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The annual summer street party known as **Jazzin' on Jefferson** is getting a boost of its own. Formerly a one-day event, this year the festival is expanding to two days, set for June 23-24. Held on a closed-off section of Jefferson Avenue at Chalmers, the festival celebrates the jazz and blues heritage of the East Jefferson district, where many of the performers have ties. Music acts scheduled to perform include **Robert Bradley**, **Thornetta Davis**, the **Sun Messengers**, the **O'Donnell & Spangler Jazz Band**, the **Gratitude Steel Band** and others. Arts & crafts, ethnic and continental food and activities for children also are planned. For more, visit <http://www.jazzinonjefferson.com/>.

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## Lifestyles

### What's going on

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#### **Jefferson will be jazzin'**

Jazz, blues, art, food and fun for the whole family will be featured at the Jazzin' on Jefferson festival Friday and Saturday. The fest, started two years ago as a one-day event, attracted more than 10,000 people last year. Organizers at the Jefferson East Business Association decided to make it a two-day affair.

"The festival is a way of promoting and celebrating what's great here," says Chris Garland, program director for the association. There will be three stages for entertainment, at least 60 vendors and 12 restaurants. The festival will be on East Jefferson between Alter and Chalmers. The festival will be 4-10:30 p.m. Friday and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Or join Detroit Bikes! a group promoting cycling in the city, at 10 a.m. Saturday for a city tour to and from the festival site. Look for the Detroit Synergy booth at the festival.

Details: <http://www.jazzinonjefferson.com/> 313-331-7939.

For more info on Detroit Bikes! Visit <http://www.detroit synergy.org/>

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