

Meeting Name:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	March 27, 2024
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Item Title:	Special Event Request – Stoked on Life Ocean Therapy Sessions

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff received a request for a special event by Ms. Allison Bishop, owner of Stoked on Life, to hold Ocean Therapy Sessions which consist of meditation, sound baths, yoga, surfing activities, and other healing methods on the beach area of Juno Beach Access 20. Stoked on Life is a non-profit organization created in Palm Beach Florida, by Allison Bishop LCSW. The surf therapy sessions consist of small, ninety-minute groups facilitated by licensed clinicians and surf instructors using mindfulness and flow skills to engage in surfing/processing therapeutic session.

The application provided indicates an anticipated attendance of 15 participants at each session and 5 employees and volunteers working at each event. The dates and times requested are from March through October 31<sup>st</sup>, with varying session lengths from 8am-12pm (please see the attached list of dates). The public beach accesses are not being requested to be closed during the events, as to not to disturb beachgoers. Transportation to the event will be by privately owned vehicles of the attendees; the attendees will use the public parking areas located in the Juno Beach Park near the beach area. Equipment utilized for this event includes tents, feather flags, chairs, surfboards, and a trailer. The applicant has received a permit from Palm beach County to leave a trailer overnight at the Juno Beach Park.

Lastly, as with previous events, the applicant will be responsible during the permitting process to coordinate and pay for any police details or services required by that department. Please note that the Permit Fee for off-site special events lasting 4 or more consecutive days is determined by the Town Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Town Council consider the request for the Special Event proposed in Juno Beach as stated above, subject to the applicant being responsible for the application process for special events and all conditions and requirements following said application, including any additional agency, and department reviews/approvals/fees.