

City OKs street closings for Rock the Harbor

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Rock the Harbor, which will be held in conjunction with Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary celebration, edged one step closer to reality Tuesday as the Common Council approved closing roads for the festival.

The street closings for the Aug. 30 event will be similar to those for the Community Street Festival, City Administrator Mark Grams said.

East Grand Avenue will be closed from the corner with Wisconsin Street east to Rotary Park, and Franklin Street will be closed from Grand Avenue to Jackson Street.

Pier and Washington streets will be closed east of Franklin Street to Lake Street, and Main Street to the cul-de-sac on its east side. Harborview Lane will also be closed from Jackson to Washington streets.

Jackson Street will remain open, as will Lake Street so marina tenants can access the lakeshore.

The marina launch ramps will close at noon on Aug. 30.

With Tuesday's approval of the street closings, festival organizers have almost all the permits from the city it needs. They still need to get a liquor license, Grams said. Businesses that plan to serve alcoholic beverage on the street also need to obtain city permission.

The free festival, which will run from 3 to 11 p.m., will be headlined by country singer Darryl Worley.

Festival co-chairman Cathy Wilger told aldermen that Worley is a good fit for the event, noting his shows have a military orientation that goes over well with Harley owners.

Rock the Harbor, which is patterned after the city's successful Community Street Festival, is expected to have three music stages for local bands and national acts set up throughout the downtown and marina. Vendors — primarily Port Washington area businesses and organizations — are expected to set up booths along Franklin Street and East Grand Avenue.



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Organizers anticipate the free festival, which will run from 3 to 11 p.m., will attract 15,000 to 20,000 people over its eight-hour run.

Rock the Harbor is a partnership between Port Washington Main Street and Suburban Harley-Davidson in Thiensville