

PRESS RELEASE - Douglas Days – A message from Mayor Robert Uribe

DOUGLAS, AZ (May 9, 2019) Generations of families have paved the way for more than a century of growth in Douglas. We will honor that legacy that was laid down by Douglas' founders more than 115 years ago. We will reflect on the perseverance that got us to where we are today, as we look forward to the times ahead. Above all, we will celebrate the many reasons we call Douglas home.

Douglas was founded in 1901, and drew in settlers from around the world to smelter the rich copper mines of the valley. Mining pioneer Dr. James Douglas sought out to incorporate the city, which was accomplished in 1905 under his namesake.

The City is currently home to many descendants of those early Douglas settlers, who helped shape the unique culture and vitality we enjoy today. The family-centeredness of Douglas over the years has contributed to the immersion of thousands of bright and gifted individuals. The people of Douglas are our greatest treasure. They continue to make positive impressions here, and in other communities they grace throughout their lives. See some of the magic for yourself at our Douglas Days Talent Show, where residents of all ages take the stage to showcase their abilities. The show will take place at the festival's headquarters, Raul Castro Park on 10th Street.

Free swimming at our public pools, and hay rides will take place around town through the weekend. Circle back to the park for a satisfying selection of food and craft vendors, live music and other entertainment. While the event is centered on family, adults can also relax at the park's beer garden which will benefit a good cause within the community.

On Saturday the Douglas Days parade will extend down G Avenue, the perfect time to witness the diversity of the city. After the parade you can expect large crowds to transition over to the park for our annual Bed Races. The friendly competition is actually taken very seriously by those who participate, which makes it all the more entertaining for those who watch.

This year we're also excited to have horse racing out at the Cochise County Fairgrounds during the festival weekend. Visit the City of Douglas' website for an updated schedule of events.

I hope you can join the Council and me at the 6th Annual Douglas Days, a two-day event on May 17-18, which bonds the community through music and art, food, sports and celebration. Wherever you find yourself May 17 and 18, it is my hope that you'll join me in taking pride in our special city. The community of Douglas will only continue to shape throughout generations. Let's make our mark today.

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