



## Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. presents: **Movies in the Park**

### This Month's Highlight: Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. Movies in the Park

The new Movies in the Park Series presented by Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. (DGRI) will be held at Ah-Nab-Awen Park located in front of the Presidential Museum on the Grand River. Movie-themed activities start at 7pm followed by the movie, beginning at dusk. Bring your blankets, chairs, snacks, and beverages to the show. Beer and wine are permitted and costumes are encouraged! There will also be refreshments and food available from local vendors. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and in the event of bad weather the movie will be cancelled. For more information and a list of movies, go to [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

## The Color Run

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The Happiest 5K on the Planet is coming to Grand Rapids for the second year on August 3rd and bringing 10,000 runners with it to Calder Plaza. The race is sold out, but volunteers are still accepted at [www.westmisports.com](http://www.westmisports.com).

## Millennium Triathlon

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Left Brain Events and West Michigan Multi-Sport Racing present the 6th Annual Millennium Triathlon taking place on August 3rd, 2013. The first adult heat starts at 8am and the kids' triathlon begins after awards are distributed for the adult race. The swim distance is 500 meters; followed by a 14.8 mile bike ride and then a 3.1 mile run. The event is USAT sanctioned and participants are required to have a USAT license which can be purchased at registration. Participants can register at [millenniumtriathlon.com](http://millenniumtriathlon.com). There will be no race day registrations, however you can register at packet pick up on Friday August 2nd. Proceeds from this event benefit Kids Food Basket, the YMCA Healthy Kids, Kent County Parks Foundation, Children's Advocacy Center and the Children's Assessment Center. Can't wait to see you out on the course on August 3rd! [www.millenniumtriathlon.com/register](http://www.millenniumtriathlon.com/register).

## Peace Day on Monroe Ctr.

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You are invited to observe the 67th Hiroshima and Nagasaki days by tabling with us about peace on Monroe Ctr. Downtown Grand Rapids on Friday, August 9th from 11am to 2pm. Contact Global Education at 616.454.1642 for more information. There is no charge.

## August Events

- DGRI Movie in the Park - 2nd
- Color Run - 3rd
- Millennium Triathlon - 3rd
- Marine Corps Flag Raising - 5th
- National Night Out - 6th
- Back to School Celebration - 7th
- Peace Day on Monroe - 9th
- West MI Summer Classic - 10th
- Diamonds in the Ruff - 10th
- Medaling Monkey - 13th
- Live. Laugh. Love. Run. 5k - 15th
- Grandwich - 16th
- DGRI Movie in the Park - 16th
- GRandJazzFest - 17th & 18th
- Festival of Roses - 17th & 18th
- GR Reads - 17th
- GRAAHI Rhythm Run - 17th
- Grand Night in White - 17th
- Miles for Hope - 17th
- West Side Reunion - 17th
- Green Gala - 22nd
- DGRI Movie in the Park - 23rd
- Yassou Festival (Greek) - 23rd & 24th
- Polish Festival - 23rd-25th
- It's Glow Time 5k - 24th
- 28th St. Metro Cruise - 24th



## Diamonds in the Ruff

The 2nd Annual Car Show will be held August 10th at Riverside Park from 12pm to 7pm at the Riverbend Shelter. We are the only all female motorcycle club in Grand Rapids and will be showcasing cars and bikes of all years, makes, and models. All bike/car entries must be in by 4pm. The event is free and welcome to everyone.

## West Michigan Summer Classic

The West Michigan Summer Classic is a fresh, new event coming to the Calder Plaza in Downtown Grand Rapids on August 10th, 2013. The tournament will be a one day event played from 8am until 6pm. AmerAsian Productions will host a 5 on 5 outdoor basketball tournament where past and present collegiate players compete for awards and recognition. The tournament will be a one day event played from 8am until 6pm. The players will compete for awards and recognition on full size sports courts. There will be food and beverage concessions available, merchandise vendors, and chances to win raffle prizes from local businesses. There will also be activities for children. Proceeds go to the David D. Hunting YMCA of Grand Rapids. [www.lumissolutions/west-michigan-classic](http://www.lumissolutions/west-michigan-classic).

## Medaling Monkey 5k Walk/Run

Join us for the 1st Annual Medaling Monkey 5k Walk/Run for Special Olympics Michigan Area 11 (Kent and Barry County). The Medaling Monkey is Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm. Special Olympics Michigan benefits over 1,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities in Kent and Barry County and almost 20,000 athletes in the state of Michigan. For more information contact Ashley Diersch at [ashley.diersch@soml.org](mailto:ashley.diersch@soml.org) or 616.583.1202. [www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/92635](http://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/92635).

## Live Laugh Love 5k Run/Walk

The Western Michigan University – Grand Rapids Student Occupational Therapy Association (WMU – GR SOTA) is holding the 3rd Annual Live Laugh Love 5K Run/Walk on Thursday, August 15, 2013. This fun event will be held at Riverside Park at 6pm, with proceeds benefitting the Mental Health Foundation Programs. In addition to a 5K Run/Walk, there will be family activities such as a water balloon toss and sidewalk chalking. There will also be information booths on local community resources. Register at [www.themfh.org](http://www.themfh.org) or [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com) keyword LLL 5k. \$25. Fee includes: 1 Adult Race entrance, Race t-shirt, food and beverage at the end of the race, giveaways, and family fun activities during the event.

## GRandJazzFest

The 2nd Annual FREE GRandJazzFest expands to two days this Aug. 17 and 18! Chicago-based guitarist and vocalist Nick Colonne headlines the FREE 2nd annual GRandJazzFest presented by DTE Energy Foundation at Rosa Parks Circle in Downtown Grand Rapids. Enjoy jazz music and Grand Rapids' diverse restaurants, bars, microbreweries and cultural scene. GRandJazzFest is family friendly. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks and beverages (nonalcoholic) – book a hotel room and make a weekend of it! More information at [www.grandjazzfest.org](http://www.grandjazzfest.org).

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## August Events (cont.)

- Traffic Stop 5k - 24th
- Eat. Pray. Run. - 25th
- Waiter/Waitress Race - 25th
- Photo Walk - 31st
- Soul of the City Classics - 31st

## September Events

- Soul of the City Classics - 1st
- Labor Fest - 2nd
- Hispanic Festival - 6th & 7th
- Celebration on the Grand - 6th & 7th
- Grand Valley Pow Wow- 7th & 8th
- GPNA Arts and Crafts Fair - 7th
- Creston Car Show - 7th
- Krisscross Cyclocross - 8th
- Walk to Defeat ALS - 8th
- Beacon Hill/EastGate 5k - 10th
- Walk to Cure Diabetes - 14th
- Aids Walk/Run - 14th
- Cottage Bar Chilli Cook-off - 14th
- Eastown St. Fair - 14th
- Innovation Central High School Mile Run - 14st
- Mayors Grand River Clean up - 14th
- Bridge Run - 15th
- ArtPrize - 18th - Oct. 6th
- GVSU Marching Band Parade - 18th
- Dog Day in the Park- 21st
- Pagan Pride Fest - 21st
- Walk for Farm Animals- 22nd
- Photo Walk - 28th
- Grand River Challenge Regatta - 28th
- Ritz Koney Cornsacker Tournament - 28th
- Kids ArtFest - 29th
- Krisscross Cyclocross- 29th
- Live United 5k - 29th

## National Night Out

National Night Out will be held August 6th, 2013. Contact your Neighborhood Association for event details for your specific community event.



## Grandwich

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Downtown and Grand Rapids neighborhood delis and restaurants will dream up their craziest and tastiest combinations, including at least one local ingredient. The fun kicks off at the Fulton Street Market on July 23rd. Each participating eatery must keep their signature sandwich on the menu until August 13, 2013. That gives you enough time to get out there, try them all and decide which one is most begging to be devoured! Once you've picked what you feel is the greatest thing since sliced bread, hop online to vote at [www.downtowngr.org/grandwich/home](http://www.downtowngr.org/grandwich/home). You can also vote via Facebook when the contest begins. The top 10 creations will face-off at an event at Rosa Parks Circle on Friday, August 16th from 11am to 1pm, at which point a judging event with local food experts and celebrities will take place to determine this year's winner. Samples of each of the top ten sandwiches will be available at the event in exchange for a donation to Kids Food Basket.

## GRAAHI Rythm Run 5k

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Be ready to run the streets in the heat of August as we celebrate health and fitness in the Grand Rapids African American Community. This year's GRAAHI Rhythm Run 5K will focus on healthy living, getting fit, and enjoying the Michigan summer heat with the overall goal of raising awareness of the benefits of making the right healthy choices for YOU. This fun, rhythm filled, and lighthearted event starts at 8:30am, August 17th, beginning at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 800 Fuller Ave. SE. Activities will run from 9am to Noon and will include a Kid's Fun Run, food, refreshment, entertainment, game and more. Awards will be handed out to individuals, businesses and churches with the highest fundraising goal achieved.

## Grand Night in White

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The Junior League of Grand Rapids invites the community to attend a "Grand Night in White," on August 17, 2013 from 6pm to 10pm, the City's first-ever pop-up dinner where the location will be kept secret until three hours before the event. Participants are highly encouraged to dress all in white, bring white chairs, a table, white table cloth and food items. When the surprise location is announced, they will join hundreds of others in a unique public space for an elegant, "chic picnic." The magical and memorable event is modeled after similar ones held in places like Chicago, Paris and numerous other cities worldwide. Proceeds from this event will help fund projects served by the Junior League of Grand Rapids. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.grandnightinwhite.eventbrite.com](http://www.grandnightinwhite.eventbrite.com).

## Miles for Hope

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Miles For Hope is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Moving Towards a Cure® Brain Tumor Awareness Run/Walk in Grand Rapids on August 17th, 2013 at Riverside Park registration beginning at 8am. We have held similar awareness walks in 13 major U.S. cities across the country and we are excited to be returning to the Grand Rapids area. Please visit our website [www.brainawareness.org/GrandRapids2013](http://www.brainawareness.org/GrandRapids2013) to register or get more event details, or feel free to contact us at [info@milesforhope.org](mailto:info@milesforhope.org) with any questions. Please spread the word to your family, friends, and coworkers. Start a team today!

### GRPS Back to School Celebration

Join Grand Rapids Public Schools on August 7 from 3pm to 7pm at John Ball Park for the annual Back to School Celebration. The event features free food, carnival games, bounce house, face painting, giveaways, live entertainment, information about school choices an opportunity to learn about services for families, school uniform purchasing, and more! (Rain date is August 8). Ottawa Hills High School and Union High School are going head to head in the Cross Town Throw Down. Doors open at 4pm and kickoff is at 5pm. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Tickets may be picked up at the Ottawa Hills, Union athletic offices, or the GRPS district athletic office. Don't miss this exciting season opener!

[www.grps.org/athletics](http://www.grps.org/athletics)

### WGNO NNO

West Grand Neighborhood Organization, Walgreens, and City View Church, with help from area sponsors, are hosting their annual National Night Out event this year at City View Church, 960 Alpine Ave NW, on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 from 6pm to 8pm. Come support "America's Night Out Against Crime" at this totally FREE event!

### Yassou Festival

The annual Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church's Yassou Festival will be held August 23rd and 24th. Come enjoy arts and crafts, dancing, music, and great food! The event is held at the church located at 330 Lakeside Dr. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



## It's Glow Time 5k

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It's Glow Time 5K is coming to Grand Rapids on August 24th! You've heard of 5K run/walks before. Heck, maybe you've even done a 5K before. We guarantee you've never done an event like this. "It's Glow Time 5K" starts in a party zone, under blacklights with a light show and great music. Along the route, you will encounter multiple party zones where you will be illuminated with blacklights and the tunes will be pumping to keep you moving. The finish line will be one big party with lasers, glow sticks, blacklights and DJs to keep you up and dancing. Get your Glow On at Grand Rapids' most exciting 5K on August 24th. [www.itsglowtime.com/events](http://www.itsglowtime.com/events).

## Dozynki Polish Festival

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The celebration of Polish/American culture featuring traditional music, dance, food, beverages, and cultural displays will be held Downtown Grand Rapids at Rosa Parks Circle from August 23rd-25th. [www.polishheritagesociety.com](http://www.polishheritagesociety.com).

## Traffic Stop 5k

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Come check out the Traffick Stop 5k! Believe it or not, human trafficking happens in our own community, and our goal is to spread awareness about it. The Traffick Stop 5k will be held at Riverside Park on August 24th. The start time is 8:30am. We encourage all runners, walkers, parents with strollers, and children to participate! Registration and other details can be found at our website at [www.traffickstop5k.com](http://www.traffickstop5k.com).

## Eat. Pray. Run.

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All Saints Academy invites you to a day of fun as we EAT, PRAY and RUN together at the 3rd Annual ASA 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, August 25th at the Riverbend Shelter in Riverside Park! Proceeds from this event will benefit the ASA technology fund and tuition assistance programs. Activities include; Outdoor mass with Fr. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R., and St. Alphonsus Parish, 5K Run, 5K walk, 1 mile fun run, and lunch. all starting at 9:30am. For more information on the schedule of events for Eat Pray Run visit [www.asagr.org/events](http://www.asagr.org/events) and to register visit [www.michianatiming.com/registration](http://www.michianatiming.com/registration).

## Waiter/Waitress Race

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All Grand Rapids Waiters/Waitresses are invited to compete in a challenging obstacle course that helps raise money to fight cancer! Hosted by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team in Training Campaign is to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Participants in the 26th Annual Waiter & Waitresses race could win a variety of awesome prizes ranging from Red Wings tickets to Free Entry for next years event! For more information contact Melissa Mitchell at 616-957-1840 Ext 3005 or [coachmelissatnt@gmail.com](mailto:coachmelissatnt@gmail.com). The event is held at 25 Ottawa St. Downtown Grand Rapids on Sunday, August 25, 2013.

\* Content has been provided by the event.

## Green Gala

Friends of Grand Rapids Parks invites you to be part of the greenest bash of the season! The Green Gala is a one-of-a-kind fundraiser advancing the work of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks to protect, enhance, and expand our city's parks and public spaces. Guests will experience live music, locally-sourced food, signature green cocktails, and Michigan beverages while enjoying the beauty of the Grand River and Fish Ladder Park.

The Green Gala has pioneered a new era of green events that produce less waste, repurpose materials, and offset negative impacts on the environment. Last year's event earned an A++ rating from Organicycle's Zero Waste Composting evaluation. The event will be held August 22, 2013 at the Plante Moran/Christman Building at Fish Ladder Park. For tickets, go to [www.green-gala.com](http://www.green-gala.com).

Highlights include:

- Delicious locally-sourced food during the peak of Michigan's harvest season
- Custom photo booth to capture your Green Gala memories
- Be the first to hear about new initiatives to make our parks more fun and inviting
- Meet and mingle with the people working to green our city and public spaces
- Unique raffle items you won't find at other events
- Great music in a great location on the Grand River

For more information on events, visit our [website](#) or [facebook](#) page.

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