September 29, 2021, Trenton, NJ - Call it a comeback! Come out and celebrate Trenton’s creative talent and one of its most resilient commercial strips at the second Passaic Street Classic! From hip hop to classic cars; from jazz to comedy; from art to a paper boat race: it will all be on Passaic Street this Saturday, October 2 from 12pm-6pm.

Last held in 2016, this block party is hosted by the Passaic Street Business Association and Isles, with the half-block of Passaic Street closed between Willow and Kafer Streets.

“We’re thrilled to support the Passaic Street Business Association - the Passaic Street Classic is an opportunity to appreciate all of what Trenton has to offer,” explains Chris Shimchick, Senior Project Manager of Community Planning & Development at Isles. The Passaic Street Classic continues a growing tradition of community events that the business owners have been organizing for years.

Neighboring barbershop and community hub Razor Sharp, along with Laff Out Loud by Nina & Landy will bring a mix of hip hop, spoken word, and comedy throughout the day. The Candle Light Lounge will host Chris Beck & the Jazz Disciples with an outdoor performance at 3:30pm. Activities for youth will include Isles’ T-Recs mobile recreation truck and the Great Trenton Paper Boat Race on the Delaware & Raritan Canal at 2:30pm.

The Candle Light’s LightBox, a converted shipping container that serves as an art gallery, will exhibit work by Leslie Floyd. The outside of the container features an installation of lightboxes with photographs of jazz performances at the Candlelight by photographer Steve Shilling. Additional lightboxes facing the Razor Sharp barber shop feature work by Bentrice Jusu, a young poet and filmmaker from the neighborhood.
A BLOCK PARTY FOR ALL AGES!

Music & Performances:
-DJ Prime Minister (Main Stage)

-Laff Out Loud by Nina and Landy:
  • Community Dance Academy
  • Deekay - Comedy (host)
  • King Don & Ices - Hip hop
  • Todd Evans - Spoken Word

3:30pm - 4:30pm - Chris Beck & the Jazz Disciples
(Candle Light Parking Lot)

4:30pm - 6pm - Razor Sharp Hip Hop Show (Main Stage)
  • Ytb Quazzy
  • Curtix Star
  • Clark
  • Mag b
  • Moet Fly
  • Big Ooh!

FUN THROUGHOUT THE DAY!
Artwork exhibit by Leslie Floyd (LightBox)
Artwork by Trenton Community A-Team (TCAT)
Classic Cars from Capitol City Cruisers
Sports and games by Isles’ T-Recs mobile recreation program
The Great Trenton Paper Boat Race
Free Haircuts for Kids - courtesy of Razor Sharp

Vendors:
Retail:
  • Eva’s Garden - Soaps, lotions, bath bombs
  • Hawwah Fashions - earrings, handmade ties, incense
  • IreeSky Fiction & Editing - books
  • Mosconi Clothing - mens and womens fashion
  • She Smokes - Cigars, Accessories
  • Stay Humble Apparel - hoodies, sweatshirts, sweatsuits
Food:
  • Lem Lem’s Catering
  • Rachel’s Real Juice
Rice bowls: (Salmon, Shrimp, Chicken); Hot dogs, Hamburgers

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About Isles: Founded in 1981, Isles, Inc. is a community development and environmental organization in Trenton, New Jersey. With a mission to foster self-reliant families and healthy, sustainable communities, Isles designs and develops effective services that support this mission and share what they learn with others who can make a difference. For more information, visit www.isles.org.