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BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

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PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of
Bristol: The undersigned hereby respectfully
requested of your Honorable Body that:



Bristol Merchants Association

Request for Approval of
2024 Events Schedule.

Please see attached schedule.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that your petition is submitted
by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays before the
Town Council meeting scheduled for
MARCH 27, 2024

in order to be included on the docket. Ac-
cording to Council policy, petitions cannot
be addressed unless recommendations, if
needed, from the relevant departments are
received before the Council meeting

SIGNATURE: _____

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Bristol Merchants Association

Event Schedule 2024

Event/Date

State Street Spring Fair - April 13th 2024 (Saturday) 10 AM – 4PM (150+ People)

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

The State Street Crafts Fair and Market has become another successful event as part of the State Street Event Series, an additional spin off of the State Street Fair. This event features local home made goods, crafts vendors, and live music all day located on lower State Street.

State Street Art Fair (Spring Arts Fair) - May 11th 2024 (Saturday) 10AM – 4PM (200+ People)

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

The “Spring” State Street Arts Fair was added as a second yearly date to hold the successful State Street Fair Arts Festival. As with the Fall State Street Arts Fair this event features local artists and vendors with live music all day located on lower State St.

State Street Art Fair (Fall Arts Fair) - September 14th 2024 (Saturday) 10AM – 4PM (200+ People)

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

The “Fall” State Street Arts Fair has been a huge success. The State Street Arts Fair features local artists and vendors with live music all day located on lower State St.

State Street Harvest Festival and Crafts Fair - October 5th 2024 (Saturday) 10AM-4PM (200+ People)

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

This event will feature local crafts vendors, fall crafts decora, a pumpkin competition, and additional events boosting local participation and shopping along with live music all day.

Halloween Children's Walk About - October 27th 2024 (Sunday) 1PM-3PM

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

Children's Trick or Treat downtown Bristol (Sunday prior to Halloween)

After having a great success this past year hosting the event in conjunction with the Bristol Police Department we would like to continue the event and close down the lower portion of State St. to ensure safety of the participants as the event has grown.

Holiday Preview Weekend - November 15th & 16th 2024 (Friday & Saturday) All Day/Evening

No Street Closing

All participating downtown merchants are open until 9 pm and serve snacks and have special offerings on Friday Night and Saturday. Santa Clause makes his rounds and all of downtown is lit up and decorated. It is Bristol businesses kick-off to the holiday season. It is also the kick-off of the Snowflake Raffle.

Snow Flake Raffle - December 15th 2024 (Sunday) 4PM-6PM (100+ People)

On Lower State St. – Close State Street From Hope St. to Thames St.

The snowflake raffle has had numerous years of success. This is a shop local initiative where patrons receive tickets at their local establishments which give them a chance to win a number of large cash prizes raffled off. This event kicks off during Holiday Preview and runs until the Saturday before Christmas. The raffle takes place at the bottom of State Street with Santa and Jack Frost calling ticket numbers of locals who have dined, shopped and purchased local services during the month prior.

Downtown Holiday Lights 2024

The BMA would also like to request that the Christmass lights are kept on downtown through the end of January (January 31st) this coming holiday season. This is the slowest and darkest time of year downtown and having the lights on during this month helps to make it more attractive to patrons. This was requested in previous years and has proven to provide some additional relief during this time of year making the area more festive and inviting.

We thank the Council for your continued support of these events as they are a large help to the local businesses.

Thank you,

BMA Board Members (Zachary Rivers, Brenda Santos, Holly Dirks, Nicki Tyska)



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: March 6, 2024

RE: Bristol Merchants Association request for
approval of Event Schedule 2024 including One-Day
Dancing & Entertainment License(s)

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 Town Council Meeting to be held on **March 27, 2024**.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. All and any items received after the deadline will be held until the next council agenda.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachment