# A GUIDE TO PROMOTE YOUR GREAT EVENTS

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If you regularly host events, be sure to create them online or submit them to the newest events calendar for further visibility and promotion!

Publish your events on Facebook, Eventbrite, Etix.com, or any other platform. We will automatically aggregate them! Alternatively, you can manually add your event to the Currituck Mainland Events Calendar by visiting <a href="mainland.visitcurrituck.com">mainland.visitcurrituck.com</a>







#### [FREE]

Submit on the Keep it Local website events calendar.

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Post to Eventbrite. For non-ticketed events, it's free!

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Ensure your website and calendar follow SEO best practices for your event to be listed on Google

Search.

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- The answer is simple to draw more participants or customers. Drive more foot traffic to your business or an event you're hosting in the community.
- Not only do most people use the event websites to connect with their friends and family, but artists and venues that frequently organize events use these platforms, too. Combined, you have a massive marketing force.

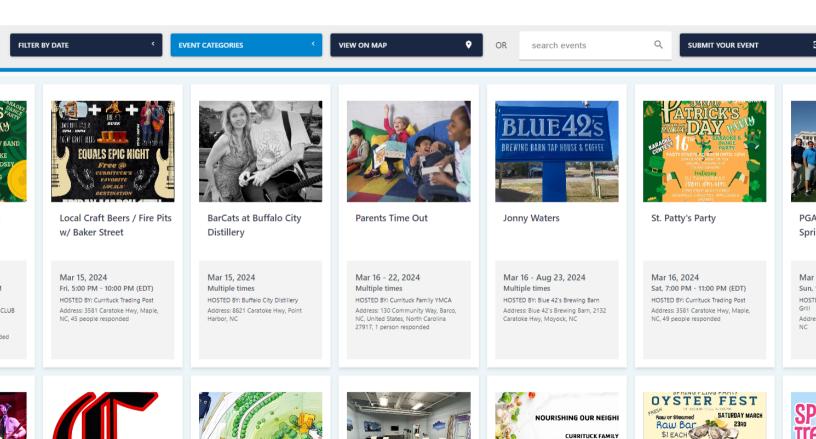


# THE NEW MAINLAND.VISITCURRITUCK.COM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Restaurants - live music, virtual show, or a new menu?
Shopping - a trunk show or an annual sale?
Accommodations - a romantic getaway or discounted weekend?
Attractions - special art gallery virtual tour, the launch of a new exhibition?

Your community-friendly event will be promoted on the new **Currituck Mainland Events Calendar**, reaching a new audience in a fun and interactive way.

Go to the Currituck Mainland Events Calendar by visiting <u>mainland.visitcurrituck.com</u>



Sin & Paint

Currituck Home Meet #1

Landscape Design

Mobile Food Pantry

\$1.00

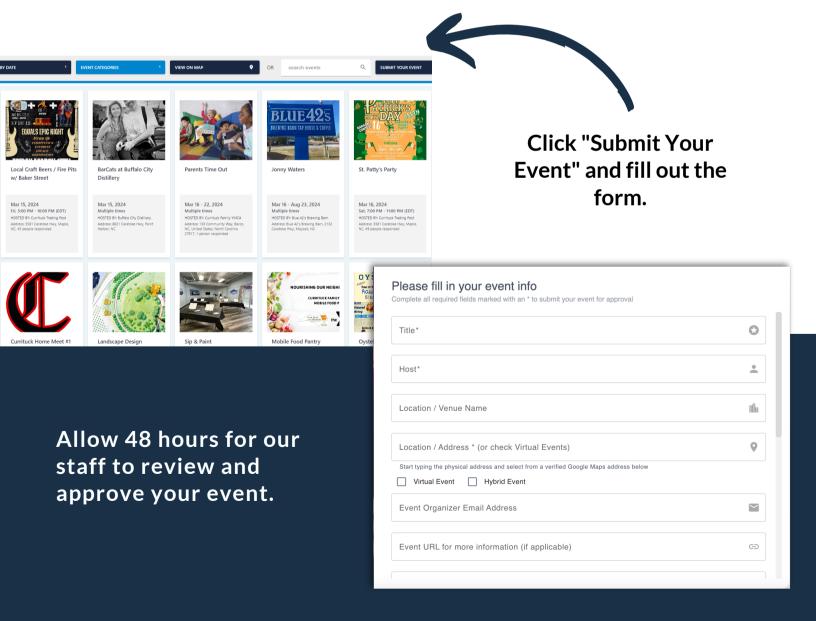
Pet

Oyster Fest with Brad

## **HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR EVENTS**

## OPTION 1: SUBMIT YOUR EVENT ON THE MAINLAND.VISITCURRITUCK.COM PAGE ONLINE FORM

Fill out the form to manually submit your event for promotion on the mainland.visitcurrituck.com Events calendar. We recommend submitting your events as soon as possible, as this allows more promotional and visibility time.



## OPTION 2: CREATE YOUR EVENT ON EVENTBRITE



You can get an event live on Eventbrite for free in just 3 simple steps. Eventbrite is a free event promotion platform. To list an event is free, and for ticketed events, they will charge a % fee for ticket sales.

Once you create your account on the Edit page (Event Details, Create Ticket, and Additional Account Settings) simply choose "Create an Event" to start setting up your events. We also have robust customization options so you can get the most out of your event listing.

Go to your Page, then click the Create an Event icon at the top of your page's timeline. Once in Eventbrite, the event will automatically be delivered to our events calendar dashboard for approval. You do not need to submit it manually to our staff.

### Step 1: Event Details

- 1. Add a title, and set the date and time.
- 2. Set the venue location.
- 3. Add an event image.
- 4. Share details and other important information about your event.
- 5. Add information about the event organizer.

## Step 2: Create Tickets (Skip this step if you don't want to offer tickets)

- 1. Create free or paid tickets.
- 2. Set the price for paid tickets.
- 3. Set the total capacity for the venue.
- 4. Add a donation ticket to collect donations.

### Step 3: Additional Details

- 1. Mark your page as public or private.
- 2. Choose an event type and topic.
- 3. Show the number of tickets remaining (if you'd like).
- 4. "Save" and "Preview" your draft event, or publish using "Make Event Live".

For more information and video tutorial.

## OPTION 3: SET UP EVENTS ON OTHER KNOWN PLATFORMS, OR OPTIMIZE YOUR WEBSITE EVENT LISTINGS WITH SEO BEST PRACTICES

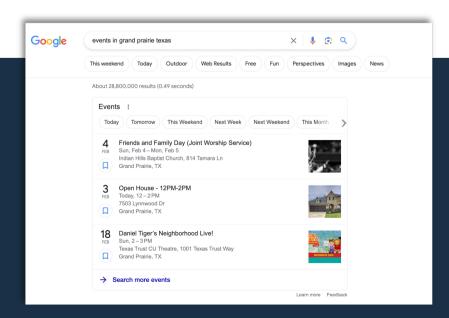


If you produce any type of event, you can help people discover your events with the event search experience on Google. Have a concert or hosting a workshop? Event markup allows people to discover your event when they search for "concerts this weekend" or "workshops near me." People can also discover your event when they search for venues, such as sports stadiums or a local pub.

Aside from allowing your event to be pulled into the Events Calendar, SEO on your business website helps bring quality organic traffic.

### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR EVENTS FOR GOOGLE LISTINGS?

- Ensure events on your business website are set **with unique URLs** so that Google can "find" them and display them to a broader audience.
- Add as many details to your event listings as possible, such as address, ticket information, links, categories, etc.
- If you use a CMS (for example, WordPress) and you don't have access to your HTML, check with your CMS to see if there's a plugin that can add structured data to your site for you. Alternatively, you can use the <u>Data Highlighter</u> to tell Google about your events without editing the HTML of your site.







## **QUESTIONS?**

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