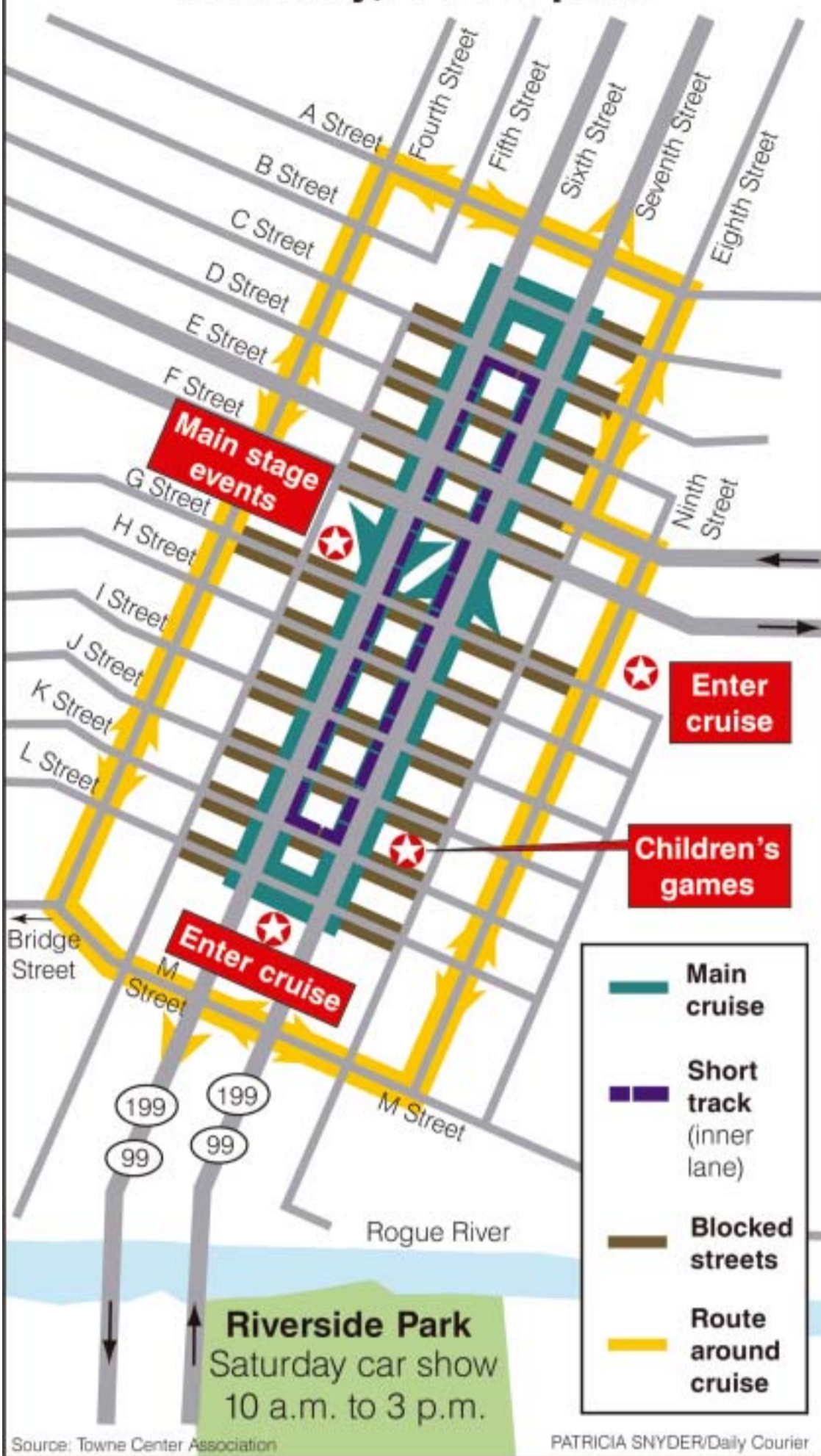


# Back to the '50s Cruise

Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m.



# Traffic will detour for Saturday car cruise

The Back to the Fifties downtown car cruise will involve street closures and parking restrictions in the downtown area.

The cruise will take place on Sixth and Seventh streets in the downtown corridor. Traffic will be detoured at Sixth and A streets, and at Seventh and M streets.

The street closure will be in effect from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Drivers are advised to use the Grants Pass Parkway to cross the Rogue River.

In the downtown area, motorists are advised to use Fourth and Ninth streets in order to avoid the closures necessary for the cruise.

All side streets from B to L streets will be closed between Fifth and Eighth streets. G Street will be closed between Fourth and Ninth streets from 5 to 11 p.m.

No vehicles will be allowed to pass the barricades at these intersections. It is suggested that spectators park on side streets or public parking areas outside of the barricaded areas.

Any vehicles left in the cruise route after 5 p.m. on Saturday may be towed at the owner's expense.

In addition, drivers traveling west on E Street are advised to detour north and south onto Mill Street.

Event organizers and public safety officials urge people to leave their dogs at home. In the past, dogs have created problems for other people watching the cruise.

Owners of unleashed or aggressive dogs will be cited and asked to leave.

## Who was born in 1954?

Look at a few of the celebrities who are turning 60 this year...



1) rock singer David Lee Roth, Oct. 10; 2) actor Denzel Washington, Dec. 28; 3) actor John Travolta, Feb. 18; 4) "The Simpsons" cartoonist Matt Groening, Feb. 15; 5) model Christie Brinkley, Feb. 2; 6) actor-director Ron Howard, March 1; 7) comedian Jerry Seinfeld, April 29; 8) TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey, Jan. 29.

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"Then you've got to think of every person who comes from Medford, from Brookings, from all these areas, eating in our restaurants," Voigt says. The association added a diner night and poker run — tonight at this year's celebration — to encourage people from in and out of town to explore the local restaurant scene. Restaurants also offer lunch and dinner specials Friday and Saturday of Fifties week.

### The Caveman Kiwanis Club will raffle off a 2014 Ford Mustang.

And it's one of the biggest opportunities of the year for sidewalk sales, Marks adds, because so many people come from out of town for the weekend.

The downtown cruise Saturday night is a river, wider and deeper than before — three lanes across on Sixth and Seventh streets from B Street to L Street — and sells out its 550-car limit every year.

Ron Crowell of Hugo will be driving his 1957 Ford Ranchero pickup in his third Fifties cruise. "The people enjoy seeing the different cars, and waving and talking to you," he says. "It just gives you a good feeling that you're doing something for those people."

Last year, all three of Crowell's daughters — Dana Airaudi of Marquette, Mich.; Debbie Flower of Monrovia, Calif.; and Denise Crowell of Pasadena, Calif. — joined him and his wife, Pat, for the cruise. Airaudi owns the body shop that restored the Ranchero.

Ron Crowell also plans to enter the pickup in Saturday's benefit car show by Rogue Valley Classic Chevys at Riverside Park.

The Caveman Kiwanis Club is selling raffle tickets for a 2014 Ford Mustang, at \$5 each or \$20 for a book of five. The car will be on display most of the weekend at the Town Center Plaza, Sixth and G streets. Proceeds will go to cancer treatment for children.

Back to the Fifties kicked off with rock and roll at Tuesday's Concert in the Park in Riverside Park. There's much more fun to come:

**Tonight**  
• 6 to 8 p.m. Diner night and 50-50 poker run to selected restaurants, finishing up at the Town Center Plaza with music, prizes and awards. Start at any of these locations: Jimmy's Classic Drive-In, Sonic, Bob Drake Reproductions, Ric's Corvette Bar & Grill or the southside Dairy Queen.  
**Friday**  
• All day. Sidewalk sales downtown.  
• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Classic car pre-show at Fourth and F streets.  
• 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Lunch and dinner specials downtown.  
• 4 to 7 p.m. Ice cream social at the Historical Society, Fifth and J streets.  
• 5:30 to 10 p.m. Classic car lineup on G Street.  
• 6 to 9:30 p.m. Karaoke contest at the Town Center Plaza.

• 9:30 p.m. A screening of George Lucas' classic film "American Graffiti" will be shown outside at the Town Center Plaza. Bring a chair.

**Saturday**  
• All day. Sidewalk sales downtown.

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classic car show at Riverside Park.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's games at Seventh and L streets.

• 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lunch and dinner specials downtown.

• 7 to 9 p.m. Classic car cruise downtown. A few rules for everyone's safety and convenience: No "burning rubber." No throwing candy, which can draw children into the road. No drinking. No crossing the street on foot, which can disrupt traffic and overheat cars.

• 9 p.m. Concert with Justin Shandor as Elvis in the Town Center Plaza.

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