

EMAIL REQUEST

The Richmond Selectboard is considering a request to reserve the municipal parking lot located between The Big Spruce and Greensea Systems for a Rooted Vermont Welcome Party on Friday, July 29. This space will be used for vendor tables and guest overflow. Vendor tables will feature a variety of VT small businesses and products. The Selectboard will consider this request at their regular June 20th meeting.

You are receiving this email as a local business owner. If you wish to express your opinions for or against this proposal, then you may reply to this email no later than June 14. I will coordinate the responses for the Selectboard's June 20th meeting. You are also welcome to share comments at the June 20th meeting, either in-person at the Town Center or virtually through Zoom.

The Rooted Vermont Welcome Party at the Big Spruce proposal is attached as a .pdf or can be found online at:

<http://www.richmondvt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/31-Rooted-Event-Proposal-Final.pdf>

Selectboard Meeting Documents may be found at:

<http://www.richmondvt.gov/documents/selectboard-meeting-documents/>

Keep me posted if I can provide any other information associated with this proposal.

Sincerely,

Duncan

Balance Yoga

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6/8/2022

Duncan, I am in favor of using the parking lot in this way as this will bring lots of people to Richmond and will likely benefit other small businesses in the area in addition to Big Spruce. While discussions are happening about this parking lot, I think it would be a great time to talk about enforcing the two hour parking limit in this lot as it is currently used by two employers as their personal parking lot and the rest of the community can rarely find a space. If the town is paying to maintain the lot, it should be available to the general public and operate in a way that benefits the entire town. Right now, this is not what is happening.

Kerry

Blackfork Towing

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6/8/2022

Duncan,

Rod West and Blackfork Towing support Rooted Vermont's use of the municipal parking lot for their event on June 29th. Rooted Vermont has my full support for the events they bring to Richmond.

Regards,

Rod West

Blackfork Towing

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Green Sea

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6/8/2022

Duncan.

As the property owner and business owner at 10 East Main St. (Greensea), I fully support this. Our staff and customers will gladly park elsewhere and yield to the event that Friday. This is a great event and one the town should accommodate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Ben

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Clover and One Bee

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6/9/2022

Hi Duncan,

Thank you for reaching out and providing all this information!

We absolutely support this request.

In general, we are enthusiastic about events that bring people (and vibrancy) to our downtown!

All my best,

Jasmine

Hey June

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6/9/2022

Hello Duncan:

Thank you for sharing this information and providing the opportunity for input.

We are in support of this one-time use request and defer to the Selectboard on a final decision with the caveat that all parking for the event MUST be offsite and / or limited to the posted restrictions throughout the village: 2 HOUR LIMIT.

One of the important factors that can ensure small businesses can thrive on Bridge Street is to ensure the town is ENFORCING posted parking limits. If there are no consequences for people who park in front of our retail locations for more than 2 hours (in many cases for a full 6-8 hour day), then those of us who rely on in-and-out customers and service are negatively impacted.

Thank you,

Maria

Hillview Design

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6/9/2022

Duncan, thanks for sending this around to the other local businesses. We really appreciate the heads up and transparency.

Business wise this shouldn't effect us at all. It's a good cause and we're glad to support it. From the outside it seems like a long time to shut down the parking lot on a week day for a private event. Is there no way to put up signs so there is no parking after say 1 or 2 so that the public still has use of the parking during the day and the venders still have time to set up before the event begins at 3:30?

By allowing this use of public parking does it set a precedent that the Selectboard is willing to continue to allow? If another business wants to close a public area such as the volunteers green or another public area for either a public or private event would they consider it? It would be cool to envision a block/neighborhood parties in town.

Thanks

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6/9/2022

Duncan

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the Rooted Vermont Welcome Party to take place on July 29, 2022.

I strongly support a gathering of this type. Richmond is obtaining an excellent reputation as a hub for recreational activities and a gathering of this type will only further enhance this reputation.

I understand that it will create a strain for that one day on the village area due to people and lack of parking, but I feel it will be worth it.

The businesses in town will benefit from the influx of people and hopefully, many who are attending will come away with a desire to visit Richmond again in the future.

In this day and age when small towns are trying to enhance their urban centers and the businesses therein, I believe that as a Town we should support gatherings of this type.

Thank you for the opportunity for letting me express my thoughts.

David Sunshine

North Star Lodge

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6/10/2022

Good Morning

Mike Parent here. I manage the Masons Building at 56 Bridge Street.

I have contacted my tenants and they advise that they are OK with Big Spruce using the Municipal lot for all day Friday July 29th.

We do request that Big Spruce make sure the area is picked up, to include in front of the business's across the street, adjacent areas (bank lot) and onto Depot Street for trash/cups etc. We have found that a lot of people use other business's chairs, steps, areas, during evening events and they leave trash behind.

This is not an issue with Big Spruce but with most events (Bike rally's, Road races, parades, Halloween) that happen on our little street. Normal weekends it is not an issue and is a few cans, cups, napkins, the odd shoe but this will be a large event and thus most likely more trash.

Please feel free to contact me

Michael Parent

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