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Sidewalk Days Festival Kicks off this Week

Downtown Duluth's Annual Sidewalk Days Festival is scheduled to run **July 13, 14 and 15**. Thousands of people are expected to converge on Superior Street for this popular tradition.

Hit the bricks and get in on great shopping, mouth-watering food and fun for the kids during this annual event in the heart of the city. More than 80 different vendors will join our Downtown merchants to take to the street. Superior Street will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 8:00AM each day between Lake Avenue and 5th Avenue West. So stroll the street and experience how the community spirit really comes alive in Duluth's Downtown. Plus, the activity spreads outside the blocked boundaries, from First Street to Fitger's.

Don't miss the 9th Annual Sidewalk Shuffle 5K Run & Walk during the noon hour on the opening day of festivities. The GDC has teamed up with the YMCA to present this race, which includes individual registrants and corporate teams. This is a great way for businesses to challenge each other for "race bragging rights." In addition, the Downtown Farmers' Market debuts this year during Sidewalk Days on Wednesday, July 13 from 9am-3pm.

Also enjoy evening festivities throughout the week:

- July 13 – Verizon Classic Car Show and Harley Revue – 8 blocks of cars, bikes and bands (expands from 5th Ave West to 3rd Ave East)
- July 14—City Sounds on the Duluth Public Library Plaza--Duluth Symphonic Winds Community Band
- July 15 – First Street Dance: Aces on First hosts the "**Pot Bellied Stallions**"
- July 16 – Superior Street Dance: Dubh Linn Irish Brew Pub hosts "**Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Alter Boys**"

**Please note that this event will require street closures, so traffic delays will occur. Duluth Transit Authority buses will detour to Michigan and First Streets.

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