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Fun, Food and Festivals Fill the Weekend

Plan for Possible Traffic Delays

SEATTLE – Over the next three days, July 22 through 24, there's no shortage on fun, food and events – enough to please people of just about all ages and tastes. Just some of the activities on tap are the Festival of Fountains, Chinatown and West Seattle Parades, Capitol Hill Block Party and the Roosevelt Bull Moose Festival. For the athletes, there's the Cyclefest and Bikemanía at Magnuson Park, the Seafair Triathlon, the Fat Salmon Open Water Swim, the Swedish SummeRun., and Bicycle Sunday.

Motorists should allow extra time for possible traffic delays. With the goal of reducing traffic congestion and carbon emissions, the Seattle Department of Transportation encourages event-goers to consider leaving the car behind and trying one of the many alternate modes of transportation available - Metro Transit, the West Seattle Water Taxi, the Sounder commuter train, Link light rail, car pool, bicycle or even walking, if feasible.

Friday, July 22

Capitol Hill Block Party: 3 p.m. - 12 Midnight

Streets on Capitol Hill

9,000 attending

Streets closed from 2 a.m. on Friday to 5 a.m. on Monday : E Pike Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue; Tenth and 11th avenues from E Pine to E Union streets.

Expect heavy traffic in the surrounding area.

Hotel Workers Rally: 4:30 PM

5th Avenue side of the Westin Hotel

500 participants

Rally will close the east side of Fifth Avenue between Virginia and Stewart streets from 4 - 7 p.m.

Motorists should expect congestion in the area. Traffic will get through on the west side of Fifth Avenue and the Monorail pillars.

Cyclefest Outdoor Cinema and Bikemanía: 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Magnuson Park

1,000 attending

Street closed in Magnuson Park from 12 noon to 11:59 p.m.: 62nd Avenue NE, south of NE 74th Street.

Festival of the Fountains: 6 p.m. – 1 a.m.



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Pacific Science Center

550 expected

Street closed from 4 p.m. – 2 a.m.: Second Avenue N between Denny Way and Thomas Street.

Saturday, July 24

Fat Salmon Open Water Swim: 8:30 a.m.

Lake Washington between Day Street Boat Launch and Madison Park beach

350 participants

Expect congestion in the vicinity of Madison Park beach.

Seafair Triathlon Expo: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Seventh and Seneca - triathlon participants will pick up their race packet prior the Sunday's event

1,020 participants

Street closed from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Ninth Avenue between Seneca and University streets

Expect congestion in the area.

West Seattle American Legion Post 160 Grand Parade: 11 a.m.

Staging will begin at 8:30 AM on California Avenue SW between SW Admiral Way and SW Hanford Street.

3,000 spectators

Parade route: starts at California Avenue SW and SW Hanford Street; heads south on California to SW Edmunds Street.

Expect congestion in the neighborhood.

The Roosevelt Bull Moose Festival: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Roosevelt District

1,000 attending

Streets closed from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.: NE 64th Street from Roosevelt Way NE and Ninth Avenue NE, and Ninth Avenue NE from NE 64th Street to NE 63rd Street

Traffic may be heavy on surrounding streets.

Capitol Hill Block Party: 1 p.m. – 12 midnight

Capitol Hill

9,000 expected

Streets closed from 2 a.m. on Friday to 5 a.m. on Monday : E Pike Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue; Tenth and 11th avenues from E Pine to E Union streets.

Plan on traffic congestion in the area.

Sunday, July 24

Seafair Triathlon: first wave starts at 6:30 a.m.

Seward Park, in Lake Washington, and on surrounding roadways

2,000 participants

Closed for event from 6 – 11 a.m. : Lake Washington Boulevard S from Seward Park to I-90

Closed for event from approximately 6:30-10 a.m.: I-90 Express Lanes between Lake Washington Boulevard S and Mercer Island

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Bicycle Sunday follows on Lake Washington Blvd.

Capitol Hill Block Party: 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

9,000 expected

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Plan on congestion in the area.

Chinatown Seafair Parade: 7 p.m.

International District

9,500 attending

Staging will begin at 5 p.m. on S King Street between Eighth Avenue S and 12th Avenue S, and on Tenth Avenue S, between S Jackson and S Dearborn streets.

Parade route: Starts at S Jackson Street and Tenth Avenue S; moves west on S Jackson to Sixth Avenue S; south on Sixth to S King Street; east on King to Seventh Avenue S; and south on Seventh to S Lane Street.

Expect congestion throughout the area.

2011 Swedish SummeRun: 5K run and walk 8:15 a.m.

Minor Avenue and Madison Street

3,500 participants

Race Route: 5K route heads north on Minor to Seneca Street; east on Seneca to Union Street; east on Union to 12th Avenue; north on 12th to Aloha Street; west on Aloha to 11th Avenue; south on 11th to Howell Street; east on Howell to 12th; south on 12th to Union Street; west on Union to Seneca Street; west on Seneca to Minor Avenue; south on Minor to finish at Marion Street.

St. James Cathedral Parish Picnic: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Terry Avenue between Marion and Columbia streets

500 attending

Streets will be closed from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. : Terry between Marion and Columbia

Expect congestion on the surrounding streets.