

Fremont: Festival of India and Parade returns this weekend



The Festival of India and Parade is celebrating its 25th year this weekend in Central Fremont. Above, the 2015 grand parade streams through downtown Fremont. (Photo by James Sakane)

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The Festival of India and Parade returns to central Fremont this weekend for its 25th year with the usual offerings of food, fashion, music and exhibitions.

The two-day event will be held primarily in the parking lot area behind the Fremont Hall of Justice at 39439 Paseo Padre Parkway.

Organized by Festival of Globe Silicon Valley, the event will feature a health fair, food fest, a singing competition known as FOG Idol, almost 250 vendor booths and more than 20 food booths.

The highlight will be the India Day Parade on Sunday, which begins 11 a.m. at the intersection of Paseo Padre Parkway and Capitol Avenue, proceeds south down Paseo Padre and ends near Kearney Street at about 2 p.m.

Organizers say celebrities from Hollywood and Bollywood will ride in more than 100 open cars along with 50-plus colorful floats.

For the parade, Paseo Padre will be closed from Mowry Avenue all the way to Stevenson Boulevard between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Partial closures of Walnut and Capitol avenues, as well as partial closures of Liberty and Kearney streets, are planned as well.

The event is a celebration of India's independence from the United Kingdom on Aug. 15, 1947.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For a detailed schedule of events, visit fogsv.com.

For a full list of street closures over the weekend, visit the Fremont Police Nixle site.

