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Fun in city this summer

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ATTLEBORO'S ANNUAL

expo



for the
Senses

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Arts, food fest slated for June

ATTLEBORO - Mayor Kevin Dumas announced plans Thursday for a multi-faceted and family-friendly exposition of music, art, jewelry, food and much more this summer.

Dubbed "Expo for the Senses," the event is slated for June 27 with a rain date of June 28 and aims to give people the chance to experience an array of pleasing sights, sounds, smells, tastes and touches, he said.

"It will be a high quality, unique and family-oriented event," Dumas said. "There will be something for everyone."

A \$25,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism is paying for the downtown event, which is free and open to all. Dumas and a committee of four others hope to make it an annual event and to draw people from throughout the region.

The aim is to celebrate Attleboro and its jewelry industry as well as the numerous artists and artisans in the area while creating a unique gathering for a variety of tastes and interests, the mayor said. People will be able to eat, drink, listen to music, learn about the jewelry business, zoo animals and public safety as well as shop for jewelry and arts and crafts items.

Expo of the Senses will be centered on Gilbert-Perry Square where an entertainment tent will be set up. Food booths from various local restaurants will surround it offering low cost samples.

The heart of the event includes jewelry making exhibitions on the common along with arts and crafts displays on Park Street in the vicinity of city hall.

Other attractions include live animal presentations by Capron Park Zoo and a public safety exhibit where kids can talk to paramedics and get inside an ambulance.

Three bands are slated to play.

Third Shift Jazz, which features jazz classics from such composers as George Gershwin and Cole Porter, Cactus Attack, a bluegrass band and Maxine Johnson and Melanie Samuels, who play classical music on flute and guitar. Dance and karate exhibitions will be held between musical performances.

Dumas has been planning the event for seven weeks with Mim Fawcett, the director of the Attleboro Arts Museum, Nancy Young, owner of Attleboro Jewelers, Raymond Norman of Raymond Norman Cooks and Diane Thurber of Cardinal Marketing.