



City of Galveston

PRESS RELEASE

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Lone Star Rally rolling into town this weekend

Galveston, TX – Oct. 29, 2023 – The annual Lone Star Rally returns to the island this weekend with a line-up of events. The four-day motorcycle rally will take place Thursday to Sunday, Nov. 2-5.

The rally is concentrated in historic downtown and Seawall Boulevard, where there are concerts, exhibits and vendors for people to enjoy. This event often attracts more than 500,000 visitors to the island and contributes more than \$115 million to the local economy.

There will be road closures during the four-day rally, so we want residents and visitors to be prepared for those changes. The City's rubber-wheel trolley service will operate its Seawall route, but the rail trolleys will not operate during the event as the track will be inaccessible in parts.



Street Closures:

Lone Star Rally festivities will be concentrated in Galveston's historic downtown and Seawall Boulevard.

- Seawall Boulevard will be subject to traffic closures from 19th Street to 27th Street beginning Wednesday November 1, at 7:30 a.m. Eastbound traffic will remain open during the rally dates to vehicles and motorcycles. Westbound traffic will be routed north down 19th Street to Avenue O, west to 27th Street and south to Seawall Boulevard.
- Some of the streets downtown will be closed to vehicle traffic. 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th streets between Mechanic Street and Harborside will be closed for vendor setup beginning Tuesday, Oct. 31.
- The Strand from 18th Street to 25th Street will be open to bike traffic only during the event.





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Changes to City services:

Friday and Saturday, the rubber wheel trolley will operate its Seawall route from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., though riders should anticipate some delays with the increased traffic on the island. The trolleys will operate as long as they're able with traffic. If canceled due to heavy traffic, an announcement will be made through social media. The cost is \$1 per rider.

Share the Road:

With more than 250,000 motorcycles expected to arrive in Galveston, the local police department, the Texas Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies will be working to ensure the safety of all motorists. Here are some tips for sharing the road:

- Always check your blind spots before merging or changing lanes.
- Use caution when passing and always use signals.
- Allow for more distance between vehicles and motorcycles.
- Increase awareness at intersections.
- Don't text and ride/drive.
- Don't drink and ride/drive.

Unified Command Center:

Galveston Police Department's Unified Command Center will be set-up at the downtown transit building to address safety throughout the Lone Star Rally entertainment district.

Overnight camping and parking:

Overnight camping is not permitted at any public beach except Galveston Island State Park. Parking along Seawall Boulevard is also prohibited from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m. daily.





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Seawall paid parking

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, it costs \$2 an hour or \$16 per day to park on Seawall Boulevard between 6th and 69th streets and 81st and 103rd streets. To pay by phone, visit www.paybyphone.com or download the app or call 866-234-7275.

For more information:

To learn more about the Lone Star Rally, visit their website at www.lonestarrally.com or call the office at 832-437-2318.

