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## Re: block party

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David Prottas <davidprottas@gmail.com>  
To: Joan McNamara <jmcnamara@natickma.org>

Thu, May 27, 2021 at 10:21 AM

Hi Joan,

Please find all my event info below:

**WHAT: "Block Party/Dance Jam Celebrating PRIDE Month!"**

**WHEN: JUNE 27TH, 2021**

**WHERE: FRANCONIA AVE, NATICK MA (BETWEEN BACON ST. AND OVERHILL RD.)**

**HOW LONG: 5-30PM-8:00PM - PROPOSED STREET CLOSURE TIMES**

**HOW MANY EXPECTED PEOPLE: APROX 40**

**COMMUNITY DANCE - 6:00PM-7:00PM**

**BLOCK PARTY - 7:00PM-8:00PM**

About me: *Hello! My name is David Prottas and I am a former New York City Ballet Dancer and Broadway actor who relocated back home to Natick at the start of the pandemic. Since moving home I've been leading **a free community dance class for all**, right outside my house on [9 Overhill Rd](#) in Natick. We usually just clear for cars, but this summer I'd like to have a special dance celebrating PRIDE month and wanted to inquire about blocking off a portion of the street!*

To learn more, please find attached an article from the MetroWest Daily News. Thank you! Please contact me via this e-mail [davidprottas@gmail.com](mailto:davidprottas@gmail.com) or on my cell at 774.270.1953. Thank you!

Best,  
David Prottas

<https://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/20200430/lets-dance-broadway-pro-david-prottas-retreats-home-to-lead-street-sessions-in-natick-during-coronavirus-pandemic>

On Thu, May 27, 2021 at 9:20 AM Joan McNamara <jmcnamara@natickma.org> wrote:

Hi David,

Can you please call me at the number below. I tried reaching you on your cell number but can't get through as your voicemail is full.

Thanks so much,

Joan

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On Thu, May 27, 2021 at 7:43 AM David Prottas <davidprottas@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Joan,

I hope this finds you well! I wanted to circle back with you regarding a request for a street block party on June 13th. I have yet to hear from the police department. I would imagine this is a particularly busy time and requests might be hard to manage. Please let me know if there is perhaps someone else I should contact. Much appreciated! Thank you!

Have a great day,  
David Prottas

On Thu, May 6, 2021 at 11:09 AM David Prottas <[davidprottas@gmail.com](mailto:davidprottas@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Joan,

Thanks so much for getting back to me so quickly! I put more info in my e-mail attached below! I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if it needs revisions or what next steps are. Much appreciated!

To whom it may concern:

Hello! My name is David Prottas and I am a former New York City Ballet Dancer and Broadway actor who relocated back home to Natick at the start of the pandemic. Since moving home I've been leading **a free community dance class for all**, right outside my house on [9 Overhill Rd](#) in Natick. We usually just clear for cars, but this summer I'd like to have a special dance celebrating PRIDE month and wanted to inquire about blocking off a portion of the street?

I'm aiming for **Sunday June 13th**. Typically we dance for about 45 min max. So **two hours of street blocking** should be ample time. I would anticipate about **40 people**, though it's hard to say for sure. I'm thinking probably sometime around 11am or afternoon.

I have attached an article from Metrowest Daily News to give you a better sense of what we've been up to. I hope we can make something work! think it would be really lovely for the community and a great way to celebrate all the things that PRIDE stands for like self acceptance, inclusion and equality in Natick.

You can reach me via e-mail at [davidprottas@gmail.com](mailto:davidprottas@gmail.com) or on my cell at 774.270.1953. Thank you!

Best,  
David

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On Tue, May 4, 2021 at 9:46 AM Joan McNamara <[jmcnamara@natickma.org](mailto:jmcnamara@natickma.org)> wrote:

Hi David,

Thank you for reaching out.

A few things here. Common requests need to go through the department of Parks and Recreation. Please search "common requests" on the Town of Natick website for further information. The application is below.

Next, I think any block party request you should put some numbers around that. How many people would you expect to be there? These requests go first to the Natick police department because they are the ones that have to approve blocking off roads, etc. It sounds like a really special thing that you are doing and I really appreciate your energy level. If you could please change your email a bit and resend me another email (similar to the one above), with the exact number of hours that the event will take place, how long you wish to have the road blocked off (exact), the expected number of people, and the description of the event, I will send it along to the Natick PD. I apologize for having to be so detailed but I want to give you the best chance for the Police Department to give you a positive recommendation for this event.

<https://www.natickma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6013/Common-Policies-and-Application?bidId=>

Please call me at my direct line below if you have any further questions.

All my best,

Joan  
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On Tue, May 4, 2021 at 9:33 AM David Prottas <davidprottas@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Joan,

Hope this finds you well. I'm interested in hosting a block party in mid June and wanted to reach out and gather some information!

Since the pandemic hit, I have been leading free dance classes to the public outside my house on 9 Overhill Rd. It has been lovely and we continue to dance when we can. Last year we celebrated PRIDE month with a special dance and I'd like to try to block off the street this year to allow for ample space and safety. Probably 2-3 hours max on a Sunday June 13th?

Please let me know what may be feasible and what the logistics of that would look like. Additionally, I think it would be fun to offer my class to the wider community and set something up in the commons. Could you give me info on that as well?

Thank you so much! I have attached an article about what we've been up to below. Looking forward to hearing from you. Have a great day!

Best,  
David Prottas  
774.270.1953

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