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LICENSE REQUEST: **ONE-DAY SUNDAY DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE (NON-PROFIT)**  
**PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:  
The undersigned hereby respectfully requests of  
your Honorable Body to be granted a

**ONE-DAY SUNDAY DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE (NON-PROFIT)**

FOR: Porch Fest

ADDRESS: 65 Wood? High St. between Welling and

APPLICANT: MaryKae Wright

TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT: Music

DATE OF EVENT: 9/15/24 TIME OF EVENT: 3-6 pm

*rain date 9/22/24*

- One Day Sunday Dancing & Entertainment License (Non-Profit) Petition
- Sketch of proposed location for entertainment

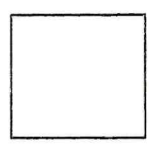
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND  
2024 MAY 13 PM 2:54

Please attend the Council Meeting on 5/29/24  
Petition must be returned by

\*SIGNATURE: MaryKae Wright  
NAME: MaryKae Wright  
ADDRESS: 65 Wood St  
TOWN: Bristol  
DATE OF BIRTH:  
BUSINESS TELEPHONE #:  
HOME TELEPHONE #:  
EMAIL:

Mailed:  
Date Received: 5/

TAX STAMP



TO BE USED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT

\*BY SIGNING THIS PETITION, I CONSENT TO EXAMINATION AND RELEASE OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION REGARDING MY BACKGROUND, INCLUDING POLICE RECORDS, EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION, RESIDENCE RECORDS, AND ANY COURT RECORDS.



## BRISTOL PORCHFEST 2024 PLANNING

This year — after hearing from a broad range of local residents and businesses — we are again expecting a large base of support for a 2024 PorchFest.

With Council and Town Administration support, we are planning to:

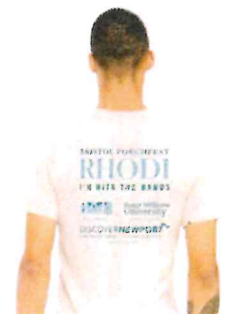
- **Hold PorchFest the third weekend in September on Sunday the 15th from 3–6 pm** + a proposed rain date a week later, Sunday the 22th from 3–6 pm
- **Keep it hyper local** – a total of 12 porches and 22 bands on High Street between Walley & Byfield
- **Work with local officials to close a 6-block stretch of High Street and one block of Walley St. from High to Hope streets for 4 hours in total**, allowing a half hour before and after the proposed 3 hour event. *Due to the success of instituting no street parking, we are asking the Bristol Police to endorse their suggestion again for this year.*
- **Also this year, we are again planning the “Second Line” closing parade and requesting a police escort from 6-6:30 pm** from the Byfield Street edge of the PorchFest event area, 3 blocks down High, up State for a block, then 2 blocks on Wood to Bradford and into Unity Park
- **Maintain the local, hometown, family-friendly charm and focus on porches and music** — like in past years, keeping PorchFest alcohol free (again the PorchFest organizers do not solicit food or drink vendors)
- **Work with high-school and college student talent and faculty to be a part of the fun** — we have at least one porch earmarked for high school and college bands!
- **Support our local businesses and add to the PorchFest spirit** by having our media and outreach efforts encourage PorchFest audiences to eat and shop downtown before and after the event
- **Leverage social media** to deliver event map and create local/regional opportunities to attract audiences
- **Present a focused, manageable, safe afternoon function** — we are asking for permission to close streets, which will be monitored by police, and will again arrange for handicap-accessible portable restrooms

*Members of the Bristol Town Council are receiving this as the part of our finalization plans for 2024. Thanks for your support!*

### ABOUT THE EVENT SPONSOR

#### Arts in Common: Culture Connecting Community

*Our mission is to develop and support collaborative projects between creatives, arts and cultural institutions, educational, and commercial enterprises to expand and enrich the lives of audiences in Bristol and beyond. Our non-profit status helps to fund and produce unique and independent cultural projects brought to us by local individuals and groups. We are committed to centralizing communications between local cultural organizations and their audiences.*



Note: Banner represented above and t-shirt at right are from previous years for reference only.





## PAST BRISTOL PORCHFEST



*“It’s truly a magical day; Play and they will come.”*

*“I can’t think of anything in the last 17 months that made me feel as good as PORCHFEST. It was an extraordinary event, enhanced only by the perfection of the weather. CONGRATULATIONS to all who made it happen.”*

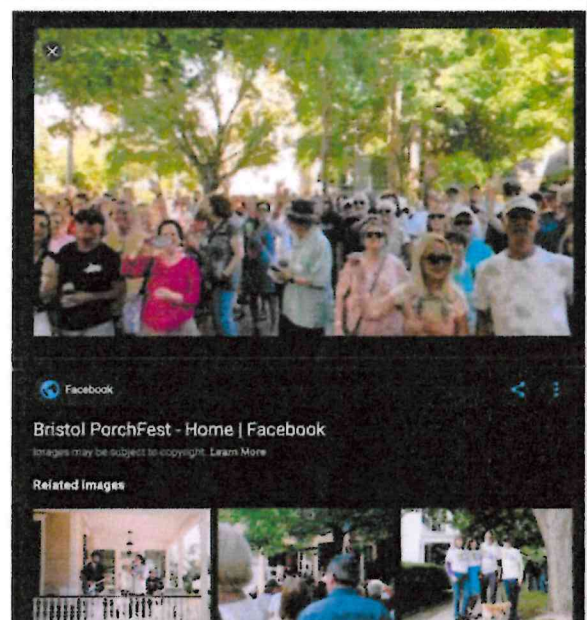
**Just two of the hundreds of accolades received by the PorchFest committee at the conclusion of previous events**

On a sunny 75-degree day, an estimated crowd of 5,000+ enjoyed 22 bands on 12 porches. Diversity in musical genres brought diversity in attendees, as we truly provided something for everyone. Beyond the wonderful time for all, bands reported earnings total >\$4,500 in tips!





## PAST BRISTOL PORCHFEST



### BACKGROUND

In 2019 Bristol PorchFest was held from 3–6pm on Sunday September 15:

- **18 bands played on 9 porches volunteered by local owners** to create a uniquely Bristol experience on historic High Street between Walley and Constitution streets
- **3 hours of local talent playing music** and providing all a free, fun, family-friendly afternoon of music and neighbors
- **More than 3,000 strolling, dancing spectators** enjoyed music and community
- **Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive** with many comparing it to the fun of July 4th, but in some ways better “because I was able to walk around to see neighbors and friends and enjoy the music”
- **Bristol has a new September holiday** originally a local newspaper front page headline in 2018 was mentioned again and again!



## PAST BRISTOL PORCHFEST

High Street Porch Music 4pm-6pm Sun Sep 23

118 Sinner's Pie	85 Dukes of Dixie	42 Tyler & Ryan	30 Los Duderinos
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A FREE, FUN, FAMILY FRIENDLY HAPPENING TO BRING MUSIC AND NEIGHBOURS TOGETHER

Book tickets: [www.artsincommon.org](http://www.artsincommon.org)



### High Street porches to host local bands in an afternoon of music

Local bands will be playing on porches along High Street in Bristol on Sunday, September 23, as part of the High Street Porch Music event.

The event is a free, family-friendly occasion where local bands will perform on the porches of houses along High Street. The bands include Sinner's Pie, Dukes of Dixie, Tyler & Ryan, and Los Duderinos.

The event is organized by Arts in Common and is a great way to bring the community together. It is a free, family-friendly occasion where local bands will perform on the porches of houses along High Street.

Tyler & Ryan, Bristol brothers Tyler and Ryan Falcus, are among the performers who will play on porches along High Street between Dixie and Witley streets on Sunday, Sept. 23.

The proposed timeline for the event is Sunday, Sept. 23, for the week.



## EastBayRI Porch Music Fest in Bristol draws strolling music-lovers



Atticus Allen (left) and Greg Ferrera of Los Duderinos team up on harmonies while performing at 20 Witley St. during Sunday afternoon's Porch Music Fest in Bristol.



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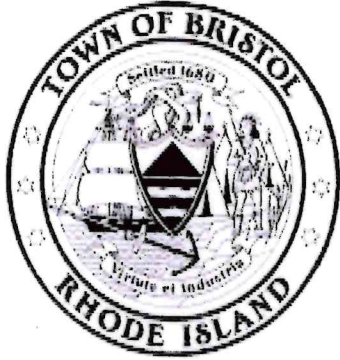
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**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Steven Contente  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro  
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: May 13, 2024

RE: MaryKae Wright, PorchFest, Co-Chair, requesting  
4-hour street closure of a 6-block section of  
High Street from Walley to Byfield Streets on  
Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 2:30 PM-6:30 PM  
for Bristol PorchFest 2024 (rain date the  
following Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>)



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May we please have the recommendations of the department heads you deem appropriate in order for the Council to review the request at the Town Council Meeting to be held on **May 29, 2024**.

**Due to the upcoming Holiday, all items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Any submissions received after this deadline will be deferred to the following council agenda.**

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachment