

Sidewalk Days Festival Kicks off next Week

Downtown Duluth's Annual Sidewalk Days Festival is scheduled for **July 11, 12 and 13**. Thousands of people are expected to converge on Superior Street for this popular tradition. While the boundaries are slightly condensed this year due to Superior Street reconstruction, that just means more activity within a few blocks!

Hit the street 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. In addition, the Duluth Children's Museum will be on hand Wednesday and the Zoo-mobile on Thursday for the kids and the kids at heart.

Superior Street will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 8:00AM each day between Lake Avenue and 3rd Avenue West. Businesses within the construction zone will be out on the street near the Holiday Center, and the ever-popular maurices will be near its former location in the 100 block of West Superior Street.

Don't miss the 11th Annual Sidewalk Shuffle 5K Run & Walk during the noon hour on July 11th. 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 makes its first appearance of the year during Sidewalk Days on Wednesday, July 11th from 9am-3pm.

New this year: Duluth's Largest Coffee Break "Summer Edition!" in Lake Place Park from 9:00-10:00AM on July 12th. Free coffee and donuts provided with all proceeds again going to the Lakewalk Restoration. A similar event was held during "Coldfront" with much success.

Also enjoy evening festivities throughout the week:

- July 11 – Kolar Chevrolet Buick GMC Classic Car Show- 6 blocks of cars and bands (expands from 3rd Ave West to 3rd Ave East)
- July 13 – First Street Dance: Aces on First hosts the "**Pot Bellied Stallions**"
- July 14 – Superior Street Dance: Dubh Linn Irish Brew Pub hosts "**Lamont Cranston**"

**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.