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FREEBURG HOMECOMING

FRI-SAT, AUGUST 14-15, 2026

PARADE STARTING AT 4:30 P.M. SATURDAY

FEATURING MANY MARCHING BANDS – Parade Starts at Illinois Route 15 & Koesterer Street, Ends on East Hill Street

LIVE MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS

KLOSE QUARTERS BAND FRIDAY NIGHT – IAN FERGUSON SATURDAY NIGHT

CARNIVAL RIDES BOTH DAYS

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Fredbird
2026 Parade Marshall

PO Box 156 | 300 E. Hill Street | Freeburg, IL 62243

Get Ready for the Annual Freeburg Homecoming!

This year’s celebration is shaping up to be one of the most memorable yet, and even **Fredbird** can’t resist joining the fun. The beloved St. Louis Cardinals mascot will be leading Saturday’s parade and guiding the crowd to the park as the festivities kick into full gear. Adding to the excitement, the parade will feature a special performance by **The Arch Rival Roller Derby Team**, the St. Louis Metro’s first and largest roller derby league. After the parade, local car enthusiasts will showcase antique cars and hot rods for everyone to enjoy.

Mark your calendars for August 14th & 15th!

The weekend kicks off at **4:00 pm** with mouthwatering fried fish and other favorites prepared by one of the region’s premier volunteer groups, **St. Joseph’s fish friers**. The FCAA will also be serving up classic homecoming staples—burgers, hot dogs, and brats.

Live Music: The **Klose Quarters Band** makes their Freeburg debut Friday night. This five-piece acoustic/electric rock group features none other than K-SHE’s **Mark Klose** on drums, ready to bring the energy.

Saturday, August 15th – A 250 America Celebration

Saturday promises an explosive tribute to 250 years of American independence with an expanded fireworks display presented by **J&M Display**.

Festivities begin at noon with cold drinks and a bag tournament. Afternoon entertainment includes the eclectic sounds of **Alex Thomure**, and **Egyptian Expo** will offer special carnival ride deals.

Evening Music: Country artist **Ian Ferguson** will take the stage, blending old-school country charm with his latest recordings—an entertainer who knows how to captivate a crowd.

Fireworks Finale: Don’t head home early—the night sky will erupt in a spectacular fireworks show honoring 250 years of American independence

Park Board Commissioner meetings are held on the 4th Monday each month.
6:00 PM @ the Caretaker’s Cottage

Freeburg Park District
Homecoming Parade Registration
Parade Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Start Time: 4:30 pm (Sharp)

The Freeburg Homecoming Parade will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 4:30 PM (SHARP). The parade fee is **\$30 PER VEHICLE/WALKING GROUP**. These fees are used to cover the expenses associated with the parade.

- **1 float permitted per registration form and fee** (We are limiting the number of entries allowed to participate to stay in the required IDOT time frame).
- **Check In:** 3:30PM (NO EARLIER) Shriners, Walking Participants (NO VEHICLE WITH GROUP), Veterans and Village of Freeburg Float will meet in The Marketplace Parking Lot, Chamber of Commerce, Freeburg High School band, Freeburg Grade School band.
- All other parade participants will assemble on Meadow Ridge Drive. Enter the staging area on Oak Brook Drive (stop light by Citizen’s Community Bank – North) to Red Oak Drive to Meadow Ridge Drive. A parade Marshall will direct you on how to proceed.
Fire Trucks and EMS Units will assemble at the Freeburg Fire House and proceed to IL 15 and Koesterer Street starting point at 4:30 PM.
- **Registration Deadline:** August 07, 2026.
- **Parade Positions:** Parade positions are not guaranteed.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Koerber at (618) 789-4820 or jenny.k@freeburgpark.org.

We look forward to another great homecoming and parade!

Please fill out the registration form below and mail with payment to **Freeburg Park District, PO Box 156 Freeburg, IL, 62243**. Parade fees are non-refundable. Schools, churches, and non-profit groups are exempt from the fee.

ORGANIZATION’S NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(CIRCLE ONE) TYPE OF FLOAT	WALKING ONLY	TRUCK/CAR	FARM TRACTOR	SEMI TRUCK	ANTIQUE CAR
TRAILER	YES		NO		
MUSIC	YES		NO		

OFFICE ONLY	RECEIVED DATE			CHECK #	
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Freeburg Homecoming Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Levels	Signage	Website Ad	Press Release	Available Sponsors
Fireworks Sponsor \$4,000	4’x8’ sign	¼ page Company logo/link	Company logo on all media releases	1
Stage for Concert Sponsor \$1000	2’x6’ Sign	Business Card Company Name	None	2
Fireworks Sponsor \$3,000	4’x8’ sign	¼ page Company logo/link	Company logo on all media releases	2
Band Sponsor-Fri evening \$1,500	4’x8’ sign	Business Card Company Name	None	3
Band Sponsor-Sat evening \$1,500	4’x8’ sign	Business Card Company Name	None	20
\$1,000 Sponsor – Sat afternoon	2’x6’ Sign	Business Card Company Name	None	6
\$1,000 -Car Show	2’x6’ Sign	Business Card Company Name	None	1
Cornhole Tournament \$500	18”x24” Sign	Listed on website	None	Unlimited
Friends & Family of the Homecoming \$250	none	Listed on website	None	Unlimited

Freeburg Homecoming Sponsorship Form

Please Print Clearly – This will be placed on the banners and advertisements	
Company Name:	
Contact Person’s Name	
Company Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Company Email	

My Sponsorship Selection

- \$4,000 Fireworks Presenting Sponsor
- \$3,000 Fireworks Sponsor
- \$1,500 Band Sponsor Saturday evening
- \$1,500 Band Sponsor - Friday evening
- \$1,000 Band Sponsor - Saturday afternoon
- \$1,000 Car Display
- \$1,000 Stage for Concert Sponsor
- \$500 Washer Tournament Sponsor
- \$250 Friends & Family of Homecoming Sponsor

Please Return Sponsorship Form with sponsorship fees to:
Freeburg Homecoming Committee | PO Box 156 | Freeburg, IL | 62243

If you have any questions about sponsoring the 2026 Freeburg Homecoming, please contact the committee directly at jenny.k@freeburgpark.org or Jenny Koerber Chairperson, at 618-789-4820

Thank you in advance for your support and we hope you enjoy the Annual Freeburg Homecoming!

