Alternative, Hip-Hop, and Reggae
- National and Local Artists
- Carnival Rides and Games
- Local Food and Retail Vendors
- Sponsors, Activations, and Merchandise
- Community Partnerships through Beyond the Fest

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PARK IMPACT & ACCESS

Douglass Park is a vital community space, and we remain committed to protecting and preserving the park throughout all phases of the event.

Festival Footprint

- Ogden Ave to 19th Street
- California Ave to Sacramento Blvd
- September 8 - 24

Areas That Will Always Remain Open

- Douglass Park (Ogden Ave to Roosevelt Rd)
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball Courts
- Football Field and Track
- Playgrounds (19th & Albany, 18th & California)

Farrar Inner Drive

- Restricted to security and local vendor parking
- September 16 - 21

2026 Event Timeline | September 8 – 24

September 8

Load-in begins (perimeter, flooring, fencing)

September 9-17

Stage builds and production setup

September 18-20

Festival show days

September 21-24

Load-out, cleaning, and park restoration

September 25

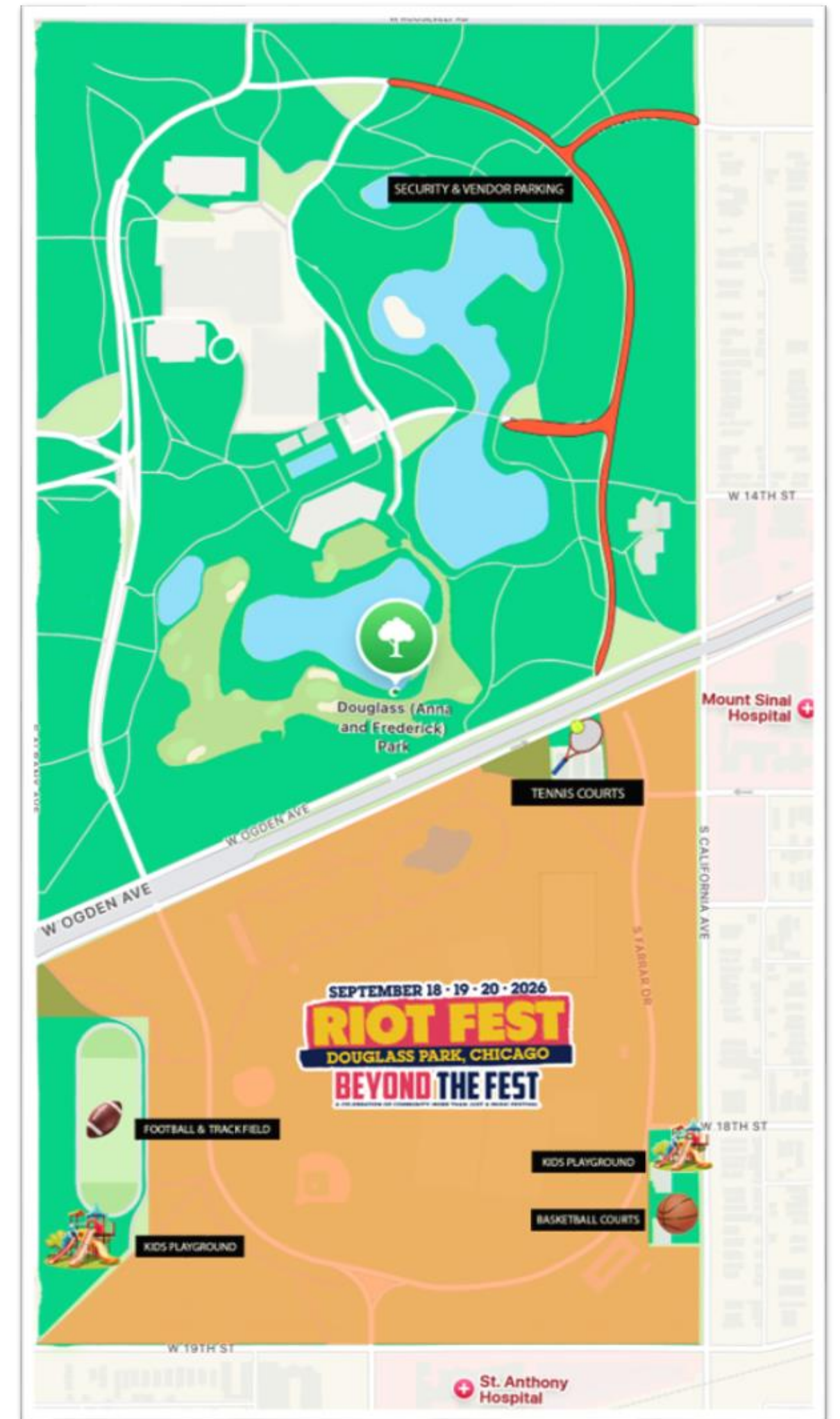
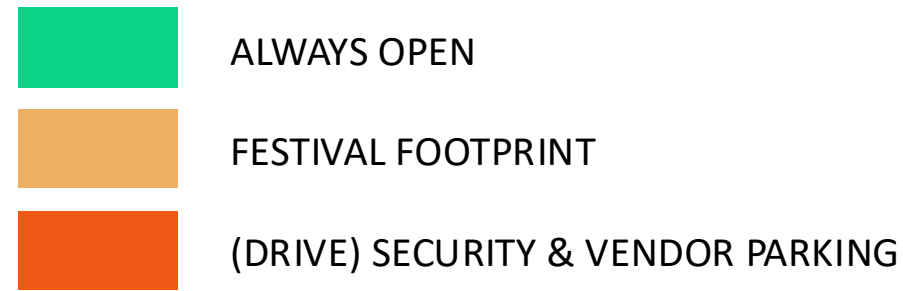
Park fully reopens to the public

October-November

Ongoing ground restoration as needed

*Park Protection & Restoration

Additional ground protection, including mulch in high-traffic areas, helped significantly reduce park damage in 2025. Minimal restoration required with faster recovery timelines



RESIDENTIAL IMPACT & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Riot Fest remains committed to minimizing neighborhood impact while maintaining safe and efficient operations. Building on strong results in 2025, we will continue proven strategies with ongoing improvements based on community feedback.

2025 operations resulted in improved traffic flow and more efficient nightly exit for attendees

Traffic & Access

- Emergency access routes maintained at all times
- Strategic checkpoints and barricades to manage traffic flow
- Improved signage and communication for attendees and residents
- Designated rideshare zones with enforcement near Mount Sinai
- Real-time coordination with local hospitals and emergency services
- Increased security presence in surrounding areas
- Pre-event communication to attendees regarding traffic, parking, and transportation

Residential Parking & Street Management

- Resident Parking Only program to reduce congestion
- Street and curb lane closures limited to park perimeter only
- Off-site parking and staff/vendor parking to reduce neighborhood impact
- Traffic and parking enforcement coordinated with city agencies

Neighborhood Cleanliness & Support

- Portable restrooms placed outside festival grounds to support surrounding areas
- Dedicated cleaning crews operating within a one-block radius of the park

RIOT FEST COMMUNITY LINE

Phone: 312.210.0721

Email: community@riotfest.org



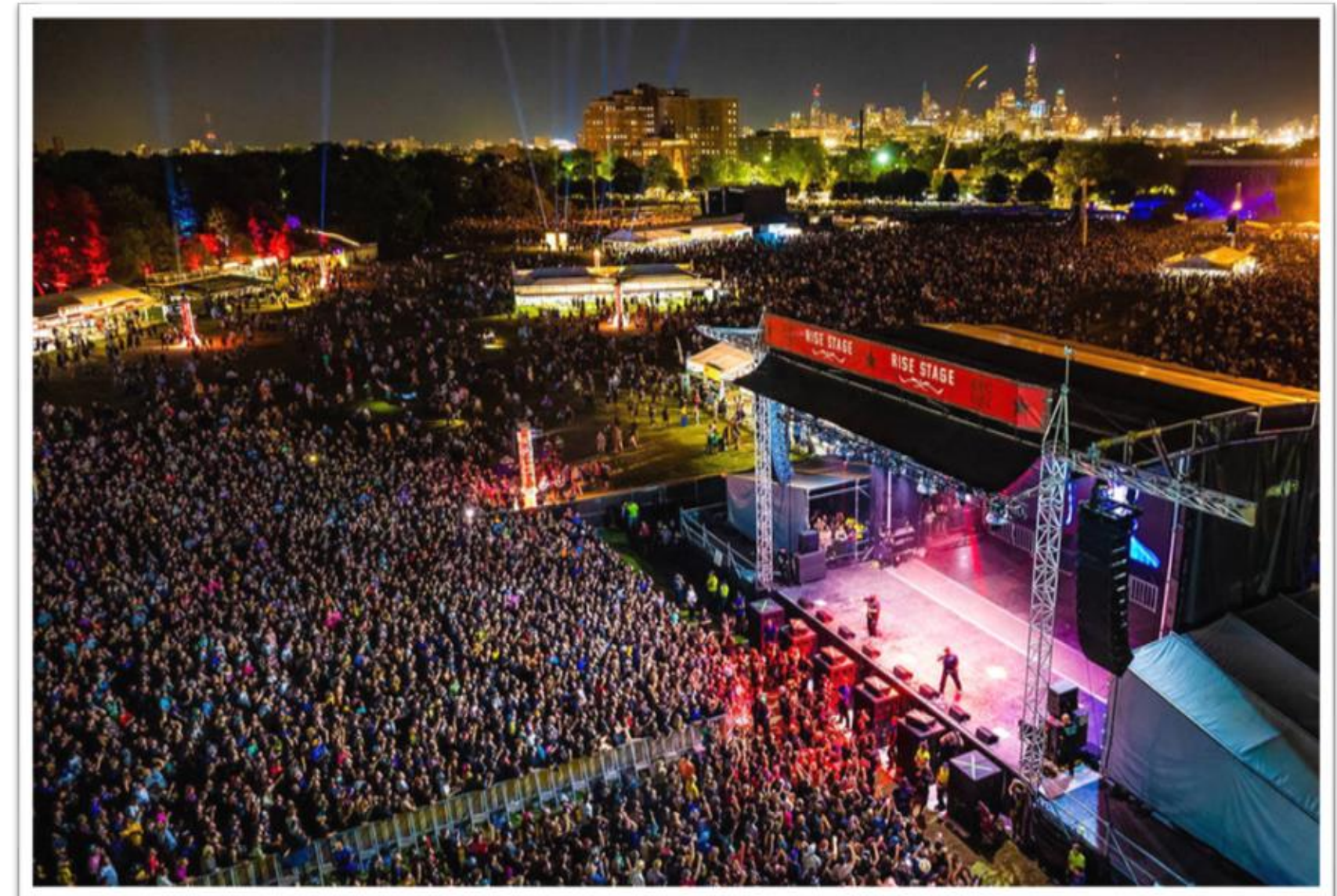
SAFETY & SECURITY

Public safety is our top priority throughout all phases of the event

- On-site medical teams and first aid stations throughout the festival
- Ongoing coordination with various city agencies, including OEMC police, and fire departments
- Controlled entry points with security screening
- Trained security personnel across the festival grounds
- Comprehensive emergency response planning and protocols

Working in coordination with

- 24th Ward Alderwoman Monique Scott
- The Mayor's Office
- City of Chicago Agencies - DCASE, DOB, BACP, DOT, & OEMC
- Chicago Park District
- Mount Sinai Hospital & Saint Anthony Hospital
- Carole Robertson Center
- Community stakeholders, Businesses and local residents



SOUND AND NOISE MANAGEMENT

Riot Fest will continue using proven sound management strategies to minimize neighborhood impact and ensure a well-managed event for both attendees and the surrounding community.

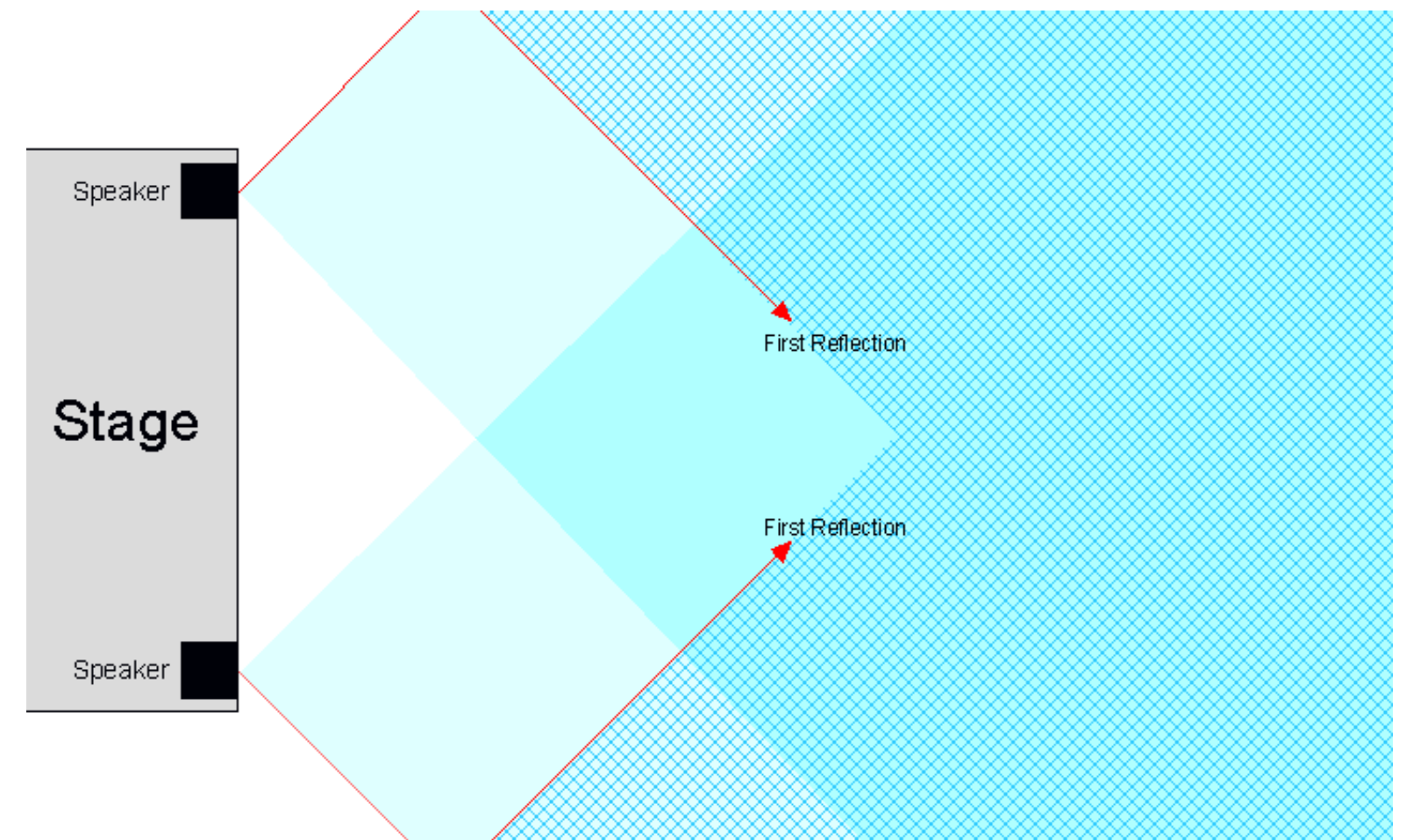
Proven Sound Strategies

- Directional speaker placement away from nearby hospitals and residences
- Sound levels actively managed by the festival audio team
- Hard sound limits to prevent unexpected volume surges
- Advanced PA technology for improved sound directionality
- Real-time noise monitoring for prompt adjustments

Sound levels maintained in accordance with City of Chicago guidelines

Hospital Coordination & Feedback

- Ongoing coordination with Mount Sinai Hospital and Saint Anthony Hospital
- Continued positive feedback regarding noise levels and event operations
- Commitment to maintaining clear communication and uninterrupted emergency access





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UPCOMING EVENTS & PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Riot Fest continues to support the community through year-round events and collaborative partnerships in and around Douglass Park.

Interested in partnering with Riot Fest? Submit your ideas at riotfest.org/lets-work-together

Upcoming Community Events

NORTH LAWNDALE EAGLES
RIOT FEST BEYOND THE FEST
YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
36TH ANNUAL Awards Banquet
Saturday March 21, 2026
2:00pm to 5:00pm
CINECITY STUDIOS
2429 W 14TH ST. (WESTERN/14ST, BEHIND THE OLD WATER HOSE LOUNGE)
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT COACH CHARLES 773.661.7958 OR COACH ANTON 773.440.0962

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
BUNNY EVENTS!
COMMUNITY EGG HUNT
at Douglass Park
Saturday April 4, 2026 11am-1pm FREE
Join us for an egg hunt for the community!
There will be 3 age-based hunts:
11:00am for 3 and under • 11:30am for 4-6 years • 12pm for 7 & up
Co-sponsored by:
Douglass Park 1401 S. Sacramento Dr. 773.762.2842
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT.COM/BUNNY-EVENTS
City of Chicago, Brandon Johnson, Mayor
Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners
Chris Hanson, Board, General Superintendent & CEO
For more information about your Chicago Park District, visit WWW.CHICAGO.PARKDISTRICT.COM or call 312.742.7529

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SENIOR SIP & PAINTING
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 11AM - 3PM
DOUGLASS PARK FIELD HOUSE

RIOT FEST
DOUGLASS PARK, CHICAGO
EARTH DAY
Come Celebrate with Us!
SATURDAY, APRIL 18 • 9AM - 1PM
DOUGLASS PARK FIELDHOUSE
Meet at 12th & California
Volunteer to earn a Riot Fest 2026 1-Day GA Pass for the day of your choice
Community Ticket Registration Available Here

RIOT FEST
DOUGLASS PARK, CHICAGO
VENDOR WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MAY 16 11AM - 3PM
DOUGLASS PARK

Saturday, May 30th
KITE FLYING FESTIVAL
12PM - 4PM at Douglass Park
Kite Flying • Kids Activities
Games • Refreshments
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DOUGLASS PARK, CHICAGO
JUNETEENTH
SATURDAY, JUNE 6
DOUGLASS PARK

BOXING * OUT *** NEGATIVITY**
Juneteenth CELEBRATION
JUNE 19TH, 3:00PM - 7:00PM

Goin' Fishin'
WITH RIOT FEST
SATURDAY, JUNE 20
DOUGLASS PARK LAGOON

ANNUAL BBQ
LITTLE VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AUGUST 6, 2026

BOXING * OUT *** NEGATIVITY**
Street Love BIKE RIDE
AUGUST 15TH

ALDERWOMAN MONIQUE SCOTT PRESENTS
END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, AUG 23
3600 W. Ogden Avenue
10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Car Show, Back to School Festival, Blood Drive, Unity Service and more!
MONIQUE SCOTT PRESENTS
ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL
RIOT FEST BEYOND THE FEST

For a full list of events, visit riotfest.org/community-events

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & INVOLVEMENT

Creating real opportunities for residents, businesses, and creatives through year-round programs and partnerships
Learn more and apply at riotfest.org/initiatives



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**ALL
COMMUNITY
FORMS
NOW OPEN!**

IT'S YOUR PARK DAY COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP LOCAL HIRING VENDOR WORKSHOP COMMUNITY BANDS COMMUNITY MURAL ARTIST

on the Boulevard
PRESENTED BY
MONIQUE SCOTT, LIGHT UP LAWNDALE & RIOT FEST



EARTH DAY - 4/18
Annual Volunteer Park Cleanup
Registration Closes April 13

COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP
Applicants must reside in North Lawndale, Little Village or the surrounding Douglass Park communities
Application Closes June 1

LOCAL HIRING
Applicants must reside in North Lawndale, Little Village, or the surrounding Douglass Park communities
Application Reviews Starting June 1

COMMUNITY BANDS
Applicants must reside in North Lawndale, Little Village, or the surrounding Douglass Park communities
Submissions Close May 1

VENDOR WORKSHOP - 5/16
Applicants must reside in North Lawndale, Little Village, or the surrounding Douglass Park communities
Registration Closes May 8

COMMUNITY MURAL ARTIST
Applicants must reside in North Lawndale, Little Village, or the surrounding Douglass Park communities
Submissions Close July 12

WELCOME TO
LAWNDALE & RIOT FEST

JOB FAIR & COMMUNITY TICKETS

LOCAL JOB FAIRS

- **August 6** - Little Village Chamber Of Commerce Annual BBQ
- **August 15** - Street Love Bike Ride with Boxing Out Negativity
- **Online Applications:** riotfest.org/community

300+ local neighbors employed in 2025

FESTIVAL TICKET REGISTRATION

- **April 18** - Earth Day
- **May 16** - Riot Fest Vendor Workshop
- **August 6** - Little Village Chamber Of Commerce Annual BBQ
- **August 15** - Street Love Bike Ride with Boxing Out Negativity

If you live within approximately 6 blocks of Douglass Park, you can register for complimentary tickets to Riot Fest every year! 2,200 + Free tickets in 2025

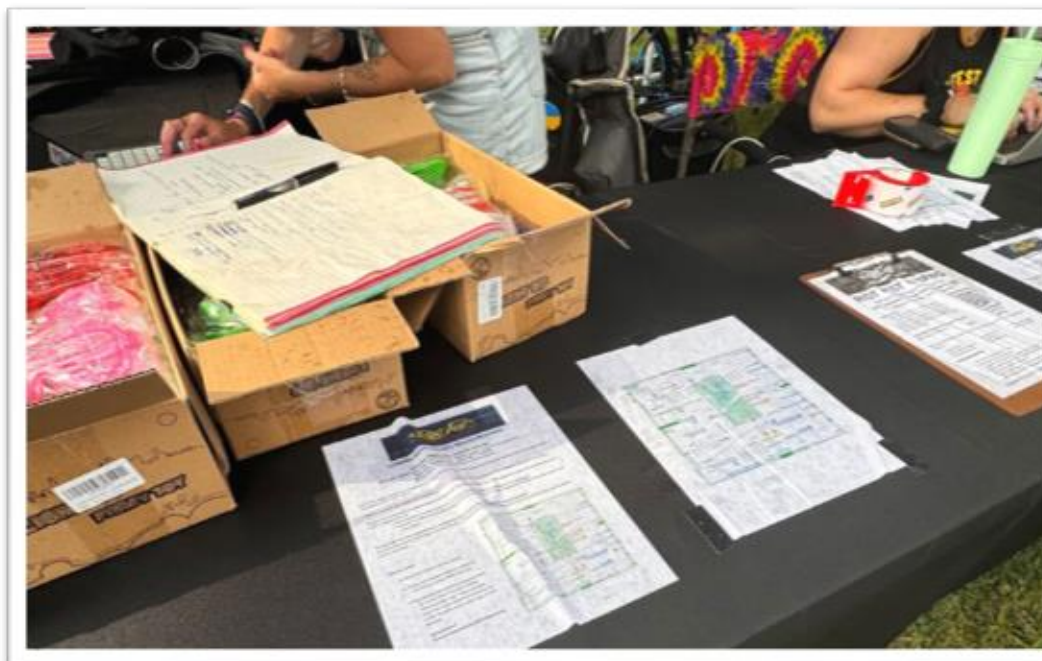
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COMMUNITY VENDOR WORKSHOP & OPPORTUNITIES

Community Vendor Workshop

Welcome back to our Community Vendor Workshop. This program is designed to support small businesses and non-profits from North Lawndale and Little Village by providing the tools, access, and opportunities needed to participate in Riot Fest 2026 and other major events across Chicago.

Join us to build your business, connect with the community, and take advantage of real opportunities during the upcoming festival season.

Workshop Objectives

- Understand participation requirements for Riot Fest 2026 and similar large-scale events
- Learn key industry updates including equipment needs, food safety, staffing, and budgeting
- Gain insights and best practices from Riot Fest organizers and experienced vendors
Build connections with other local businesses and community partners

Vendor Opportunities

- 12 FREE booths for non-profits, artisan vendors, and small businesses
- 6 food vendor spots reserved for North Lawndale and Little Village restaurants
 - Open to new and existing businesses
 - **\$3,500 discount** off the standard \$8,995 booth price

*Workshop participation required to qualify

Douglass Park Field House

Saturday, May 16, 2026

11 am – 3 pm



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Learn more and register at riotfest.org/initiatives

COMMUNITY ARTISTS: BANDS & MURALISTS

Riot Fest is proud to showcase the incredible talent of local artists from North Lawndale and Little Village. Building on the success of previous years, we continue to provide a platform for musicians and visual artists from these communities to share their work with thousands of festivalgoers.

For 2026, Riot Fest will select **3 local bands & 3 local mural artists** exclusively from North Lawndale and Little Village.

Selected artists will have the opportunity to perform live on-site or create murals and visual installations throughout the festival, highlighting the creativity and culture of the surrounding neighborhoods.

BENEFITS FOR SELECTED ARTISTS

Performance & Project Opportunities

Live performances and on-site mural installations during Riot Fest

Artist Compensation

All selected artists receive a booking fee for their participation

Promotion & Marketing

Featured across Riot Fest website, social media, and promotional materials

Media Exposure

Opportunities for interviews and additional visibility through media outlets

Networking Opportunities

Access to Artist World and connections with other artists and industry professionals



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RIOT FEST INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Community Internship Program

Over the past three years, we've proudly provided 22 paid internships, giving young people from our community real-world experience in the live events and festival industry.

As we continue to grow, we are expanding opportunities for more interns to gain hands-on experience, develop valuable skills, and build meaningful connections.

This is a paid internship starting at \$18 per hour, with participants actively involved in Riot Fest events and community initiatives throughout the year.

What to Expect

Behind-the-Scenes Access

Gain an inside look at festival planning, logistics, and operations across multiple departments

Hands-On Experience

Work alongside teams in production, artist relations, operations, and event execution

Year-Round Involvement

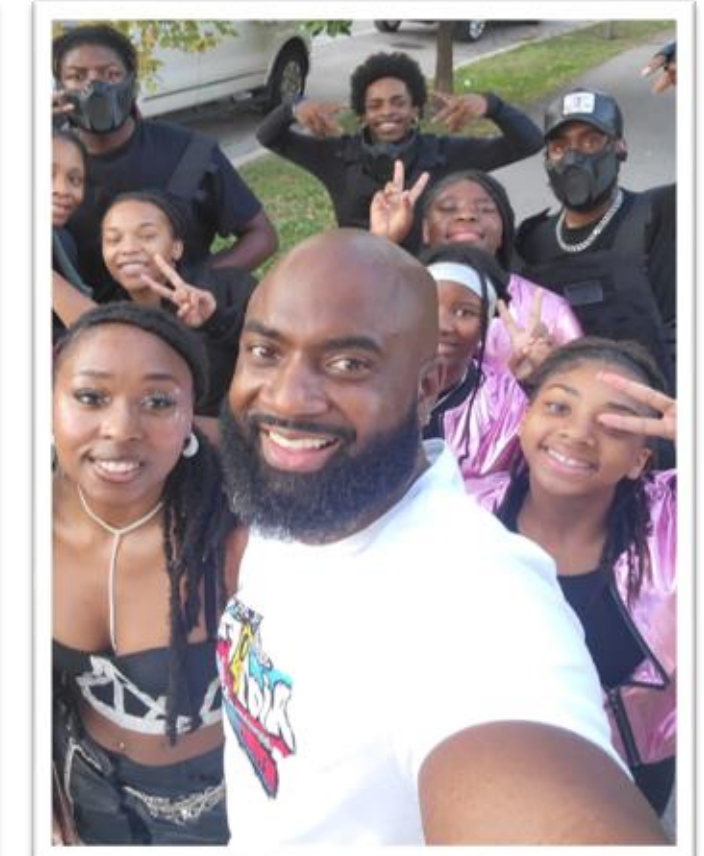
Participate in community events, programs, and festival operations throughout the year

Building Connections

Connect with industry professionals, production teams, and creatives

Investing in the Next Generation

Creating real pathways into careers in live events and entertainment



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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
- Los Candiles
- Dave's Hotdog
- Atlas Sweets

NOT FOR PROFITS & ARTISAN PARTNERS

- Douglass Park Advisory Council
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Light Up Lawndale
- Pilsen Chamber
- Little Village Chamber Of Commerce
- 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



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We are committed to maintaining open and ongoing communication with local residents, businesses, and community stakeholders throughout the year.

This includes virtual community meetings, in-person conversations, and direct outreach to ensure everyone has the opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and stay informed.

Our goal is to continue building strong relationships, foster transparency, and create meaningful dialogue that supports both the festival and the surrounding community.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO
SCHEDULE A MEETING:**

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DOUGLASS PARK PARTICIPATORY BUDGET PROCESS



Q&A

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