

Venice Seafood Festival 2017

Venice MainStreet

Narrative

The Venice Seafood Festival is a first time event hosted by Venice MainStreet. This event is in response to recent requests for more family friendly events for the locals to enjoy outside the traditional busy season. This will be a free music and seafood festival held in Centennial Park. The purpose of this event is to highlight local Venice restaurateurs.

Vendors wanting to participate will be evaluated based on the following priorities: 1. Venice MainStreet Partners 2. Venice Farmer's Market vendors 3. City of Venice businesses 4. Just outside the City of Venice (ex: British Open Pub, Captain Eddies) 5. Others (to fill any necessary gaps)

The event will be May 6th and 7th, 2017. The event times are 10-8pm both days. The event will use a portion of the parking lot of Centennial Park. An additional 8 parking spaces along Nokomis Ave will be closed for the dumpster and portolets. About 66 open spaces available to the public in Centennial Park. Easter is April 16, 2017, after this date business drops dramatically in our downtown area. Businesses will see a nice boost in sales during the festival weekend.

At 12am (midnight) May 4th, public works will close off a portion of the parking lot of Centennial Park. Portolets, stage, tents, ice trailer, beer truck, vendors, and possible amusement company will begin setup in Centennial Park in the morning of May 5th. Public Works will drop off trash and recycle dumpsters and recycling cans. Vendors will have their own source of electric from generators. VMS will use a local company to tap and meter an electric pole in Centennial Park for those vendors requiring additional electric services. Metered water connection will be used at Nokomis Ave and Tampa Ave. Some vendors will have tents larger than 10x10ft, requiring permits through the city. The festival will open at 10am on Saturday May 6th. Live music will start on the stage at 12:30pm Saturday. Music will stop at 8pm on Saturday. Everything will remain setup in Centennial Park that night with overnight security. The festival will open back up for the second day at 10am Sunday May 7th.

Live music will start again at 12:30pm and we will have live bands until 8pm. At 8pm the festival will close to the public. Vendors, crew, stage crew, will commence tear down. Tear down will take four hours. Professional cleanup crews will clean the park. The parking lot will be open again at 1am Monday May 8th.

Parking

Parking will be available on site on the other portion of Centennial Park. Vendors will use parking offsite. All other public lots will be open around downtown for parking.

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Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th, 2017 10am-8pm

Thursday May 4th

12:00am Portion of Centennial Park parking lot and 8 parking spaces along Nokomis Ave close

Friday May 5th

10:00am Stage and sound set up, rentals and tents set up, portolets and dumpsters dropped off

5:00pm 2-person local, private, bonded and insured overnight security detail arrives

Saturday May 6th

5:00am-8:00am Vendors set up

9:00am All vehicles removed from event area to designated off-site parking.

10:00am Event opens to the public

12:30pm First Band Starts

7:00pm 2-person local, private, bonded and insured overnight security detail arrives

8:00pm Last band ends

8:00pm Day 1 festival closes

Sunday May 7th

5:00am Vendors onsite

10:00am Event opens to the public

12:30pm First band kicks off

8:00pm Last band ends

8:00pm Festival closes

8:00pm Tear down begins

8:30pm Cleaning crews commence trash pickup and parking lot cleaning

11:00pm Final walkthrough of park

1:00 am Barricades are taken down and parking lot opens back up

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Legend:

- Barricades
- Portolets
- Dumpsters
- Stage



Tables & chairs

Food vendors

Other vendors & activities



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You're invited to celebrate fresh seafood in Venice at the Venice Seafood Festival, a Venice MainStreet Lovin' Our Locals event.

Details: On May 6 and 7, 2017 a portion of the Centennial Park parking lot will host fresh seafood, live music and vendors. With a stage, vendors, beer and drinks. Bands will play 12:30-8pm. This is a free event. Parking is available in all public lots, as well as parking in the open parts of Centennial Park.

Barricades will block: The southern portion of the parking lot in Centennial Park. Traffic will still flow through the parking lot with about 66 parking spots available to the public. An additional 8 parking spaces along Nokomis Ave will be closed for the dumpster, event trailer, and portolets.

Public Works will place signs saying no parking after a certain time on May 4th. Barricades will be placed at 12am (midnight) on May 4th. The parking lot will reopen at 1am Monday, May 8th.

Join us at this free event to celebrate Venice and its local community!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 941.484.6722 or via email at erin@venicemainstreet.com.

Sincerely,

Erin Silk
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