

Port Street Festival returns Sunday

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Sixth annual celebration to again provide variety of music, food and family fun

The sixth annual Port Washington Community Street Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 26.

Franklin Street will be closed off for the festival, which is a celebration of the community and its downtown.

As usual, music will play a big part in the festival.

Featured at the north-side stage at Jackson Street will be Big Noise. The band, originally known as Hoochie Koo, performs a diverse song list focused on rock and pop hits from the past five decades. Along with cover material, the band also performs original material.

At the south-side stage, local favorite Vinyl Groove will play its blend of vintage rock dance music from the 1960s through early '80s.

The bands will play throughout the fest.

This year's event will include many of the attractions found in previous years — booths by city businesses, bounce house, chalk drawings, face painting, a Port Washington Fire Department truck, the police department's DARE vehicle and a variety of children's games.

The Port Washington High School pirate mascot and McGruff the Crime Dog will wander the grounds during the event.

The Disney princesses — Cinderella, Belle and Snow White — will be on hand from 1 to 4 p.m. so youngsters can have their pictures taken with royalty.

Before having their pictures taken, girls can get their hair done at the Little Princess Boutique.

A hole-in-one contest will be held in Rotary Park throughout the day. Golfers will try their hand at hitting a ball onto a hole set in a boat in the west slip.

Children's games sponsored by the Port Washington Parks and Recreation Department playground program will also be offered in the park from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Charter fishermen will offer free boat rides throughout the festival.

More than 60 vendors, including businesses and service clubs, will line Franklin Street selling a variety of items, including children's books, fresh produce, plants, baked goods and more.

Northern Cross Science Foundation will set up telescopes so people can safely view the sun.

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Ozaukee Sports Center will offer laser tag, and a number of city restaurants will have their specialties on hand for purchase.

A full lineup of entertainment will be part of the festival.

At the Performing Arts Stage in front of Port Washington State Bank, Impact Dance will entertain the crowd throughout the afternoon.

Between performances, the troupe will offer children's activities.

Animals are prohibited on the grounds. However, Port Washington's new dog park, Lucky Dog Park, will have a dog in a fenced area at its booth.