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### Neighborhood Open House at the Lincoln Park Zoo

Stop by Lincoln Park Zoo's open house TONIGHT to learn more about the proposed plans for its new Japanese Snow Monkey exhibit. For questions and to RSVP call 312-742-2343 or e-mail [hgibbons@lpzoo.org](mailto:hgibbons@lpzoo.org).

**Wednesday, June 26th**  
**5:30pm-6:30pm**  
**Laflin Administrative**  
**Bldg.**  
**2001 N. Clark**

### Mid-North Country Fest This Weekend

Stop by the Mid-North Association Country Fest this weekend, the only Chicago festival devoted to country music. Browse local artisan booths offering a wide array of mixed media and jewelry; check out the best barbecue around at the food court and throw down a

Dear Friends,

We are proud to share that Lincoln Park High School students Jeffrey Tang, Stephan Cernak, Lucas Levine, Evan Montgomery and Michael Lally placed ninth in the nation in the National History Day competition this week. The teens, who are juniors at Lincoln Park High School, explained how black and white jazz musicians used to jam together privately but couldn't perform together publicly. That began to change in the 1930s when white jazz and swing musician Benny Goodman invited black pianist Teddy Wilson to play with the Benny Goodman Trio.

More than half a million students compete nationwide each year which makes LPHS placing in the top ten even more impressive.

Check out their [Tribune coverage](#) and a big congratulations to all the LPHS participants!

### Blackhawks Win, Clark Street Suffers

Congratulations to the Chicago Blackhawks for their stunning victory Monday night to clinch the Stanley Cup. We're proud of the way they battled their way to a third-period victory.

But we are not proud of the behavior of some of their fans who vandalized Clark Street in the wake of that victory. Monday night, large groups of fans gathered outside Wrigley Field to celebrate post-game. As the celebrating grew out of hand, police responsibly sought to break up the crowd and to encourage people to leave. Around 1:00 am, a group of fans came down from Wrigleyville along Clark Street and started to vandalize our Clark Street businesses. All in all, windows were smashed in at more than twenty of our local businesses between Diversey and Fullerton.

blanket and grab a cold beer at the "Ravinia" style oasis, where you can listen to the bluegrass and country music for hours. Contributions benefit our Lincoln Park community. Click here for more information.

**Saturday, June 29  
12:00pm-10:00pm  
&  
Sunday, June 30  
11:00am-9:00pm  
Clark Street at Armitage**

**Pride Parade  
This Weekend**

Sunday, June 30th is the 44th annual Chicago Pride Parade. While only the end of the parade goes through the 43rd Ward the parade may impact how you get around this weekend. Click here for the parade route and here for a list of CTA changes for the weekend.

Yesterday, those business owners returned to their businesses in the early morning hours to secure them and begin the process of window replacement. Most of the damage was repaired by mid-day.

Upon being alerted of the vandalism, I immediately contacted the police to see what was and should have been done. I walked Clark Street from Diversey to Fullerton and spoke with the affected businesses. The police canvassed the entire area and obtained security camera tapes. 19th District Commander Voulgaris has assured me that everything will be done to pursue this matter, including adding extra coverage for future events and a foot patrol on Clark, something our community has wanted for years.

Our ward handles many large events every year - the Air and Water Show, the Chicago Marathon, neighborhood festivals and more. In my 30+ years here, I've never seen behavior like Monday night's. Our real outrage should be directed at those "fans" who decided to use this great victory as an excuse to hurt their neighbors. I fully support prosecuting those individuals who caused the damage. If you have any photos or video of these events, please contact our office at 773-348-9500 or the 19th District Police at 312-744-8320.

Have a great, safe weekend.



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