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### Welcome to the 35th annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival!

A special message from the Ocean Beach MainStreet Association (OBMA)

Welcome to our celebrated and eagerly anticipated yearly community tradition. This year, the OB Street Fair is celebrating its 35th anniversary, themed in honor of our limited-edition board game, Ocean Beach-opoly, which was released last year. The Street Fair offers fun in the sun for all ages and interests, including:

- Five stages of live, free and continuous music, providing a tune for every ear.
- Artists' Alley hosts handcrafted and unique items, along with entertaining art demonstrations.
- Community Mural Art Project – Join in the fun and paint a square in one of two community murals. One will pay homage to the weekly OB Farmers Market, and the second mural will be commemorative of the Ocean Beach-opoly board game. Children and adults of all ages are welcome in creating these masterpieces.
- Ocean Beach-opoly memory game – In honor of our theme, there will be a OB-opoly memory game hosted every 15 minutes, starting at the top of the hour from noon to 5 p.m. People can pay \$5 to play the game, with the winner of each round receiving a board game. Winners of each round will compete in the grand finale round at 5 p.m. to compete for the grand prize, a men's or women's Gran Royale Union Flyer bicycle provided by Performance Bicycle.

• Chili cookoff from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or when the chili runs out at the foot of Newport Avenue. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m., so get there early!

• Beachside Beer Garden and Liquorland (sponsored by Winston's Beach Club) – will be located right next to the Main Stage for adults to quench their thirst. Don't miss out on the third annual Bloody Mary Contest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Scrumptious food vendors and local restaurant fare in a dazzling array for all appetites. Colorful merchandise will also line all three blocks of Newport Avenue and the side streets.

• Hodad's Hamburger Eating Contest – The first-ever hamburger eating contest hosted by Hodad's and Winston's will be held at 1:30 p.m. near the Beer Garden at the OB Pier. Contestants will have six minutes to eat as many hamburgers as they can and the champion will have their name on a custom made Hodad's license plate trophy that will be displayed at the Hodad's Wall of Fame in Ocean Beach.

• A bike valet (sponsored by Clif Bar) will be available to help avoid the traffic, so let the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition do the parking for you. Located at the intersection of Bacon Street and Newport Avenue.

For more information about the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival and other activities throughout the year, visit [oceanbeachsandiego.com](http://oceanbeachsandiego.com), or call (619) 224-4906.



The annual Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival offers tons of fun for all ages. Sure, there's a beer garden for adults, but can you beat icy treats like these for the whole family? Photo by Jim Grant

## When it comes to scoping out the best 'fest' in San Diego, it doesn't get any better than this

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

With its mix of sun, surf, food and music, there is no other event quite like the Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off Festival.

One of the year's best bets for family-friendly fun and entertainment, 2014 marks the seaside street fair's 35th anniversary, with more than 70,000 visitors expected to take part in music,

art, activities of all sorts — and just making new friends along the way.

Participants strolling down Newport Avenue and its cross-streets will find tons of free activities to stimulate the senses, along with the fresh sea air.

There will be more than 250 vendors and artisans on hand, with foods from around the world on offer, as well as arts and crafts ranging from handmade jewelry to paintings and even a few unique

rides for kids of all ages.

This year's theme is "OB-Opoly," based on the classic board game.

For a \$5 donation, contestants can take part in 15-minute intervals from noon to 4 p.m. Winners of each round receive a copy of the localized board game, with the grand-prize winner scoring a new bike.

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# Spice of life: chili cook-off will put zing in your zang

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

While there is no shortage of fun activities at the Ocean Beach Street Fair, the day's signature event is easily the chili cook-off feature, which takes place at Veterans' Plaza at the foot of Newport Avenue.

If you like chili, there will be no better place to sample variations on the delicacy than at this year's street fair.

**"The longer the line, the more people that think it's good."**

Tasting begins at 11 a.m., though the line starts forming at 10 a.m.

Tickets for tasting and judging the various entries run \$1 for two servings, or you can get a People's Choice ticket for \$20, allowing you to sample all of the team's chili offerings.

This year, there will be almost two dozen competitors in two categories — restaurant and amateur — with judging based on consistency, smell, color and taste.

Both meat and vegetarian chili will be available. But, you're advised to get there early.

Even with almost 60 gallons of chili from such local restaurants as Shades Oceanfront Bistro and Craves Cafe, alongside 10 gallons each from the contestants, it's all gone by 2 p.m. — if not before.

The event was founded in 1984 by current OBMA board of directors member Mike Akey, who comes from a long line of chili enthusiasts, including his father, Angie Scaramuzzo.

He is the event's chief judge. According to Akey, it's pretty easy to tell who has the best chili on competition day.

"If you watch the lines, you can tell which one is most popular," he said. "The longer the line, the more people that think it's good."

He said the teams of chilimakers go all out in order to win. And that doesn't always just apply to the recipes.

"Some people dress up for this and they'll have a theme for their booth," Akey said.

"They get the people there involved. It's like a big show the whole time. The people are voting for their chili, so you want to get their attention. They go all-out for that," he said.

As for those secret chili recipes, he points out that exotic ingredients still pop up in some dishes, but not as often.

"Pretty much those days are over," he said. "You hear about someone using rattlesnake and so on. People now use more common sense and shoot for winning."

Winners also get prize money and a framed plaque.

After three decades of work with the chili cook-off, does Akey still like the stuff?

"Yes," he laughed. "But not all year."



Mayor Kevin Faulconer (former District 2 City Councilman), center in red, gives serious consideration to the chili offerings during last year's chili cook-off in Ocean Beach. Photo by Jim Grant

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# Kids have their special area at the street fair too!

By **BART MENDOZA** | THE BEACON

People of all ages will flock to the street fair's Wonderland area, located at the 4800 block of Newport Avenue.

It's actually hard to miss, with its colorful inflatables and giant slide setting the tone.

Named for a groundbreaking amusement park which once stood in the area more than 100 years ago, Wonderland visitors will find a multitude of attractions to keep the young — and young at heart — occupied the whole day.

Parent will find plenty to keep their little ones ages 3 to 10 busy, with something on hand to spark just about any child's imagination.

The star attraction is, as always, the pony rides, sure to elicit a picture-perfect moment. But there will also be toy cars, a bounce house, a merry-go-round and many more smile-inducing activities, making the area a one-stop stop for those with childre. The area's amenities are also kid friendly, with lots of treats available, from healthy options to summertime favorites like cotton candy and sno cones. There will even be a magician, face painting and mimes to entertain.

Meanwhile, the merely young at heart will find attractions such as the aforementioned cliffhanger slide, a rock climbing wall and various inflatable obstacle courses.

The activities are not only a lot of fun, but also get the adrenaline pumping.

New this year will be the "Rugged Warrior Mega Obstacle Course," a 120-foot inflatable challenge, with eight separate sections.

"Kids are going to be naturally more drawn to them, but they are definitely for all ages," said Greg Knight, owner of San Diego Kids Party Rentals, which is providing 14 attractions this year.

Also new are the Euro Bungy Trampolines, with up to four guests able to bounce into the air at once.

Sure to be among the most popular attractions is the "Wipeout Game," which features eight contestants try-

ing to avoid a revolving beam and being knocked off a perch. This promises to be almost as much fun to watch as to participate in.

"It's great to see the excitement in peoples face when they are on something new; it's almost similar to seeing a new ride at Disneyland," he said. "There is a sense of anticipation. In this case, people have seen Wipeout on TV and think, 'I could do that.' Now they can try."

Knight noted one new attraction he feels will draw particular attention.

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## The artistic touch very much a thread of the street fair's fabric

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

One of the things that sets the Ocean Beach Street Fair apart from others of its kind is its Artists' Alley, full of arts, crafts and their creators.

Other fairs have vendors, but here great care is taken to only include handmade items.

Someone buying a gift in Artists' Alley will truly be giving something unique. Running along at least two blocks of Cable Street at Newport Avenue, fairgoers will find everything from jewelry to paintings, clothing to musical instruments, all handmade and with the artist in attendance.

The latter point is particularly important to organizer Faren Shear.

"That's something special you won't find at other street fairs," Shear said. "Here, almost every booth has the artist right there. If there's something you like, perhaps you can have it customized or have something made just for you. It's possible, because the person who made it is available to you."

Shear has been organizing Artists' Alley for 11 years and is proud of the area's popularity

growth in recent years.

For 2014, 75 vendors will be on hand, with more than 50 percent returning from past street fairs.

With years of organizing experience, Shear has noticed several trends in art.

"I inherited the position, assisting the previous organizer, so I've seen a lot of shifts," she said.

Shear said that more men than ever are now involved in arts and crafts and that it's a younger group of artists as well.

"We're seeing a lot more things like T-shirts and posters and so on, as well as photographers. There are a few that are into three-dimensional art, like ceramics and so on, but T-shirts are really popular. You'll always see a crowd around those booths."

For Shear, the best part of organizing Artists' Alley has been watching artists grow. "At the end of the show, I do like to go around and see how the various artists did," she said. "It's always nice to hear when someone had a good day. But what I like the most is seeing various returning artists year to year. It's fun seeing everybody like this event enough to make a point to come back," Shear said. "So, I look forward to seeing people each year and seeing what they've made



The Artists' Alley component of the Ocean Beach Street Fair continues to grow annually, allowing guests to find everything from jewelry to paintings, clothing to musical instruments, all handmade and with the artist in attendance.

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# Hitting all the right notes: a peek into the music lineup

By **BART MENDOZA** | THE BEACON

While the chili is oh-so-popular and the ocean is always an irresistible draw, the biggest attraction at each year's street fair is the music. Scattered across five stages, visitors will be entertained by everything from folk to hip-hop and a lot of variety in between.

Ted Wigner, who books bands at Winston's Beach Club and the 710 Beach Club, and Michael Head of Head Trap Recording Studios, say the 2014 Ocean Beach Street Fair will feature music by 37 performers.

"We try to include as big a variety of music as possible," said Head. "We want things to be as entertaining as possible, while offering up options for music fans to explore our local music community."

He said the performers are mostly chosen by online submissions or press kits. While bands from all over are welcome, being from Ocean Beach does have its advantages.

"I would say 95 percent of the artists are local," said Head. "Close to 50 percent are OB or OB-related bands and artists."

This is Head's fourth year of booking after two decades of on-and-off involvement. While outdoor gigs can be tricky, all that experience pays off when it comes to

making things run smoothly.

"We are lucky to have good weather in OB year-round," he said. "The sound can be a challenge, but we have some of the best audio and stage people around."

The stages mix a variety of artists with a bit of a theme to them.

For example, the Artists' Alley Stage features a heavy blues influence.

"I feel good, traditional and modern blues is slightly underrepresented in San Diego. I hope this helps," he said.

The bill will be topped by The Red Lotus Revue at 6 p.m.

The Wonderland Stage includes singer-songwriters and acoustic acts, with featured sets from troubadour Dave Gilbert at 2 p.m. and funky rockers Markland at 6 p.m.

The Bacon Sun stage will feature rock with a touch of world music, including singer-songwriter Rich McGee at 10 a.m. and the return of former Ocean Beach resident Chuck Schiele's group Bad Science Fiction at 2:15 p.m. among the highlights.

Meanwhile, the 92107 OB Stage has a focus on Ocean Beach artists, including such favorites as longtime reggae and rock favorite Jeff Bloom at 10 a.m. with Grateful Dead tribute band The Electric Waste Band closing out the stage at 6 p.m.



The Main Stage at the foot of Newport Avenue will be the site of some of the most diverse music at the Ocean Beach Street Fair and will feature artists like former Beat Farmer Joey Harris, The Heavy Guilt and C-Money. Photo by Jim Grant

Finally, the Main Stage is possibly the most diverse of the stages and is set to include music from former Beat Farmer Joey Harris at 11 a.m., soulful groovers The Heavy Guilt at 2 p.m. and funky, reggae-tinged C-Money at 5:10 p.m.

Ocean Beach resident and singer-songwriter Dave Gilbert said he is happy to be playing the event to an audience that includes folks from all over the world but is particularly pleased to be able to showcase his music in his own neighborhood.

"I love getting to perform live, especially for my friends and neighbors here in the town where I live, OB," he said.

Does he tailor his set for this sort of

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According to Liz Greene, creative director for the host Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, the street fair “is about celebrating the community and having fun, so we felt that this game would be the perfect way to do that. The game was unveiled at the end of last year’s street fair, and we felt this was a great way to involve fairgoers in something that is about the area.”

Among the street fair’s annual highlights are the ever-popular chili cook-off and five stages of music, as well as the increasingly popular Artist’s Alley area. Now taking up two blocks of Cable Street, this part of the street fair has become one

of San Diego’s best spots to find original arts and crafts.

While the event has things in common with other street fairs, there are also many things that make it unique, starting with the fact that it takes place at the foot of the Pacific Ocean.

However, what truly separates this Ocean Beach Street Fair from the others is its neighborhood feel.

There are rides and a beer garden, music and food. But the event is more about celebrating Ocean Beach and all it has to offer.

The sense of civic pride is palpable, from the event’s start to finish, including youngster Jaylin Brown singing the national anthem on the 92107 stage at 9:50 a.m. and again on the main stage an hour later.

Other civic-minded activities include the opportunity for eventgoers to participate in the painting of a community mural.

Other events sure to draw crowds include a bikini contest in the beer garden, a Bloody Mary contest between local bars and restaurants and the first Hodad’s Burger Eating Contest.

The name of the winner of the latter will be placed on a commemorative license plate and hung in a place of honor at the famed restaurant.

Years of involvement with the street fair haven’t dulled Greene’s appreciation for the event.

“It’s an amazing thing to see the streets closed and the booths and everything going up,” she said. “All these people working together to make

it happen. The speed of the whole thing is amazing,” she said. “And by midnight, thanks to that hard-working crew, everything is back to normal.”

Anyone hoping to avoid traffic on event day will want to take advantage of the four free trolleys running continually every half-hour throughout the day, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Guests can park their cars at two outer parking lots (Robb Field and the Sunrunner lot at Pacific Highway and Sea World Drive) and shuttle directly to the street fair.

The drop-off is right at Artists’ Alley.

Meanwhile, those heading to the street fair on their bicycles will find a valet service in front of Winston’s Beach Club on Bacon Street, courtesy of the Bicycle Coalition.

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Space will be limited and based on a first come first served basis. You can sign up for any time slot at the start of the day, and your \$5 is due upon sign up. You must show up to the booth 5 minutes before start time to play, otherwise you risk forfeiting your spot.

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concert?  
“I do to a certain extent,” Gilbert said. “But Obecians love good music, period. So as long as you’re playing from the heart and keeping it real, everybody has a good, fun time.”  
Although much has changed in the 35 years since the Ocean Beach Street Fair began, Head said he is happy that some things have remained the same.  
“It’s still all about the kids and raising money for the OB Fourth of July fireworks show,” he said.

SPOTLIGHT – BAD SCIENCE FICTION

Fans of great rock ‘n’ roll won’t want to miss the set from Bad Science Fiction at 2:15 p.m. on the Bacon Sun Stage. The band, decked out in lab coats, plays a nifty vein of new-wave inflected tunes, but what makes the show extra special is the

return of former Ocean Beach resident and major event supporter, Chuck Schiele.  
Now back in his native New York state, this show is a great opportunity to thank Schiele for his many years of service to San Diego’s music community. The wonderful tunes will almost be a bonus.

SPOTLIGHT – THE MENTALS

There are lots of great musicians at the street fair this year, but the illustrious career of Joey Harris stands out. Best known for his work with the Beat Farmers, it’s been a long career that now sees him performing with The Mentals.  
“Fresh air shows like the OB Street Fair are terrific fun because the spectators can wander from stage to stage, sampling the aural taste treats being served up,” Harris said.

Fans will be happy to hear he’s taking the size and nature of the crowd into consideration.  
“When playing an hour show, I like to draw up a set list that plays like a greatest hits record,” he said.



SPOTLIGHT – JET WEST

Local reggae rockers Jet West have taken San Diego by storm since their founding in 2009, earning several San Diego Music Award nominations and building their rep through a string of killer shows, including four previous street fairs. Frontman Chris Warner said the wide age

range of guests are a major plus.  
“The best part about playing outside events like this one are the all-age crowds and families that are walking around,” he said. “The kids are our future and it feels great to share our music and hopefully inspire them to pick up an instrument one day.”

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## Spotlight:

over the past 12 months."

## A volunteer who makes a difference — Craig Gerwig



**CRAIG GERWIG**

By BART MENDOZA | THE BEACON

It's true that an event like the Ocean Beach Street Fair could not happen without the dedication and tireless efforts of volunteers. Among the hundreds who help each year, lifelong Ocean Beach resident Craig Gerwig stands out.

The owner of a local antique shop, the Newport Avenue Antique Center, he is also a member of the street fair's board of directors.

"For years and years he has gone above and beyond," said Ocean Beach MainStreet Association creative director Liz Greene "He takes on the task of all the pre-event logistical organization, like gathering the equipment orders, hanging 'no parking warning' signage two weeks prior. Plus, he is on site at the crack of dawn with his 'Dawn Patrol' group, marking the street for the setup crew that starts around 5 a.m.

"On top of that, when it's all said and done, he hosts a big thank-you party at his house and gives everyone a chance to decompress, swim and share stories about the day," she said. "He's a real asset to the event."

Gerwig has been volunteering for 15 years.

"I've lived in the area my whole life," he said. "I just wanted to get involved in the community."

After his Dawn Patrol, Gerwig continues to help until midnight.

"Whatever they need, I'm happy to pitch in with," he said.

He said he is thrilled to be able to help his neighborhood.

"I complain sometimes. After all, it is 'work,'" he said. "But I wouldn't change anything. I love being able to help out. It really is a lot of fun, especially the pre-show stuff when we're getting the streets ready and there is no one out and about."

It's clear Gerwig is proud of Ocean Beach.

"It has a good ol' town flair," he said. "It's a quirky, little sleepy beach community and a great place to live. Even better, it's a very tight-knit place. Everybody gets involved. No other local community is like that."



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Music preview site: [YouTube.com/alan62651/](http://YouTube.com/alan62651/) Original album for sale: [cdbaby.com/cd/alanland](http://cdbaby.com/cd/alanland)

**Country Rockin' Rebels** - Up from a dusty California horizon, come the Country Rockin' Rebels. The Rebels mix old school lyrical charm with hot guitars and a solid rhythm. They are a live musical journey that tears through the history of country, blues and rock 'n roll mixing classic covers with solid, endearing original material. They are indeed as their motto states: "Too rock for country and too country for rock." <http://facebook.com/countryrockinrebels>



The Seawall Prophets are: Steve "Tunker" Markland - Harmonica, Aaron Markland - Guitar, Justin Markland - Bass, Randy Jones - Drums. Hailing originally from Ocean Beach itself, the Seawall Prophets approach their music with homegrown elements of funk, beach, blues, and a sprinkling of tasty progressive elements. Come enjoy some hypnotizing grooves with a laid back attitude.



Surf music is California's authentic folk music, as New Orleans has jazz and Chicago has electric blues. Arab Spring Reverb plays traditional style surf music with thunderous drums, rumbling fender bass, and reverbed guitar as wet as a head high wave. The all instrumental group delivers BIG BEATS with exotic yet familiar melodies and the sound of Rock and Roll. TWANGY-PERCUSSIVE-DYNAMIC.....Arab Spring Reverb will have you doing the Surfer Stomp!



Hailing from sunny San Diego, Jet West is a five piece band that formed in the fall of 2008 as an independent, Rock/Reggae band and hasn't slowed down since. In 2010, Jet West released their first full length album, "Dropping In" on their independent label, Hidden Reef Records, and a musical journey around the nation was spawned. Their debut album was nominated in the San Diego Music Awards for best new World Music Album 2011. Jet West has shared the stage with such big names as Slightly Stoopid, RX Bandits, Authority Zero, The Aggrolites, Tomorrows Bad Seeds and Through the Roots." Website: [www.jetwestband.com](http://www.jetwestband.com)



Armed with an arsenal of lethal instruments ready to groove the masses and light up the stage, Soul Blaze arrives on the scene exuding melodic, hypnotic tunes. This music is intended for lovers of strong, smooth sound. It is best experienced with an open mind (and should be consumed immediately after opening). Through the flavor that Soul Blaze brings to the table, we get a taste of an unimagined tomorrow with nostalgic glimmers of yesterday. Peeking out from beneath the band's unique and refreshing sound are the influences of Jimi Hendrix, Sade, Prince, Miles Davis, and Midnight, to name a few. [facebook.com/soulblazemusic](http://facebook.com/soulblazemusic)



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**Kitten With a Whip** is a female-fronted ensemble that delivers a blend of rock, funk and world music enriched by soaring melodies, jamming solos and solid rhythmic grooves. An eclectic blend of sounds, singer/guitarist Audrey Moesch composes such rousing, relationship survival anthems as "I Believe in Me" and the angst-filled rocker "Monster" to the happy dance tunes of world beat-inspired "Jujur" and "To Be." Originally formed in 1995, the band regrouped with seasoned players who love to rock and jam, including bassist Laura Payne, lead guitarist Eddie Kolenski and drummer Al Cacas. [www.reverbnation.com/kittenwithawhip](http://www.reverbnation.com/kittenwithawhip)



**Todo Mundo** ("All the World") blends the musical flavors of Rumba, Reggae, Samba, and Gypsy styles into an irresistible groove that has been moving dance floors and connecting with audiences from Southern California to South America since 2008. Through their high energy performances and diversity, with the aim of connecting people from all over the world. The band will be touring the western part of the U.S. this July and August in support of their new album *Conexion*, scheduled to be released this summer.



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**Lucky Rumba** - There will be a third member of the band present on stage to help with percussion, in contrast to our band picture which shows our core group of two. [www.facebook.com/LuckyRumba](http://www.facebook.com/LuckyRumba)

Kris Wott is a 25 year old Beach Blues artist who lives in the wonderful beach town of OB. He plans to play blues covers and originals that he has written over the past 3 years while living in Ocean Beach. Many friends that were in a local band *Joint Custody* will be joining him on stage as well as some special appearances. He would like to thank his family, lady, friends and of course Ocean Beach for their support and love.



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9:50am  
JAYLIN BROWN (11yrs)  
National Anthem

10:00 - 10:40am  
JEFF BLOOM

11:00 - 11:40am  
JAM KWEST

12:00 - 12:40pm  
SPACESHAG

1:00 - 1:45pm  
RDG

2:15 - 3:00pm  
TRUE STORIES

3:30 - 4:15pm  
COUNTRY  
ROCKIN' REBELS

4:45 - 5:30pm  
JET WEST

6:00 - 7:00pm  
ELECTRIC  
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**ARTISTS ALLEY**  
Cable St. @ Niagara Ave.

Blues, R&B, World

10:00 - 10:40am  
CHICKEN BONE SLIM

11:00 - 11:40am  
THE STOLEN HUBCAPS

12:00 - 1:00pm  
THE MONEYMEN

1:30 - 2:30pm  
BIG JON  
& BUBBA McCOY

3:00 - 4:00pm  
THE HOT MESS

4:30 - 5:30pm  
SISTER SPEAK

6:00 - 7:00pm  
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**MAIN STAGE**  
Foot of Newport Ave. @ Abbott St.

OB Music: Roots, Rock,  
Funk & Reggae

**MAIN STAGE MC:**  
**JEFFERSON JAY**

10:50am  
JAYLIN BROWN (11yrs)  
National Anthem

11:00 - 12:00pm  
JOEY HARRIS

12:30 - 1:30pm  
EASE UP

2:00 - 3:00pm  
THE HEAVY GUILT

3:00 - 3:30pm  
**Chili Cook-Off Awards**

3:30 - 4:40pm  
WISE MONKEY  
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5:10 - 6:15pm  
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6:45 - 8:00pm  
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Acoustic, Groove, Rock

10:00 - 10:40am  
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11:00 - 11:45am  
CHELSEA FLOR

12:00 - 12:45pm  
JOHN TAFOLLA

1:00 - 1:45pm  
JEFFERSON JAY

2:00 - 3:00pm  
DAVE GILBERT

3:30 - 4:30pm  
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1:00 - 1:45pm  
SUNDAY HUSTLE

2:15 - 3:00pm  
BAD SCIENCE FICTION

3:30 - 4:15pm  
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4:45 - 5:30pm  
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