

Friends of Shawnee Town Presents:
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Let The Good Times (and tomatoes) Roll!

3rd Annual Friends of Shawnee Town Tomato Roll

A “Tomato Roll” will kick off this year’s Old Shawnee Days parade, with proceeds benefitting Shawnee Town Museum.

Red rubber “tomatoes” can be purchased and then entered in a race that will kick off at 9:30am on Saturday, June 5, just prior to the Old Shawnee Days parade that’s scheduled to start at 10am. The “tomatoes” will be dropped from a bucket loader to roll and bounce through an obstacle course set up near Johnson Drive & Nieman Road. The event is presented by Friends of Shawnee Town.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the “tomatoes” that cross the finish line first. There will also be a “rotten tomato” gag gift for the last tomato to cross the finish line. Participants get 2 tomatoes for \$5 or a ‘bushel’ of 10 for \$20. Tomato Roll donations are tax deductible.

Prior to June 5th you can purchase Tomato Roll tomatoes over the phone or in person at Shawnee Town Museum’s Visitor Center or drop by Jake’s Place at 12001 Johnson Drive. On the 5th of June they can be purchased near the corner Nieman and Johnson Drive from 9:30am until the start of the race.

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Friends of Shawnee Town came up with the idea of a Tomato Roll to play off Shawnee's rich agricultural past and help raise funds and awareness of Shawnee Town Museum's transformation to a 1920s Truck farming community.

"A tomato roll seems like a fun way to spotlight the farm heritage of our community and the role that Shawnee Town plays in preserving our area's agricultural history," explains Friends of Shawnee Town President, Les Palmer.

The "Tomato Roll" will be set up much like a Duck Derby, where patrons purchase a numbered rubber ball that is then included in the race. The winning "tomato's" numbers will be matched to the winner's receipt.

"Tomato Roll participants support local history and help raise funds for furnishings needed as the museum expands," says museum Director, Gay Clemenson. "The more folks get involved, the more it benefits the Museum's growth and success," she adds.

For more information or to purchase your "tomato", call Shawnee Town Museum at 913-248-2360 or visit www.shawneetown.org.

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Shawnee Town is an outdoor museum interpreting small town rural life in the 1920s. Situated on 8 acres, the Museum features a home, barn, school, post office, chapel, fire station, various businesses, and gardens. For more information on Shawnee Town call 913-248-2360