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The City of Portsmouth Will Host The Missy Elliott Boulevard Renaming Ceremony and Parade on October 17th at 2 p.m.

The City of Portsmouth announced today Songwriters Hall of Famer, award-winning musician and Portsmouth native Missy Elliott will be honored by the City with the renaming of a portion of McLean Street to “Missy Elliott Boulevard”. The City of Portsmouth will host a renaming ceremony and parade on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 2 p.m. and will present her with the Key to the City.

“We’re beyond proud of Missy’s accomplishments and so thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate her right here in her hometown of Portsmouth, Virginia,” said Portsmouth City Manager Tonya Chapman. “Missy’s trailblazing career is a testament that when you dream big, anything is possible. We’re excited to celebrate her and rename this street in her honor.”

Missy Elliott will join city leaders and the Portsmouth community for the official renaming ceremony. A community parade to celebrate art, culture, and music from Portsmouth will begin at 2 p.m. and the renaming ceremony will take place afterwards.

The Portsmouth City Council voted unanimously to rename a portion of the current street to “Missy Elliott Boulevard.” The street, currently named McLean Street, serves the Victory Crossing Shopping Center, Tidewater Community College, and the future Portsmouth Rivers Casino.

Melissa Arnette Elliott, better known as five-time Grammy-winning, singer, rapper, songwriter, and producer, Missy Elliott, was born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School, now Manor High School.

Missy Elliott is the first female rapper to be inducted in the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

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