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Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest 2009

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Location: Capitol Hill/Barracks Row
8th Street, SE between G & Eye Streets,
Washington, DC 20003

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Historic Barracks Row's 6th Annual Oktoberfest will roll out the barrels on Saturday, September 26, 2009 on bustling 8th Street SE, Capitol Hill. This year the event will feature hourly tours of the Home of the Commandants and a performance by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon! Opening our local football season, the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders will be cheering us to the Super Bowl!

The local restaurants will host beer gardens, German bands will play, a large petting zoo is free for kids and guys of all ages will have cars to admire – including a 1960's Jaguar and Austin Healey. Plus, green-in-every-way Ecruzers (stretch electric carts – for quick trips to Nat's stadium) will be on display! It all starts at 11am! Seventy five booths of all description – arts and crafts, spring bulbs, pretzels and strudel – will be there to tempt, inform or amuse you... and maybe even get you started on that Christmas list.

While Oktoberfest is underway, the Military chefs will be up the street stirring the pot. Once again the Military Culinary Competition pits Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air force and Coast Guard against each other for bragging rights as to who has the Top Chef – and maybe, by extension, the best chow.

Fifteen teams of four active military chefs will compete in a mystery box competition. They open their box of ingredients and have thirty minutes to decide what they will make. They cook it up right in front of you... in open tents complete with field ovens! Then it's show time and their dish has to be served to the 4 judges! Moms all over the world know what this is like but watching soldier chef's worry this way is particularly interesting for those of us who face this same problem at home every night!

Capitol Hill's Oktoberfest is a community festival organized by Barracks Row Main Street that celebrates the street's renaissance. Designed in 1801 as the first commercial corridor of the Federal City, 8th Street was substantially revitalized over the past ten years with the addition of new brick sidewalks, rows of fresh trees and lamp posts but most importantly, ongoing façade improvements to the buildings themselves. In 2005 Barracks Row Main Street won the prestigious Great American Main Street Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Plan now to spend Saturday September 26 from 11 am to 5 pm and having a barrel of fun on Historic Barracks Row, 8th Street, SE – just below Pennsylvania Ave and steps from Eastern Market Metro. **To learn more, please visit www.barracksrow.org.**

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