

Village of Mokena, Illinois Newsletter

Mokena e-News

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Full Slate

There's a full slate of entertainment and learning opportunities on tap for tomorrow here in Mokena.

The fun begins at 10 a.m.

Start your day off at the Pipefitters Local 597 Training Center, where innovators at the Chicago Southland Mini Maker Faire will amaze you with their creativity and technological prowess. Later, mosey on over to McGovney-Yunker Farm, where you can travel back to simpler, more innocent times at Mokena's annual Farm & Barn Fest.

Mokena's future; Mokena's past...it's the best of both worlds!

Read on below for all the details...

Looks Like We Made It

Do you like to make things?

Are you interested in what other innovators are working on?

If so, come join the Maker movement here in Mokena!

The fourth annual Chicago Southland Mini Maker Faire will be held tomorrow, August 19, at the Pipefitters Local 597 Training Center (10850 W. 187th Street) in Mokena. This family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness is a great opportunity for one and all to make, learn, play, and be inspired.

Tickets are available at the door, or you can buy in advance by clicking on the link at the bottom of this edition of Mokena e-News. Guests 18 and under are free; adults are \$5.

The Mini Maker Faire is sponsored by Ozinga, SpaceLab, Make Magazine, Pipefitters Local 597 Training Center, Schillings, and the Mokena Mayor's Technology Committee.

See you there!

Down on the Farm

What was life like on a Mokena farm back in the days before our proud little town became a prominent 'burb in Chicagoland?

Come and find out when the Mokena Community Park District hosts its annual Farm & Barn Fest from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. tomorrow at McGovney-Yunker Farm.

The farm is located on LaPorte Road between Schoolhouse Road and Mokena Street.

Click on the Mokena Community Park District's link at the bottom of this edition of Mokena e-News for more details.

Join the party--get down on the farm!

Mokena Police Need Your Help

Mokena Police are asking you to team up with them to help proactively deter burglaries from parked vehicles throughout the community.

The Lincoln-Way area has experienced an increase in the number of these types of crimes recently, most frequently by out-of-area suspects during overnight hours. The common denominator in most of these vehicle burglaries is an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway or on the street with valuables left out in clear view for would-be thieves. In some cases, the vehicle keys or a proximity fob have been left inside the unlocked vehicle, resulting in the vehicle being stolen. Open, unsecured garage doors additionally invite criminal activity.

Police are encouraging you to help prevent these types of crimes by being "eyes and ears" for your neighbors and the community at large. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call 911. Descriptions of suspicious people and their clothing, along with vehicle descriptions and license plates, are extremely helpful.

Proactive overnight patrols are conducted by Mokena Police personnel on a regular basis, using both marked and unmarked vehicles. You can help them deter potential crimes by taking the following simple steps:

- Lock your vehicle.
- Remove valuables such as wallets, purses, laptop computers, and phones from your vehicle while it is unattended.
- If removing valuables from the vehicle is not practical, place them out of view. Make sure you lock the vehicle.
- Every night before going to bed, conduct a security check at your home. Ensure your vehicles are locked, that your garage door is closed, and that your residence is secured.

The above steps take only a few minutes, and can help prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

Have additional questions regarding how you can partner with Mokena Police to make the community safer? Contact Crime Prevention Officer Dennis Boardman at (708) 479-3912.

An International Exchange...Without Leaving Home!

Ever wanted to participate in an international exchange program?

Now you can.

And you don't even have to leave home.

Mokena's Community Affairs Commission is seeking host homes for a contingent of high school music students from Germany as they tour throughout Michigan and Illinois.

The students will be staying in the Lincoln-Way area from Wednesday, September 6, through Saturday, September 9.

Two or more students will be housed per host family to ensure the comfort of both the host family and the student guests. Beds are not a necessity; sleeping bags are also acceptable.

For more information, e-mail Dee Block by [clicking here](#), or call Dee at (815) 603-8679.

Quick Links...

- [Chicago Southland Mini Maker Faire tickets](#)
- [Farm & Barn Fest](#)