

HOLMES FAMILY PARK

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City of Chelsea to Celebrate Holmes Family Park with Ribbon Cutting and Community Block Party August 21–22

CHELSEA, Mich. — The City of Chelsea will celebrate a landmark moment in the community's history with the official opening of Holmes Family Park during a two-day celebration on **Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22**. Following the City's planned assumption of ownership in mid-July, the festivities will honor the completion of a community vision years in the making and officially welcome the park into Chelsea's public park system.

Holmes Family Park stands as one of Chelsea's most ambitious community redevelopment projects. Once the site of the former Federal Screw Works property, the park has been transformed from a long-vacant brownfield industrial site into a vibrant public destination that connects people, nature, recreation, and downtown Chelsea.

The project was led by the Main Street Park Alliance, whose volunteers, donors, community partners, and supporters spent years envisioning a place where residents of all ages could gather, play, celebrate, and connect. Their work brought together public

and private investment, environmental remediation, thoughtful design, and extensive community engagement to create a park that reflects Chelsea's values and aspirations.

Today, Holmes Family Park features accessible pathways, open green spaces, gathering areas, recreation opportunities, and connections to the Border-to-Border Trail, creating a welcoming destination that will serve residents and visitors for generations.

"This park is the result of an extraordinary community effort," said Mayor Kate Henson. "The Main Street Park Alliance inspired our community with a bold vision and the determination to see it through. As the City assumes stewardship of Holmes Family Park, we are honored to carry that vision forward and ensure this remarkable space continues to bring people together for decades to come."

The celebration begins at 10 am on **Friday, August 21**, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing the many individuals, organizations, volunteers, donors, and partners whose commitment made the park possible. Community members will have the opportunity to reflect on the journey from industrial property to one of Chelsea's newest public spaces.

The celebration continues from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm on **Saturday, August 22**, with the Holmes Family Park Block Party, a free community event featuring live entertainment, family activities, recreation, food, and opportunities for residents to explore and enjoy the park together. [For more event details, schedules, entertainment, and activities, click on this link.](#)

"The vision for Holmes Family Park has always been about creating more than a park," said Joe Ziolkowski, Primary Developer and Board Member. "It is about creating a place where families gather, neighbors connect, children play, community events thrive, and future generations experience the very best of Chelsea. Seeing that vision become reality is incredibly rewarding."

As the City assumes ownership and long-term stewardship of Holmes Family Park, the celebration marks not only the completion of an extraordinary redevelopment project, but also the beginning of a new chapter for one of Chelsea's most significant community assets.

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