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**Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets**  
*Schedule for neighborhood festivals starts in April*

SEATTLE – Mayor Greg Nickels today announced this summer’s schedule of street festivals. Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets will open up streets to pedestrians and bicyclists, offering people a way to have fun, celebrate the spirit and personality of their neighborhood, and support local businesses. Each event is organized by a local group.

“The community is leading the way, putting together events that bring us all together,” said Nickels. “Biking, walking, drawing chalk pictures, taking in the sights or shopping and eating at local establishments, Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is a great way to spend time with family and friends.”

Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is modeled after similar successful events held in New York; San Francisco; Portland, Ore.; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Bogota, Colombia. Neighborhoods across Seattle have requested to open streets for community festivals.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to showcase Alki Beach in a way the locals and visitors don’t get a chance to see on a daily basis,” said Joe Fraser, general manager of Duke’s Chowder House. “People can walk along the boardwalk and see what the buzz is about. From boutique retail shops to restaurants, Alki is the place to be.”

“We’re excited by the opportunity to work closely with the city of Seattle on this great initiative to highlight the neighborhoods that make up our great city, particularly the Greenwood-Phinney neighborhood,” said Steve Giliberto, president of the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce. “Especially pleasing is the fact that our new, successful Art Up/Open Up Artwalk program will be the centerpiece activity for our event where businesses marry creativity, art, performance and fun on a monthly basis for all across the city to come and enjoy.”

Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets partners include: Cascade Bicycle Club, Feet First, Greater Seattle Climate Dialogues, Greenwood/Phinney Chamber, King County Public Health, Orswell Events, LLC, Pike Place Market, Rainier Valley Chamber, Seattle Great City Initiative, Seattle Public Schools, University District Chamber and West Seattle High School PTSA.

Additional information about Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is available at <http://seattlecan.org/summerstreets>

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**The following events are being held this year:**

**Event:** The Greenwood/Phinney Chamber's Art Up/Open Up Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Friday, April 10, 6 to 9 p.m.

**Location:** Phinney/Greenwood Avenue North from North 65<sup>th</sup> to North 87<sup>th</sup> streets

**Event:** Cascade Bicycle Club's Bike to Work Day and Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Friday, May 15, 4 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** Bergen Place Park and 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Northwest between Market Street and Ballard Avenue

**Event:** West Seattle High School PTSA's 5K Run/Alki and Seattle Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Sunday, May 31, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Location:** Alki Avenue Southwest from California Way Southwest to 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Southwest

**Event:** Seattle Parks Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 14, 21 and 28

**Location:** Discovery Park (7<sup>th</sup>), Interlaken Park (14<sup>th</sup>), Seward Park (21<sup>st</sup>), Magnuson Park (28<sup>th</sup>)

**Event:** U-District Chamber's Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** University Way Northeast between Northeast 50<sup>th</sup> and Northeast 45<sup>th</sup> streets.

**Event:** Pike Place Market's Fresh Fruit Festival and Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** Pike Street/First Avenue to Virginia

**Event:** Rainier Valley Chamber's Heritage Parade and Summer Streets Party

**Date:** Saturday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Rainier Avenue South from South Orcas to South Alaska streets

**Event:** Cascade Bicycle Club's Restore Our Waters Cascade Spawning Cycling Tour

**Date:** Sunday, Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Starts and ends at Myrtle Edwards Park, goes through Seattle Parks non-motorized areas of Seward, Interlaken, Gasworks, Commodore and Discovery Parks.

**Event:** Visit a park with permanently open streets and Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets

**Date:** May through September

**Location:** Volunteer Park, Seward Park, Interlaken, Magnuson Lakefront Promenade, Arboretum, Discovery Park

Also during the months of May through September, Bicycle Sundays are being held along Lake Washington Boulevard every weekend. Seward Park's upper road and Carkeek Park Road west of the Environmental Learning Center are being closed to cars on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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