

Hillyard Festival

Hi-Jinks Parade

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HILLYARD FESTIVAL & HI-JINKS HONORS "HILLYARD HEROS" Fireworks display newest edition to yearly festival

Press Release

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The Hillyard Festival, a community celebration held annually in Sharpley-Harmon Park, begins at Noon Friday, August 3rd and runs through 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon. For the first time a Fireworks show is being featured Saturday evening and the Festival Association, with full support and participation from the civic, service and sectarian organizations of the community, expects the 2007 festival to be the absolute best in recent history.

"*Hillyard Heroes*" is the theme for the Hi-Jinks Parade this year. The parade always draws a huge crowd of spectators to downtown Hillyard on Saturday. It begins just North of Wellesley at 10:00 AM and marches North on Market Street to Sharpley-Harmon Park, where live music and entertainment is scheduled throughout the weekend. Taking about an hour to pass, the parade includes a color guard and marching units, floats, antique and hot-rod cars, a parade of bicycles decorated by children under sixteen, political candidates, dancing girls, horses, clowns, fire trucks, motorcycles, buses, and beer trucks. Often spectators fall in at the rear and march along to the park, where the parade disperses.

At Sharpley-Harmon Park you'll find an array of food vendors and Arts & Crafts booths. The Hillyard Lions Club traditionally runs Bingo games during all three days, but an important addition this year is the Club's Medical Screening Van. Here people can have their vitals checked by a medical staff to find out if they should seek medical treatment through their own doctor. The Hillyard Kiwanis is setting up a "Midway" again and sponsoring the Saturday evening fireworks display presented by "Rocketman Pyro". And the "*Tiki-Tacky Room*" will be back, a popular beer garden offering adult refreshments open from Noon until the festival closes each evening. Other festival events include "Concrete Rodeo", which is a Grand National skateboard qualification event (registration begins at nine o'clock Saturday with competition from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM), the Roving Gamblers Motorcycle Show-n-Shine and a non-denominational worship service at 10:00 AM Sunday morning. For a complete schedule of events see the *Hillyard Festival Gazette*, available free throughout Hillyard and Northeast Spokane.

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