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“Dancing In The Streets” themes 2009 Beaverton Celebration Parade

BEAVERTON - Beaverton residents Melissa St. Onge Riley and Vickie Greco have never met but they think very much alike. Both Beaverton women submitted the same winning theme for the 2009 Beaverton Celebration Parade: Dancing In The Streets. And both will win a prize package for their efforts including a ride in the event.

The 52nd annual parade will be held on Saturday, September 19 at 10am. The pageantry will wind through the city streets, culminating at the Beaverton Old Town Festival in the heart of the downtown area.

"My husband and I came to live in Beaverton to work on the animated film 'Coroline'," said Riley – originally from Pittsburgh. "We liked it so much that we wanted to stay. It's a great place to raise a family and I'm quite excited about riding in the Parade!"

More than a hundred entries are expected for the parade. Because the event is held after the start of school, bands from Sunset, Southridge, Aloha, Westview and Beaverton high schools will be able to march. The festival after the parade will be a family-friendly event with entertainment and food. One of the highlights will be a live children's stage show.

"I started screaming when I heard that the theme had been

selected," commented Vicki Greco long time Triple Creek/Five Oaks neighborhood resident. Vicki has appeared in the event in the past as twirling team member of the "Get A Life Band".

Past parades have enjoyed equestrians, police/fire/military representation, groups of employees dressing up for the theme, and civic organizations marching under their banners. Service to Beaverton Award winners are also honored in the parade in four categories: individual, neighborhood, on-profit-organization and business.

"We're accepting parade entries now," says Leslie Mundt, Parade Director. "We think our theme will lend itself to some wonderfully entertaining participants." For an entry application or additional information contact Leslie Mundt at 503-645-6498 or email at lmundt@thprd.com.

The parade is presented by the City of Beaverton with support from many corporate and civic sponsors.

What: 52nd Annual Beaverton Celebration Parade followed by the Beaverton Old Town Festival

When: Saturday, September 19, 10am, Old Town Festival begins after the Parade approximately noon

Where: Parade route begins at Beaverton Christian Church on Allen Blvd, heads down Watson to Broadway in Old Town Beaverton

How: MAX Station near the round and walk a few blocks to the event. Note that streets close near the Parade route at 9am Saturday.

More: all the details at www.beavertonoregon.gov/parade

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