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ALMOST FRIDAY, HOVERCRAFT RALLY SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

Lower boat launch area will be closed to public; parking restrictions in Riverside Park

MUSCATINE, Iowa – There will be plenty of outdoor activities for residents and visitors to enjoy this weekend in Muscatine beginning with Almost Friday Fest on Thursday and continuing with Hoverally 2021 Friday through Sunday on the Muscatine riverfront. There will also be fast paced action at the Muscatine Soccer Complex with the annual College Search Kickoff scheduled to run Thursday through Sunday.

Parking in Riverside Park will be restricted Thursday morning with the downriver parking lot closed to traffic for Almost Friday Fest. The closure will extend up to the Iowa Avenue entrance Friday morning and continue through Sunday. The lower boat launch area will also be closed to the public for use by the Hoverally participants. The upper boat launch area will be open to the public, however.



Bring your lawn chairs because Almost Friday Fest is back. *Keep Muscatine Beautiful* is hoping for good weather on Thursday for their third attempt of the summer to host the Almost Friday Fest event. The first two events were cancelled due to wet conditions. The event runs from 5-8 p.m.

Along with the usual music, food vendors and drink tent additional activities will include a bounce house for kids, face painting, an activity class led by Katie Loos of the Muscatine Art Center, and a movie to close out the evening. All proceeds will be used toward the development of a permanent riverside amphitheater.

For more information, visit [Almost Friday Fest](#).

Still need to be vaccinated? Muscatine County Public Health will be offering a free walk-up clinic from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday (July 22) at the Almost Friday Fest event. No insurance is needed but you will need to bring a copy of your identification to show your age. Those 12- to 17-year-olds must bring a parent or guardian for consent. Pfizer is available for those 12 years and older while the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available for those 18 years and older.



For more information, visit [Muscatine County Public Health](#).



Members of the Hovercraft Club of America will begin descending upon Muscatine on Friday with the unloading of hovercrafts in the lower boat launch area and registration at Pearl City Station. The public is welcomed to view the action from Riverside Park at any time but are reminded that parking will be limited to the area upriver from the Iowa Avenue entrance.

New this year will be an opportunity for the public to go inside the paddock area from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday. Members of the Hovercraft Club will be next to their crafts to show off their hovers and answer questions.

For more information, visit [Hoverclub of America](#).