

Permission Sought for using Town Center Property for Art Crawl

Radiate Art Space is seeking your support and permission to hold our third Art Crawl on the Town Center campus on Sunday, **Sept 25th, from 10am - 3pm**. This community-building event highlights local artists, providing them an opportunity to sell their work, while also promoting and fundraising for Radiate.

Last year, 2021, we used both the Town Center front lawn and the Library front and back lawn, as we needed to spread out the booths to ensure safe distancing during COVID. We hosted almost 40 vendors, from professional artists to first-time/amateur artists, to teens and kids (who had free booths). However we had to turn artists away as we ran out of space. This year Radiate would like to increase our capacity for artists by using the parking lot as additional booth space. After two years of closure due to COVID, the money generated from the additional spaces will be **critical** in ensuring that the Art Crawl, our primary fundraiser, is a financial success and help Radiate remain operational. More specifically, we are envisioning a rows of vendor booths in areas designated for car parking, with the lanes remaining open for pedestrian traffic. The space behind the Post Office would be available for vendor parking, but movement of those vehicles during the event would be discouraged to ensure the safety of those attending.

Other details:

- Parking: Radiate will direct people to park at Volunteer's Green parking area + the lot behind the dentist. The Richmond Congregational Church has been consulted and indicated that the disruption will be minimal for their services and will be directing their members to park in alternative locations that morning.
- Public Toilet: Radiate will again be renting 1 Port-o-let from P&P septic for the event so that the public is not using the restrooms in the Town Center. Only the vendors/staff will have access to the bathroom in Radiate's space.
- Food Trucks: Last year the 2 food trucks sold out, so we will be increasing our food trucks from 2 to 3 or 4.
- Trash: Radiate will make this event as "green" as possible. (The previous event generated very little to no trash.) All grounds will be thoroughly cleaned by our volunteers post event.
- Insurance: Radiate has insurance with the Town named as an additional insured and will provide an insurance certificate as evidence.
- COVID: We will be closely following any protocol guidance from the VT Dept of Health + CDC as we did last year.

Last year's event was a huge success to the artists who rated the event very highly and artists were pleasantly surprised at how much income they generated. We received a lot of praise for the event in 2021, thanks to the support of our many volunteers who helped the whole event run very smoothly. Please consider supporting this community-building event!