Hi Jackie,

I recently read Chicago Parent's article <u>The best beaches in Chicago for your family</u> and I have a location that would be a great addition to your article. I hope you will consider adding **Rogers Park beaches** and the surrounding unique restaurants and shops.

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A full release with additional details and photos is copied below for your reference.

Images of the Loyola Dunes and Loyola Park Beach, credit Kessel Cherney for Rogers Park Business Alliance.

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Pure Chicago: "Hidden" beaches of Rogers Park provide a natural oasis in Chicago all summer, complete with dunes and walking trails

Close to Morse & Loyola Red Line stops, unique dining and independent shops

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Rogers Park has everything you need to plan a beach day-trip without leaving Chicago. Here are just a few suggestions for living your best**#RogersParkBeachLife**.

Stock up for a picnic:

- Glenwood Sunday Farmers Market, 6962 N. Glenwood Avenue (glenwoodsundaymarket.org) Farmers market run by Rogers Park Business Alliance, open every Sunday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Avenue (<u>heartlandcafe.com</u>)
 Neighborhood staple for 40+ years with fresh smoothies and an in-house market
- Taste of Peru, 6545 N. Clark Street (<u>tasteofperu.com</u>)

 Traditional Peruvian dishes, featured on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives"

Beach reading & unique shopping:

- **Third Coast Comics**, 6443 N. Sheridan Road (<u>thirdcoastcomics.com</u>) From comics to graphic novels, take your favorite superhero to the beach
- ChiTown Magpie, 6443 N. Sheridan Road Locally made art, plus Chicago-themed gift items, cards and jewelry

- **Nodd Pottery**, 7063 N. Glenwood Avenue (<u>noddpottery.com</u>)

 Drop-in art studio with materials and on-site instruction provided
- Bark Place, 1775 Greenleaf Avenue (<u>barkplacechicago.com</u>)

 After a romp at the beach, bring your pup by for grooming or a treat

Art-filled strolls:

- Mile of Murals, Glenwood Avenue from Morse to Estes (<u>mileofmurals.com</u>)

 Public art initiative sponsored by Rogers Park Business Alliance, with 14 murals along the CTA

 Red Line tracks running down Glenwood Avenue
- Artists of the Wall, Loyola Park Beach Community-painted 600-foot lakefront mural on the beach, celebrating its 25th anniversary

Sweet treats:

- Caffe ArrivaDolce, 6451 N. Sheridan Road (<u>arrivadolcecafe.com</u>) Gelato and coffee bar, plus breakfast and lunch bites
- Caribbean American Baking Company, 1539 W. Howard Street (<u>caribbeanamericanbakery.com</u>)

 Jamaican-style baked goods and pastries

Post-beach drinks & dining:

- Empirical Brew Pub, 1330 W. Morse Avenue (empiricalbrewery.com)

 Exploring the science of beer, with craft brews and beer-infused pub food
- Rogers Park Social, 6920 N. Glenwood Avenue (<u>rogersparksocial.com</u>) Creative frozen cocktails and classic drinks
- R Public House, 1508 W. Jarvis Avenue (<u>rpublichouse.com</u>)
 Rustic-chic bar with elevated pub grub and weekend brunch
- **TJam Kitchen**, 1418 W. Howard Street (<u>tjamkitchen.com</u>)

 Fresh breakfast and lunch creations with an international flair
- Twisted Tapas, 1146 W. Pratt Boulevard (<u>twistedtapas.us</u>) Traditional and international fusion tapas
- J.B. Alberto's Pizza, 1324 W. Morse Avenue (<u>ibalbertos.com</u>)

 The best pizza on the North Side, family owned and operated since 1965
- Rogers Park Provisions, 6928 N. Glenwood Avenue

 Boutique craft beer, liquor and wine shop with artisan cheese and charcuterie

About Rogers Park Business Alliance

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018, Rogers Park Business Alliance (RPBA) is the nonprofit chamber of Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood. Its mission is to cultivate and sustain a thriving economic environment in Rogers Park, serving businesses and residents with a variety of public events and business initiatives. RPBA programs include the GROW entrepreneurial training program, the Glenwood Sunday Farmers Market and Taste of Clark Street. For more information, visit RPBA.org.

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