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DCR TO CLOSE ONE LANE OF STORROW DRIVE IN BOSTON DURING 2009 HATCH SHELL EVENTS

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close one lane of Storrow Drive during concerts, movies, and other performances at DCR's Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade to protect public safety.

The closings will occur from May 17 through October 4.

The right-hand, westbound (outbound) lane will be closed from Community Boating to Dartmouth Street during the performances listed below to accommodate the large crowds expected at most Hatch Shell events this season.

The public is urged to park in nearby lots and garages, or take public transportation to the Esplanade. The nearest MBTA stops to DCR's Hatch Shell are Charles/MGH on the Red Line and Arlington on the Green Line.

"Ensuring public safety is our top priority," said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "Events at DCR's Hatch Shell are enormously popular, often drawing thousands of spectators. Closing one lane of Storrow Drive will calm the traffic and help protect everyone."

The lane will be closed beginning at the times below, and will reopen half an hour after the end of each event.

Date	Event	Closure start time
May 17	High School Jazz Festival	10:30 AM
May 30	Earth Fest	6:00 AM
June 7	AIDS Walk	6:00 AM
June 13	Summer Concert Series	4:00 PM
June 14	Children's Hospital Walk	5:00 AM
June 19	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
July 3	Pops Preview Concert	TBA
July 4	July 4 th Concert	All day road closure

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July 10	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
July 11	Summer Concert Series	4:00 PM
July 15	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
July 17	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
July 22	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
July 24	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
July 25	Summer Concert Series	4:00 PM
July 26	Band Concert	1:00 PM
July 29	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
July 31	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
August 5	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
August 7	Free Friday Flicks	7:30 PM
August 12	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
August 14	Free Friday Flicks	7:00 PM
August 16	India Day 2009	1:00 PM
August 19	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
August 21	Free Friday Flicks	7:00 PM
August 26	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
August 28	Free Friday Flicks	7:00 PM
Sept. 2	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
Sept. 3	Movie	6:30 PM
Sept. 10	Movie	6:30 PM
Sept. 12	Boston Heart Walk	5:30 AM
Sept. 16	Classical Concert	6:30 PM
Sept. 17	Movie	6:30 PM
Oct. 3	JDRF Walk for Diabetes	6:30 AM
Oct. 4	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	5:30 AM

Please note that these are estimated lane closure times. DCR reserves the right to adjust the times according to public safety concerns.

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, and dams, in addition to 278 bridges and miles of roadways. Led by Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr., the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.