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Final Darrington Street Fest kicks off Saturday, Aug. 16

Darrington's third and final Street Fest of the summer is coming up Saturday, Aug. 16. For their last hurrah, Street Fest organizers want to pay forward the support they received during the slide by raising funds for communities in Eastern Washington affected by the recent wildfires.

"Street Fest isn't only to thank everyone for their support and compassion, it's also an opportunity for our community to pay it forward to the people of Okanogan County," said Darrington Mayor Dan Rankin.

The final Street Fest begins at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon with food from the Pacific Northwest Barbeque association and wildland firefighting demonstrations. Spray areas and water pools will be available for those who want to beat the heat. The Darrington Fire Department will accept cash donations at its booth in town to donate to the Okanogan County Fire Victim Assistance fund.

Members of the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe will open the musical portion of the event by performing "Oso Strong Highway 530," written and produced by recording artist Star Nayea with youth from the tribe and the city of Darrington. Musical guests for Street Fest are Arlington country singer Jesse Taylor and Seattle-based band The Beautiful Strangers.

Members of the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe will host a booth to promote their upcoming events with renowned flute player Peter Ali. Darrington Fire District 24, the state Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service will share tips on how to make homes fire safe, inside and out.

The free outdoor movie "The Goonies" will kick off at dusk. Free popcorn is available, but visitors should bring their own chairs.

For more information about Street Fest, visit www.darringtonwatourism.com/darrington-festival-events or contact strategic tourism coordinator [Annique Bennett](#) at 360-320-2574.

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