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Multnomah Days festival to include parade, street fair and three music stages

By Lee Perlman
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Yes, the Multnomah Village Business Association's annual Multnomah Days festival is back, most (but not all) of it on Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As usual, the proper way to start is the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Key Bank parking lot. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Street Fair is really something to see. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., more than 100 vendors stretching from the viaduct to the Multnomah Arts Center will have a wide variety of food, beverages, clothing and merchandise for sale.

Things really get under way at 10 a.m. with the Biggest Small Parade, starting at the viaduct and proceeding along Capitol Highway to 31st Avenue.

It will start with a Pooch Parade, followed by Neighborhood House executive director Rick Nitti as grand marshal and all manner of cars, floats and groups, some with instruments and many very colorful.

After the parade is over, you will have

your choice of attractions. Among them: *The Southwest Neighborhood News* almost never gets it wrong, but there will not be two music stages at the festival as reported.

There will be *three* – the Community Stage at Southwest 36th Avenue and Capitol Highway; the Main Stage at 34th and Capitol; and a third stage on Southwest Moss Street between 34th and 35th avenues next to another attraction, the Festival Beer and Wine Garden.

There will be diverse groups performing from about 12 noon to 5 p.m., including Miya Folick from Los Angeles, the Quadraphones female sax quartet, and high school musicians from across the city. There will also be a Food Court near the Main Stage at 34th and Capitol Highway.

This year the Kids Zone at the Multnomah Arts Center parking lot will be particularly full of activity. There will be a climbing wall, a human-sized woodpecker, a PDX Kids Calendar photo booth, and a maypole. From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the zone will have a Performance Corner with puppet shows, puppet and balloon art making, and a recycled 3d sculpture.

Also at the Multnomah Arts Center,



The Beat Goes On Marching Band is scheduled to appear again in the Multnomah Days Parade. (Post file photo by Don Snedecor)

on the front lawn, will be their annual pottery and art sale. Touring both areas will be the Portland Police Bureau's bomb disposal robot.

Individual businesses will also have

special activities going on.

For instance, Umpqua Bank will be co-hosting an Energy Fair. Anastasia Salon will have a Cut-A-Thon, with

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\$8 million transportation allocation means several new sidewalks in Southwest

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Thanks to \$8 million allocated to the cause during Mayor Sam Adams' administration and other funds, Southwest Portland is getting new sidewalks in places they never were before. Seven such projects are either nearing completion, under way, or imminent.

New sidewalks on Southwest 11th Avenue between Gaines and Gibbs streets. Already under way, this

should be complete by early August.

Extended shoulders on Southwest Maplewood Road. This too should be done by early August, except possibly for the extension of existing speed bumps into the shoulders.

Sidewalks on the east side of Southwest Sunset Boulevard between DeWitt Street and 18th Avenue, with parking and a continuous storm water project on the west side. Work is already underway, and the project should be completed by September 21. At times the road will be reduced to one lane controlled by flaggers.

Sidewalks along the north side of Southwest Spring Garden Road from 17th Avenue to Taylors Ferry Road, and on 19th Avenue from Spring Garden to Barbur Boulevard.

Work should be under way by the time you read this, and last until October 26. Project manager Chris Armes hopes to complete work near Capitol Hill School before classes start.

Sidewalks along the south side of Southwest Huber Street between 35th and 43rd avenues. Work should begin in early August and last 90 days. Again, there may be partial road closures and flagging.

Sidewalks on Southwest Vermont Street between 30th and 34th avenues, and the reconstruction of irregular intersections at the confluence of Vermont, Terwilliger Boulevard and Idaho Drive, and Terwilliger, Caldew Street and Seventh Avenue.

Sidewalks and bicycle "cycle track" shielded from cars, on the north side of Southwest Multnomah Boulevard between 22nd and 34th avenues. On the south side there will be a multi-use

path shared by bikes and peds. There will also be a crossing at Southwest 25th Avenue with a flashing beacon.

The last two projects had not been put out to bid at press time. City officials were "monitoring" the bid process due to unexpectedly high bids for other projects this summer. The City may hold off on the bidding process for these until after Labor Day when bids are expected to be lower.

Don Baack of SW Trails and City of Portland project managers Chris Armes, Kyle Chisek and Rich Newlands contributed to this story.

Editor's Note: Money for new sidewalks in Southwest Portland came largely from a fund to improve Capitol Highway between Garden Home Road and Taylors Ferry Road—first on the list of priorities for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

When the cost of the Capitol Highway project doubled to more than \$12 million due to the high cost of environmental services, the project was shelved and the money became available. The 1996 Capitol Highway Plan is still only half finished.

— Don Snedecor



Construction workers pour cement on the new sidewalks along Southwest Sunset Boulevard at DeWitt Street, July 26. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

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