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## **Portsmouth Kicks Off 5<sup>th</sup> Season of Sunset Thursdays Concerts**

(PORTSMOUTH, VA – June 7, 2019) – Had a rough week at work? Need a place to unwind and chill out? If you answered yes, we have your ticket! Leave the stress of the workday behind, and meet your friends at High Street Landing downtown Portsmouth for Sunset Thursdays – the city’s free summer weekday concert series. The band *Strictly Bizzness* kicks off Sunset Thursdays June 13, at 6:30 p.m.

According to organizational history, Sunset Thursdays evolved from two sources. “We used to do Thursday bands at Portside in the 90s,” said Keith Toler, tourism manager and assistant director for Parks, Recreation and Tourism. “It was acoustic music every other night. The show mobile was set up and we typically had beach music.” Back in 2015, the Portsmouth City Council tasked city staff with developing a weekday concert series to add more special events and attractions staged downtown. In July of that same year, the concert was held at Portside. The weekly concerts were relocated to High Street Landing in 2018 and where the wildly popular event drew 24,000 people during the season.

All performances take place on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Come relax and enjoy great music, food and beverages, while watching the stunning sunset overlooking the Elizabeth River from High Street Landing. For more information, call 757-393-5111 or visit <http://www.portsvaevents.com/>.

### **Sunset Thursdays 2019 Lineup**

June 13 – Strictly Bizzness  
June 20 – Hotcakes  
June 27 – RaJazz  
July 11 – Original Rhondels  
July 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wynd  
July 25 – Soul Intent  
Aug. 1 – Elements Band  
Aug. 8 – Cool’ In Out  
Aug. 15. – Michael Clark Band  
Aug. 22 – Blaquet Velvet Band  
Aug. 29. – Island Boy  
Sept. 5 – Good Life Band

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