

The new northside experiment for Oktoberfest seems to be a success...

Fest planners decided not to serve alcohol at the Copeland Park site this year, making that location more family-friendly. Executive director Tina Severson tells us festgoers went out of their way to say how much they liked the change. At the southside festgrounds, where beer was still being served, attendance rose to about 50-thousand visitors over the nine-day fest. Severson says that was helped by the warm and sunny weather of opening weekend.