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Brookfield Launches New Summer Artisan Market and Unveils Public Art Installation at the Brookfield Shops at Progress Park.

BROOKFIELD, IL — The Village of Brookfield is proud to kick off its lively summer season with two new community events that celebrate local entrepreneurs, artists, and creativity in Brookfield's thriving Eight Corners District.

A new **Artisan Market** will operate on Wednesday evenings in June and July beginning **Wednesday, June 10** with local vendors offering farm-fresh produce, handmade goods, baked treats, and artisan products. Located along Broadway Avenue adjacent to the [Brookfield Shops at Progress Park](#), the Artisan Market will run from 4-7pm on: June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, and July 22. Rotating attractions like food trucks, live music, workshops, and family-friendly entertainment will be featured throughout the season.

Opening day of the Artisan Market will also feature Sway Dance Brookfield hosting Latin music, mini dance lessons, and interactive demonstrations from 4–7pm, with engaging opportunities for visitors to learn Salsa, Bachata, Cumbia, Merengue, Cha Cha, and more.

Continuing the celebration on **Friday, June 12**, the community is invited to an **Art Unveiling & Creative Showcase** at the Brookfield Shops at Progress Park, the unique small-business retail incubator located at 9202 Broadway Avenue. The event will celebrate 12 new colorful murals by local artists along with recent improvements to the site.

A ribbon cutting for the art installation will begin at 11am with remarks from Brookfield Village President Michael Garvey, project partners, and local artist Joanna White as they gather to unveil the murals and pose for a group photo. The celebration will also include live music, shopping opportunities, and a special appearance by a Brookfield Zoo Chicago Animal Ambassador.

"This is an exciting opportunity to showcase the creativity, talent, and entrepreneurial spirit that makes Brookfield such a special community," said Village President Michael Garvey. "The Brookfield Shops and the Artisan Market are attractions designed to support local entrepreneurs, businesses and artists while creating welcoming spaces for residents and visitors to connect, shop local, and experience the energy of our Eight Corners District. We're proud to continue investing in community-driven events that celebrate creativity and help small businesses thrive," he said.

Site enhancements to the Brookfield Shops were funded by the Cook County Creative Placemaking Grant and include an outdoor courtyard, upgraded landscaping, signage and more. The grant supports projects that use arts, culture, and public space improvements to strengthen local business districts and community gathering spaces.

The Works of Art

The 12 pieces of art for the installation were designed under two themes. “Art of Home” invited artists to explore the many meanings of home through their own creative lens and consider what makes Brookfield feel like home. “Stories from Brookfield” invited artists to capture and celebrate the people, places and moments that shape the community.

"I’m grateful that once again I’ve been invited to join an amazing group of talented artists to create art for the Brookfield Shops’ outdoor gallery,” said artist Mary Beth Zwolfer. “The colorful sheds are a clever way to draw people into the courtyard and they’re the inspiration for the color palettes in my paintings. When I shop the Brookfield Shops and walk through the public art gallery full of visual storytelling, it feels intimate and small-town friendly."

About the Brookfield Shops

The Brookfield Shops at Progress Park is an innovative retail incubator program created for local entrepreneurs, business owners, and artisans. Inspired by the success of similar programs in neighboring communities, the Brookfield Shops launched in 2025 and feature six 12-by-15-foot seasonal retail spaces that provide a platform for small businesses to thrive, fostering creativity and strengthening the local economy in a supportive and engaging environment. The shops welcome visitors through December and operate on Fridays from 11am – 5pm; Saturdays from 10am – 5pm; and Sundays from 11am – 4pm.

About the Village of Brookfield

The Village of Brookfield, Illinois, is a vibrant, family-friendly community located just 13 miles west of downtown Chicago. Known for its welcoming neighborhoods, historic charm, and the renowned Brookfield Zoo, the Village offers a unique blend of small-town warmth and urban convenience. With a strong sense of community, excellent schools, and convenient access to Metra rail service, Brookfield is an ideal place to live, work, and visit. The Village is committed to thoughtful development supporting local businesses, and enhancing quality of life for residents and visitors.

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