

Events in Historic Downtown Clermont August 7th – 9th, 2015

Downtown Clermont Features a Weekend of Family Activities

Friday through Sunday, August 7th through the 9th, will be filled with exciting events in Historic Downtown Clermont with something for everyone. The events are free and open to everyone including residents of south Lake County, tourists and visitors of all ages. All the events are hosted by the Clermont Downtown Partnership, the group of business and property owners work together to help make Downtown Clermont a destination for shopping, dining, professional services, relaxing and enjoying the arts. Admission is free and free parking is plentiful.

First Friday (August 7th) is from 5:30 until 9:00pm with First Friday Food Trucks and Music On Montrose. Twelve gourmet trucks will serve their unique cuisine near City Hall Park and on Montrose Street. Having a broad selection for a delicious meal at prices to fit your pocketbook brings people from a wide area to this event. Trucks include: Apps, Barnwood BBQ, Bem Bom, Cajun in a Truck, Charlie's Bakery, El Cactus Azul, Kona Dog, Over The Top Pita, Philly's Best Cheesesteak, Ritter's Frozen Custard, SMAC, and Willy T's Crab Shack.

From 6:00pm to 9:00pm Music On Montrose features "Irish Joe Reilly" with Oldies, Folk, Blue Grass, Irish and Country repertoire performing at the steps in front of City Hall overlooking City Hall Park. "Irish Joe" (Joe Foryan) on occasion performs some sing-along songs that kids, and adults, love. A Music Minister, Joe and wife Nancy (artist) reside in Clermont.

Every First Friday features vendors on Montrose Street and Downtown shops and eateries open until at least 9:00pm.

Second Saturday (August 8th) Car Show, the first in many years, takes place from 3:00pm to 8:00pm in the heart of Downtown. Over 200 vehicles from Classic to Fast & Furious to Muscle and so forth are expected. Auto related vendors including O'Reilly Auto Parts, MG Enterprises and Adrians' Paint & Body will join the fun from City Hall to West Avenue on Montrose, 8th Street to Minneola and to the Elks Lodge at 7th and Minneola. Local eateries and several food trucks will be in the mix. All Downtown shops will be open.

The City of Clermont has again designated both First Friday and Second Saturday events as entertainment zones which means adult beverages from local licensed providers Downtown may be enjoyed by attendees within the events' designated areas. Clermont Police and Police Explorers, as well as signage, will remind guests of the events' boundaries.

The Downtown Clermont Farmer's Market is open every Sunday year-round from 9:00am until 2:00pm (summer hours). Fresh produce, honey, spices, dips, salsas, crafts, soaps, homemade and handmade, food prep/storage items, food and drink and much more are featured among the fifty-plus market's.

All Clermont Downtown Partnership (CDP) sponsored and hosted events are free to the public. For more information about any of the CDP events, including how to become an event exhibitor, vendor,

participant or sponsor, please call Ron Smart, Executive Director at [352-247-4640](tel:352-247-4640) or visit www.clermontdowntownpartnership.com.