

Permission Sought for using Town Center Property for Art Crawl

Radiate Art Space is seeking your support and permission to hold our 4th Annual Art Crawl on the Town Center campus on Sunday, **Sept 24th, 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. The Art Crawl is our primary fundraiser, and is essential to help Radiate remain operational.

Last year, 2022, we used most of the Town Center campus, including the front lawn, the Library back lawn and the parking lot. This allowed us to expand to over 40 vendors, from professional artists to first-time/amateur artists, to teens and kids (who had free booths). We also were able to have two food trucks and an ice-cream bike. We did not have any problems last year with rows of vendor booths in areas designated for car parking and with the lanes remaining open for pedestrian traffic. The space behind the Post Office would again be available for vendor parking, but movement of those vehicles during the event would be discouraged to ensure the safety of those attending. The only unanticipated issue that we encountered last year was with the "right of way" for the farmer who accessed the lane running west from the center of the parking lot. We are hoping that the town will help us in communicating and coordinating with that farm ahead of time so as not to cause any difficulties on the day. Having a large tractor and farm equipment coming through the pedestrian area during the event was challenging from a safety perspective.

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 very accommodating in 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: We hope to increase our food trucks from 3 to 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.

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