

2017 Webster Groves Community Days Fourth of July Celebration

July 1 - 4

40 Acres (south of Hwy 44, east of Elm)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Webster Groves Community Days is an annual event to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday. The Citizens' Committee for Community Days organizes all of the activities for the event aside from the Webster Groves Lions Club annual carnival and barbecue charity fundraiser. The fairgrounds are located at 40 Acres, just south of Highway 44 and Elm, in Webster Groves. All activities (aside from the carnival and barbecue) are FREE to the public and are funded through donations from businesses, organizations and the citizens of Webster Groves. For more information about Community Days or if you would like to contribute to fireworks, please go to the City's web page at www.webstergroves.org/communitydays or contact the Webster Groves Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 963-5600.

Accommodations/Rules:

- Please refrain from placing your blanket/tarp on the ground before the day of the fireworks. Ground covers of any kind, if left too long, can negatively impact restoration of your park. To protect the grounds, blankets may be removed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Removed blankets may be recovered at the Rec Complex during normal hours by July 11, at which time they'll be donated.
- As always, coolers or outside food and drink are not allowed on the grounds.
- Due to insurance restrictions, no outside booths or strolling vendors will be allowed on the Fairgrounds unless already coordinated through the Webster Groves Lion's Club.
- Ambrose Way will be entirely closed from June 27 through July 6.
- Moss Field (football stadium) is closed during the event. For safety reasons, no one is allowed inside the stadium to view the fireworks.
- Aquatic Center closes at 6 p.m. on July 2 for the Miss Webster Pageant.
- ACCESSIBILITY: People requiring special assistance may be dropped off at the Hixson parking lot designated for accessible parking near Elm and Ambrose Way. There are also a limited number of designated accessible parking areas at Hixson Middle School and Webster Groves Recreation Complex available to properly licensed or tagged vehicles.
- Bags, purses, backpacks, etc., are subject to random searches by law enforcement personnel.
- Trash removal and recycling services are provided by Meridian Waste Services.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PARKING!

- The carnival and barbecue Fairgrounds will be located on the Webster Groves School District parking lot (east of Moss Field) and the northern end of Webster Groves Recreation Complex parking lot.
- The Hixson Middle School Parking lot will be paid carnival parking all hours of Community Days. Cost is \$10 per vehicle. Access is from Elm Ave only. No access from Colebrook. Funds generated will help band students pay for band trips and camps.
- The Webster Groves Recreation Complex parking lot will remain free public parking for the duration of the event and may be accessed from E. Glendale Road only.
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- It is important to note that the Colebrook entry to the fairgrounds and parking lots will not be open to vehicular traffic, and Ambrose Way will be closed from the Hixson parking lot to the Rec Center Parking lot. Also, many streets surrounding the fairgrounds will have no parking on one side for the duration of the event to ease the flow of traffic.

COMMUNITY DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note: All entertainment (Webstock and featured musical groups) is sponsored by Webster University.

SATURDAY, JULY 1 FAMILY DAY

10 - 11 a.m. (Registration 9:30 - 10 a.m.)

Pet Parade Sponsored by Blue Ribbon Grooming
Recreation Complex Gymnasium

Bring out the dogs, cats, pigs, chickens, iguanas, or whatever -- if it's your pet, it qualifies for the Children's Pet Parade! (Only wild animals are excluded.) Sponsored by Blue Ribbon Grooming, the Children's Pet Parade is open to children 15 years old and younger. This event is a long-standing tradition in the Webster Groves community. It is designed as a good-natured competition where pets, with some assistance from their owners, compete in a variety of categories. Participants may enter a maximum of three categories. Certificates are given to all entrants. Ribbons and prizes will also be awarded to first, second and third places in the following categories: Best Trick, Funniest Looking, Best Costume, Pet/Owner Look-Alike, Best Pet Joke (available to kids with or without a pet), Best Float. Blue Ribbon Grooming provides the prizes and unenviable judging positions for this ever-popular event.

11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ
\$35 Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands!
Fairgrounds

7 - 11 p.m.

Entertainment – Webstock (a variety of bands, artists and music genres)
Action Park

Bring your lawn chair and come prepared to tap your toe and dance as area bands perform in this community music festival at the Webster Groves Action Park, located next to the tennis courts. Webstock 2017 offers four days of Peace and Music, showcasing local student and adult musicians at the Action Park stage, east of the Tennis Center (south of the Aquatic Center) in Memorial Park. This year's entertainers offer something for every taste -- familiar and original tunes. Sound and stage equipment for Webstock are generously provided by WGHS Bands, David's Guitar Loft, Webster Arts, The Cause Records, BTN Productions and Gateway City Audio. *Remember: No coolers may be brought onto the fairgrounds, but the Lions Club is more than happy to satisfy your hunger and thirst.

July 1 entertainers include: Steve Franklin, Whiskey Club Band, Blues City Swing, Que Houston, Alex Ward, Hannah Lieb, Two-Headed Cow and All-Star Jam

SUNDAY, JULY 2

2 - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ
Fairgrounds

7:30 - 9 p.m.

Miss Webster Groves Pageant *sponsored by Forefront Dermatology*
with **Entertainment – Singer/Songwriter Hannah Lieb**
Aquatic Center (Webster Groves Recreation Complex in the event of rain)

An ever-popular event associated with Community Days is the Miss Webster Groves Pageant. The goal of the pageant is to select a well-rounded representative of the City of Webster Groves, who may appear at various activities throughout the year. Each candidate is qualified to be the next teen ambassador, Miss Webster Groves 2017. Entertainment will be provided by Hannah Lieb, a vocalist from St. Louis, who will call on her musical influences of pop, folk, indie, and jazz. This year's judges are City Council Members Matt Armstrong and Bud Bellomo, past Miss Websters Cari Hill (2011) and Jodie Schutt (2007) and Dr. Nora Shumway from major sponsor Forefront Dermatology.

Pageant Contributors and Sponsors

The 2017 pageant would not be possible without all the community support it receives. This year, Forefront Dermatology is a major sponsor! Due to their generosity, Miss Webster Groves and First Runner-Up will receive savings bonds in the amount of \$500 and \$250 respectively! Aside from Forefront Dermatology, each Miss Webster candidate is sponsored by a local merchant or organization. Please thank and support the following merchants who have so graciously sponsored the pageant: Berkshire Hathaway Home Advantage Realtors, Embroider the Occasion, Raymond James, Summit Jewelers and Zoey's Attic. In addition to these financial sponsors, Lindwedel Jewelers provides the beautiful Miss Webster tiara, flowers were sponsored in part by Crimson Petal, and embroidery for the candidates' shirts was compliments of Embroider the Occasion. Pageant photography will be provided by Tiffany Esters.

8:30 (after Miss Webster Pageant) - 11 p.m.

Entertainment – Webstock
Assorted Entertainers and Bands
Action Park

July 2 entertainment line-up includes: Reagan Perniciaro; Ian Thompson, Ben Gossow and friends; Will and Greg, Juniper Substrate, and All-Star Jam

MONDAY, JULY 3

5 - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ

\$25 Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands!

Fairgrounds

7:15 - 11 p.m. (with a break for fireworks)

Entertainment – Common Time Blues Band (blues)

Action Park

Common Time - 4/4 time - is a musical term that defines Rhythm and Blues. It's the beat that makes you tap your feet, clap your hands and get up and dance. Six of St. Louis' finest R&B musicians have come together as Common Time, to keep real Rhythm and Blues alive in St. Louis with crowd favorites and great dance music. Gary L. Gray "Double G" is on lead vocals. He has been singing since age 10, and has performed all around St. Louis and Illinois, opening for many well-known musicians and performing in films, tv shows and stage plays. Robert Becker "The Professor" is on keyboards and vocals (with occasional string and trumpet parts). Robert has played in many St. Louis area bands over the past 30 years and has been a featured performer at the St. Louis Rock and Roll Marathon for five consecutive years. On tenor sax for the band is John Sherwin, owner-operator of Mid-Rivers Music Store in St. Peters. He provides stylistic sax solos and plays harmony parts with the keyboard man, to provide a true Big Band sound. James Gare "Jim" plays lead and rhythm guitar and is a vocalist. He's jammed with many well-known local groups and is one of the most sought-after lead guitar players in the area. Chuck Lanczkowski "Doc" is on bass guitar and vocals, which he's been doing for more than 50 years. At age 15, he formed the band that first fronted Elvis impersonator Marcel Forestieri and continued with Philadelphia's Columbia records as a studio bassist and played with many well-known east coast, Midwest, and even England groups and musicians.

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks: The Not-So-Sneaky Preview

Memorial Park

This taste of the Fourth of July fireworks show promises to provide viewers with a dazzling display of rockets and bursting bombs.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

10 a.m.

Parade

Lockwood/Selma to Elm/E. Glendale

Sponsored by Reliance Bank

The parade travels along a two-mile route through the streets of Webster Groves and draws a crowd of thousands of spectators with more than 80 units. The parade begins at Lockwood and Selma and travels west on Lockwood. It turns south on South Gore and travels down Gore to Big Bend. It then turns east on Big Bend and turns one last time south on Elm Avenue. The parade ends at Memorial Park (at the intersection of Elm Avenue and Glendale Road). The theme, "Webster Groves – A City of Neighbors and Friends", was submitted by Mike Evans of Webster Groves. Grand Marshals for this year's parade are the Webster Groves High School boys' basketball team and the girls' soccer team, who both won the state championship, as well as Nia Lyles, who won the state championship in the shot put. In addition, we are honored to have volunteers from Webster Groves Masonic Temple to serve as Parade Marshals again this year, lining up units, enforcing security measures and securing the course. There are several award categories. Judges are Mark Goff, Ann and Ellen Fusz.

Safety

Of course, safety is of paramount importance, but parades have inherent risk, so it's important that parade participants and spectators do all they can to help. The parade, of more than 80 units, travels along a two-mile route through the streets of Webster Groves and draws a crowd of thousands of spectators.

- There will be no throwing of water balloons or large super soakers allowed from any parade unit or spectators. Parade participants will not be allowed to throw candy or other items from a moving unit; however, they may have walkers who will hand the items to spectators on the sidewalks.
- Along the parade route, parents and adults should keep close track of their children and ensure that they are not endangering themselves by running in front of a parade vehicle to get a piece of candy or trinket. Remain on the curb or behind it. There will be no sales of water, ice cream, etc., on the street ten minutes prior to start time until the conclusion of the event. Safety is everyone's job. Please help by doing what you can.
- Entry or exit from parking lots at Hixson Middle School or the Rec Complex will not be allowed for the duration of the parade.

11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ.

Fairgrounds

7:15 -11 p.m. (with a break for fireworks)

Entertainment – Powerplay (variety)

Action Park

For the best in Jazz, Blues, R&B, Motown, Disco, Classic Rock, Top 40, and much more, come and experience the vocal talents of Gene Jackson and Charisse fronting the Powerplay Band, as they take you on a musical ride down memory lane. Powerplay is a dance band consisting of Lorenzo Boone (bass guitar), Tony Mitchell (guitar), Virgil Black (drums), and vocalists Miss Swan and Gene Jackson. Powerplay combines many different and popular styles of live music to create a fun, energetic and classy atmosphere. As a band, Powerplay emphasizes bringing you quality live entertainment that will keep the dance floor packed and lively all night long!

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks Spectacular

Sponsored by City of Webster Groves, Lions Club of Webster Groves, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors listed below and Webster Groves patrons

Memorial Park

Exploding with enthusiasm, the 2017 Fireworks Spectacular should once again be a crowd-pleaser with the latest and greatest pyrotechnics! This Fourth of July show will be super spectacular to make up for the malfunction of last year's show.

SPONSORS

The Citizens' Committee for Community Days greatly appreciates the generosity of the following donor sponsors. Their financial and/or in-kind contributions help to cover the \$50,000 cost of making this annual celebration a reality.

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