

GOODMAN COMMUNITY CENTER



Afterschool kids make silly faces for their teacher, Miss Sara. Hopefully by this summer the children will be smiling because they will be playing in the shade of a big canopy.



Omar (l) and Naomi had fun building colorful towers of ice.

Cool ice, cool colors

By Jessica Kardas, GCC 4K Teacher

In the cold of January, children in 4K made ice block sculptures with cool colors — purple, blue and green. Then we made sculptures with the “cool ice” on the picnic tables on the green space outside the gym. ●

Save the date!
‘Good People Bingo’
Friday night, April 26

By Kristin Groth, Eastside News

Okay. Details are being figured out for this as I write this, but here’s what we know:

- It’s a fundraiser for the Goodman Community Center.
- There will be food, drinks, and fabulous prizes.
- We are going to make it fun. No Bingo experience necessary.
- The good people at Forward Theater will be there. (See Good People, page 15)
- You will not want to miss this. Watch the Goodman website and social media for details.

Want to help with this event? Contact me at kristin@goodmancenter.org. ●

When it comes to sunshine, kids can get too much of a good thing
Want to help keep kids safe from the summer sun?

By Zaher Karp, Eastside News

Every kid at Goodman knows that sunscreen is part of the summer routine, but even with sunscreen protecting them, children — and their teachers — need shelter from the hot summer sun.

Providing a safe play environment for children is a high priority for Center staff. And making sure that children get daily physical and outdoor activity is too, especially in light of shorter recesses and more screen time.

Considering last year’s record-breaking heat, it’s important to protect the playground as a place for all children to relax and explore their imaginations. However, the playground stands in direct sun throughout the day, without any current shade. The warmth held and reflected by

the rubber chips can add to the heat, making even a relatively warm day oppressive.

The playground is a safe place for hundreds of children in preschool, afterschool and teen programs that use it. And on any day, you might find any number of local babysitters and parents keeping an eye on playful youth.

Your help is needed

Please help keep kids cool and active outside in the coming summer months by supporting a fund to purchase and install sunshades to cover the playground at the Center. Goodman child care staff teach sun safety to kids, but to provide an evolving, safe environment, your support is needed.

The community goal is \$5,000, and this amount will be matched by a group of generous donors. These efforts will also be bolstered by a grant from the Alliant Energy Foundation.

The sunshades will take some time to produce, so the Center hopes to have funding in place soon to ensure better protection against summer heat. Can you help us shade the community from the summer heat by contributing a gift to help children stay safe outside?

You can donate through the Center’s secure website at www.goodmancenter.org, in person at the Center’s reception desk or you can mail a check. Simply note your gift is for the sunshade. ●



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