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INAUGURAL PLAY A HIT IN RIDGEVILLE

Ridgeville Park District's first-ever Shakespeare in the Park event took place from July 28 through August 1 on a hill adjacent to the district's Community House, at 908 Seward St.

William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was performed by the Kalaakara Theater Company and directed by Mark Boergers, who recently received a master of fine arts degree from DePaul University in Chicago.

As the sun went down, the stage was illuminated by lanterns, candles, and solar-powered lights. More than 300 people came out to see the performances.

The Park District has determined that because of the success of this year's production, Shakespeare in the Park will become an annual tradition at Ridgeville Park. Many of the neighborhood children, some of whom came to every single performance, are already expressing excitement for next year.