



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:

Please See Attached
Event schedule from the
Bristol Merchants Association.
For council consideration and
Approval.

Thank You

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

PLEASE NOTE:

Petition must be returned by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays prior to the Town Council meeting to appear on the docket of the March 29, 2023 meeting for review and possible action. It is Council policy that action may not be taken on petitions unless recommendations, if necessary, from appropriate departments are received prior the Council meeting.

DATE REC'D:

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

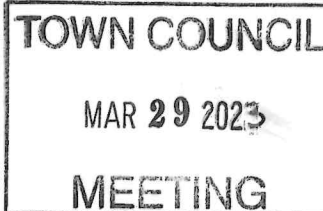
NAME: Bristol Merchants Association

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____

BUSINESS 1

RESIDENCE



Bristol Merchants Association

Event Schedule 2023

Event/Date

State Street Spring Fair - April 15th 2023 (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 Farmers Market is moving into its second year 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 13th 2023 (Saturday) 10AM – 5PM (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 16th 2023 (Saturday) 10AM – 5PM (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 14th 2023 (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 29th 2023 (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 close down the lower portion of State St. this year to ensure safety of the participants as the event has grown.

Holiday Preview Weekend - November 17th & 18th 2023 (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 17th 2023 (Sunday) 4PM-6PM (100+ People)

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

The snowflake raffle is heading into the 14th year. 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 2023

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, Brian Travers, Holly Dirks)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: February 21, 2023

RE: Bristol Merchants Association (BMA) re request
for Approval of Event Schedule for 2023

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 March 29, 2023.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerks office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 22, 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.

Attachment