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**South St. Paul Kaposia Days Grande Parade includes a muted, quiet section.**

Who doesn’t love a parade? The South St. Paul Kaposia Days Board of Directors and its team of volunteers are particularly proud of their Grande Parade and are once again excited to have it kick off Kaposia Days weekend. This year, the parade will include a “Quiet Zone” to help ensure comfort to parade enthusiasts to whom sudden, loud noises can be upsetting.

Loud music, booming cannons, and bright or flashing lights can be overwhelming for individuals with sensory issues. This year the Kaposia Days Grande Parade is going to feature a “Quiet Zone” for families of all ages with members who fall onto the autistic spectrum, persons with disabilities, families with newborns or toddlers, or those who simply wish to step away from the noise. Adding these zones to parades is becoming more popular statewide. Families enjoy having this option; this helps make the parade be more inclusive for all who want to come to be a part of our community’s celebration.

The last block or 315 feet of the parade, on 7th Avenue South between 6th and 7th Streets, will be blocked off for these families. Residents who live on this block are, of course, welcome to watch from their own homes or move to a different location if they wish to do so.

Signs will be put up at the end of the parade route, closer to the event, to help show and remind families and residents of the upcoming changes to the event. The Kaposia Days Grande Parade is Friday, June 24th starting at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to celebrating with you!