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**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRIGHTON'S SMOKIN' JAZZ & BARBECUE BLUES FESTIVAL**  
**DOWNTOWN BRIGHTON**

**SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2018**

**FRIDAY 5:00pm - 11:00pm**

**SATURDAY 12:00pm - 11:00pm**

The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank are pleased to present our 13th Annual Brighton's Smokin' Jazz & Barbecue Blues Festival this September in Downtown Brighton.

"There is real energy in downtown Brighton during Smokin' Jazz Barbecue Blues," states Pamela McConeghy, President and CEO of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. "Fall's cooler air transcends onto Main Street – air filled with scents of savory barbecue and corn on the cob. Crowds of friends, neighbors and out-of-town guests descend onto the City's music center of gravity – the municipal lot – to enjoy a sweet mix of jazz and blues. And there's an oversized figure that we have been accustomed to that symbolizes 'barbecue' – the big pink porky-pig at the Mill Pond, compliments of 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, the festival's premiere sponsor. Come and enjoy. It's all in the experience...and this festival has it all!"

Event hours are Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - 11:00pm and Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 12:00noon - 11:00pm.

Award winning barbecue will once again be smokin' up Main Street from Grand River to 1<sup>st</sup> Street; serving up ribs, pulled pork, beef brisket, pork tenderloin, sweet treats, specialty mac n' cheese and more. Vendors will be open on Main Street 5:00pm – 11:00pm on Friday and 12:00pm - 11:00pm on Saturday.

Jazz and blues will be live at the beer tent located on Mill Pond Lane (in the municipal parking lot behind Great Harvest Bread Company) both Friday and Saturday, 5:00pm –

11:00pm. Cover is just \$5.00. Beer and wine are also just \$5.00. ATM's are available on Main Street and at the entrance to the beer tent.

The event will be offering FREE shuttle service to and from the event. Shuttle pick up location is at the Meijer M Dot Parking Lot located at 8650 W Grand River Ave, Brighton 48116. Shuttles will run 5:00pm-11:30pm on Friday and Saturday 12:00pm – 11:30pm.

This year, the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce's Men 4 A Cause group will host a Cornhole Tournament on Friday, September 7 from 6:00-11:00 p.m. in the music venue/beer tent area. Cost to enter the tournament is \$20 for a single or \$40 for a team of two people. The winning team will be awarded a cash prize! Those interested in playing can register at <https://www.brightoncoc.org/events/details/men-4-a-cause-cornhole-tournament-at-brighton-s-smokin-jazz-barbecue-blues-festival-21334>. Men 4 A Cause exists to bring support, help, change and impact to our community and surrounding world through events that raise funds for a selected family or non-profit in need. Proceeds from the Cornhole Tournament will go to a local non-profit. Past recipients have included Love INC, LaCasa, a local family with terminally ill child, a local veteran with cancer and Samaritan's Purse.

The 2018 Brighton's Smokin' Jazz & Barbecue Blues line up is anything but average! This year's live entertainment pulls from the best of the best of both local and national jazz and blues bands:

#### **FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

- 6:00PM - 7:00PM** Hank Mowery & The Hawktones  
<http://www.hankmowery.com>
- 7:15PM - 8:15PM** Paul Carey Group featuring Cee Cee Collins  
<http://collins1824.wixsite.com/ceeceecollins>
- 8:30PM – 9:30PM** Michael Charles  
<http://www.michaelcharles.us/>
- 9:45PM - 11:00PM** JC & The Royal Keys  
<http://jarrodchampion.com>

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

- 6:00PM - 7:00PM** organissimo  
<http://organissimo.org>
- 7:15PM - 8:15PM** Greg Nagy  
<https://gregnagy.com/index/>
- 8:30PM – 9:30PM** Chris Casello Combo with Miss Tammi Savoy  
<https://www.chriscasello.com>, <https://www.misstammisavoy.com>
- 9:45PM - 11:00PM** Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones  
<https://www.dougdeming.com/home>

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to lend a hand in the community. Registration is ongoing and positions are filled on a first-come first-served basis. A link can be found by clicking the big orange button on the front page of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.brightoncoc.org](http://www.brightoncoc.org).

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**Come for the food, stay for the music!**

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