

So far we're off to a good start to the 2018 season; we didn't have to reschedule Cleanup Day due to flooding as in years past, and I'm hearing only a slight chance for a minor flood in early June. I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts on Cleanup Day. Flowers were planted, mulch was distributed, and anything that even resembled a tree was trimmed. We have a couple of enormous burn piles ready to go for bonfires later in the year, so we'll be sure to alert the West Alton Volunteer Fire Department before we light them up. Special thanks to Harbormaster Gary and Michelle Kuncar for a delicious lunch and dinner. Michelle made her debut on the grill this season and she did an awesome job with the pork chops, cutlets, and steaks.

Our first party of the season is June 16th with R&B/Motown sensation Mojo Universe performing. We are also celebrating Juneteenth, which actually falls on the 19th. Juneteenth may not be the most widely known date in American history, but its importance cannot be denied. It commemorates the abolition of slavery in Texas back in 1865, as well as the emancipation of slaves in the Confederate States. Forty five states currently observe Juneteenth as an official holiday.

Here at Harbor Point, we try to make every day a holiday on the river. Upcoming parties include July 21st for 80's Throwback Night where you can rock your mullet or jeri curl, put on your parachute pants, Izod polo, or leg warmers and dance to the music of Cyndi Lauper, MC Hammer, Men at Work, and Whitney Houston. Prizes will be awarded for Best Hair, Best Outfit, and Best Dance. Music will be provided by our own harbor member DJ Ray from the Promenade dock.

Joining us again for Tropical Tiki night on September 15th will be the Caribbean King Lenny Frisch and his Steel Band; bringing the island flavors to West Alton. Be sure to practice your hip swivel and back bends as you don't want to miss out on the Hula and Limbo contest. And mixologists, get your cocktail shakers and swizzle sticks ready to go for the Best Tropical Drink contest. Something tells me it won't be hard to find enough judges for that.

As always, none of the events are possible without the help of harbor members who graciously donate their time and efforts to make these events a success. We can always use wristbanders and cashiers at the intake, cooks on the grill, food servers, bartenders, and cleanup workers at the end of the night. Whether you can work one event or more, every little bit helps. Please contact our Harbormaster Gary if you wish to volunteer. Until next month, we wish you calm waters, cool breezes, and frosty beverages.