

PRESS ADVISORY

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Paseo Boricua Health & Wellness Fair to Usher in Puerto Rican Week in Chicago

Chicago's Puerto Rican community will launch Puerto Rican Week with the **4th Annual Wellness Day on Paseo Boricua on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM** along **Division Street from Western Avenue to California Avenue**. The community-wide Health & Wellness Fair and Paseo Boricua stroll will bring together local health providers, community partners, small businesses, restaurants, cultural organizations, youth programs, and residents for a day focused on health, culture, food, family, and community pride. The event will feature free vaccines, including flu, Mpox, and COVID-19, health checkups, insurance information, health screenings, physical therapy, acupuncture and acupressure clinics, youth boxing activities, cooking demonstrations, wellness resources, art exhibitions, pop-up shops, shopping, networking, domino activities at PE Erre La Casa del Dominó, and healthy food offerings from local eateries.

A major highlight of the day will be the **11:00 AM soft opening of the first affordable, multi-unit, mixed-use fully rehabilitated building on Paseo Boricua**, located at **2734 W. Division Street**. This milestone represents a significant step in preserving affordability, expanding housing inventory, and supporting community-centered commercial development in Puerto Rico Town/Barrio Borikén. The Health & Wellness Fair formally inaugurates Puerto Rican Week in Chicago by connecting culture, health, housing, small business development, youth engagement, and anti-displacement efforts in one community celebration.

Puerto Rican Week activities will continue **Thursday, June 11, 2026**, with **The Cacica & Cacique Coronation at Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center**, 4046 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. The evening will begin with a **6:00 PM reception and appetizers**, followed by the **7:00 PM program welcome and performances**, and **8:45 PM performances and coronation** recognizing the 2026 honorees for the Chicago Puerto Rican People's Parade. Fiestas Patronales will also begin in Humboldt Park with Free Community Day, including the honorary street designation of **Cruz Osorio Way** at Crystal and California, honoring the two young Puerto Ricans murdered by Chicago Police in June 1977, followed by a **7:00 PM screening of Humboldt Park Riots by Javier Vargas inside the festival**.

On **Friday, June 12, 2026**, the Puerto Rican Week program will continue with a **Book Talk and Breakfast Panel Discussion** from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at **The National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture**, 3015 W. Division Street, Chicago, IL 60622. The presentation will feature **Michael Staudenmaier**, author of ***White, Black, Brown: Becoming Puerto Rican in Chicago***, with a panel discussion facilitated by **Dr. Michael Rodríguez Muñiz** and **Dr. Margaret Power**. Guests are asked to RSVP by **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, using the RSVP information listed on the event flyer. Day 2 of Fiestas Patronales will continue in Humboldt Park with **Freestyle Friday**.

On **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, the **48th Puerto Rican People's Day Parade** will step off at **12:00 PM** from **Division Street and Campbell Avenue** under the theme "**Orgullo Boricua: Aquí y Allá**." This year's parade will honor 60 years of struggle commemorating the Puerto Rican Rebellion of 1966–2026.



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Grand Marshals include **Hon. Miguel “Ricky” Méndez Pérez, Mayor of Isabela, Puerto Rico**, and **Ald. Jessie Fuentes, 26th Ward Alderperson**. Day 3 of Fiestas Patronales will continue in Humboldt Park with **Noche Tropical**, closing the night with **Tonny Tun Tun**.

Puerto Rican Week festivities will conclude on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, with the 4th day of **Fiestas Patronales** in Humboldt Park, featuring **Día de la Salsa** and closing the night with **Puerto Rican Power y Su Orquesta**.

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