

THE STREETS ARE ALIVE...

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...with the sound of music: bands, laughter, conversation, carnival, the echo of bass boat outboards on the river. Young musical protégé, August Rush, in the 2007 movie by the same name, delivered one of my favorite quotes: "The music is all around us; all you have to do is listen." It's Bass Derby and Festival weekend in Rio Vista! Will you be part of the street music? Or just come downtown to listen?!

It begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Front St. Beer Garden and Pole Barn with specialty food and music, and ends with the Fishing Derby awards at 4 p.m. Sunday at the foot of Main Street. Take in the midway, vendor and food booths, fish weighing and measuring, Rio Vista Food Pantry Rummage Sale (45 Main), Senior Center Bake Sale (25 Main), live bands at the Pole Barn, Saturday Lion's Pancake Breakfast and Vintage Car Show, Saturday Festival Parade and Fireworks, and Sunday Motorcycle and Corvette Display, Kids Down Hill Racers, and Open Mic Karaoke. Thank you to the City of Rio Vista, Chamber of Commerce members, sponsors, and volunteers for hosting and staffing this event which brings our streets alive with music celebrating our life in the heart of the Delta!

RioVision's former Executive Director, Jim Wheeler, has the honor of riding as Grand Marshall in the Parade on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. You will see our RioVision volunteers waving to you in the parade, as well. Look for us!

Please come by our RioVision booth near Sacramento and Front Streets Friday 4-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday 10-4 p.m. Chat with a member of our Board of Directors or an enthusiastic volunteer. Ask questions; share your thoughts about our city; make a donation; sign up to volunteer; or maybe find a surprise treat! Don't forget to stop by the Visitor Center and Art Gallery in the afternoon. We'd love to meet you!

Just in time for the Bass Festival, a big THANK YOU to RioVision volunteers, Bill Scott and Stuart Kadas, who brought in their tools and assembled the new table at the corner of 2nd and Main. Funded by Pizza Factory and RioVision, the table is ADA compliant, leveled and secured by Spradling Construction, and ready for public use this weekend. A great place to listen to street music!

Remember that the California Run for the Fallen will be stopping in Rio Vista near the Rio Vista Ford dealership around 11:50 a.m. on October 15th to honor Adam Kinsler, raised in Rio Vista and killed in Afghanistan in 2004. They won't be here long so show up early if you want to witness the posting of Adam's Hero Marker flag and bio at Mile Marker 124.

October 28th is the date for our work party for Phase II of the Riverview Garden Project at Riverview Middle School. If you want to help or donate, contact Walt Manos at info@riovistavision.com. October 31st is the date for the "free" Halloween Carnival at Riverview sponsored by their Leadership class. See "What's Happening in Rio Vista" to read about the Pumpkin Patch Festival and Soroptimist Bake Sale on October 21st & 22nd.

"Listen! The music. Can you hear it? I can hear it everywhere. In the wind...in the air...in the light. All you have to do is open yourself up." (August Rush) Don't miss the music of Rio Vista and the Delta this Bass Festival weekend.