

Downtown Perkasie will come alive with the sounds of music and the aroma of ribs grilling when SpringFest 2013 gets underway at noon on Saturday, May 18.

"We're looking forward to a memorable day," said Cathy Weierbach, president of Perkasie Olde Towne Association, which coordinates the event with the help of several community volunteers. "A lot of hard work has gone into planning an event that has something for everyone."

At 7 a.m., competitors will begin arriving at the Main Tent (Seventh and Market) to begin the the slow, mouth-watering process of grilling their ribs. With secret sauces and rubs, the chefs will be competing for cash prizes and bragging rights. The Ribs-Grilling Competition is sponsored by First Savings Bank

Tickets (\$10) for sampling will go on sale at noon. They go fast so get there early. Sampling begins at 1 p.m.

At 10 am, a 5K Run/1-Mile Fun Run will provide a perfect opportunity for someone looking to try a 5K run for the first time or for an experienced runner looking for a nice level run in a beautiful setting. Sponsored by Weber, Kracht and Chellew with help from Sisters U, the race will begin at the skate park pavilion in Menlo Park and takerunners on a picturesque, mostly flat trek around the park and surrounding areas.

As soon as the ribs are cleared out, the pies will arrive for judging and sampling starting at 2:30 p.m. The popular -- and sloppy -- pie-eating contest will commence at 3 p.m. for Big Piggies and Little Piggies. BeHomeCare sponsors the Pie Competition.

At 4 p.m., the crowds will gather along 7th Street for the always exciting Big Wheel Downhill

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Derby. Competitors will risk life and limb as they hurtle down a steep hill on their customized Big Wheels.

At 5 p.m., it's time to relax as the beer and wine sampling tent opens, courtesy of the Pennridge/Perkasie Rotary Club. Enjoy craft beers and local wines to finish the day.

SpringFest would not be complete without live music and plenty of food.

"We're putting together a collection of local bands that will keep visitors entertained all day as they perform on the Main Stage," said Weierbach. "Meanwhile, a fully-stocked Food Court will keep the hunger pains away."

Feel free to stroll along Merchant Row between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to check out the goods made and sold by POTA businesses. Crafters and other vendors will also be on hand.

A number of fun activities for kids are also planned, including free horse and carriage rides sponsored by Grim, Biehn & Thatche r/Laurel Abstract.

For more information, call 215-257-4989.

Downhill Derby Rules and Application

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SpringFest 2013 Competitions
5K Run \$20.00 USD Ribs Grilling \$40.00 USD Downhill Derby (per team) \$20.00 USD