Lake Ozark prepping for upcoming events

Two major events in Lake Ozark impacted by COVID-19 are nearing and City of Lake Ozark officials are gearing up.

The board of aldermen recently approved Special Event Permits for the Shootout Meet and Greet on The Strip Wednesday, Aug. 26, and the 32nd annual Magic Dragon Street Meet Nationals Sept. 11-13.

The Shootout Meet and Greet is being held as scheduled, but will be under the shadow of the coronavirus. Special precautions are being implemented by the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lake Ozark to help protect the health of visitors and residents.

The Street Meet Nationals are historically held the first weekend in May, but this year were delayed until mid-September because of COVID-19.

Meet and Greet

The Shootout on the Strip is a family event attracting an estimated 5,000 people to get an up-close-and-personal look at boats and rigs involved in the Shootout. There will also be boat-related equipment and accessories for sale.

Boats and rigs will line up on Highway 242 by about 3:30 p.m. for a short parade before lining up on The Strip by 5 p.m. The activities will wrap up by 10 p.m.

Along with the Special Event Permit, aldermen authorized an agreement allowing certain businesses to sell alcohol within a designated area on The Strip between 4 and 10 p.m., and allowing for the consumption and possession of alcohol between those hours.

The area will be fenced off and only persons of legal age wearing wrist bands will be allowed to purchase and consume alcohol.

The Strip will close to all traffic from School Road to Bagnell Dam starting at noon on Wednesday to allow boats, rigs, vendors and other Shootout-related equipment to set up. Businesses on The Strip will be open during regular business hours, but the parking for the general public will not be allowed. Other parking will be available. Residents in the affected areas will be given Resident Parking passes for use while The Strip area is closed to thru traffic. The Shootout Committee is responsible for distributing Resident Parking passes to residents of the affected streets.



Street Meet Nationals

This will be the 32nd year the Street Meet Nationals Car Show will be held, drawing hundreds of classic, antique and contemporary vehicles from all over the country. The Lake Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the popular event which begins Friday evening, Sept. 11, and wraps up Sunday, Sept. 13.

Bagnell Dam Blvd. will be closed from Henderson Lane to Bagnell Dam from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, for registered show vehicles only. Traffic will be detoured to School Road and proceed to Valley Road. Traffic coming across the dam will also be detoured up Valley Road.

Spectator parking will be below Bagnell Dam at the old campground, Christ the King Lutheran Church or Lake Ozark Christian Church. Handicap parking will be available at School of the Osage Heritage School with shuttle transportation available.

For more information, go to http://magicdragoncarshow.com.