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WE'RE BACK! ANNUAL 'MEET ME IN MORRISTOWN' HITS THE SIDEWALKS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Morristown, NJ – July 15, 2021. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Morristown Partnership and Morris Arts, industry and art will once again come together to create Meet Me in Morristown, a summer event that promotes arts and culture, as well as the downtown economy.

"As we start to resume our regular programming, we are pleased to once again partner with Morris Arts to bring the community together for this much-anticipated outdoor event," said Jennifer Wehring, executive director at the Morristown Partnership, adding "By combining our business and arts communities, Meet Me in Morristown promotes our downtown, fosters entrepreneurship, highlights area artists and promises a lively and fun night out for all ages."

Meet Me in Morristown will transform the downtown into a center for art, music and fun with artists and performers located by the Vail Mansion Lawn. Select visual artists will showcase and sell their artwork while Morristown businesses remain open later and host sidewalk sales and demonstrations by their businesses. Entertainment will include Flight Lights, a four-piece SoulFunk band based out of Northern New Jersey. The band recently won Morristown Onstage, a local New Jersey talent show hosted by the Morris Educational Foundation to a sold out MPAC Theater. They will be featured at the first of this year's *Meet Me in Morristown* events at the Vail Mansion Thursday, July 29th starting at 6:00PM.

Do you want to be a part of the fun! If you are an artist who wants to show and sell your artwork at this event, please go to the Morris Arts website – Morrisarts.org - Meet Me in Morristown page. Morristown businesses who want to participate please go to the Morristown Partnership's website listed below.

"The event is an amazing partnership combining local businesses, downtown development and marketing organizations with arts organizations" said Tom Werder, executive director at Morris Arts, adding "it's about making art accessible to everyone".

Meet Me in Morristown will take place on two dates in 2021, Thursdays July 29 and August 26. The rain date will be the following day, on Friday. Morristown business sidewalk sales will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the town, and entertainment and artists from 5 to 9 p.m at the Vail Lawn.

All activities will operate in compliance with state public-health guidelines, as well as local directives. Visit MeetMeInMorristown.com for additional details.

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Morristown Partnership is a Special Improvement District (SID) created in 1994, designated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It supports Morristown's vibrant business district by developing private/public partnerships among business, government, civic and community members. It is self-funded partly through special assessments on commercial properties located in the SID, foundation and/or government grants, promotional participation, sponsorships for community events and financial & in-kind donations. The Morristown Partnership consists of more than 400 commercial properties and 1,000+ businesses physically located in the SID. If you would like more information on The Morristown Partnership, please visit the website at www.morristown-nj.org or call at 973-455-1133 for business opportunities in downtown Morristown.

Morris Arts is a non-profit local arts agency whose mission is to build community through the arts. Morris Arts provides services for artists and arts organizations throughout Morris County and works with many community partners in helping to promote arts and culture in area schools with Arts in Education programs as well as traditional and non-tradition venues. Some of the on-going projects that Morris Arts programs are: ongoing Art Exhibits at the Atrium in the Court House, the Giralda Farms Music & Arts Festival, and the Morris Arts Fest at Lewis Morris Park. For more information visit www.morrisarts.org.