



Protest Demonstrations and Public Spaces: Practical Advice for Park Districts and Parks Departments

**Thursday, June 25
11 a.m.**

From the Boston Common in 1766, to historic gatherings on the Washington Mall, to more recently the Unite the Right rally in Lee Park in Charlottesville in 2017 and the George Floyd protests in Lafayette Park in DC and Cal Anderson Park in Seattle, public spaces have played a critical role in facilitating public discourse. The right to protest in a public space is broad but not unfettered. The challenge for every park district and municipality is how to balance First Amendment rights with the safe and peaceful use of the park facilities and the programming for which they are intended. Policies and planning are critical to navigate these tricky waters. Join our presenters, Derke Price, Partner at the law firm Ancel Glink and Susie Kuruvilla, Executive Director from the Gurnee Park District as they share with us their practical advice.

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Learning Outcomes Realized:

- Understand the framework of the First Amendment rights that apply to use of your parks.
- Receive recommendations for policies, practices, and partnerships you need to have in place to be prepared for the use of your parks for public discourse.
- Hear how planning and collaborating with other entities within a community result in a peaceful protest.

To register for this webinar, contact Thomas Wronski at twronski@napervilleparks.org and provide your name, title, organization, and email address.