

Block Party in celebration of America’s 250th

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The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is throwing a block party Saturday, July 4, to celebrate America’s 250th birthday. There will be free admission to the museum, free concerts, a kids and pets parade, an array of food trucks to choose from, and more.

The day starts at 9 a.m. with free admission to the museum all day, where visitors can connect with Lincoln through rare artifacts, theater experiences, and scenes from the former president’s life. Visitors also have the chance to see a powerful new exhibit called “The Second American Revolution,” revealing how the American Civil War and the era of Reconstruction transformed the United States. The exhibit includes the pen Abraham Lincoln used to sign the Emancipation Proclamation and a copy of the 13th Amendment signed by Lincoln and his congressional allies who abolished slavery.

The block party gets underway at 3 p.m. across the street from the museum at Union Square Park, located at 212 North Sixth Street.

The kids and pets parade will

kick off at 3:30 p.m. at the park. Be sure to bring your decorated little red wagons or strollers and your kids and pets in fun, festive attire. Enjoy a bubble and foam party by Foam and Flight until 7 p.m. Food trucks will be selling drinks, all-American favorites, and some other tasty treats.

The free concerts begin at 4:15 p.m. with the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band, an authentic re-creation of the actual Civil War Era band that was mustered at State Normal University in 1861. The band’s uniforms, sewn from natural wool fibers, are authentic in every detail and are patterned from actual pieces worn by Union soldiers.

3rd Coast Brass takes the stage at 6 p.m., blending the rich tradition of brass music with a bold, innovative repertoire. Made up of some of Chicago’s top musicians, 3rd Coast Brass has been praised as “amazing,” “superb,” and one of the best brass band ensembles in the Midwest, with “a big, gorgeous, golden sound.”

The event wraps up just in time for everyone to go out and enjoy fireworks for the evening.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	6	1	6	5	8	7	2	3
3	2	8	9	4	7	1	9	5
5	9	7	1	3	2	8	4	6
8	7	9	4	1	3	5	6	2
1	4	2	5	7	6	9	3	8
6	3	5	2	8	9	4	1	7
7	5	4	3	6	1	2	8	9
2	8	3	7	9	4	6	5	1
9	1	6	8	2	5	3	7	4

DAY AT THE PARK WORD SEARCH

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L T E I X N A I Y Y D L A N E L Y G S U
B S U D K U R F D A W X B I G E X U L X
A C O O I E D I X W T Y Y T N W N S X P
F D B X Y S E N S H R S M Y N L H L L S
K Y A I S Y N R F T E R X B I I P A F C
R S U A M C E H G A E P D G M T Y T M X
I W I F D W I A H P S R H C S G D I D H
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A G F W F H A O W I Y W U E Y T W I N C
I S N T D I T O E I P N B D F S G U A B
L W M M N A T U R E D C E S S A R G E L

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

BENCHES
BIKING
COMMUNITY
FITNESS
FLOWERS
GARDEN
GRASS
HIKING

LEISURE
NATURE
PARK
PATHWAYS
PICNIC
PLAYGROUND
RELAXATION
SOCIAL

SPORTS
SUNLIGHT
SWINGS
TRAIL
TREES
WELLNESS
WILDLIFE
YOUTH

E E G R V S S E C D E R U L V N W W M I
B Y U G S J A D B N P I M O L I F D L N S I
C N I M L A E O N M A I E O V H I M G V
J R S C U G O D T A O C N O N K T U N R
P Q T P O R O N L V E T N W T O E B I L
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I T I O N V N W F B E N C H E S R K I
Y V K G E G W H S O I E E X C S N L J K
O C I A S N O N K A T T S A K S E H I N
P X B D S C C S W I B D S E I R D V N
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