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Dear Neighbor,

The 5th San Rafael PorchFest is happening in our neighborhood on **Sunday, September 15th from 12 - 5 p.m.** PorchFest is a free afternoon of music organized for all ages by the Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) with an event permit issued by the City of San Rafael. Attendees will be coming to enjoy dozens of musical acts playing on porches throughout the neighborhood. It will encompass a six-block area west of D St., from San Rafael Ave. down to Ross St. and west to Clark St. A diverse set of 70+ artists are set to play, covering a wide swath of genres including rock, folk, blues, a cappella, bluegrass, country, Hawaiian, Latin, Jazz, hip hop, youth/teen bands and more!

What You Need to Know

Street Closures

These streets (all west of D St.) will be closed to traffic from 11:00am-6:00pm on 9/15:

- Bayview St. (from D St. to Clark St.)
- San Rafael Ave. (from D St. to Clark St.)
- Marin St. (from San Rafael Ave. to Ross St.)
- Clorinda Ave. (from Marin St. to Clark St.)

Open Streets for Thru Traffic: Ross St. & Clark St.

Ross St. and Clark St. (and all streets west of Clark) will remain open during the event. D Street (and all streets east of D St.) will remain open, however please expect delays. *For the safety of all attendees, there is **NO IN AND OUT** or vehicle movement allowed within the PorchFest zone from 11:45-5:15pm. Please plan accordingly.*

No Parking on One Side of Ross Street

To keep traffic moving and pedestrians safe, there will be no parking on the North side of Ross St., between Marin St. and D St.. No Parking signs will be posted in advance. There will be no parking on Marin St. in front of Short School on both Saturday 9/14 and Sunday 9/15.

Free Event Parking & Vivalon Shuttles

To ease the burden of traffic and parking in the neighborhood, participants are encouraged to bike or walk. Vivalon (formerly Whistlestop) will be running (2) handicap accessible shuttles between the City of San Rafael's parking lot on C St. @ 3rd St. and the D St. @ Bayview entrance of the Porch Zone, from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Both parking and the Vivalon Shuttle will be FREE. Free parking will also be available at several nearby parking lots, including 711 D Street between 1st and 2nd Streets. Self-park bike stations will be available.

Porch Locations & Bands

As we get closer to September 15th, check our event website (sanrafaelporchfest.com) for the official 2024 map with porch and band locations. Porch locations and bands were strategically chosen and assigned to avoid “sound bleed”. We are no longer accepting requests for porches or bands for this year’s event. For a sample of the talented bands playing this year, listen to the Spotify playlist “San Rafael PorchFest 2024”!

Food Trucks

There will be great selections of food and beverages for purchase. NO ALCOHOL will be sold at PorchFest.

Support San Rafael PorchFest – Buy a T-Shirt or Hat

Come by the merch tent in front of Short School for t-shirts and posters designed by Courtney Booker of sojellyjelly.com and hats made by Tommy Breeze.

Volunteers & Donors ROCK!

Come volunteer at the event or before! PorchFest is a free event dependent on generous donations and volunteers like you. Volunteers get a t-shirt and get to join the PorchFest team for a pre-celebration get-together. Signup by 9/5 at sanrafaelporchfest.com. Donate via Venmo at @gerstlepark (please tell us who you are so we can thank you!) or visit SanRafaelPorchfest.com for other ways to donate.

Thank You / Contact Us

San Rafael PorchFest could not have been an outstanding success for four years without your assistance. PorchFest is one of many events managed by GPNA and we thank you, our neighbors, for your support. Contact us at sanrafaelporchfest@gmail.com or call (415)716-0130.

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