

MASS LIVE Next Stop: Holyoke festival gears up with free and paid events

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HOLYOKE -- The **Next Stop: Holyoke** festival will be Oct. 9 to 11 with free and paid events -- art, music, sports, food and history -- held mostly downtown.

"Next Stop Holyoke is a great event that showcases so much of the change that's happened in our arts and entertainment district. It's a community event that folks won't want to miss," Mayor Alex B. Morse said Friday (Sept. 25).



Saxophonist Charles Neville performs with the band Boys By the Door at last year's Next Stop Holyoke festival at the War Memorial, 310 Appleton St. (DAVID MOLNAR / THE REPUBLICAN)

Events will range from a yard sale at Holyoke Creative Arts, 384A Dwight St., on Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to an arts bazaar the next day at Holyoke Heritage State Park, 221 Appleton St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to the Viva Great Holyoke Block Party at Veterans Park, at Maple and Dwight streets, on Oct. 11 from noon to 6 p.m.

Next Stop: Holyoke is being staged by volunteers with help from business, government and political sponsors, a press release said.

