

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.

Ticket includes 3 hours of open bar (see below), dinner buffet, music, dessert table, and one game ticket to try your luck at "Spin the Wheel" (Value: \$10)

WHEN & WHERE

Saturday, May 9, 2026

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

Eaglewood Resort--Itasca, IL Rooms are onsite and reservations can be made by using the reservation link or directly with the resort. Mention AGaG; the rate is \$159/night. **Do not book with Expedia or other online retailer or you will be charged a resort fee. There is plenty of free parking. Resort amenities include a pool, fitness center, and café. Additionally, there is bowling, golf, a spa, along with brunch and breakfast at 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) which includes: unlimited beer, wine, specialty Mardi Gras drinks with Tito's vodka, soda, mocktails & coffee.

Cocktail hour 5:30- 6:30 p.m., Bar will be closed between 6:30-7:30 p.m. during dinner.

Bar reopens: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

DINNER BUFFET: 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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.

Our silent and Super Silent Auction will open early on Wednesday, May 7, for the preview and early bidding. You must pre-register with a credit card for bidding.

Check-out: Begins at 9:30 p.m. **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 CANNOT BE SHIPPED****

Thank you!