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Dear Neighbor,

The 6th San Rafael PorchFest is happening in our neighborhood on **Sunday, September 21st 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, funk, jazz, country, Americana, bluegrass, salsa, gospel, a cappella, Cuban, Celtic, 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 9/21:

- 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 9/20 and Sunday 9/21.

### 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. @ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Self-park bike stations will be available.



## Porch Locations & Bands

As we get closer to September 21st, check our event website ([sanrafaelporchfest.com](https://sanrafaelporchfest.com)) for the official 2025 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 2025"!

## Food Trucks

There will be great selections of food and beverages for purchase. Twelve food trucks/carts are confirmed to attend. 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, posters and hats designed by Tommy Breeze of [Tommybreeze.com](https://tommybreeze.com).

## 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 9/16 at [sanrafaelporchfest.com](https://sanrafaelporchfest.com). Donate via Venmo at @gerstlepark (please tell us who you are so we can thank you!) or visit [SanRafaelPorchfest.com](https://SanRafaelPorchfest.com) for other ways to donate.

## Thank You / Contact Us

San Rafael PorchFest could not have been an outstanding success for five 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](mailto:sanrafaelporchfest@gmail.com) or call (415)716-0130.

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Photo by Bruce Forrester. Attendees enjoying the music at San Rafael PorchFest 2024

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