



Clarence Carraway, left, scarfs down a tomato during the tomato eating contest at the Tomato Festival in Fairfield, in 2014. The celebration included tomato sampling, a farmer's market and recipe contests. (Aaron Rosenblatt/Daily Republic file)

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# Fairfield downtown alive with weekend events

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## **Tomato Festival, Japan Fest to take over central city sites**

FAIRFIELD — The 24th Annual Fairfield Tomato Festival returns this week for a two-day affair that offers a new third day of activities.

Tomatoes will be in abundance along Tomato Alley, organizers promised in announcing details of this year's event. Food and wine pairing at the Solano County Events Center returns, but each event requires separate tickets. The tomato eating contest will occur at the stage on Texas and Jefferson streets. A classic car show will take place Sunday during the second formal day of the two-day event.

Live music and entertainment will include performances from Latin band Sapo Guapo; Journey's Edge, a Journey cover band; Hey Jude, which features but is not limited to tunes by The Beatles; The Rhythm Method 4; Whiskey & Honey; the Used Blues Band; Matt Applin & the Midnite Band; the Terry Sheets Band; Alive Music Orchestra; and others, event organizers said.

A carnival with pony rides and crafts will offer entertainment that's geared toward children.

The Tomato Festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday on Texas Street in downtown Fairfield.

A separate carnival put on by Johnston Amusement will open from 3 to 11 p.m. Friday and then 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for the carnival may be purchased at Chez Soul, 711 Madison St., Fairfield, or the Fairfield Main Street Association office, 1000 Webster St., Fairfield.

For more information or pricing on various tickets, call 422-0103 or visit [www.fairfieldmainstreet.com](http://www.fairfieldmainstreet.com).

### **Japan Fest returns to downtown Fairfield**

A fundraiser to benefit Fairfield's sister city exchange program returns Saturday for its third year.

Japan Fest will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky St. The event will include performances and activities for all ages, as well as food from Tokyo Grill, according to a press release about the event.

The Fairfield-Nirasaki Sister City Program is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers from local communities who want to cultivate cultural understanding between Americans and Japanese at a citizen level. The program began 44 years ago as a basic sister city relationship between the cities of Fairfield and Nirasaki, Yamanashi, Japan.

The program receives no outside assistance and is dependent on donations.

Tickets for this year's Japan Fest are available online at [www.japanfest2015.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.japanfest2015.brownpapertickets.com). Children ages 4 and younger are free.

For more information about the third annual Japan Fest, send an email to [fairfieldsistercity@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldsistercity@gmail.com).

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