

Do You Love a Parade?

If you are a Chicagoan, the odds are that you have an “affair” with a parade.

Chicago is a city of parades: from the Bud Billiken Day Parade to the Gary Pride Parade to veterans’ parades to the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, etc.

Now there is a relatively new parade in town: the Disability Pride Parade, which originated in the summer of 2004. The three principles of the parade of people with disabilities are: “accept us as we are,” “we are proud of who we are,” and “we are not going away.”

This year’s Disability Pride Parade will take place on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 11 a.m., marching north down Dearborn from Van Buren to Daley Plaza.

Please join them in their celebration of humanity by expressing your support from the sidewalk. And join us at Daley Plaza for the post-parade festivities, including DHF Express rock band, Momenta mixed abilities dance troupe, and activist singer songwriters Johnny Crescendo and Elaine Kolb, and others.

For more information, check out www.disabilityprideparade.org.

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