

## Mardi Gras Carnival-What to Expect

We hope you'll join us for a festive and interactive evening as we take you on a stroll down Bourbon Street in the French Quarter. Expect a wild and lively evening! Guests will experience plenty of jazz, Mardi Gras cocktails, and a delicious buffet. There will be a silent auction along with games and raffles with exciting prizes. Step into the photobooth to capture some lasting memories, and visit Madam Erin, the tarot card reader for some Mardi Gras magic. We will have a story to tell as we always do, and a "Cause for Paws" appeal where your generosity gives golden retrievers a second chance. The evening will feature renowned Chicago emcee, Wayne Messmer, keeping everyone engaged with music and entertainment.

### When & Where

Saturday, May 9, 2026

5:30- 9:30 p.m. (Doors open at 5:15 p.m.)

Eaglewood Resort—1401 Nordic Road, Itasca, IL. Rooms are onsite and reservations can be made by using the link or directly with the hotel. Mention AGaG, the rate is \$159/night. Do not book with Expedia or other online retailers or you will be charged a resort fee. There is plenty of free parking. Resort amenities include a pool & fitness center and café. Additionally, a lower-level bar is open until midnight with entertainment. Bowling, golf, spa, brunch and breakfast are an extra cost.

*Sponsors will have reserved seats. Open seating for all other attendees.*

**Put on your beads and "Let the Good Times Roll!"**

### ATTIRE:

Dress up or dress down. We encourage festive attire with masks, beads, and a bit of bling. Mardi Gras colors are green, purple and gold. Have Fun!

### BAR:

Open Bar (3 hours)

5:30- 6:30pm, Cocktail hour which includes: unlimited beer, wine, specialty Mardi Gras drinks with Tito's vodka, soda, mocktails & coffee. Bar will be closed between 6:30-7:30pm during dinner.

Bar reopens: 7:30-9:30pm

**DINNER BUFFET:** 7pm-8:30pm

**ENTERTAINMENT:** The Pete Ellman Band from Naperville

**EMCEE:** Wayne Messmer, best known as the iconic voice of the National Anthem for the Chicago Blackhawks, a tradition that began in the 1980's, and later for the Cubs, White Sox and Bears.

**AUCTION:** Our silent and Super Silent Auction will open early on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> for a preview and bidding. You must pre-register with a credit card for bidding.

**CHECK OUT:** Begins at 9:30pm **ALL SALES ARE FINAL.** Attendees should remove all purchased items. Discuss with our volunteer staff about next morning pickup. We can ship items at the winner's expense.

**\*\*ALCOHOL CAN NOT BE SHIPPED\*\***

*Thank you, more info will be available later.*