

San Rafael



9.20.26
12-5PM

PORCHFEST

GERSTLE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION & THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

Dear Neighbor,

8/28/26

The 7th San Rafael PorchFest is happening in our neighborhood on Sunday, September 20th 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 happen on closed streets on 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 80+ artists are set to play, including a cappella, Americana, bagpipes, bluegrass, blues, country, Cuban, folk, funk, gospel, gypsy, jazz, pop, R&B, rock, salsa, youth bands & more!



en Español

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 9/20:
Bayview St. (from D St. to Clark St. – including Grove St. and Lodge Lane)
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 11:45am-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 9/19 and Sunday 9/20.

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 during the event 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 20th, check our event website (sanrafaelporchfest.com) for the official 2026 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 2026".

Food Trucks

There will be great selections of food and beverages for purchase. Thirteen food trucks/carts are confirmed to attend. NO ALCOHOL will be sold at PorchFest.

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

Come by the merch tent in front of Short School for t-shirts, posters and hats. Katie Kincade of Katie Kincade Designs is our poster artist for 2026 SRPF! We are so excited about this vibrant and fun artwork that gives Gerstle Park Victorian and fall foliage vibes. She took pieces of actual homes in our photo archives and pieced them together to create this colorful and oh so "Gerstle Park" house!

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-event get-together. Signup ASAP 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

We won Marin Magazine's Readers' Choice in 2026 Best of County - Music Festival! San Rafael PorchFest could not have been an outstanding success for six years without your assistance and we thank you, our neighbors, for your support. Go to sanrafaelporchfest.com for more info, email us at sanrafaelporchfest@gmail.com or call (415) 716-0130.



YOUR GPNA IN ACTION!

*The Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) leads the San Rafael PorchFest organization. Sponsored by the City of San Rafael, PorchFest takes much community involvement from people in Gerstle Park and throughout San Rafael. The purpose of the GPNA is to draw a wide diversity of people to work together and partner with our community and local government to enhance and protect the character and livability of our neighborhood. **JOIN US!** We encourage all Gerstle Park residents to join GPNA and stay informed about neighborhood news and the many **FREE** neighborhood events we offer including the Annual Neighborhood Mtg., Spring Fling Egg Hunt, Park Cleanups, Garage Sale Day, Nat. Night Out, PorchFest, Halloween Treat Map & more! **Annual Membership** (\$20/individual, \$40/household, \$10/seniors) is open to anyone who lives or operates a business in our neighborhood. **Learn more at WWW.GERSTLEPARK.COM!***



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