



MAINSTREAMERS-CONNECT

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Program Coordinator

Dear Members,

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer weather! It has been so much fun seeing many of you in person at our outdoor tent events.

The MaineStreamers would like to welcome our new Maine Township Supervisor, Karen J. Dimond, along with the Elected Officials. We hope that they will be able to join us for some of our events this summer!

Our schedule of events for July and August can be found on the monthly calendar of events inserted in this newsletter. We have planned some fun evening events, such as Tailgate Bingos and our very popular summer concerts. We continue to offer a variety of free fun activities on Zoom, as well as educational, informative programs. All programs can be found on our website, maintown.com, under MaineStreamers/Activities. If you have questions on navigating Zoom please call us at 847-297-2510. We are here to assist you.

Please remember you must pre-register for all outdoor activities by calling the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510. We are following local and CDC guidelines.

With heavy heart we regret to inform you of the passing of our friend and colleague, Barbara Wells. We will miss her!

Marie Dachniwsky, Director



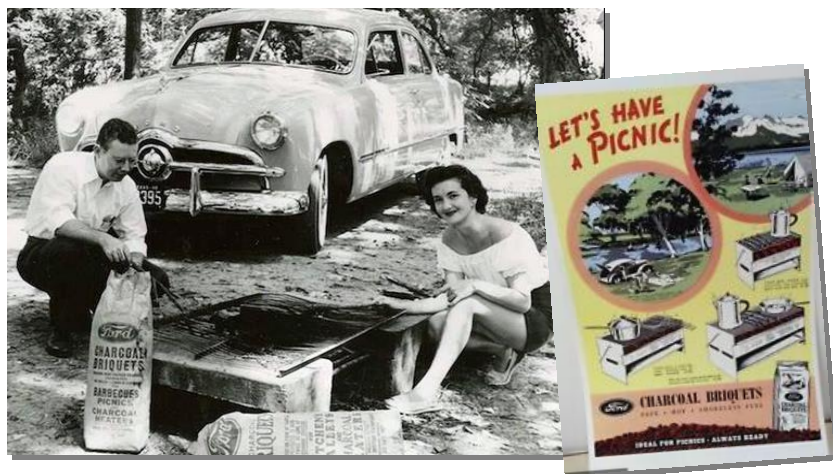
Did You Know....?

Who Made That Charcoal Briquette

In the summer of 1919, Michigan real estate agent Edward Kingsford and Henry Ford traveled to the UP in Michigan so Ford could buy land to produce his own timber for his cars. Ford built a sawmill and parts plant in Iron Mountain, MI, along with a neighboring town – named Kingsford – to house the workers.

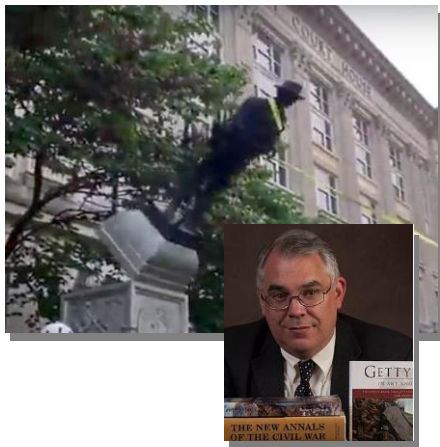
In addition to the lumber, the mill generated waste in the form of stumps, branches and sawdust. Ford hated to be wasteful, so he used the expertise of chemist Orin Stafford, who had invented a method for making lumps of fuel from sawdust and mill waste combined with tar and bound together with cornstarch. Stafford called them “charcoal briquettes.”

A briquette factory was built next to the sawmill and Kingsford ran it. It produced 610 lbs. of briquettes for every ton of scrap wood. At the beginning, the charcoal was sold to smokehouses, but supply exceeded demand. By the mid-1930s Ford was marketing “Picnic Kits” containing charcoal and portable grills to market the link between motoring and outdoor adventure. The idea of the “modern picnic” didn’t take off until after WWII, thanks to suburban migration, the invention of the Weber grill and the marketing efforts of the businessmen who bought Ford Charcoal in 1951. They renamed it Kingsford Charcoal and persuaded major supermarket chains to carry it. By 1963, barbecues, like cars, were icons of American leisure.



July & August Classes and Informative Programs on Zoom

We are offering the following virtual programs on Zoom. To access these programs visit our website: <https://maintown.com/departments/mainstreamers/> and click on "Activities" under special events. If you have any questions regarding Zoom, please call the MaineStreamers, 847-297-2510.



The Changing Memory of the Civil War **Presented By: Robert Girardi**

The Civil War was the most important era in United States history. A divided Union fought a fratricidal war that had unending consequences. The human toll exacted left all sides with a quest for meaning and a need to memorialize the huge sacrifice and heroic service. As the nation bound its wounds, reconciliation was facilitated by memorializing leaders of both sides. Over time, the meaning has been lost, as modern thinking refuses to understand the relevance of some monuments, and advocates their removal.

Free Zoom Program - Tuesday, July 13th - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rules of the Road Class **Presented By: Secretary of State**



This course is designed by the Illinois Secretary of State to give drivers the knowledge and confidence they need to renew or obtain their driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam. Anyone wishing to renew their license should take this class. This class will be free on Zoom, but registration is necessary so we can mail you the class worksheets.

If you would like to register for this class please call, 847-297-2510 Ext. 244

Free Zoom Class - Tuesday, August 3rd - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mind Games 2 - The Science of Curious Thinking **Presented By: William Pack**



Packed with interactive games, William Pack returns with a second edition of his popular MIND GAMES program. In this program, he reinforces the concepts in MIND GAMES (but you didn't need to see the original Mind Games to understand) and adds even more ways our brain is hard wired to believe things that defy logic and facts. Humans are pattern-seeking animals. Our species' survival depends on finding patterns, good and bad. But sometimes our brains get a little too enthusiastic, putting meaning where there is none and causing us to believe in conspiracy theories, superstitions, and the supernatural. He'll show you how our brains seek out patterns and try to make meaning out of nothing. Join us in this mind blowing presentation. As always, William will reveal the scientifically proven ways to preserve brain health.

Free Zoom Program - Tuesday, August 10th - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July Outdoor Special Events - Pre-Registration is Required



Outdoor Drive-In Concert - Maine Township Parking Lot

Featuring: Terry Byrne

Terry Byrne is a local Chicago born singer-songwriter. His eclectic style draws from many genres including country, rock, blues, Americana, and Irish folk music. Terry has toured on the national circuit, and has also performed at the House of Blues Chicago and Riviera Theater. He currently lives on the northwest side of Chicago and when he is not on the road or recording he can be found playing all over the greater Chicagoland area. The Terry Byrne Band's music can be found on all streaming platforms and YouTube.

Friday, July 9th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$10.00 per person

Outdoor Tailgate Bingo

Come and enjoy a fun evening of Tailgate Bingo with the MaineStreamers. Pull into the Maine Township parking lot and all you have to do is pull out a chair. Bring a pizza, snacks and your bingo cards from last summer. When registering, please let us know if you need bingo cards. Prizes will include gift cards from local restaurants. This year, to add more excitement to our Bingo games, we have included free raffles with each Bingo game played.

Wednesday, July 14th - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost per person: \$5.00

Sponsored By:

Asbury Court, Generations at Oakton Pavillion and Summit of Uptown



Watercolor Workshop

Instructed by: Brickton Art Center

Learn the basics of watercolor painting in this relaxing workshop, a beginner-friendly class. A class where you can become experienced with watercolors and improve your skills and painting techniques so you gain the confidence to paint fearlessly. We will take some time to experiment and learn some basic techniques and then complete a guided painting of a beautiful landscape. Using the techniques that we cover in this class you'll gain the tools you need to turn the inspiration you find outside into future watercolor paintings.

(Maximum participants: 20 – Outdoor Tent Program)

Tuesday, July 20th - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Cost: \$20.00 per person (Supplies Included)



Outdoor Drive-In Concert - Maine Township Parking Lot

Featuring: Rosie & the Rivets

Rosie & The Rivets perform an electrifying female fronted retrospective tribute to the first ten years (1954-1964) of Rock & Roll. Along with early Rock & Roll favorites, you'll hear Girl Group, Rockabilly, R&B, Surf, and British Invasion featuring Rosie's powerful and versatile voice and backed by a band with extensive theater/tribute/roots music experience (members of the Rivets have worked in The Million Dollar Quartet, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, and The Fab Four: Beatles Tribute).

Wednesday, July 28th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Cost: \$15.00 per person



August Outdoor Special Events - Pre-Registration is Required



Outdoor Tailgate Bingo

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Wednesday, August 11th - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost per person: \$5.00

Sponsored By: Ascension Living St. Benedict Village & ComforCare Home Care



Acrylic Canvas Painting Class

Instructed by: Brickton Art Center

Join us as we learn about the process of creating this beautiful acrylic landscape painting. You will learn the foundations of working with acrylic paint, widely considered to be the most beginner friendly medium. The simplest and most effective way for an absolute beginner to learn how to paint successfully. In the end you'll complete a landscape painting on canvas. So join us at this acrylics class to unleash your inner artist, put paint to canvas and gain a solid foundation of painting knowledge.

(Maximum participants: 20 – Outdoor Tent Program)

Tuesday, August 17th - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.00 per person (Supplies Included)



Money Wise Program

When it comes to investments, making **money**, saving **money**, and anything related to **money**, there are a lot of **scams** out there. Come learn about investment fraud, and how to avoid telephone and internet scams. Our seminar will cover investment fraud, debt collection scams, charity scams and computer/internet scams. Outright theft isn't the only way thieves target you! There are many other, less assuming, ways fraudsters try to take your **money** from you, so join us to learn how to protect yourself from the growing number of scams targeting seniors.

Free Outdoor Tent Program - Tuesday, August 24th - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: Des Plaines Bank & Trust

Outdoor Drive-In Concert - Maine Township Parking Lot



Featuring: Dancing Queen

Come and enjoy a fun evening with Dancing Queen. Dancing Queen is the most accurate ABBA tribute band in the country. With thorough attention to detail, they've recreated an ABBA experience that won't soon be forgotten. Fronted by two dynamic ladies with angelic voices, and backed by a group of world class musicians, the music of one of the greatest pop bands in history comes to life in a Las Vegas type show that captivates audiences!

Wednesday, August 25th - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Cost: \$20.00

Sponsored By: The Danish Home of Chicago, Generations at Oakton Pavillion, Glenview Terrace and Summit of Uptown

