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

**SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2017**

**FRIDAY 5:00pm - 11:30pm**

**SATURDAY 12:00pm - 11:30pm**

The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank are pleased to present our 12th Annual Brighton's Smokin' Jazz & Barbecue Blues Festival this September in Downtown Brighton.

Event hours are Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 5pm - 11:30pm and Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00noon - 11:30pm.

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 – 11:30pm on Friday and 12:00pm - 11:30pm 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 – 11:30pm. Cover is just \$5.00. Ages 21 and over is requested after 9pm. Beer, wine, ale and hard cider 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-12:00am on Friday and Saturday 12:00pm – 12:00am.

Attendees will have a chance to get creative with Paint and Pour where you can take home your very own smokin' art! Those interested can register at the Mill Pond Gazebo.

## SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Visit our sponsor and non-profit booths for your chance to win. Many ways to get involved, enter to win or just share what you love about our community. And be sure to stop by the CHAMBER/INFO BOOTH located in front of the Running Lab located at the corner of Hyne and Main Street to vote for this year's People's Choice for best bbq!

The 2017 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 8<sup>TH</sup>

- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Mr. B  
<http://www.mrbpiano.com/>
- 7:30PM - 8:30PM Nicole New & The Woodward Horns  
<http://nicolenew.com/> or <http://woodwardhorns.com/>
- 9:00PM - 10:00PM Corey Dennison Band  
<http://coreydennison.com/>
- 10:30PM - 11:30PM Zydecrunch  
<http://www.zydecrunch.com/>

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

- 6:00PM - 7:00PM Aguanko  
<http://www.marcuselliotmusic.com/>
- 7:30PM - 8:30PM Kris Kurzawa's Tribute to Jeff Beck  
<https://www.cdbaby.com/cd/kriskurzawa>
- Kris Kurzawa's versatility has led him to become one of Detroit area's most in demand guitarists since the early 2000's; crossing multiple genres including jazz, fusion, world music and R+B. Born and raised in the Detroit area and inspired by classic rock and blues players, Kris took up the guitar at age 15 and went on to receive a bachelors and masters in jazz studies from Wayne State University. Kris has supported multiple national artists including Bob James, Jeff Lorber and Martha Reeves, along with local artists such as Thornetta Davis, Alexander Zonjic and The Hot Club of Detroit. Kris is a member of the DMA winning world music super group Zap Toro. He released his first album 'Sly' in 2016 earning him his fifth Detroit Music Award.
- 9:00PM - 10:00PM Mike Wheeler Band  
<https://mikewheelerband.com/>
- 10:30PM - 11:30PM Third Coast Kings

<https://www.thirdcoastkings.com/>

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).

“Brighton’s Smokin’ Jazz & Barbecue Blues festival is certainly a signature event for Livingston County,” states Pam McConeghy, President and CEO of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. “It has brought a considerable amount of attention to downtown Brighton and has helped to stimulate its vibrant economy. The festival brings jazz, blues and barbecue enthusiasts to Brighton from all across the region. We’re looking forward to another successful event.”

“Brighton’s Smokin’ Jazz and Barbecue Blues Festival has become a local icon. As we set out on our 12<sup>th</sup> year, the City of Brighton is celebrating its very own 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will come together to celebrate jazz, blues, barbecue and our historic one-of-a-kind downtown. For those that have never been, hopefully, it only takes one time for you to fall in love with Brighton’s Smokin’ Jazz!” – Sophia Freni

Contact Sophia Freni - Director of Events, at the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce for more information via email at [events@brightoncoc.org](mailto:events@brightoncoc.org) or by calling 810.227.5086. Please also visit [www.brightonsmokinjazz.com](http://www.brightonsmokinjazz.com) for event updates.

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

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