

## Purpose of Permitting for Special Events:

The purpose of permitting for Special Events is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Special Events Permit Application helps ensure that all parties, event participants, attendees, neighbors, residents, and passers-by will not be inconvenienced and that their health, safety, and welfare have been fully considered and protected.

The permitting process enables local officials to anticipate and plan for municipal services that may be impacted when special events are held. Public safety officials can plan for adequate coverage when they know that an influx of people to the town can be expected. Plans for parking, traffic control, crowd control and emergency medical services can be addressed. Local businesses can better plan staffing and ordering of food and inventory when they are aware that a special event permit has been issued. Perhaps most importantly for local officials during the event, a permitting process will give local officials a "point person" to whom they can go if a problem arises during the event that needs attention.

Special Event Permits are issued through the Parks & Recreation Department after an in depth review of the proposed event by multiple town departments.