

## The Arc to hold July 4 celebration at Community Greenspace

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The Arc of Crawford County's inaugural July 4 Community Celebration will take place Friday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. in The Arc Community Greenspace, 967 Market St.

The free celebration features an acoustic show and community sing-a-long with Brookville musician Mike Zaffuto, creator and founder of the Rock-N-Roll Pet Store Kids Show. His set will be followed by Naughty Bears, a local favorite that is more than just a drum-and-guitar duo. Bound by love, rhythm, and a shared devotion to the noisy heart of American music, Naughty Bears features Ian Carbone and Taylor Hinton, who blend indie grit, blues swagger and Americana soul.

Live, improvisational, lifesize puppet performances will occur throughout the event.

The puppets, on loan from Pittsburgh artist Cheryl Capezzuti, will be brought to life by a team local creatives. To learn more about Puppets for Pittsburgh, visit <https://puppetsforpittsburgh.com/development>.

Guests can try on a puppet costume and take a selfie in it. Volunteers will be available to assist with try-ons and photos.

Yard games and chalk art opportunities also will be available. Guests are encouraged to bring a chair or a blanket and are invited but not obliged to bring a personal picnic or a picnic item to share with the community. Cousins Maine Lobster food truck will arrive around 2:30 and serve until the end of the event, organizers said.

This year's Greenspace programming is supported by a grant received by The Arc of Crawford County through Erie Arts and Culture's Creative Sector Flex Fund for which matching funds have been provided through a collaboration between

The Arc and the Meadville Neighborhood Center.

• **More information:** Follow The Arc Community Greenspace on Facebook. If you are interested in proposing an event for the fall or for the 2026 season, contact Amara Geffen at [ageffen@allegheny.edu](mailto:ageffen@allegheny.edu).



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