

79th ANNUAL VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA HOMECOMING – JUNE 22-24, 2017

Rides, Food, Entertainment, Parade and Fireworks. This all adds up to a lot of activity for this year's 79th annual Homecoming. Rides will be the same as last year with advanced ticket sales at \$12.00. Local bands and acts will again grace the bandstand and entertain us. The parade as always is well done by our East Sparta Volunteer Fire Department. Step-off will again be Friday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24 will have fireworks at 10:00 pm by a new group who promises to have more color, more pop. And the usuals which makes it our Homecoming will be the tasty food at great prices, nightly Bingo, the Fire Dept. nightly prize raffles and local non-profits with games/food/sales and seeing friends. Thanks to all for your continued support. If you would like to help at the eat stand or other booths, please call Linda at 866-3250, Marguerite at 866-2004 or Charlene at 866-9661

This year's annual Homecoming will have a few new looks. The rides are again from Nolan Amusements which is offering Bargain Times Thursday through Saturday from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Presale ride tickets will be sold at \$12 per night.

The following is the schedule for this year's homecoming:

Thursday, June 22

- 4:00 pm Eat Stand Open
- 6:00 pm Bargain Day Rides open until 10:00 pm. Concessions Open
- 7:00 pm Announcement of Sparta Little Mr. Prince and Little Miss Princess winners
- Call Marguerite at 866-2004 for applications
- 7:00 pm Bingo Opens (Pavilion)
- 8:00 pm Yellow Creek
- 10:00 pm Midway, Eat Stand Closes
- 10:00 pm Fire Department Raffle

Friday, June 23

- 4:00 pm Eat Stand Opens
- 6:00 pm Rides and Concessions Open
- 5:45 pm Parade Line-Up Begins (Enter Westbrook St.)
- 7:00 pm Parade – East Sparta Fire Dept.
- 7:30 pm Presentation of Parade Awards (Bandstand)
Presentation of Persons of the Year/Lifetime Achievement Award
- 8:00 pm Bingo Opens (Pavilion)
- 8:15 pm Breaking Point
- 12:00 Mid Bingo, Midway and Eat Stand Closes
- 12:00 Mid Fire Department Raffle

Any questions about group participation in the parade, please call the Vicki Ellington at (330)866-5352 or Sarah Dudak at (330)581-4366.

Saturday, June 24

- 4:00 pm Eat Stand Opens
- 5:00 pm Bargain Day Ride Prices end
- 7:00 pm Bingo Opens (Pavilion)
- 8:00 pm High Risk
- 10:00 pm Fireworks Display
- 12:00 Mid Midway, Eat Stand and Bingo Closes
- 12:00 Mid Fire Department Raffle (including raffles from other organizations)

The above is subject to change

The Persons of the Year are Sue Freitag and Marlene Gray. Both have given many hours of community volunteer hours in their lifetime. Make sure you give them a wave as they go by in our parade.

Don't forget to volunteer to help. A sandwich and beverage coupon will be given to all Eat Stand volunteers. Come one, come all. Clean up help is especially needed. Please call Marguerite at 866-2004 if you can donate any amount of time.

Good food at reasonable prices, a lot of rides, concessions, local organizational booths, bingo and great entertainment will highlight this year's event. Bring your lawn chairs for the Parade and Fireworks. The Fire Department has been busy organizing a wonderful parade for us again this year. Entertainers will do their best to keep us smiling and tapping our toes. And who doesn't like fireworks? We are so fortunate to still have an annual homecoming. Without your support for the past 78 years we would not have the chance to see old friends while meeting new friends. So come to the park and join us. Again, **thank you for all of your support** – for buying candy, flowers, pizzas, coming to the euchre parties, buying raffle ticket and donating during Awareness Week. And **please support our local businesses** – they have helped our non-profit organizations in so many ways. We couldn't do it without you.

On these hot summer days don't forget to visit our **Sandy Valley Community Pool** at 10018 Cleveland Avenue, SE on Rt. 800. It's a great way to cool off. Snacks are available.