

Wagner Carnival Location Announced

(KAIR)--An official location for this year's Wagner Carnival, a staple of the Amelia Earhart Festival in Atchison.

“What we are going to do is use half of the Fifth Street parking lot, which will include Main Street and the farmers market, and then half the Sixth Street parking lot,” said Atchison Chamber of Commerce Director Jacque Pregont. “In the middle of all this, I was getting information from the carnival saying, 'We bought new rides, we want more room.' Because we will have it available, we're going to use the Long John's Parking lot.”

She said once all the final logistics are complete, she'll publish a complete map of the carnival on Facebook so people will get a visual understanding of it.

“We are very, very grateful we have signatures from every merchant in the 500 block and every merchant in the 600 block telling us that they're willing to work with us on this,” Pregont said. “We're very hopeful people will be respectful of those businesses and we'll have a really fun time and the carnival will be a huge success.”

Pregont said she's expecting tickets to arrive and be available in the next few days.

Rumors had spread indicating there would be no carnival after controversy insued about where to hold the carnival since the old location—400 block of Main Street—is unavailable due to construction of the new Holiday Inn Express.

Pregont stressed that is not true as she and other organizers have been working since April to figure out a new locction suitable for everyone's needs.

Now, that the location is final, she's said she's excited to spread the word and get everyone excited for the carnival.

Many Signals Communications