Special Events

Old Town Events & Road Closures

Event	Current Closures	Mercedes St.	Front St.	Side Streets
Community Services Expo	2	X		
Rod Run*	2		X	X
CultureFest	1	X		
Juneteenth Celebration	1	X		
Summer Concert Series	5	X		
4th of July Parade	1	Χ	X	X
National Night Out	1	X		
Preparedness Fair	1	Χ		
Cartoon-A Paloozah Art Fest	2	X		
Health Fair	2	X		
Ride the Vines (Co-Sponsored Event)*	1	X		
Halloween Carnival	1	X		
Patriotic Salute to Veterans	1	X		
Pu'éska Mountain Day	1	Χ		
Santa's Electric Light Parade	1	X	X	X
Temecula On Ice	38	X		
NYE Grape Drop	1	X		
Temecula Sunset Market	18	X		
Total Days Closed	77*			

Spring

Community Services Expo

SAT, APR 26 – Civic Center Quad Preview of Summer/Fall Registration

Mercedes St. Closed: 8AM FRI – 4PM SAT

Avg. Attendance – 3,000

Budget – \$17,500

*Can temporarily re-open Mercedes St. Friday evening

Rod Run

FRI, MAY 2 & SAT, MAY 3 – Old Town
Old Town Front St. & Side Streets Closed:

FRI: 4 – 8:30PM | SAT: 4:30AM – 5PM

Avg. Attendance – 60,000

Budget - \$71,000

CultureFest

SAT, MAY 17 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 5:30AM – 6PM

Avg. Attendance – 2,000

Budget - \$16,000



Summer

Summer Concert Series

THU, JUNE 12 & 26 | JULY 10 & 24 | AUG 14

Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 12 – 10PM

Avg. Attendance – 850 per Concert (4,000+ total)

Budget – \$35,000

*Closed in conjunction with Sunset Market

Juneteenth Celebration

THU, JUNE 19 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 12 – 10PM

Avg. Attendance – 200

Budget - \$10,000

*Propose relocating for 2026



Summer

4th of July Parade

THU, JULY 4 – Old Town Temecula

Mercedes St. Closed: 9:30AM – 12PM

Closures on OTFS: 6AM – 12PM

Avg. Attendance – 4,000

Budget – \$18,000

National Night Out

TUE, AUG 5 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 12 – 10PM

Avg. Attendance – 300

Budget - \$1,500

*Propose relocating for 2025



Fall

National Preparedness Fair

SAT, SEP 6 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 6AM – 4PM SAT

Avg. Attendance – 400

Budget - \$3,000

*Plan to combine with Health Fair

Cartoon-A Paloozah Art Festival

SAT, SEP 13 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 8AM FRI – 10PM SAT

Avg. Attendance – 3,500

Budget – \$20,000

*Can temporarily re-open Mercedes St. Friday evening



Fall

Health & Community Resource Fair

SAT, SEP 27 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 8AM FRI – 7PM SAT

Avg. Attendance – 3,000

Budget - \$18,500

*Can temporarily re-open Mercedes St. Friday evening

*Plan to combine with Preparedness Fair

Ride the Vines (Co-Sponsored Event)*

*Pending approval of Economic Development Subcommittee

SUN, OCT 19 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 6AM – 4PM



Fall

Halloween Carnival

FRI, OCT 24 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 8AM – 10PM

Avg. Attendance – 4,000

Budget – \$16,000

Patriotic Salute to Veterans

MON, NOV 11 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 10AM - 10PM

Avg. Attendance – 300

Budget - \$24,000

*Propose relocating for 2025

Pu'éska Mountain Day (CMO Event)

SAT, NOV 15 - Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 1 – 9 PM



Winter

Santa's Electric Light Parade

FRI, DEC 5 – Old Town Temecula

Mercedes St. Closed: 7 – 10PM

Old Town Front St. Closed: 6 – 11PM

Avg. Attendance – 30,000

Budget - \$160,000

New Year's Eve Grape Drop

TUE, DEC 31 – Civic Center Quad

Mercedes St. Closed: 11AM – 12AM

Avg. Attendance – 5,000

Budget - \$60,000

*Closed in conjunction with Ice Rink

Temecula On Ice

DEC-JAN – Town Square Park

Mercedes St. Closed: Daily from DEC-JAN (~5 weeks)

Avg. Attendance – 12,000 total

Budget - \$78,000



Year-Round

Temecula Sunset Market

2nd & 4th Thursdays – Civic Center & Town Square Park

Seasonal Market – March – November

Mercedes St. Closed: 12 – 10PM



Event	Current Closures	Consolidate/Relocate	Consolidate/Relocate/ No Ice Rink
Community Services Expo	2	1.5	1.5
Rod Run*	2	2	2
CultureFest	1	1	1
Juneteenth Celebration	1		
Summer Concert Series	5		
4th of July Parade	1	1	1
National Night Out	1		
Preparedness Fair	1		
Cartoon-A Paloozah Art Fest	2	1.5	1.5
Health Fair (Combine with Prep Fair)	2	1.5	1.5
Halloween Carnival	1	1	1
Ride the Vines (Co-Sponsored Event)*	1	1	1
Patriotic Salute to Veterans	1		
Pu'éska Mountain Day	1	1	1
Santa's Electric Light Parade	1	1	1
Temecula On Ice	38	38	
NYE Grape Drop	1	1	1
Temecula Sunset Market	18	18	18
Total Days Closed	78*	68.5	29.5

Feedback

Community Services Commission – 2/10/25

- General Commission Feedback: Supportive of staff recommendations to combine & relocate events
- Use less traveled parks/facilities to drive traffic there
- Sunset Market: Reduce to once a month
- 4th of July Parade: Eliminate or relocate
- Patriotic Salute to Veterans: Relocate concert to Old Town Theater
- Temecula On Ice: Eliminate, relocate, or shorten duration of ice rink

Feedback

Old Town Local Advisory Committee – 2/27/25

- General Committee Feedback: Supportive of staff recommendations to combine & relocate events to reduce the number of closures
- Resident/Tenant feedback on events is divided
- Events help define Temecula, but parking and street closures are an issue
- If the Main St lots are accessible during the holiday season, the ice rink isn't that bad
- Recommend reconfiguring or relocating ice rink
- Patriotic Salute to Veterans: If relocated, continuing hosting as an outdoor symphony concert

Special Events

Discussion

