



TERRA COSTA HOWARD

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 42

Dear Terra,

This Tuesday is Independence Day, and it's time to celebrate our nation's birthday. There will be parades and other events throughout our district, and I hope you'll join me and my staff in taking part in our local Fourth of July festivities.

Here's the Independence Day parade schedule for Tuesday, July 4:

- [Lisle](#) steps off at 10 a.m. at Lisle Junior High School, 5207 Center Ave.
- [Glen Ellyn](#), noon at Lambert Road and Fawell Boulevard.
- [Wheaton](#), 10 a.m. at Main Street and Hawthorne Boulevard.
- [Downers Grove](#), 1 p.m. at Main and Grant streets.



Fireworks! Fireworks! Fireworks!

For me, our community fireworks displays are the best part of the Fourth of July (although I'm also pretty fond of backyard barbecues...)

To make sure you don't miss out, I've compiled a list of fireworks in our district:

- [Lisle](#), 9:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3, at Community Park, 1925 Ohio St.
- [Wheaton](#), 9 p.m. on Monday July 3 at Graft Park, 1855 Manchester Road. Celebration begins at 5:30 p.m.
- [Lombard](#), dusk on Tuesday, July 4, at Madison Meadow Park, E. Madison Street & S. Ahrens Avenue.
- [Glen Ellyn](#), dusk on Tuesday, July 4, at Lake Ellyn, 645 Lenox Road. Food trucks will be onsite from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- [Downers Grove](#), 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, at 75th Street and Lemont Road. Co-hosted by the villages of Downers Grove and Woodridge,
- [Naperville](#), 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, at Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Drive.



Lombard needs community volunteers

Our villages depend on community-minded volunteers to provide advice and offer ideas about the best ways to help make our communities even more healthy and beautiful.

Right now, the Village of Lombard has 10 vacancies on their volunteer boards, committees, and commissions.

They're looking for applications from qualified candidates who are passionate about serving their community. So take a look at this list of opportunities and think about what you might be able to bring to the conversation:

- Community Promotions & Tourism Committee (3)
- Community Relations Committee (1)
- Economic & Community Development (1)
- Finance & Administration (1)
- Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee (1)
- Board of Local Improvements (1)
- Lombard Historic Preservation Commission (2)



To learn more about Lombard's volunteer committees and to fill out an application form, just click [here](#).

Summer Break at Lake Ellyn TOMORROW

Kick off the long holiday weekend with live music, refreshing drinks, and delicious food at Summer Break at the Lake, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow (June 30) at Lake Ellyn Park, 645 Lenox Road in Glen Ellyn.

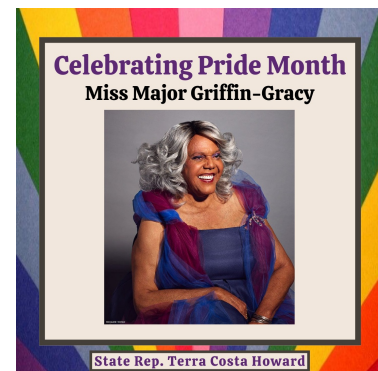


Food trucks will be on hand, and adult beverages will be available for purchase. Bring your own chair or blanket to hang out on the lawn, sit at a picnic table, or relax on the boathouse deck and patios.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. You can click [here](#) to learn more and register.

Pride Month Spotlight: Miss Major Griffin-Gracy

As we reach the end of Pride Month, we're highlighting Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, an author, activist, and community organizer who has dedicated her life to advocating for the LGBTQ+ community.



Miss Major, a trans woman, grew up on Chicago's South Side in the 1950s. She moved to New York City in the early 1960s, where she became an active participant in the LGBTQ+ rights movement and participated in the [Stonewall Uprising](#).

After moving to California in 1978, Griffin-Gracy began working in community services, first at a food bank and then in direct community services for trans women. During the AIDS epidemic, she worked with multiple HIV/AIDS organizations, including the City of Refuge in San Francisco and the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. She also served as the first Executive Director for the [Transgender Gender Variant Intersex Justice Project](#).

Now in her 70s, Griffin-Gracy lives in Arkansas, where she continues to advocate for at-risk transgender people within the prison system. She also has established the [House of GG](#), an educational and historical center dedicated to transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

The First Shot at Gettysburg: Wheaton history, reenactors, and awards SATURDAY

Captain Marcellus Jones, a Wheaton resident, made history 160 years ago when he fired the first shot at

Gettysburg. You can learn more about his fascinating story from local historians this Saturday, July 1, at the DuPage Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley St., and in Adams Park, 303 W. Wesley St.

From 10 am. to 1 p.m., Civil War reenactors will put on displays at Adams Park, and artifacts from the Museum will be on view. At 1 p.m., there will be a presentation and a small awards ceremony at the Museum.

This event celebrates the 300th anniversary of the Illinois National Guard, which is co-hosting along with the Illinois Military Museum, the City of Wheaton Historic and Community Relations Commissions, and the DuPage County Historical Museum.

(And for my fellow history nerds – this anniversary celebrates the date in 1723 when residents of Kaskaskia, in Southern Illinois, formed a militia under French command. Over the centuries, that militia evolved to become the Illinois National Guard.)

You can click [here](#) to register for the Wheaton event. Call 630-510-4941 or email [here](#) for more information.



Celebrate July 4 with the Glen Ellyn Park District's Freedom Four 4-Mile Run/Walk TUESDAY

Get your July 4th celebration off to a running (or walking) start with the Freedom Four 4-Mile Run/Walk, at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lake Ellyn, 645 Lenox Road.

The race kicks off at 7:30 a.m. Registration is required and accepted up until the start of the race. For more information you can click [here](#).



This family-friendly event, for ages 5 and up, will help to support the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks' Scholarship Fund, which provides access to park district programs to low-income families.

COD's Diana Martinez to speak on "Andy Warhol – The American Dream"



I am such a huge fan of Diana Martinez, the Director of the McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage. She has worked tirelessly to create the amazing Warhol exhibit (which is on display at the McAninch Arts Center and Cleve Carney Museum of Art now through Sept. 10. Don't miss it!)

So I hope we'll get a great turnout for Diana's lecture on "Andy Warhol – The American Dream" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, in the Lombard Historical Society's Carriage House at 23 W. Maple St.

She'll talk about Warhol's upbringing in an immigrant family in Pittsburgh, and how that experience shaped his life as a groundbreaking artist and celebrity. She'll also give us an inside look at the Warhol exhibition.

Tickets for Diana's lecture are free and available [here](#). For more information about this event, or the Lombard Historical Society, please visit lombardhistory.org, email info@lombardhistory.org, or call 630-629-1885.

Join us in collecting canned goods, toddler-sized diapers for Outreach House in Lombard

This month, our office is collecting diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6,

and non-perishable food items for The Outreach House in Lombard. Their food pantry's most-needed items include pasta and pasta sauce, rice, cereal, dry and canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, masa flour, peanut butter and jelly, and canned tuna, chili, and beef stew.

We're also asking local gardeners to drop off any excess fresh produce from your gardens directly at [The Outreach House](#), 805 S. Main St., Suite A in Lombard, during business hours. All other donations can be dropped off at my District Office, 913 S. Main St. in Lombard.

The Outreach House helps local families through difficult times by providing food, infant care items, clothing, and emergency assistance. Their mission is simple and profound: "Provide compassionate and effective assistance to individuals and families, with dignity and without judgment".

For more information on The Outreach House and how you can get involved, please click [here](#). You can call my office at 630-812-9292 or email natalie@reptch42.com to set up a donation drop-off.



The Outreach House

June 1 - 30

Our office is collecting **diapers** in sizes 4, 5 and 6, and pull ups, as well as **non-perishable food items** for The Outreach House in Lombard.



Drop off your donations at
913 S. Main Street
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Celebrate the July 11 opening of Naper Commons, Naperville's newest park

You're invited to join the Naperville Park District in celebrating the opening of their newest park, Naper Commons at 2323 Weatherbee Lane. This neighborhood park is designed to serve the people living in the new Naper Commons community in northeast Naperville.



The grand opening, which will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, will include a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and an opportunity for children to explore the new playground's facilities.

If the weather is threatening, the ceremony will be postponed to Wednesday, July 12. So keep an eye on the park district website's [Cancellations and Closures](#).

DuPage high schoolers are invited to create blankets for shelter animals on July 11

DuPage high school students who want to make life more comfortable for shelter animals are invited to join a volunteer event organized by Reality Illinois, the Teen Board to the DuPage County Health Dept.

Teen volunteers will gather to create blankets for animals in area shelters from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, at the Glenbard District 87 Administration Center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. Supplies will be provided, and no registration is required.



To learn more about the weekly Reality summer schedule of events, please visit DuPagePLT.org/Reality or contact Gilda Ross, Glenbard student and community projects coordinator, at gilda_ross@glenbard.org or 630-942-7668.

Upcoming Events

We have lots of events coming up, so please take a look and mark your calendars today!

July 10-14: [Amnesty Week in DuPage](#) for traffic and other fines, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the DuPage Circuit Court Clerk's Office, 505 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

July 11: Sensory Swim Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sunset Pool, 483 Fairview Ave., Glen Ellyn

July 13: Free Concert in Lisle Community Park, at 7:30 p.m. enjoy music played by the Lisle Community Band at 1825 Short St.

July 14: Bags and Brews Tournament from 6 to 10 p.m. at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

July 15: Unplug Illinois from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

July 21: Family Bingo Night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, 800 St. Charles Road, Glen Ellyn

July 27: The American Dream, presented by Eric Shiner (a Warhol presentation) at 7 p.m., at Belushi Performance Hall, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

July 30: New Philharmonic at Lakeside Pavilion at 6 p.m. at 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn.

If you have any questions about pending legislation or other issues related to your state government, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 630-812-9292 or RepTCH42@gmail.com.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay strong,



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