

First Friday 2022

Dates for 2022

- Friday June 3rd
- Friday July 1st
- Friday August 5th
- Friday September 2nd
- Friday October 7th

Happenings

- June and October events will take place at Owen Park exclusively. July, August and September events: Artists on Main Street from 4-7pm. Main Street Closure from 2pm to 8pm for setup and break down of the event.
- Music will be at the beach at Owen Park from 4-9pm. June and October musicians will be playing on a Barge. During the July, August and September events musicians will also play at select locations on Main Street.
- Bonfire on the beach at Owen Park during music. Put on by the Fireman's Assoc. for July through Oct.

Town Department Communication

Police Dept

Chief Habekost and the Tisbury Police Department (TPD) will post an officer at the top of Owen Park to help with parking and traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian) for all events.

For the July – Sept events where Main Street will be closed. After trial and error, we have, along with the Police department, determined that the best way to help with traffic flow is to block Main Street at the beginning on State Rd but still allow traffic to flow down from Spring Street and up from Union Street. We have created a map (attached below) to help with people trying to get to the Grace Church to pick up lobster rolls. The TPD will provide additional traffic officers where they feel it will be best served.

TPD traffic officers will start blocking off spaces in the center of Main Street at 1pm. We will be putting up no parking signage that morning. By 3pm any cars that have not moved will be towed.

Fire Department

July through Oct the Fire Dept will be having a bonfire on the beach. The truck will need to be parked right by the entrance to manage the bonfire. We will discuss logistics with Chief Leland as the July event gets closer.

DPW

The DPW will supply us with cones (we can pick up the day before) to block parking spaces for all events. Extra trash receptacles will be dropped off to prevent overflow of existing ones at the park. We will coordinate timing as events get closer.

Harbormaster, Shellfish etc

Please make sure that trucks are moved around 1pm or they will get blocked in. Andy has coordinated the power situation with the Harbor Master. The musicians will be on the barge right off the pier for the June and October events.

Town Hall communication to residents

We are hoping Town Hall will send an email letting people know about the traffic and street closures a few days before each event? Along with parking issues for mooring holders on the day of.

First Friday Overview

First Friday is a community-based festival supporting tourism growth through the celebration of local identity, art, culture, and commerce. First Friday aims to be a tourism opportunity and uniting experience for the Island community. Celebrating Martha's Vineyard's maritime culture and local art, music, and craftspeople, First Friday is held in the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District, Main Street, Owen Park with satellite events in the business district on State Road, at the Martha's Vineyard Museum, and the Tisbury Marketplace. The event takes place the first Friday of June-October, with special events for the holidays and charitable causes.

First Friday is the signature event of Visit Vineyard Haven, the partnership between the Vineyard Haven Business Association and the Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District.

The five events aim to include visual art installations and interactive exhibits from local artists from across the island, live music from local musicians, and special programs from performing arts organizations. Restaurants, Food Trucks and stores offer special programming and incentives to bolster business and attract new audiences. Each event will be themed, with activities for kids, families, millennials, tourists, and people of all ages.

SCHEDULE for June

1PM Start to block off parking spots

2PM Owen Park closed off to visitors - only unloading vendors and food trucks allowed after 2pm

2PM - FOOD TRUCKS ARRIVE

(goldie's rotisserie & el gato grande trucks)

2:30PM - ARTIST VENDORS UNLOAD

(all art vendors & non-profits)

2:45PM - ARTIST VENDORS FIND PARKING

3PM - FOOD TRAILERS ARRIVE

(yommi, cocktail caravan, mv cheesery, island children's school)

3PM - ARTIST VENDORS SET UP STATIONS

4PM - OWEN PARK OPENS TO PUBLIC, ART MARKET BEGINS

4PM - LIVE PERFORMANCE

(mark and molly)

5PM - ALL FOOD VENDORS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

(optional, can open earlier)

5:30PM - LIVE PERFORMANCE

(robert hanjian)

7PM - ARTIST VENDOR BREAK-DOWN

(optional, can stay open late)

7:30PM - HEADLINER PERFORMANCE

(missis biskis)

7:30PM - ARTIST VENDOR LOAD-IN

(grab your vehicles and head back to owen park)

8PM - FOOD TRAILERS EXIT

(optional, can stay open late)

(yommi, cocktail caravan, mv cheesery, island children's school)

9PM - SILENT DISCO

(dj dc rose & dj memphis)

10PM - FOOD TRUCKS EXIT

(goldie's rotisserie & el gato grande trucks)

10PM - CLEAN UP



