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CAPITOL PARK AFTER DARK OPEN AIR CINEMA STARTS AUGUST 5 WITH 'MARY POPPINS'

Free Wednesday Night Movies in August in West Capitol Park

The return of outdoor movie nights in Albany has arrived and will feature films suitable for the entire family on three Wednesdays in August at 8 p.m. in West Capitol Park. Those attending the movies should come prepared with their own chair or blanket.

Capitol Park After Dark will start on **August 5** with a screening of "**Mary Poppins.**" In this time-honored family classic, children get the attention of their all-business father by bedeviling every new nanny in the Banks household. When Mr. Banks advertises conventionally for another nanny, the kids compose their own ad, asking for someone with a little kindness and imagination. Mary Poppins (Julie Andrews in her screen debut) answers the children's ad by arriving at the Banks home from the skies, parachuting downward with her umbrella.

"**Monsters University**" will take moviegoers on a trip back in time on **August 19** to when star Monsters, Inc. employees Mike Wazowski (voice of Billy Crystal) and James P. "Sulley" Sullivan (voice of John Goodman) were just two promising young students at Monsters University in this frightfully fun Disney/Pixar prequel.

On **August 26**, come to West Capitol Park to see a thrilling, chilling, and most baffling mystery story. In "**The Maltese Falcon**" Humphrey Bogart achieved true stardom as Sam Spade, a hard-boiled San Francisco private eye who can be as unscrupulous as the next guy but also adheres to his own personal code of honor. Into the offices of the Spade & Archer detective agency sweeps a Miss Wonderly (Mary Astor), who offers a large retainer to Sam and his partner Miles Archer (Jerome Cowan) if they'll protect her from someone named Floyd Thursby.

Vendors selling snacks, including Stewart's ice cream, will be on site for Capitol Park After Dark, and the rain location will be meeting room six inside the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

For event updates, people can follow @plazaevents on Twitter, visit Empire State Plaza on facebook, or call (518) 474-4759.

Free parking in the East Garage on Philip Street off Madison Avenue is available after 5 p.m.

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