

metromix

How's your summer?

You have exactly 1 month left: Go!

So far, so good, eh? Despite the wonky weather (remember the hellacious hail and record rain?), there's been a ton of stuff going on in Chicago this summer. Street fests have been slammed, music fests have been hot and muddy, and there are a bunch of new bars and restaurants on the scene. We've had a great time capturing your summer in photos, so we thought we'd share some of the highlights. But it ain't over yet, peeps—get out there and make us proud.

1 The Pitchfork Music Festival returned to Union Park on a dusty, hot weekend in July. Here, Heather Kouros and her sister Audrey Kouros dance during The Dismemberment Plan's set.

2 Hilary's Cookies didn't disappoint in its first summer in Lincoln Square. This is the Big MoFo, an ice cream sandwich weighing in at a full pound.

3 Seems like Lolla fashion rivals Halloween more and more each year. You gotta hand it to this gal: A purple monkey-topped applause sign is a pretty clever way for your friends to find you in the crowd.

4 July temps were at their highest during Pitchfork weekend. Here, Norm Kunstel and Liz Deichmana get cozy and stay cool under an umbrella at Union Park.

5 Hangin' out with the kids at Perry's stage at Lollapalooza.

6 Partiers with cash to spare put down for bottle service (and a seat) at chic rooftop spot Studio Paris, perched atop sister restaurant Paris Club.

7 Thanks to a celebrity game at Lolla, we found out Elijah Wood rules at kickball.

8 Dave Grohl queued up the rain right before Foo Fighters launched into "My Hero" on Sunday of Lolla weekend.

9 Rainbows shone down on Boystown for the 2011 Pride Parade. Nice show of color, ladies!

10 We called the Moscow mule the cocktail of summer, and you know, cheers to that. If you haven't enjoyed this light, crisp mix of vodka, ginger beer and lime, you've still got time (this one's from Bar DeVille). It's not exactly Snowmageddon II out there yet.

11 One of our favorite performances at the 20th Lollapalooza came from Grace Potter & The Nocturnals. Potter's range, her energy, her band—everything was spot-on. Plus, it just looked like she and the band were having the time of their lives in Chicago.

12 Wicker Park restaurant Prasino opened in early August with decadent small plates such as lobster-stuffed avocado and quite possibly one of the prettiest sidewalk cafes along Division Street.

13 Rogers Park quick-serve spot Bop 'N' Grill opened earlier this month and stacks up burgers dressed with everything from onion rings to kimchee.

14 While The Arctic Monkeys put on a great set during Lolla, fans got down and dirty (really dirty) in the stinky mud pit that was Grant Park.

15 Lolla fans were all smiles as the rain came down and the mud came up.

► More photos! See all of our favorite summer 2011 photos on chicago.metromix.com/summerpics.

PHOTOS BY LENNY GILMORE AND MIKE RICH, AND BROCK BRAKE FOR REDEYE.

FYI: Matt Maroni's **Morso** (340 W. Armitage Ave.) opens in Lincoln Park on Tuesday.



What, you want a list of the in his first 100 days? Well, h

