

A Quarterly Update of the Most Recent Malcolm Eaton Enterprises News

Summer 2022

Statement on Covid-19

In response to the spread of Covid-19, Malcolm Eaton Enterprises continues to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The safety of the people we serve, and our staff, continues to be our primary focus. We will continue to observe social distancing recommendations, the use of masks, and other safety measures as recommended by the Department of Public Health.

We appreciate the continued patience of individuals receiving services, and their family members and guardians, as we work to serve everyone as safely as possible during this time.

We are all in this together!

Eats & Beats 2022



Freeport Area Eats & Beats took place at the Freeport Arts Plaza on August 26-27. On Friday, the headlining band, Breakfast Club, invited a group of children on stage to sing "Party in the U.S.A." Freeport Area Eats & Beats had its most successful year ever, posting record numbers for attendance, food sales, sponsorships, and funds raised for local charitable groups.

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Upcoming Dates

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Break

December 9
Institute Day

December 26-30
Winter Break

Our Mission

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises encourages and assists people with disabilities, and those who touch their lives, by promoting informed choice and creating opportunities which foster independent community living, work and play.

Our Motto



IMAGINE
THE
OPPORTUNITIES

Eats & Beats 2022



Freeport Area Eats & Beats was held at the Freeport Arts Plaza this year. The new location provides the event with a larger venue, dedicated stage, improved access to electricity, and more parking for attendees.



The Breakfast Club (top-left), Zac Matthews Band (top-right), Sophie Coyote (lower-left) and Jukebox Baby (lower-right), all put on a great show for attendees!



**Funds Raised for local nonprofits:
\$11,432**

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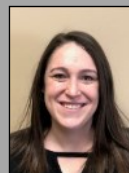
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Several individuals from Malcolm Eaton Enterprises participated in Paint the Port on Friday, August 26th. The participants were given squares and given paint supplies to create art of their own imagination. The squares were generously donated to MEE as part of a collaborative agreement between Freeport Area Eats & Beats and Paint the Port. In exchange, everyone who attended Paint the Port was given two free admission passes to Eats & Beats.

Painting the Port!



There were so many great art squares at Paint the Port this year that it is impossible to pick a favorite. We may be a little biased, but we think the artists that created this Spirit Paper / MEE square did a great job!

Fundraisers



CILA Residents Return From Camp to Find a Newly Renovated Home

Residents from MEE's oldest CILA home thought that they were going to camp for a week of sun and fun. What they didn't realize is MEE staff had been carefully planning a week-long, whirlwind renovation of their home while they were gone.

The renovation removed a wall between the kitchen and dining room, opening up the floor plan. The open layout will make it significantly easier for individuals with mobility issues to navigate around the home.

In addition to removing the wall, new baseboard trim was installed throughout the kitchen, dining area and living room.



One of the residents from our newly renovated CILA home returns from camp to see an all-new living room, dining room, and kitchen.



The newly renovated living room in our men's CILA features an open floorplan that will make it easier for individuals with mobility issues to use.



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After removing a wall that separated the kitchen, living room and dining room, our maintenance manager, Steve, installed new baseboard trim throughout the area.



By combining our kitchen and dining room into a shared eat-in kitchen, residents will have more room to maneuver around the dining room table.

Renovations Continue at New CILA



MEE's newest CILA home continues to undergo a major renovation. Many areas of the home were stripped to the studs, allowing MEE to make major changes to the plumbing and electrical. New insulation is being installed throughout the home to maximize energy efficiency. The home is scheduled to open in early 2023.

Consumer Spotlight



Jon, pictured here outside MEE, began golfing in 1982 when he was just 13 years old.

Jon Celebrates 35 Years at MEE

The individual that we are highlighting in this issue has been a part of the MEE family for over 30 years.

Jon began attending MEE in 1988 while attending Freeport High School. Next year will mark 35 years with our organization.

Jon's favorite part about attending MEE is working with the staff.

"The staff here are very open with people and they like to help the consumers. And they have a good smile," Jon said.

Jon is an avid golfer, who began hitting the links when he was 13. Some of his favorite courses to play are Crystal Woods and Craig

Woods in Woodstock.

When asked if he had any tips for a new golfer, Jon replied "Go and have fun. Don't worry about the game."

Jon also enjoys fishing for rock bass and smallmouth bass with his family. Some of his favorite spots to fish are in McHenry county and at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin.

About two years ago, Jon began a new hobby, collecting law enforcement patches. To acquire new patches, Jon emails different law enforcement agencies in our area. To date, about 20 departments have responded by sending Jon a patch.

We want to thank you for your interest in Malcolm Eaton Enterprises.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Cook".

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