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Call for Submissions for Third Thursdays on Tybee 2011 now being accepted

Tybee Island, GA – (February 1, 2011) Beginning in April, Tybee Island Better Hometown will continue Third Thursdays on Tybee during the spring and fall months. This popular and successful series of free, family-friendly, public concerts every third Thursday will take place on Tybee Island at either the Tybrisa / Strand Roundabout or the Lot at Tybee Oaks. These concerts will feature diverse musicians with high artistic quality from Tybee and surrounding areas.

This Better Hometown community arts project will feature single musicians, duos or trios with minimal technical requirements. Musicians are asked to submit a sample of their music to the Tybee Island Better Hometown Program Coordinator at City Hall. A panel of invited professionals will select the performers for the concerts. Musicians must be able to set up and break down within thirty minutes. These one-set concerts in the late afternoon will invite local residents and visitors into the Business Corridor to enjoy music and interaction with local businesses.

A portion of the Tybee Island Better Hometown mission statement is to support and encourage the arts as a cultural endeavor and economic engine on the Island. Third Thursdays on Tybee helps enhance Tybee Island as not only the #1 Healthiest Beach in America, but also as an Island that is friendly, safe, clean, and culturally enriching.

Submissions must be made prior to February 16, 2011 in order to be considered. Please contact Chantel Morton, Better Hometown Program Coordinator at 912.786.4573, ext. 123 or Patricia Miller Wann at 912.398.0706 for further information.

About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.

About the Tybee Island Better Hometown Program: Tybee Island Better Hometown follows a comprehensive revitalization process that improves all aspects of a commercial district. Better Hometown is a self help approach to economic development for downtown areas designed to grow business and improve a community's quality of life. With broad based community support, it integrates a practical management strategy with the physical improvements of buildings and public spaces, promotion and image building, and economic development in the area. For more information, visit <http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>.

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