

Cochin Days in the Resort Village of Cochin

Table #4 - PARCS Convention 2010 - Members Fair

Planning

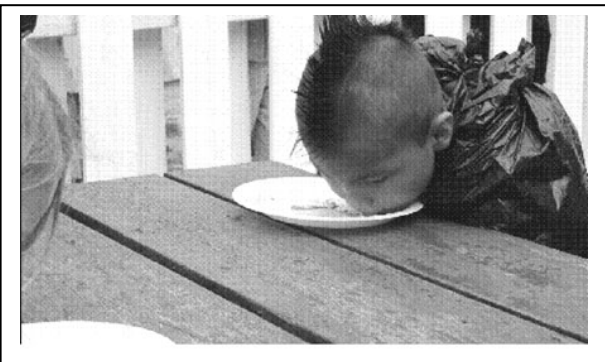
In the Resort Village of Cochin there is a celebration called Cochin Days which is held on the second weekend of August. Our Council member, Lynn Pirot, spearheads the organizing of the weekend and usually begins the planning in the first week of April. The phone lines start buzzing and a few of the local year-round residents start calling their friends and families and signing them up for the various events. Meanwhile, Lynn is getting sponsors and donations.

The arts

The **local theater group**, Cochin Community Players, has taken the Friday night entertainment over. Our artist group, Lakeshore Artists, has an art sale on Saturday and provides a workshop for children.

Special events for everyone

Friday also is the first day of the slo-pitch tournament which runs all weekend and is organized totally by a former resident of the Community.



Saturday features a number of different events ranging from a Craft Sale to a Boat Parade. Children's events include a bike parade, **spaghetti eating contest**, petting zoo, children's games and paddle boat parade that are held at different times during the day. Spike driving, horseshoe tournament and Fear Factor are some of the events for the adults. Saturday also includes with a Beer Gardens with a live band, organized by a former resident who now lives in Manitoba. The event begins at 6 pm and closes at 1:00 a.m. with a huge fireworks presentation that rivals displays in many larger centers.

Sunday is a **pancake breakfast that usually feeds 350 to 400 people** and is prepared by Council. Sunday afternoon is a Children's Carnival. Lynn hosts a volunteer barbeque on Sunday evening for any and all volunteers to attend.

Bringing the community together

From the local groups to council members, visitors and residents, young and old this is the one weekend when the entire community comes together and helps to make Cochin Days a success. The committee starts work in May and in August after the event is over they are still working at compiling all the new ideas into a folder for the next year. Without our huge volunteer base the weekend would not be the success it is.

