

2018 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 1 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 Waster Management.

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; there is no access from Colebrook. Funds generated will help band students pay for band trips and camps.
- Off-site carnival park/shuttle or walk/shuttle bus will be available at Nerinx Hall parking lot on Garden Ave. July 1 through 4. Shuttle fee is \$5 per vehicle. Funds generated go to the Webster Groves High School Band Aides. The shuttle bus will drop off and pick up Elm at Ambrose. More information can be found at <https://wgcommunitydays.org/parking/>.
- 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.

- Note: The Colebrook entry to the fairgrounds and parking lots will be closed to vehicular traffic. 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.
- Entry to or exit from parking lots at Hixson Middle School or the Rec Complex will not be allowed for the duration of the parade on July 4.

COMMUNITY DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 1

2 - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ
Fairgrounds

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Miss Webster Groves Pageant *sponsored by Forefront Dermatology*
with **Entertainment – Alex Ward and Will Gerdell**

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 2018. Entertainment will be provided by Alex Ward, a singer/songwriter and alternative rock musician from Webster Groves, 2013 graduate from Webster Groves High School. Our judges this year are City Council Members Matt Armstrong and Bud Bellomo, Community Leader Lee Moss. past Miss Websters Elaine Syrewicz (1972), Pam Thuston (1973) and Libbi Pacatte (2012).

Pageant Contributors and Sponsors

The 2018 pageant would not be possible without all the community support it receives. This year, Forefront Dermatology is a pageant sponsor in addition to the local merchants or organizations who serve as Miss Webster candidate sponsors. Please thank and support the following merchants who have so graciously sponsored the pageant: Berkshire Hathaway Home Advantage Realtors, Embroider the Occasion, Raymond James and Summit Jewelers. 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 Miki McKee Koelsch.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 - 11 p.m.

Entertainment – Webstock 2018 (a variety of bands, artists and music genres)

Action Park

Webstock 2018 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. 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. *Remember: No coolers may be brought onto the fairgrounds, but the Lions Club is more than happy to satisfy your hunger and thirst. This year's entertainers offer something for every taste -- familiar and original tunes. Music could begin earlier on the 1st and 2nd if more bands join the festival. Each act will perform for approximately 30 minutes. The lineup includes:

July 1 - Wild HouseKats, "Not Them Again", Annalyse, Alex Ward, Reagan Perniciaro, Will Gerdell, Che Sanchez

MONDAY, JULY 2 FAMILY NIGHT

5 - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ with \$25 Unlimited Ride Wristbands
Fairgrounds

Kids and ride enthusiasts of all ages can ride carnival rides to their heart's content for the unbelievably low price of \$25. Purchase wristbands at the ticket booth on the Fairgrounds.

6 p.m. Start Time (Registration 5:30 - 6 p.m.)

Pet Parade

Sponsored by Blue Ribbon Grooming

Webster Groves 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. Blue Ribbon Grooming provides the prizes and unenviable judging positions for this ever-popular event. The Pet Parade will be held in the Gymnasium at the Webster Groves Recreation Complex. What a wonderful way to stay cool! 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

7 - 11 p.m. (may start earlier)

Entertainment – Webstock 2018 (a variety of bands, artists and music genres)

July 2 - The Clan Shenanigans, Arcane, The South Side, The Night Watch, Beatrix Kiddo, Michael Neu Duo, Whiskey Club Band, Al Manic (featuring Aaron Griffin and StL blues legend Billy Barnett)

TUESDAY, JULY 3

5 - 11 p.m.

Lions Club Carnival, Midway Booths and BBQ with \$25 Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands!
Fairgrounds

7:15 – 11 p.m. (three sets with a break for fireworks)

Entertainment – Steve Hauser Band (rock, blues, funk)

Sponsored by Webster University

The mission of the Steve Hauser Band is to provide guests with high quality entertainment, good times and pleasant memories. They are four seasoned musicians who all love music and put their hearts and souls into what they do. They play energetic, highly-dynamic classic rock, bluesy and funky tunes. Band members are Steve Hauser (vocal, guitar), Ken Sass (vocal, Guitar), Bobby Moenigmann (vocal, drums) and Oleg Karin (bass, sound). Some covers include numbers from Stevie Ray Vaughan, Def Leppard, ZZ Top, Grand Funk, Aerosmith, Robert Palmer, Led Zeppelin, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Third Eye Blind, and so many more! For a sampling of their music, visit <http://stevehauserband.com/music-2/>.

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks: The Not-So-Sneaky Preview

Memorial Park

Sponsored by Waste Management

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

10 a.m.

Parade

Lockwood/Selma to Elm/E. Glendale

Sponsored by Reliance Bank

"Webster Groves – An American Celebration" is the Theme for the 2018 Parade

The parade, which draws thousands of spectators, 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). 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.

Parade Judges have the honor of selecting parade units to receive awards in the various categories listed below. Awards will be given at the July 24 City Council meeting.

Judges for the parade are:

* Joe Fichter, Managing Partner at Webster Groves Subaru, a Webster business for over 40 years.

* Emmy McClelland, a long-time Webster resident and former member of the Missouri House of Representatives.

* Philip Wojak, recently retired after a long and distinguished career as a physics teacher at Webster Groves High School.

Awards

First place (Best) and honorable mention (Outstanding) will be awarded in each of the following categories: Children's Entry, Civic Entry, Classic Entry, Commercial Entry, Neighborhood Entry, Performing Entry, Best Theme, Visiting Entry, Novelty Unit, Special Judges' Awards (three awards for deserving units that impress the judges for various reasons.)

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.

- With regard to parade units, several safety measures are in place and enforcement will be without exception. There will be no throwing of water balloons or large super soakers allowed from any parade unit or spectators. Each sizeable motorized unit will have wheel walkers, whose job it is to keep the path clear in front and on the sides of the unit. Parade participants are not 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. Violators should be reported to a parade marshal or police officer.

- 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.

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 – Clint & Co (variety)

Sponsored by Webster University

Clint & Co delivers all of your favorite songs - from the biggest names of the 60's and 70's (Beatles, Stones, Hendrix), 80's and 90's (STP, Nirvana, Foo Fighters), to the popular bands of today (Mumford and Sons, Gnarls Barkley, Killers) - with an emphasis on blistering guitar, sensational vocal harmonies, and a spectacular experience for music lovers of all ages.

Committed to a history of rocking out venues such as the Pageant, mainstages at state fairs, and the hottest bars in the Midwest region, the members of Clint & Co have been bringing people to their feet for over 17 years. Band members include Clint Wilson (lead guitar, vocals), Dan Martin (bass guitar, vocals), Peter Lang (drums, vocals). To get a sample, visit www.clintandcompany.com. See you soon. Enjoy!

9:30 p.m.

Fireworks Spectacular

Memorial Park

Sponsored by City of Webster Groves, Lions Club of Webster Groves, J&M Displays, Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors listed below, as well as Webster Groves patrons

Exploding with enthusiasm, the 2018 Fireworks Spectacular should once again be a crowd-pleaser with the latest and greatest pyrotechnics!

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