

Barbes Festival Parking Plan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021 | MONTAGUE, MA

Overview

Barbes In The Woods is a one-day Festival, slated to take place on Saturday, August 21st on the 12 acre property owned by Kathleen Lynch and Dean Garvin, at 27 Center Street in Montague. In our second year, we expect to draw between 1500 - 2000 attendees from throughout New England, including a bus full of festival goers from Brooklyn (where the festival's namesake club, Barbes, is located).

Vehicle Estimates

As a rule of thumb, we anticipate a ratio of 2.5 people per vehicle. For this event, the ratio may be higher depending on the number of attendees that come from New York via bus. Based on conservative calculations, we expect to park up to 400 cars. The parking plan outlined below should accommodate in excess of 600 cars without relying on street parking.

Notes

- Ticketholders will be notified in advance about parking, access routes, and street closure.
- Handicap and artist parking will be reserved at the festival site (adjacent to the house) at 27 Center Street and at the Montague Village Store.
- Gates open at 2pm and music starts at 3pm allowing plenty of time for staggered attendee arrival.
- Parking will not be permitted in Lord and Cornet lots overnight.

Parking Locations

1. **Minimart** (Lot & Lawn) - 100 cars, reserved for artists, staff, and volunteers.
2. **Lord Property** (34 South Street) - 200 cars
3. **Cornet Property** - (419 Greenfield Road) - 300 cars
4. **Montague Center** (by the Congregational Church and surrounding side streets) - 200 cars

Staffing

- Each public parking area will be staffed by a minimum of 3 people to ensure that festival goers enter and exit in an orderly and safe manner.
- 2 volunteers with flashlights will be posted along the way to the Cornet Lot (across from the Book Mill) to ensure that pedestrians can walk safely from the parking area to the festival.

Road Closure

- Center Street will be closed from #37 (Yellow House) to the single lane bridge over the Sawmill Brook from 12PM - 12AM. Residents will not be able to park on Center Street during this time frame.
- Union Street will be closed down at Center Street. Residents on Union Street will need to use the street as a two-way in and out for that time frame. We encourage all residents within this area on Center Street to stage a car at the common if they plan on traveling. If they are having company visiting for the event, please park and stay.
- Tom Bergeron can have his crew put out no-parking signs on the Thursday prior to the event.
- We will have two detail officers from 12PM - 12AM. They will be at each end guiding traffic and keeping the road open during the event and will be around for emergencies.

Barbes Festival Health & Safety Plan

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We take the health and safety of our festival attendees, staff, and residents seriously. We have developed appropriate COVID protocols as well as a clear plan for evacuating attendees in the event of an emergency.

Safety Plan

Montague Center FD will have an EMT vehicle / medical unit positioned at the entrance to the festival and their brush truck will be stationed in the field, as we did in 2019. We will also maintain an open lane across the field to permit emergency vehicle access.

We're not afraid of a little rain. However, in the event of an electrical storm or other severe weather event, we will evacuate our audience and ask them to shelter in their vehicles and/or at the Congregational Church and Old Town Hall buildings.

Center Street will be closed from #37 (Yellow House) to the single lane bridge over the Sawmill Brook from 12PM - 12AM. Residents will not be able to park on Center Street during this time frame. This will enable attendees to safely walk to and from the festival site and grant emergency vehicles clear and rapid access to the site. Please refer to the Road Closure section of the Parking Plan for additional details.

COVID Safety Protocols

PRODUCTION TEAM & ARTISTS:

- All members of our production team are either fully vaccinated or must present a negative covid test the week of the event.
- All artists/performers are either fully vaccinated or must present a negative covid test the week of the event.
- All artists and technical crew who are not vaccinated must remain masked when moving about the stage and backstage areas. Artists who are not vaccinated may remove their masks to rehearse or perform. Un-vaccinated artists who are not singing or playing a woodwind or brass instrument are encouraged to wear masks for both rehearsal and performance.
- All high touch production equipment (microphones, mic stands, etc.) will be wiped down between performers)

TICKETING & GATE

- We collect contact information for all ticket holders: first and last name, email address, zip code, phone number
- Gate staff remain masked for the duration of the event

AUDIENCE EXPECTATIONS & SEATING

- Audience members are responsible for bringing their own chairs, blankets, and so forth
- The audience is divided into two sections: masked and unmasked. Attendees choose their section based on their needs and comfort level.
- Children under 12 must remain masked.
- All unvaccinated attendees are asked to remain masked, following state guidelines.
- Attendees are asked to wear a face covering when standing in a line for tickets, food, restrooms, and when moving about the property.

We will update these protocols closer to the event based on the most up to date guidance from the state.