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July 11, 2023

Bristol Town Council
10 Court Street
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

Subject: Enhancing Community Spirit with Bristol Santa House

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am the President and Chief Merriment Officer of the James D. Rielly Foundation, and I'm writing to request your approval to relocate our Bristol Santa House to the Bristol Town Common for the 2023 holiday season.

In 2022, our Foundation launched the Bristol Santa House, a unique initiative that brightens the holiday season for everyone – but especially for children with special needs and their families. The Bristol Santa House is the first of its kind in the country, offering a magical Christmas experience free of charge and fostering community spirit and inclusivity.

Last year, the Bristol Santa House was met with an overwhelming response, with visitors traveling from as far as New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The Santa House added a new chapter to Bristol's rich history, further enhancing its reputation as a town right out of a Hallmark movie.

We believe that by relocating the Santa House next to the Bristol Statehouse, we can boost accessibility. By granting us this approval, you will be helping us to strengthen Bristol's sense of community, enhance our town's charm, and above all, bring an unforgettable holiday experience to children with special needs. Together, we can create a unique holiday tradition that Bristol, and indeed the entire nation, will be proud of.

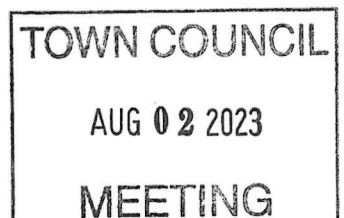
I appreciate your consideration. We stand ready to provide any additional information.

Warm regards,



Michael Rielly
President and Chief Merriment Officer
James D. Rielly Foundation

Enclosure: Bristol Santa House 2023 Proposed Site Plan (4 pages)



The James D. Rielly Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit (EIN 81-5169628) all-volunteer organization. Your generous donation is 100% tax deductible and will help bring unconditional love, hope, and joy to children and families in need.

Lori Hubbard

From: Michael Rielly <mjrielly@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 10:56 AM
To: Lori Hubbard
Subject: Bristol Santa House Date

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Hello Lori,

Here are the proposed dates to move the Santa House.
Dates are subject to weather conditions.

Santa House Arrival

We would like to have the Santa House placed on the Town Common on October 28.

Tentative Open Date

The tentative open date is November 12

Last Open Date

The last open date will be December 23

Santa House Departure

The Santa House will be removed from the Town Common before February 29

Santa House Operation

A minimum of five (5) volunteers (not counting Santa) will be tasked with operating the Santa House during visitor hours. These volunteers will be instrumental in managing the queue, maintaining crowd control, and assisting any individuals who require additional support when entering or exiting the building.

Let me know if you need anything else!
Thank you again for all your help!

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Michael Rielly
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Bristol Santa House

2023 Proposed Site Plan

MISSION

The mission of the Bristol Santa House is to perpetuate the spirit of love and giving by serving the community, supporting schools and those with special needs, assisting other charities, and enhancing businesses and events in the community.

VISION

The Bristol Santa House is a unique place for children of all ages and abilities where they can share their holiday wishes, mail a letter to the North Pole, or even visit with the head elf himself, without regard for physical, mental, or economic challenges.





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: July 14, 2023

RE: Michael Rielly, Chair, James D. Rielly Foundation
re - Request to use the Town Common for the Santa
House, tentative dates from October 28, 2023 to
February 29, 2024

May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation of the department head you deem appropriate in order for the Council to review the request at the regular Town Council Meeting to be held on **August 2, 2023**.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 26, 2023. All and any items received after the deadline will be held until the next council agenda.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.
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