

May 2012

What's Happening?

A Monthly AMLI Community Update

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6th Annual Green Festival

The Green Festival is the nation's largest and most trusted environmental consumer event! They will be returning to Chicago **May 5-6 at Navy Pier**. Join them to learn about your environmental community, hear from speakers, meet environmental entrepreneurs, or to simply enjoy the organic beer, mead and wine pavilion! There will also be events for children to participate in. Tickets are **\$15-\$25** and can be purchased at www.greenfestivals.org. **Attendees who ride their bicycles to the event will be granted FREE entry!**

Kids & Kites

Let's go fly a kite—at Chicago's annual Kids and Kites Festival! This festival will be linking with the NATO Summit to provide over 5,000 kite kits for children to design and fly in our fabulous city. This family- focused program will also feature face painting, crafts, balloon artists, and more! The highlight of the event will be the Big Kite Candy Drop and it will take place in the afternoon, weather permitting. The event is held **Saturday May 19th from 10am-4pm**. The Cost is **Free!**

Culinary Crossroads

From **Tuesday May 1 through Friday May 25**, join Chicago for their Culinary Crossroads events. This special time of year will focus on special tasting menus, featured international flair, special desserts and cocktails inspired by the cuisines of the NATO nations. Watch your local restaurants for updates on special menus and events!

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Chicago Memorial Day Parade honors veterans, active duty military personnel, and those who have given their lives in service of their country. It draws more than 10,000 spectators and is considered one of the largest parades of its kind in the country. The city also has a Wreath Laying Ceremony at **11:30 a.m.** before the parade at the Eternal Flame on Daley Plaza (Dearborn and Washington Streets). The parade will step off at 12:00 p.m. and proceed south on State Street from Lake Street to Van Buren Street on Memorial Day. The cost is free!

Bike the Drive

Enjoy Chicago's Skyline and Shoreline as you bike your "drive" on **May 27th**. This annual event **kicks off at 5:30 a.m.** on **Columbus and Jackson Drive** and includes 30 miles of biking distance. Bike the entire route, or simply bike what you normally "drive" in your every day life!

Beach Opening Day

Chicago's beautiful beaches officially open on **May 26th**! Start the summer the Chicago way and claim your beach spot early!