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# 2023-24 SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 1. Point Arena Almost Fringe Festival April
- 2. Ft. Bragg Blue Economy Event May
- 3. Willits Frontier Days July
- 4. Pt. Arena Independence Day Celebration -July
- 5. Fort Bragg Salmon BBQ July
- 6. Winesong Fort Bragg September
- 7. Mendocino Area Parks Association Fort Bragg September
- 8. Ukiah Christmas Trolley November-December

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## AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

The Whale Festival in Mendocino will be taking place on Saturday, March 2nd

### SUMMARY:

The Chamber of Commerce is having the Whale Festival event March 2, 2024, and has requested MTA provide shuttle service from 12:00pm to 4 pm. They would like to arrange with MTA for the Trolley to provide shuttle service in the town of Mendocino. Janice a representative from the Chamber of Commerce will address the board on this matter.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adding the Wale Festival in Mendocino, CA to the Special Events calendar.

Attachments

None

## Mendocino Whale Festival Request

Thank you for allowing the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce to address your board to request the use of the MTA Trolley for our event.

As this is the first year since COVID that we are able to produce this event, the excitement is building amongst the merchants, inns and entire community.

The date is Saturday March 2, 2024. The times are from 12 noon until 4:00 pm. The main event that the Chamber coordinates is the wine walk throughout the village of Mendocino. This entails shops, galleries and inns hosting wineries from Mendocino County to come pour samples of their wines. Each host is required to provide appetizers to accompany the wines that will be provided. The Chamber provides the insurance and licensing from ABC for the entire event. We also are planning on having magnetic placards printed for the sides of the trolley, acknowledging the festival sponsors.

Due to the expanse of the walk which would be from the west end of Main Street all the way up Lansing Street to the north inns, Agate Cove and Sea Rock B&B, the MTA trolley is a major help to transport the guests safely around town, not to mention a fun additional event for families who are visiting the area. We are not requiring the trolley to go up to Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse this year.

We are in the process of confirming all the the wineries and hosts, so the attached map I included here is just a sample of how the route would look. We will provide the updated material to you for the convenience of the driver as soon as we are able. Let us know, too, if tips for the driver are appropriate.

We are looking forward to your approval to secure the service of the trolley.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Littrell Interim Executive Director Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce 707-961-6302 www.mendocinocoast.com

<ul> <li>I SIMAINE CELLARS</li> <li>Host: Color &amp; Light Glass, 10525 Ford St.</li> <li>BARRA OF MFNDOCINO</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Host: Century 21 Seascape, 45050 Little Lake St.</li> <li>BSTERLINA VINEYARDS</li> <li>Host: Highlight Gallery, 45052 Main St.</li> </ul>	HANDLEY CELLARS Host: Artists Co-Op of Mendocino, 45270 Main St. (upstairs)	<ul> <li>5 I EKRA SALVIA</li> <li>6 Host: Sea Rock B&amp;B Inn, 11101 Lansing St.</li> <li>6 JERIKO ESTATES</li> <li>11701 Lansing St.</li> </ul>	FREY VINEYARDS Host: Gallery Bookshop, 319 Kasten St	MEYER FAMILY CELLARS Host: Coast Getaways, 45061 Little Lake St. Thank You to all the narricinatino	wineries! We would not be able to continue this festival without your support and generosity.	Please don't forget to browse the host locations, these stores and galleries	have many unique items that will make your experience unforgettable!
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