



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

Office of the Mayor

CONTACT:

Kara Kelly, (574) 235-5853

kkelly@southbendin.gov

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

MAYOR BUTTIGIEG, AARON PERRI TO GIVE SB150 BIRTHDAY WEEKEND UPDATE

Mayor Pete Buttigieg will join Aaron Perri, Executive Director of Downtown South Bend and Chair of the SB150 Birthday Weekend, at a press conference at 10am Wednesday, May 20 at Century Center Island to discuss the upcoming celebrations of the City's sesquicentennial, May 22-24.

The Birthday Weekend Campus is open Saturday, May 23 from 10am-11pm; and Sunday, May 24 from 11am-6pm; with the Opening Ceremony Friday, May 22 from 9:30pm-10:30pm.

Friday night several groups will carry the SB Flame, used during the City's recent Torch Run, from the Colfax Bridge to Seitz Park to symbolically illuminate River Lights, the permanent, dynamic public art display that will serve as a lasting tribute to this milestone birthday. The two interactive light sculptures on both sides of the St. Joseph River, near the island behind Century Center and at Seitz Park, will illuminate for the first time the cascade near the headwaters of the East Race. Fireworks will cumulate Friday evening.

At 10am on Saturday the campus opens. There is no cost to enter, and the majority of the activities are free, including the Kids Zone at Howard Park and the Seitz and Sounds music stage at Seitz Park. For more information on activities offered at the various zones including Adventure Park, Art Alley, Island Park, SB150 Green, and South Bend Drive, visit celebration.sb150.com, or download the app by logging on to iTunes or Google Play and searching for SB150.

Saturday's events conclude with an outdoor concert at Century Center featuring Rutabega at 5pm, Mike Taylor at 6pm, Timbre & Band at 7pm, and celebrated singer-songwriter Ben Folds at 9pm. Folds will perform with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Tsung Yeh. Premium seats for the show are sold out, but general admission tickets that include all four shows are available for \$10 at morriscenter.ticketforce.com.



On Sunday, May 24 the campus is open from 11am- 6pm. At 11am and 1pm, the Century Center will host its first champagne and jazz brunch on its island. Guests will have the opportunity to listen to jazz music over a brunch prepared by Executive Chef Marc Rossetti. This is a ticketed event, and tickets must be purchased in advance at showclix.com/event/ChampagneJazzBrunch1pm.

There are three main entrances:

From the North, at Seitz Park off of Colfax Avenue.

From the West, at the corner of Wayne Street and St. Joseph Street/US 31.

From the East: the corner of Wayne Street and St Louis Boulevard.

At each of the entrances non-perishable items will be collected for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. Items most needed are canned meat and fish, and peanut butter and grape jelly.

Also, to ensure the safety of everyone attending SB150, all bags and containers will be searched prior to entry and reentry into the celebration. Any and all weapons will be confiscated and will not be returned. The City of South Bend will not be liable for the loss or destruction of any weapon or property confiscated.

This event is expecting attendance upwards of 40,000 people. Participants are strongly encouraged to carpool, bike, or take advantage of free public transportation. Transpo will offer free fares on its fixed routes on Saturday as an option. They will also offer free shuttle service from three outlining lots. For more information on parking, visit celebration.sb150.com/content/parking.

Residents with questions on Birthday Weekend events and logistics are encouraged to visit celebration.sb150.com or call 311, the City's resident service line, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

###