



A Time to Fly Kite Fest set for Oct. 1 at Lincoln Park

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KENOSHA – High flying kites, family activities and a picnic lunch are highlights of a new event from 12-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Lincoln Park. The “Time to Fly Kite Fest,” is sponsored by the City of Kenosha and the Kenosha Kingfish, with support from community partners and Gift of Wings in Milwaukee.

The Kenosha Kingfish will provide free hotdogs and chips for the first 400 guests, beginning at 12 noon. Mascot King Elvis I is expected to make an appearance.

The City partnered with the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund to provide free kites to participants in the “Kids Mad Dash” at 1:30 p.m. People can bring their own kite, or get a kite at the festival to participate in the “Kids Mad Dash,” as everyone attempts to launch their kite at the same time.

Gift of Wings presents kite flying entertainment and demonstrations, with professional kite flyers who coordinate stunt kite routines with music. Scott Fisher of Gift of Wings also presents the “Outta Sight Kite Flight” with the City at Kennedy Park in June. “A Time to Fly Kite Fest” is a smaller version of that two-day kite festival.

The new kite festival is the culmination of special activities and events this summer and fall, overseen by the Lincoln Park Steering Committee. Steering committee partners – including the library and neighborhood schools – are participants in the event. The Kenosha Public Library will distribute free children’s and young adult books at the event.

KTEC East and Lincoln Middle School will present activities and demonstrations related to the science of kite flying. Children are invited to participate in a short lab experiment, “Flight and Space,” used in the classroom by KTEC science teachers. Students are challenged to design a new rocket propellant using a combination of different items supplied including water, vinegar, diet cola, antacids, baking soda, and salt. Mixtures will be put in film canisters, which will be shot off from a specially made launch pad periodically during the event.