

First Friday November 4th

Features Food Trucks and Free Concert

City Hall Park in Historic Downtown Clermont will be the focal point for the beginning of an event-filled weekend starting Friday November 4th at 5:30pm and continuing through Sunday November 6th at 4:00pm. The line up includes several popular events: First Friday Family Food Trucks, Music On Montrose Free Concert Series, Alive After 5 and Vendors on Montrose Friday evening; Downtown Clermont Art Festival “Champions of the Arts” Saturday and Sunday; and, the Downtown Clermont Farmer’s Market Sunday.

Food Trucks “menu” highlights 13 ‘gourmet restaurants on wheels’, including these Central Florida “foodie” favorites: Lees Famous Cheesesteaks, Kona Dog, Burger Lab, El Cactus Azul, Jour de Crepe, Ritters Frozen Custard, Little Blue Donut Truck, Cajun in a Truck, Wholey Smokey Waffles, Caro Bama BBQ, Cousins Maine Lobster, Tamale Company and Chicken Bites. Entrees and dessert abound with something to fit everyone’s dining out budget. Trucks serve from 5:30pm – 9pm adjacent to City Hall Park.

At 6:00pm, the Class Act Jazz Band with Saxophonist Jay Guess, a 5-piece combo, performs at Music On Montrose, the free concert series that launched in June 2014. One of the most sought after groups in Central Florida, the band will perform from the west side of City Hall overlooking the park. Sponsored by the 70-plus Clermont Downtown Partnership, Music On Montrose features a different genre of music each First Friday. Guests are invited to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends – then sit back, delve into a delicious dish from food trucks of their choice and enjoy the sounds of the Class Act Jazz Band.

Several vendors will be adjacent to City Hall Park and shops on Montrose will be open until 9:00pm. Also, artists participating in the 10th Annual Downtown Clermont Fine Arts Festival (DCAF) will be setting up between 7th and 8th Streets for the Saturday/Sunday juried and judged Fine Arts show and sale.

The Art Festival’s hours are 10am-5pm Saturday and 9am-4pm Sunday, November 5th & 6th. Saturday morning features the popular Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, a free event for ages 6 years and older (adults, too). A Pancake Breakfast served by the Activate Youth Ministry of Church of the Messiah is scheduled for 7:30am to 11am Saturday. Not Just Dance studio will perform at City Hall Park Saturday as will the Caribbean Steel Drum Youth Orchestra. Then, at 2pm, just before the Sidewalk Chalk Art cash awards are given, Clermont Mayor Ash will welcome visitors and artists.

The popular Downtown Sunday Farmer’s Market’s hours will coincide with the Art Festival’s Sunday hours of 9am-4pm. Vendors of fresh produce, homemade items, Cottage Industry edibles, honey, and more will be on Montrose from Lake Avenue to City Hall as well as from 8th Street toward West Avenue.

Activities for the entire weekend are hosted and produced by the Clermont Downtown Partnership. Sponsors include: The South Lake Art League; Painting with a Twist; Florida Plus Realty; Napleton Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram; Give A Day Foundation; The City of Clermont; Lake County Tourism; The Orlando Sentinel; Cheeser’s Palace Café; Art Beautique; The Vintage View; Vacarro Photo Restoration; and other donors, volunteers and supporters of the arts in Central Florida.

For more information about these events, including donating, sponsoring, or volunteering, call 352-247-4640.

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